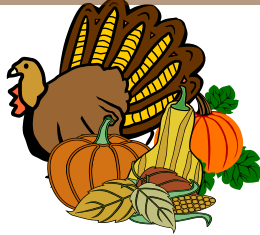


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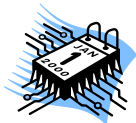
Dear Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

November is a time to reflect on our blessings from God and respond by giving thanks. It is an exercise that comes easy for me both personally and professionally.

I have been especially impressed this year by our school parents. We have some super, fantastic volunteers! Some have been around for a number of years, but we also have some newer parents who are joining the ranks, getting involved and sharing the responsibilities. Most have children in the school, but some are members of our church or students' grandparents who want to volunteer. Some are former school parents who help because they know that once you are a member of the Christ Lutheran Family, you are always a member of that family.

As the principal of CLS, I want you to know that the teachers and I are moved by your faithfulness. Your love for the Lord as well as your love for the children can be seen through your dedication and service here at Christ Lutheran School. You are indeed a blessing to many people. We truly appreciate your commitment, your help and your support!

God's Blessings,
Terry Mooney



NOVEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Daylight Savings Time Ends /
Sunday, November 1st
Picture Retakes, Absentee / Friday, November 13th
CLS Trivia Night, / Friday, November 13th
Bergner's Community Days / Saturday, November 14th
Fall Sports Awards / Monday, November 16th
Barnes & Noble Book Fair / Sunday, November 22nd
Early Dismissal 12:00 PM / Wednesday, November 25th
No School / Thursday, November 26th
No School / Friday, November 27th

FLU NEWS We have been asked by the health department to report our absent numbers each day and whether or not those absent are suffering from "flu-like" illnesses. Please make sure to call the school office each day if your child is absent and let the staff know the nature of the illness so that we can do our part to help officials track and contain this virus. Also, please make every effort to pick up your child's missed work and help them do as much as they are able. It will make things much easier for them when they do return to school.



TRIVIA NIGHT MOVED Our fall Trivia Night has been moved from November 20th to November 13th. It is an evening that is meant to be just for fun while raising some money for the school. You don't need to be a genius to participate. You would be surprised at the amount of miscellaneous information that is floating around in your head just waiting for a chance to come out! Here are the details. Please plan to come and join the fun!

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, NOV. 13TH

What: An evening of food, fun and fellowship playing Trivia

When: Friday, November 13, 2009
Dinner served from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Trivia contest begins at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall / 3523 W. Hill St.

Cost: \$15 per person or \$150 per "team" (table of ten).

- You can register a team of no more than 10 family members or friends. Or, you may register as an individual and we will find a team for you.
- Teams can "pay their own way" or try to find a sponsor.
- Team names will be listed in the program.
- The game will consist of 10 categories with 10 questions per category.
- Sandwiches, snack and beverages will be available for purchase. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

Why: For good food, for great fun, for fellowship and to help raise funds for the school and to find out who truly does **KNOW IT ALL!!!**

BERGNER'S COMMUNITY DAY

BOOKLETS are available in the school office. For \$5.00 you get a booklet containing a coupon worth \$10.00 off one item, plus a number of 20% off coupons. The coupons are redeemable on Saturday, November 15th. The school earns \$5.00 for each book sold.

LIBRARY NEWS – BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR TIME!

It's time for the annual CLS Barnes & Noble Bookfair!!!
This year's bookfair will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at the Peoria store at 5001 N. Big Hollow Road.

Any purchases made that day will count towards our bookfair when you present one of our vouchers with the bookfair number 10063337. If you forget your voucher, just tell the cashier you are with the CLS Bookfair. All purchases at the store will count, including the cafe and music department. We will have entertainment by the CLS band members and there will be clowns, jugglers and crafts. There will be attendance prize for the class with the largest percentage of attendance, and we will have a poster coloring contest with a winner from each class. You can also purchase Barnes & Noble gift cards to spend at the bookfair. The school will receive 9 percent of gift cards purchases and you will receive scrip credit towards your tuition. Mrs. Symonds has the gift cards and you can see her at school on Tuesday or Thursdays. The gift cards come in \$10 and \$25 increments. Tell all your friends and relatives about our bookfair. Each teacher will have a "Wish List" for books for their classrooms and the books will be available to purchase that day as well as the CLS Library Wish List. This is also a good time to do Christmas shopping for your favorite reader or purchase books for the gift exchange. This year Barnes & Noble has a new system. Anyone can shop at any Barnes & Noble store throughout the country or on line at www.bn.com and give them our bookfair number (10063337). As long as the purchase is made on Sunday, November 22nd, the school will receive credit. Also, the cafe now carries Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes and you can purchase a whole one just in time for Thanksgiving. If you have any questions or need to purchase gift cards you can contact me at 699-7308. Hope to see everybody there. Thank you for your continued support. There is a link to copies of the certificate on our website in "Announcements".





***** A TIME TO REVIEW *****

THANKS to all who came to McDonald's on October 27th. Everyone had a great time and we raised \$461.95 from food sales plus \$94.28 in the class pumpkin contest for a total of \$556.23. The staff at McDonald's was impressed with the large turn-out. Thanks to April Dukes, Natalie Shaw and Leona Zeigler, who coordinated this event for us.

THANK YOU Deb Brown and to all the parents who helped with our PTL Carnival. The kids had a great time!

AND ANOTHER THANKS TO everyone who helped make our Volleyball Tournament a success. Your hard work is appreciated. It was a great weekend and our own CLS Comets defeated Zion, Belleville for the championship. Thanks also for all the help at home games during volleyball season. Because of you, our children's school activities are fun and successful!

AND ONE MORE THANKS TO everyone who worked to get the building ready, helped with set up, prepared and served food, joined in clean-up or performed one of many other chores for the Harvest of Thanks dinner. Well done everyone!



PARKING LOT CONCERNS

Please assist us as we try to keep the parking lot a safe area for children. You can help in a number of ways:

1. Drive slowly while in the parking lot.
2. Be considerate of others.
3. Pull up as far as possible so that another car can drop off or pick up.
4. Don't park in the handicapped spaces.
5. Tell your children to obey the students on safety patrol.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT

YET turned in his physical, dental and immunization information, please send it in or call the office to let us know that appointments have been made. Also, please be reminded that children entering kindergarten need an eye exam.



VOLLEYBALL TEAM HEADED FOR

STATE Our varsity team has been accepted to play in the State Tournament on November 6-8. They finished their regular season 33-1 with 1st place finishes in tournaments at Immanuel, Belvidere, Christ Lutheran and Trinity, Springfield. Anyone interested in going to Springfield to support our team can call the school office for game times and directions.



There are a few more volleyball t-shirts as well as a few 2009 CLS tournament t-shirts available for just \$5.00. This is a great way to show your spirit as our girls try to bring home back-to-back state championships.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Rudebeck and the 5th and 6th grade girls on a fine season. Their record was 9 and 2. Way to go!

TUITION, LUNCH, BAND

PAYMENTS can be cut in half or even more if you buy gift certificates from the school. The retailer or restaurant sells the certificates to us at a discounted rate which allows you and the school to earn a profit when you purchase the certificates at face value. For instance, the rate for Kroger is 3%, which means a profit of \$3.00 for each \$100.00 sold. The school will keep half of the profit and use it for the improvement of our programs. The other half of the profit will be applied to your tuition



payments or go toward registration fees, band fees, etc. The amounts may seem insignificant, but you'll be amazed at how quickly it can add up, especially if you have friends and family order as well. We have certificates from Kroger, Cub, restaurants, department stores, gas stations and much more. For more information call Mary Ryan (697-4374) or the office.

OUR FALL SPORTS AWARDS

will be presented on Monday, November 16th with the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. This will be our opportunity to congratulate the volleyball teams on their efforts of this season and thank the coaches.



CLS CHRISTMAS DINNER Our annual Christmas Dinner and program will be on Thursday, December 10th and you won't want to miss it. We will have a fried chicken dinner. The cost will be Adults \$5.00, students 5th-8th grade and senior citizens \$3.50, students k-4th grade \$3.00 with a maximum family cost of \$20.00. **Bargain alert** – We are asking families to bring a favorite holiday dessert to share. Those who do can take \$1.00 an adult price or \$2.00 off the family price. Following the dinner we will have a program presented by all our students along with the bands and bell choir.

ITEMS WE COULD USE If you are cleaning closets or shopping garage sales, please keep in mind the following items that we could use at school:

- Boys belts
- White shirts in good condition
- Plastic bowls for storing leftovers
- Highchairs
- Dress code pants in good condition

OUR FALL FUNDRAISER has come to an end and we appreciate all your efforts. Monies are past due. If you still have money out, please finish your deliveries and turn in your money. A final report will be given next month. **There is some extra cookie dough as well as a few Kathryn Beich items for sale in the office.** Call or stop in to see what's available. Maybe we have that one special item you wish you had ordered.



BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

Our 2009-2010 basketball season begins this month. All the school's teams appreciate your support. Why not come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship at one of our home games while cheering our Comets to victory.

November's home games are:

Tue	Nov	17	2 boys, 2 girls vs Concordia	4:30
Mon	Nov	23	3 boys games vs St. Joe's, Pekin	5:00
Tue	Nov	24	3 boys, 2 girls vs Holy Family	5:00

BASKETBALL P.S. We are currently scheduling those who wish to volunteer at two or more home games. You do not have to be a "basketball parent" to volunteer. If you would like to help, call or come into the school office or call Deb Brown at 682-5917.



BASKETBALL P.S.S. A parent meeting was held on October 26th. If you missed it call your child's coach.

BASKETBALL P.S.S.S. We are planning a CLS "fill the house night" on Tuesday, November 17th when we play Concordia. **We want all the CLS fans to wear royal blue** (preferable CLS spirit wear if you have it).

CHRIST LUTHERAN SHARES

There are two ways that you can share with those in our community who need a little extra help as the holiday season approaches.



often as you wish over the next few weeks.

CANNED GOODS We have begun collecting non-perishable food items to share with the Neighborhood House. You are welcome to send items into school as

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

TOY SHOP We will be collecting toys for the Neighborhood House Toy Shop this year. Collection boxes will be in the school next week.

Donations need to be made by December 11th. Please send only new or very good pre-loved toys. Last year over 50 businesses, schools and clubs donated 2230 toys which allowed 740 children received gifts at Christmas.. As you



shop and make holiday plans, please consider this opportunity to share with others.



NOTABLE NEWS FROM THE CLS BAND

The CLS Band Program has gotten off to a good start this fall with the Concert Band working on several new pieces of music. We were preparing a concert that we would have played at the school last week, but many of the students and myself were ill with the flu. Perhaps



we can reschedule that program. They just received their music for the Taste of CLS Program on December 10, so you should begin to hear some holiday music in their practice times. All of the students should be encouraged to practice on a regular basis at home for 15-30 minutes per day. Having them play for you on a regular basis is a great way to encourage this.

We have an 8th grade ensemble together doing some special music with a jazzy feel to it. I am excited about the potential this group shows. You will be able to hear them as the year progresses.

I have encouraged the 8th graders to apply for the Lutheran Honor band which meets on April 23rd at Trinity Lutheran in Bloomington. Their application forms need to be back to me before November 6 if they are interested. I will fill out the ranking information and send them on to TLC. This is a select group chosen from schools throughout the state.

The Beginning Band members are doing very well as they begin their 2nd month of playing. They will be performing at the Taste of CLS on December 10.

We will be putting some small holiday ensembles together to play at Taste as well as at Caterpillar in early December. Students will be receiving music very soon for these ensembles.

Other activities for the year include Solos and Ensemble Contest at ICC on March 12, a performance again this winter by the Concert Band at a church service, (the date has yet to be determined), performance at the Peoria County Fine Arts Fair (TBA), and the Spring Awards Program on May 18, 2010.

We certainly hope to see all of you at these events. Please call if there are questions (309-264-4379) or email (bpotter@clspeoria.org).

FRUIT FUNDRAISER Order forms will be sent home in November and product will be delivered in December just in time for the holidays. Thanks for your help!

