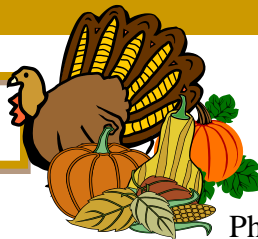


# Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

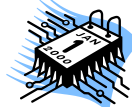
I want to thank all of you who attended and supported our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual auction. The auction was held last Saturday at the Four Points by Sheraton. We had a great turnout (230 tickets sold with 224 people actually attending compared to 222 tickets sold and 211 people in attendance in 2010). Other comparisons include the following:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Silent Auction items	412	546
Live Auction items	24	27
Biddy Frenzy (gift certificated)	42	48

We do not yet have a profit amount as we have not received all of our bills. I will share those figures with you as soon as they become available.

I want to share two final thoughts about our auction. I thank God for blessing our auction. He moved peoples hearts to be supportive and generous. I again thank all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard and gave so much time. And finally, I want to share the comments of the auctioneer. He was amazed that a school our size and in our financial condition could have such a large auction and that it was so well put together. He may be amazed, but I'm not. That's what happens when God's people come together, work hard and receive God's blessing.

God's Blessings,  
Terry Mooney



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Fall Sports Awards / Tuesday, November 1st  
Parent-Teacher Conferences /  
Thursday & Friday, November 3-4 / Dismiss noon  
Daylight Savings Time Ends / Sunday, November 6th  
Picture Retakes, Absentee / Friday, November 11th  
Bergner's Community Days / Saturday, November 12th  
Early Dismissal 12:00 PM / Wednesday, November 23rd  
No School / Thursday, November 24th  
No School / Friday, November 25th

**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 12<sup>th</sup>. The school earns \$5.00 for each book sold.



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

**THANKS** to all who came to McDonald's on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time and we raised \$512.95 from food sales plus \$169.43 in donations, face painting, etc. for a total of \$682.38. The staff at McDonald's was impressed with the large turn-out. Great job pre-school staff!

**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 won the consolation 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!

**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.



**VOLLEYBALL TEAM HEADED FOR STATE**

Our varsity team has been accepted to play in the State Tournament on November 4-6. They finished their regular season 26-3 with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Trinity, Springfield tournament. Anyone interested in going to Springfield to support our team can call the school office for game times and directions.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Rudebeck and the 5th and 6th grade girls on a fine season. Their record was 11 and 1. Way to go!

**VOLLEYBALL AWARDS** will be presented on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**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, restaurants, department stores, gas stations and much more. For more information call Mary Ryan (697-4374) or the office.





**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.

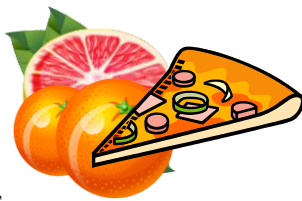
**ITEMS WE COULD USE** If you are cleaning closets or shopping garage sales, please keep in mind the following items that we could use at school:

- 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 are 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.

**THINGS THAT GO TOGETHER – GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES AND PIZZA?**

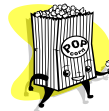
For several years we have been selling fresh oranges and grapefruit just before Christmas. This year we are adding another option – Mr. G's pizzas. They are made in St. Louis and taste delicious!!! Why not try one? Order forms for the oranges, grapefruit and pizzas will be sent home soon. Watch for them.



**BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS**

Our 2011-2012 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	1	Limestone Tip-off Tourney	7:00
Wed	Nov	2	Limestone Tip-off Tourney	7:00
Thu	Nov	3	Limestone Tip-off Tourney	4:00
Tue	Nov	15	2 boys games vs Concordia	4:30
Mon	Nov	21	2 boys games vs St. Joseph	5:30



**BASKETBALL P.S.** We are currently scheduling those who wish to volunteer at home games. You do not have to be a "basketball parent" to volunteer and it's a great way to eat up those volunteer hours. If you would like to help, call or come into the school office or call Deb Brown at 682-5917.

### 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.

**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 often as you wish over the next few weeks.

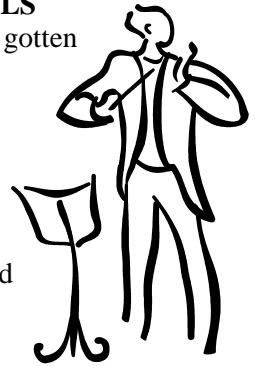


### NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE TOY SHOP

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 to receive 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 and Beginning Band working on lessons for the first nine weeks. We have been stressing the Check Off of specific exercises in the book as marked by Gold Medal Replicas, setting of practice goals and motivation to move forward.



The Concert Band members have been working on a group of patriotic numbers and will begin working on their music for the Taste of CLS Program next week. It will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, so you should begin to hear some holiday music in their practice times. The Beginners will continue working in their lesson books and select music for the Taste based on progress made by December.

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. They also should all have CD's that give them play along accompaniments and a built in evaluation process. The students should be using these more often than they are. As we only rehearse together once a week, it gives them another opportunity to develop the skills of playing with others, as well as the opportunity to evaluate their performance.

We will be putting some small holiday ensembles together to play at the Taste. Students will soon be receiving music for these ensembles. I have been speaking with the 7th and 8th graders about getting together another jazz group this year. We need to find a time we can get everyone together.

Other activities for the year include Solos and Ensemble Contest at ICC on March 9th, the performance again this winter by the Concert Band at a church service, February 5, the band playing for the opening BB tourney game on February 17, a performance at the Peoria County Fine Arts Fair (TBA), and the Spring Awards Program on May 15th. 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).