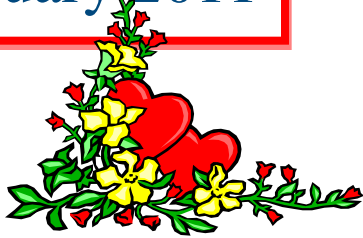


Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

An article in the January 15th edition of the Peoria Journal Star caught my attention. The title of the article was *Moment of Silence Returns to Illinois*. While I'm happy that children who attend public schools will be allowed a minute of silence each day, I'm also saddened by the reminder of how God has been removed from public schools across our nation. Time after time the Supreme Court has ruled against prayer, the ten commandments, and other fundamental aspects of Christianity. I also wonder where it will end.

I'm proud to say that students at Christ Lutheran School are not limited to 60 seconds of silence, but instead they study God's Word throughout the school day. Children learn of God's plan for mankind not just in religion class but also in social studies, in math, in science, in all of their subjects. Prayer is not limited to a moment of silence but done at the beginning and end of each day, as well as before and after meals. Students and teachers pray for each other as well as friends and others in need. Our students are taught and encouraged to pray to and worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. CLS students are able to worship of the God who created us, redeemed us and continues to sustain our faith.

We thank God for Christ Lutheran School where children are able to pray openly and read, discuss and meditate on God's Holy Word.

God's Blessings,
Terry Mooney



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

CASUAL DAY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
SPIRIT WEEK & SPECIAL DRESS DAYS
FEBRUARY 14-18: SEE TOURNAMENT PAGE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During the month of February we reflect on the many contributions of African-Americans in our society.

Famous black Americans and their accomplishments will be featured throughout the month. We will have a special lunch on Thursday, February 24th featuring some favorite ethnic foods. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch and/or the assembly. Please call the school office if you are planning to join us for lunch.



OPEN HOUSE AND ACADEMIC FAIR

Our open house will be held on Thursday, February 3rd. This is an evening of fun, good food, and fellowship. The activities include:

- 5:00..... Welcome & Prayer
- 5:00-6:15 Dinner Served
- 5:30-6:15 Classrooms Open to Visit
- 4:45-5:05 8th Grade Computer Lab
- 5:10-5:30 5th Grade Computer Lab
- 5:35-5:55 7th Grade in Computer Lab
- 8th Grade in Gym A
- 6:00-6:20 6th Grade in Computer Lab
- 6:20..... Spelling Bee in Music Room

Menu

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| Chicken Tortilla Soup | Vegetable Beef Soup |
| Chili | Hot Dog |
| Dessert | Coffee / Fruit Punch |

If you have not made dinner reservations (a note was sent home last week), please call the school office. Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the all-you-can-eat cost is:

- Adults - \$5.00 Senior Citizens - \$4.00
- Students 4-8 - \$3.50 Students K-3 - \$2.50
- Under 5 – free Family Maximum - \$16.00
- A-la-carte Hot Dogs, Dessert, Drink (50¢ each)

SCRIP PROGRAM It does take a little time and advance planning, but you can earn significant savings on your school bills; and if a lot of people participate, the school can earn a great deal that can go toward those “extras”. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Ryan (697-4374) or call the school office.

ONLY 2 DATES LEFT FOR HOME GAMES

Please call the school office if you are willing to help. We still need people to volunteer. Thanks!

- Tue Feb 10 Girls vs Bethel, Morton
 2 games / start 5:30 p.m.
- Mon Feb 14 5th & 6th boys vs Norwood
 2 games / start 5:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

TEAM as they took first place in the Trinity, Bloomington basketball tournament. Congratulations to all the boys and their coaches, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Teske.



CLS TRIVIA NIGHT Nearly 100 people enjoyed an evening of facts, fun and fellowship on January 14th. In addition, \$1486.12 was raised for the school. We thank Bonnie Hester and her team of volunteers and Joe Rudebeck who served as our emcee.

We’ve scheduled another Trivia Night for Friday, April 15th. Why not plan on participating. You can get your own team of 10 players or play as a individual or couple and we will put you on a team. For more information call Bonnie Hester or Terry Mooney.

BIDDY BASKETBALL This will be our 13th year for the CLS Biddy Basketball League, which is open to students in grades K –5. There are two divisions (juniors & seniors). Players are evaluated on “draft” day and then drafted onto teams. The cost is \$30.00 for the 1st child and \$20 for each additional child in the family. Games are played mostly on Saturday mornings beginning in February. The draft **was held** on Friday January 28th, but if you are interested it’s not too late to sign up. Please call the school office.



QUALIFIED EDUCATION EXPENSE RECEIPTS ARE

READY As most of you know, there is an income tax credit for K-12 school expenses in the State of Illinois. Tuition, book fees, and lab fees (i.e. band) in excess of \$250.00 could make a difference in the amount of state income tax you pay. It does not have any effect on federal taxes.

We have compiled figures for all of our families and will gladly fill out an Illinois Receipt for Qualified Education Expenses for you if you wish. Please remember that you can combine fees for Christ Lutheran with fees from other schools. For example, if your fees at Christ Lutheran do not meet the \$250.00 minimum, they can be added to book fees that you may have paid for a high school age child. Please feel free to stop in the office to have a receipt filled out for you. Or, you can call the office and request that one be sent home with your child.

LENTEN WORSHIP Ash Wednesday is on March 9th. Beginning that day and continuing for six consecutive weeks, we will have a Lenten worship service during our chapel time at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us for worship and for lunch at school.



FAMILY DAY Parents, Grandparents, preschool siblings (or any other students' family members) are welcome to join us for our Lenten worship service at 10:00 a.m. and then enjoy lunch with their CLS student with special emphasis on the following days.

6th-8th Grade Family Day on Wednesday, Mar. 9th
3rd-5th Grade Family Day on Wednesday, Mar. 30th

FREE WEEKLY READERS speaking of saving money, thanks to all who filled out and returned the booklets for Weekly Readers. We had enough booklets returned to get our Weekly Reader subscription paid for most of the classes for the 2011-2012 school year.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION We recently received a check for \$485.50 from the Box Tops for Education program. Great job everyone! Keep clipping those "boxtops" and sending them into school!

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ON-LINE FOR NEWSLETTER "EXTRAS". Among the items you'll find are the Minutes from the January 10th PTL meeting.

NEWS YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Be a volunteer at CLS. Your help is appreciated by both the students and staff. You can make a difference.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL We are always in need of extra spoons and forks. We also can use old towels (clean of course) and outgrown-but-still-good clothing for our uniform store.

HONOR ROLL The following students earned a place on the Honor Roll for the 2nd quarter. Way to go!

3rd Grade

Cheyenne Leach Allison Teske

4th Grade

Apryl Anderson Treavion Baker Logan Buzzell
Autumn Funk Isaiah Heerman Ronia Loving
Matthew Webb Kyler West

5th Grade

Quincy Broadway Izaiah Butler Kacie Evans
Jalen Jenkins Junoria Worthy

6th Grade

Markeanna Cook Rae'Venn Heerman Breonna Hester
Dawson Hoffman Auja Jenkins Anthony Joseph
Maren Kelly Alexander Shaw MacKenzie Stage
Abigail Teske Kuziva Zhou

7th Grade

Noah Brown CJ Buzzell Dennis Hendon
Kaelen Johnson Jeffrey Scott Jaron Tunks
Bryce Vollrath Jacob Winkle

8th Grade

MyKayla Bracy Keirstin Broadway Alandria Griffing
Connor Kelly Gabrielle Moody Emory Tamplin

CLS POETS One of our 8th graders, Tayler Moore, recently wrote a poem for an assignment. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

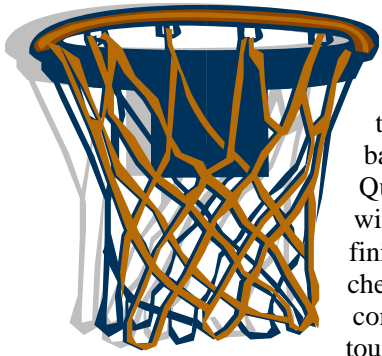
If we were all blind
Maybe then we all could see
That you must first have love
For you and then me.

God made us all the same
But there's a beautiful variety.
Maybe if we were all blind
That would eliminate racism from society.

After all, what color is God?
Think if you dare
Is he white or black
Or should we really care?

Just think if everyone was blind
Then maybe they could see
That no matter if you're black or white
God lives in you and me.

61st Tournament Page



61 AND COUNTING It won't be long and the referees will toss the ball into the air and begin our 61st boys basketball tournament. Questions abound – who will win this year? Will the Comets finish #1? Who will win the cheerleading and shooting competitions? The dates of the tournament are Friday – Sunday,

February 18th – 20th. The excitement is building as preparations are being made. If you would like to help, please fill out the response form. Be sure to include your home phone number and if you can take calls at work, list that number also. We will be calling you to arrange a time that is convenient for you. There are dozens of jobs to do – hall guarding, tickets, snack bar, clean-up, video, scorers and timers – something for everyone. Come and be a part of this special weekend as we watch to see who will be this year's champions. **We will not have school on Friday, February 18th or Monday, February 21st.**

SPIRIT WEEK is another tradition involving the tournament. This year we will have some fun and show our spirit in the following ways:

Monday is Mis-match Day – Wear mis-matched clothes and shoes.

Tuesday is Pajama Day – Wear pajamas – long legs please. No shorties or nightgowns.

Wednesday – Twin/Triplet Day – Join with one or more friends and dress alike.

Thursday is Tournament T-shirt Day – wear your tournament t-shirt and join us for the pep assembly. Students who wear this year's basketball tournament t-shirt can wear non-uniform pants to school.

WORSHIP TOGETHER A tournament worship service will be held Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. in our church sanctuary for all tournament participants and anyone else who would like to come. Sunday services will be held at their normal times.

CLS BOOSTERS One of the easiest, least expensive and potentially most fun ways to get involved in the tournament is to put your name, your nickname, your pet's names, or a good luck wish on the booster list. There are prizes and rewards for active participation. Sheets with details and sign-up space were sent home and extras are available in the school office. **Boosters must be turned in by Wednesday, February 9th.**



CALLING ALL BAKERS We are also in need of homemade baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, etc) for our snack bar at the tournament. Individually wrapped items may be brought to the school Thursday or Friday.

STUDENTS IN GRADES K – 5 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT WHEN ATTENDING THE TOURNAMENT. COME TO THE GAMES AND SHOW YOUR COMET SPIRIT!



VISITOR FRIENDLY PARKING We are also asking all of our tournament workers, especially those who will be here for long periods of time, to car-pool, which helps create as much parking space as possible for our guests.

TOURNAMENT ADS A big part of our tournament effort is selling ads for our tournament booklet. Sizes range from 1/8 page (business card size) to a full page ad. If you, your employer or anyone else you know would like advertise or make a donation, please call the school office. All ad copy must be in by Wednesday, February 9th.

Please be sure to call the school office and volunteer to help. You'll be glad you did! Tournament time is fun!