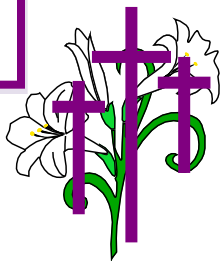


Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran,

We are now just three weeks away from celebrating Easter. If you don't have a church home, please feel free to join us at Christ Lutheran. Easter Sunday Services will be held at 7:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with an Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Additional opportunities to observe and celebrate our salvation through Jesus Christ are on Palm Sunday at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. These services will also be the confirmation services for our 8th Graders who are members of Christ Lutheran. There will be no service on Wednesday of Holy Week. There is a Maundy Thursday service at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on April 21st and Good Friday worship on April 22nd at noon and 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us as we worship our Lord together.

Easter Blessings!
Terry Mooney



WHY CHRIST LUTHERAN? Our eighth graders recently had a writing assignment on the topic of "What Christ Lutheran School Means to Me". Many students did a good job, but there was one student who had a very interesting perspective as she had only attended Christ Lutheran for 3 weeks. The comments from this student reinforce my belief of the value and purpose of Christ Lutheran School.

"I'm glad I'm fortunate enough to attend Christ Lutheran School. Before I came to Christ Lutheran I went to a public school in East Peoria which was anything but Christian. The people here act so differently – it's like a completely different world from a public school. Academically Christ Lutheran is more advanced, and in my opinion the teachers here care more about you as an individual as well

as your education. I wish everyone had a chance to attend both a Christian school as well as a public school; they would for sure see the huge difference there is when God is taken out of schools, education, and just everyday life."

How appropriate that his assignment was written at about the same time we began our enrollment efforts for the coming school year.

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS Our re-enrollment of "old families" began the week of March 21st. We sent re-enrollment forms home with each student. The "yes" replies are coming in quickly. If you know of someone with school age children, why not mention Christ Lutheran? Or, give Mr. Mooney their name and phone number and he will follow up.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



Fri Apr 1 Casual Day
Sat Apr 2 Pancake Supper 4:00-6:30
Tue Apr 12 Fundraiser Delivery
Thu Apr 14 Spring Musical
Fri Apr 15 \$2.00 Casual Day
CLS Trivia Night
Sun Apr 17 Barnes & Noble Bookfair
Mon Apr 18 Fundraiser Money Due
Fri Apr 22 Good Friday – dismiss 1:15
April 25-29 Easter Break
Mon May 2 Classes Resume

MUSICAL Our annual school musical promises to be extra special this year as the all students in kindergarten through 5th grade and volunteer 6th-8th graders present *CLS Celebrates America*. You won't want to miss it, so mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 14th** at 6:30 p.m. The price of admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for seniors and children up to 8th grade.



SAUSAGE & PANCAKE SUPPER The 39th annual Sausage and Pancake Supper hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for K-8 and \$20.00 for a family. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat dinner can be purchased at the door. The menu includes delicious sausage, regular pancakes, potato pancakes and applesauce. All proceeds (and matching funds from Thrivent) will go to help pay for the Christ Lutheran Youth Fellowship projects and events.

FUN FUNDS PROGRAM AT GFS If you shop at GFS Marketplace on University you can earn money for our school by signing up for a **free** membership card. Then each time you shop the school earns a rebate on your purchase. Plus you get a coupon for \$10.00 off a \$50.00 purchase. We have forms for signing up available in the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

On Monday, May 16th the Comet Chorale and the Concert Band will be performing at the Fountain Circle of the Peoria County Court House from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of the Spring Arts in Education Celebration. Why not pack a "brown bag" and go enjoy lunch and some great music from our own CLS kids!



SPRING CLEANING TIME

Just a reminder to our CLS families that we will be having our 9th annual CLS Garage Sale in August. If you have one or more items you would like to donate, please contact

SandyWyss at 712-3624 or the school office (637-1512). We are accepting any clean, usable items. Your help is greatly appreciated!

TUITION AND FEES All outstanding fees must be paid in order for students to receive their report cards at the end of the school year.

SPRING IS HERE! If your child is in need of new school clothing, why not take a look in CLS's Uniform Store? We have a large inventory of gently used short-sleeved shirts and shorts, reasonably priced at \$2.00 each. Thank you to those of you who have donated outgrown uniforms to our store.

SAVABLES Don't forget that we save Campbell's labels, Boxtops for Education, ink jet and laser cartridges and old cell phones. We also save Frito Lay chip bags, Nabisco cookie wrappers, Mars and M & M candy wrappers and Capri Sun juice pouches. Students receive a sucker or small treat for each donation.

ANOTHER WAY TO SAVE We have enrolled in a program that allows you to earn points as you recycle old electronics. These include: calculators, GPS navigation systems, digital cameras, MP3 players, video games (XBOX, DS, Wii, Play Station, etc.) and cell phones. Go to www.naxback.com for more information and to register. Choose Christ Lutheran School to support. You will earn points for each exchange that you make and the school will earn a 10% commission. You can use your points to make purchases. If you have any questions, you can contact Mr. Teske (rteske@clspeoria.org).

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING Testing will be completed on Friday, April 8th as the students in grades 3 – 8 will take the IOWA Test of Basic Skills. The answer sheets will be mailed to be machine scored. Parents will be notified once we receive the results.

SPRING FUNDRAISER Our Spring fundraiser was successful. Delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. and money is to be collected and turned in by Monday, April 18th. Please plan ahead so that you can pick up your order on time and have freezer space available for those items that need to be kept frozen until they are delivered.

SCRIP Spring is here, and that means graduations, confirmations and summer weddings are coming up. Gift certificates are always welcome. If you purchase them through the school scrip program, you and the school earn money. You can designate 50% of the profit to go toward your tuition or other school fees or those of a family member. Your total can really grow if you get family or friends to participate as well. We have certificates from a number of retailers and restaurants as well as grocery stores. Call the school office or Mary Ryan (697-4374) for more information.

CAMP TIME We have fliers for Camp CILCA (a Lutheran sponsored camp just north of Springfield) and summer sports camps. Come into the office or call for more information.

ICC COLLEGE FOR KIDS Once again, Illinois Central College will be offering *College for Kids* to 4th – 12th graders during the summer months. They offer a wide variety of classes. Click on www.icc.edu/cfk/ for more information.

MUSIC CONTESTS Forty plus CLS students competed at the Illinois Grade School Music Association contests at Illinois Central College on March 11th. The students were judged on their instrumental, vocal and piano performances. All of our performers received either a 1st or 2nd ranking. Thanks to Mrs. VonBehren and Mr. Potter for their work with our students. Also, many thanks to Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Kelly who served as accompanists for our solo performers.



TRACK SEASON is underway with Mr. Teske and Gayle Vollrath serving as coaches.

Following is a schedule of meets:

Sat	Apr	2	St. John's Invitational at U of I Armory Bldg. / 9:00 AM
Thu	Apr	7	Monroe / 3:45 PM
Sat	Apr	9	Bethel Invitational at Morton High / 9:00
Tue	Apr	12	Oak Grove Invitation at Limestone High School / 4:00 PM
Mon	Apr	18	Rankin in Pekin / 4:00 PM
Tue	Apr	26	Monroe / 3:45 PM
Thu	Apr	28	Limestone Walters / 3:00 PM
Mon	May	2	Rankin in Pekin / 4:00 PM
Tue	May	3	Bethel at Morton High / 4:00 PM
Sat	May	7	CID Meet Heyworth High / 9:00 AM
Sat	May	14	LSA Decatur Invitational at Millikin University / 9:00 AM
Sa/Su	May	21-22	State Track at Concordia University Chicago / 9:00 AM

Other smaller meets may be scheduled with Roosevelt and Concordia.



DIME-AT-A-TIME As part of our week-long National Lutheran Schools week celebration, we had a “friendly” competition between the classes called Dime-at-a-Time. 1st Grade won the K-2 division, 5th Grade won the 3rd-5th division and 6th Grade won the 6th-8th Grade division and was also the overall winning class for the school. For the week our students collected over \$246.98 Way to go!



LIBRARY NEWS It's time for the annual Barnes & Noble fundraiser!

This year's fundraising bookfair will be on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at the Peoria store at 5001 N. Big Hollow Road. Any purchases made that day will count towards our fundraiser when you present one of our vouchers with bookfair number 10451540. If you forget your voucher, just tell the cashier you are with the CLS Bookfair. All purchases at the store will count towards our reward, including purchases in the café and music department.



We will have entertainment by Mr. Potter and CLS band members, and the 1-4 choir members will sing songs from our musical (children in 1st-4th grade who come to sing will receive extra credit on their music grade). There will be crafts and an attendance prize for the class with the largest percentage of attendance.

This year you can also shop online for our bookfair from April 17-22. You put our bookfair number (10451540) in the appropriate spot on the online order form. Friends and relatives who do not live in Peoria can shop at their local store and give the cashier our bookfair number and we will receive credit towards our bookfair totals.

We will also be selling Barnes & Noble gift cards at the school. They come in \$10 and \$25 increments. This scrip will count towards your tuition. Mrs. Symonds will have the cards available to purchase when she is at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Symonds at 699-7308.

Another reason to attend our fundraising bookfair - the Barnes and Nobel Café now carries Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes and they would make a great Easter dessert! Thanks for your continued support. The students are always looking for new books in the library!!

BASKETS, SILVERWARE, ETC. As you begin your annual bargain hunting at garage sales, please keep the school in mind. We are always in need of good sized baskets for the school auction and spoons and forks for our lunch program. Also, please keep an eye out for **clearance items** and **bargains-too-good-to-ignore** that we can use for our auction.



PEORIA GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE summer softball program registration is underway. Forms are available in the school office. The deadline for mail-in sign-up is April 22nd. There are divisions for girls finishing 3rd grade all the way through high school. For more information contact Tom Mayer or Carrie Chiaravalle at 692-2537 or thomasmayer11@comcast.net.

SAUSAGE & PANCAKE SUPPER NUMBER 2

St. Peter's Lutheran Church (200 Cole St., East Peoria) is celebrating the grand opening of their new multi-purpose building expansion with a pancake and sausage supper on Saturday, April 30th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 for high school and adult, \$4.00 children K-8th Grade, 4 and under free or \$20.00 for a family. You are invited to enjoy a great meal and tour the new facility.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS are in order for all who participated in our biddy basketball program. We want to thank all of the parents who helped coach or work at one or more games. A special thank you to John Vollrath and Chad and Jennifer Whitehead who chaired the program.



SPECIAL THANKS to Joe Rudebeck and Devin Winchell for doing some raking and cleaning up outside of the school recently.