

Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran,

It is hard to believe, but we are entering our final month of the school year. This has been a great year as God continues to shower the students and staff with numerous blessings. Feel free to join us for any of our end of the year activities and please continue to keep our school in your prayers.

I also want to share the results of our students' achievement tests. Each of our classes scored above their grade level. The class that scored the best was 3.7 grade levels above their grade level. One other interesting pattern is that the longer a child has attended Christ Lutheran, the higher their scores are.

God's Blessings!
Terry Mooney



**OUR SPRING
MUSIC CONCERT**
is scheduled for
Tuesday, May 18th at
6:00 p.m. Both of the

bands, the 6th – 8th travel choir and the bell choir have some wonderful music to share with you. Please join us and see how much they have learned this year. There will also be time for fellowship and refreshments after the concert.

A LITTLE NIGHT MAGIC Our 2010 musical is now history and what a great production it was! The main characters, the extended cast and the students in grades K-5 were fantastic! We thank all of our volunteers as well as Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. VonBehren and Mrs. Bremer for all their efforts .

ALL FEES DUE Please note that all tuition, fees, lunch and breakfast charges, library fines, fundraiser monies, extended care charges, field trip costs, etc. must be paid before the end of the school year in order for your child to receive his/her report card.

THE MONTH OF MAY IS FULL OF ACTIVITIES, so please be sure to check your calendar even more carefully than usual. There is **no school on Thursday, May 27th and our last day is Friday, May 28th with dismissal at 12:00 p.m.** Graduation is at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary on May 28th.

CLS PROMOTIONAL SIGNS We have some promotional signs available that you can place in your yard to raise awareness about our school. We are asking our school parents and church members to consider buying a sign for \$15.00 and placing it in your yard. Call or stop in the school office.

GOLF OUTING AND AUCTION Our 11th annual CLS Golf Classic and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, July 17th. For more information, to sign up, or if you know of someone who might be interested, call the school office. We are presently seeking additional sponsorships. Do you know of a business that might be interested? Also, if you are willing to volunteer, please call Mr. Mooney or Darla Heuermann.



MARK YOU CALENDARS!! The school will host a dinner and auction on Saturday, November 20th at the Holiday Inn, City Centre. This promises to be exciting and fun so make sure you set the date aside.



PRE-PAYING FEES We will accept prepayments of registration fees and tuition for the 2010-2011 school year.

In fact, prepaying your child's registration fee holds his/her "spot" on the class roster for the coming year. Registration fees (which do include book rent) are \$125.00 per child K-6 grades and \$150 for 7th and 8th grades Tuition amounts for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:

\$2745.00 for one child
\$3960.00 for two children
\$5175.00 for three children**

**Families with more than three children add \$250 per child

NO "SMART" IN 2010-2011 Our school board has decided not to use the SMART Tuition Program for the coming school year. The school already pays for software (Teacher Ease) that will assist us in the tuition collection process. You can still have your tuition payment automatically deducted from your bank account. We will send you a form in the near future. You may also pay by mail or stop in the school office.



CALLING ALL SHOPPERS You can help raise money for the school and for yourself by buying certificates from school before you shop. CLS earns a percentage of your shopping bill and we will split it with you. Half of any profit earned from certificates you buy will be set aside and applied

to your school costs – registration, tuition, lunch card, band fees, etc. It is a simple process, but we must get into the habit of using the certificates. We have gift certificates from Kroger and Cub grocery stores as well as from a number of chain restaurants and stores – Red Lobster, Barnes and Noble, Bath and Body Works, Applebee's, Menards, Lowe's, Kohl's and J.C. Penney, just to name a few. If you are planning to shop at or give gift certificates from any of these places, why not purchase them from us and help the school and help yourself? Don't forget to ask family and friends to participate. Mother's Day, Father's Day, confirmation, graduation and the wedding season are upon us; so see Mary Ryan at Before/After School Care or call the office for more information.

THE WARM WEATHER brings a few concerns for the staff of CLS and we need your help.

1. Dress Code – "Shorts are to be walking or dress shorts. No athletic shorts are allowed. No denim materials are allowed. Shorts may have only 4 normal sized pockets and must not have rivets or loops. Boys are to wear belts. Shorts and skorts should have a minimum inseam length of 6 inches. Skirt or short length can be measured by having your daughter put her hands at her sides. If the skirt length is higher than her fingertips, it is too short."
2. Children need to be picked up promptly after school as loitering in the hallway and outside the exits causes problems. Thanks for your help.
3. When picking up your children in the school parking lot, please park only in marked spaces. Parking in spaces beyond the marked end lines creates congestion in the driving lanes, reduces visibility and creates unsafe conditions. Thanks for your cooperation!



IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR? There are a number of exams, immunizations and screenings that are required for your child. Also, please be mindful for all students entering kindergarten. We do not have the entire regulation or a copy of the required form as yet, but you can "beat the rush" by scheduling an eye exam over the summer and asking for a written report. Why not take care of all your child's requirements now?

“SAVABLES” FOR CLS - A REMINDER AND A

REQUEST The school collects Campbell’s labels, Boxtops for Education, ink jet cartridges, laser cartridges and used cell phones. Please send in all you have saved by May 21st. We will send in what we have shortly after school is out this summer. And don’t forget to save over the summer as well. Let’s get next year’s collection off to a great start! This just in...we received a check for **\$195.90** on April 26th just from Boxtops for Education! These programs really do help to fill in the gaps.

MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER SHOWER

Lutherans for Life will collect diapers to be donated to area agencies on Mother’s Day. If you would like to donate one or more packages, send them into school and we will see that they are added to the collection from Christ Lutheran Church. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, May 23rd.



LUNCH REMINDER We are using a web-based computer record keeping for our hot lunch program. It comes from TeacherEase. If you have furnished the school with an e-mail address and use TeacherEase to check your child’s assignments and grades, you can also check the status of his/her lunch account by clicking on “fees”. Remember that even free and reduced price eligible children need a small amount of money in their account if they regularly get seconds, extra milks or extra slices on pizza day.



LIBRARY NEWS Congratulations to our 6 Flags Read to Succeed students. Thirteen students will all receive a free Six Flags pass to use this summer!! Way to go!

The last week to check out books from the school library will be the week of May 10. All books must be returned and fines be paid before the field trips and AR trips. Also, thanks to everyone who supported the Usborn Bookfair held in the library in April. We earned \$100 in free books. Something new and exciting for everyone! We will try to have information regarding summer reading programs from our local libraries and Barnes & Noble. Thanks for all your support this year.

...Sharon Symonds

AR STORE BULLETIN The last AR store visit for the students will be the week of May 17th. They will have to spend all of their AR points on that visit. AR points do not carry over to the next school year. The students cannot have an outstanding fine or overdue book if they wish to shop at the store. We are also in need of inventory for the store. If you have any items you would like to donate (or know of a business that might make a donation), please call the school office. Thanks for your continued support.

**SPRING CLEANING TIME**

Just a reminder to our CLS families that we will be having our 6th annual CLS Garage Sale in August. If you have one item or a houseful, you would like to donate, please contact Sandy Wyss at 712-3624 or the school office (637-1512). We are accepting any clean, usable items. Your help is greatly appreciated!

PTL OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011 Are you interested in serving on the Parent-Teacher League board for the coming school year? If you are interested, call Mr. Mooney or Mrs. Heuermann.

UNIFORM STORE Has your child outgrown his/her winter uniform clothing or last year’s summer uniforms? Why not donate them to the uniform store at CLS and shop with us for your spring needs? This helps other families and allows you to shop for bargains! We have good used clothing priced as follows: slacks \$3.00, shorts and short-sleeved shirts \$2.00. If you have any questions, please call Darla Heuermann 637-3217.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW Yearbooks for the 2009-2010 school year will be available on registration day. You don’t want to miss your chance to have a visual record of the events of a memorable year. The cost is \$19.00. We are planning to cut back on the number of books we order to reflect more closely the number of prepaid orders we have, so please send your payment in with your order.

AND SPEAKING OF THE YEARBOOK... If you have any pictures that you have taken of school activities this year that you think would make good yearbook photos, please write your name on the back and send them into school before May 21st.



OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL PICNIC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th at school. You are all welcome to attend. There will be special activities and a cook-out lunch on that day. If you would like to join us for lunch, please call the school office so that we can make sure to prepare enough food.

If you would like to help your child's class with games and activities, please contact your child's teacher.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD? We have information on Camp CILCA, Peoria Park District, ICC College for Kids and Bradley's program for gifted students and all sorts of sports camps. Information is available in the office.

ENROLLMENT We are currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know of someone who is interested in Christ Lutheran School, please contact the school office. We are currently accepting new students in all grades. However, next year's 2nd, 4th and 6th grades are all over 20 as of now, so don't delay! We will have staff in the office daily throughout the summer.

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 Felicia Fleming who chaired the program.



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK will be held May 10th-May 14th. Deb Brown has agreed to be in charge of this effort. If you would like to help, please call her at 682-5917.

TRACK SEASON is in full swing. Major upcoming meets include the CID Meet at Heyworth High School on Saturday, May 1st and the LSA State Meet at Concordia University Chicago on May 15th-16th. Come on out and cheer our students on!



GRADUATION exercises take place on Friday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. in our church sanctuary. Everyone is invited to join us for this very special evening.



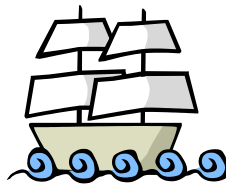
BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL CAMPS If you are interested in having your child participate in sports camps this summer, call the school office for information. We will have a basketball camp the week of June 7th and a volleyball camp the week of August 2nd.



HELP YOUR CHILD GET BETTER MATH AND READING SCORES St. Vincent School offers a Summer Math program for children in 4th grade through incoming freshmen and a summer reading program for 2nd grade through incoming freshmen. Based on interactive software, these programs have improved math and reading scores an average of 1.5 to 2 grade levels. Children can be enrolled in one or two, four-week sessions this summer. Contact Mrs. Englebrecht at St. Vincent's 691-5012 ext. 196 (daytime) or 693-6289 (evening) for dates, times and cost.

WRAP IT UP! We will close our school year with Chapel at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 28th. The chapel service will be followed immediately by our awards assembly in the church sanctuary. School will dismiss at noon. There will be no lunch served that day and no after care. Have a safe, fun and blessed summer!

SET SAIL ON A HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION at VBS June 13-17, from 6-8:30 PM. The voyage begins on Sunday evening. On Monday through Thursday there will be an optional meal at 5:30. There is a place for everyone – 3 years old through completed 5th grade for VBS. Adults are welcome as volunteers and can attend a Bible Study written and led by Pastor Frazell. **MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER.**



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR PEORIA CHIEFS GAMES Opportunities abound for fun and fellowship with church and school families while helping our school. We are looking for volunteers for concession sales at Peoria Chiefs games. Call the school office for more information or to sign up!

CLS STUDENTS AT WORK Our student council has been busy with spring work outside – mulching, planting and general sprucing up. We could use some hostas. Perhaps yours need to be divided this year and you would like to share.



AND SPEAKING OF LANDSCAPING One of our school parents, who owns her own landscaping business, recently donated some sod for the areas around our entrance

doors. It looks great! If you need sod work or other landscaping help, why not give her a try? Her name is Pat Harms and her phone number is 472-6913.

UP ON THE ROOF The 2nd annual CLS “Up on the Roof Day” is just around the corner. We will again combine this event with our school picnic on Wednesday, May 26th. This year we will designate all proceeds to go towards new basketball uniforms for the upcoming season. More information will be sent home with your child’s notes on Monday.

SUMMERBOOK COMPANY This company offers workbooks for students in grades K-7 to be used at home during the summer. A note / order form was sent home is scheduled to be sent home on May 3rd. If you are interested, return the form with your payment.

TO SAVE A LIFE - THE MOVIE is coming to Christ Lutheran! An independent Christian film that tells the story of a group of high school students who learn the importance of reaching out to those around them, To Save a Life has provided youth and parents with opportunities to explore the struggles that adolescents naturally go through. There will be two showings, on the evenings of May 21st and 22nd. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details. Make plans to attend: this is a movie event you won't want to miss!

PEPPER PROFIT AT CHILIS From May 7th through August 27th on Fridays, the Chili’s restaurant in East Peoria will donate 10% of your bill to our school. A voucher to show when you order will be sent home with each child and extras are available in the school office.