

# Christ Lutheran School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Christ Lutheran School,

Our 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Boys Basketball Tournament will be here before you know it. (Feb. 15-17). Our tournament is rich in history and is a major event for not only our students, but for hundreds of players, cheerleaders and parents who attend that weekend. I am always impressed by how many different people comment on their memories of our tournament.

As you can imagine, a tournament of this size requires a lot of volunteers. We are hosting 24 teams this year and will have 52 games, a cheerleading competition, free throw and 3 point shooting competitions and a special Saturday worship service at 3:00 pm. We need help taking tickets, hall guarding, working in the kitchen, selling concessions, working in the Comet Cafe, providing security in our parking lots and much more.

Please keep our tournament and our guests in your prayers. If you are able to help volunteer, please call the school office. Your help is appreciated.

God's Blessings,  
Terry Mooney



## CAN'T VOLUNTEER FOR THE

**TOURNAMENT?** If you are unable to volunteer but would like to make a cash donation or donate food items, (donuts, desserts, bread, buns, fruit, vegetables, hotdogs, ground beef and Gondolas) please call the school office. (637-1512).

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**FREE CASUAL DAY ON FRI. FEB 1st**

**PEP ASSEMBLY @ 9:30, Dismiss at 11:00,  
NO LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT WEEK & SPECIAL DRESS DAYS  
FEBRUARY 11-15: SEE TOURNAMENT PAGE**

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY FEB 27**



## 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 assembly on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents, grandparents, siblings, etc are welcome to attend.

**SPIRITWEAR** Our new order of black sweatshirts is in. We now have a full range of youth and adult sizes. The cost is \$25. Stop by the office to pick up one today!





**LENTEN WORSHIP** Ash Wednesday is on March 6th. 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. You are welcome to join us for worship and for lunch at school.

**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”. We are no longer trying to anticipate what items people may want and keep a large inventory on hand. We are in the process of selling off what we do have. We have posted an order sheet with what is available on the web site. We send home an order on the 1st Monday of each month. Please “think ahead” and fill out your order form or call the school office.

**SPELLING BEE** Our spelling bee was held during the school day on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. **Grader Sh’Nyah Butler** is this year’s champion. **8<sup>th</sup> Grader Makiyah Palmer** is the runner up. Makiyah missed on “prickliness”. Sh’Nyah then spelled that word correctly and “narration” to win the 2019 CLS title. Congratulations to all who participated.



**TUITION AND FEES** We are already more than half way through the school year. Please be reminded that all tuition and fees need to be current in order for children to go on class trips, receive their end of the year report cards and participate in graduation.



**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 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 call the office and request that one be sent home with your child.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS** Are you short on your volunteer hours for the year? Here are two opportunities to get more hours:

1. Our annual basketball tournament is coming up this month on February 15, 16 and 17. We will need help in many areas over those three days. Sign-up sheets are available in the office.
2. The Lutheran Sports Association hosts a State High School basketball tournament February 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup>. They use our gym and once again there will be ample opportunities to help. Call the school office for more information.

**OPEN HOUSE / ENROLLMENT NIGHT** Coming up on **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** is our open house and academic fair. We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair as well. It is also the night that we invite families interested in enrolling for next year to come and see the school and get information they need. If you know of someone who would like to send their child to Christ Lutheran, have them mark the date on their calendar. You can share their name and address with the school office as well and we will send them an invitation.

**ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB!** You can get all the information you need on our web site at [clspeoria.org](http://clspeoria.org).



You can find our monthly calendar of activities, menus, and the newsletter, along with tuition prices and payment options, a school supply list, the calendar for the school year, the choir schedule and sports schedules.

**KEEP SAVING GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS**



We earn cash for boxtops. We received a check for \$232.10 from Box Tops for Education at the end of December.

Some of the products that have boxtops on them include: all General Mills Cereals, Ziploc bags and containers, Hefty plates, Land O Lakes, Go Gurt, Yoplait, Chex Mix, Nature Valley, Green Giant, Scott, Kleenex Hamburger Helper, and Lysol. You can also go online to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) and join the Boxtops for Education Booster Club.

**CALLING ALL SHOPPERS** Did you know that



Christ Lutheran School can benefit every time you shop at Krogers? All you need to do is go online (Kroger.com) or call 1-800-576-4377 (option 3). The school’s ID

number is IA030. If you would like for us to help you register, call Mr. Mooney at 637-1512. You must reregister each year after January 1st. Last quarter we had 48 families participate for a total donation of \$135.70.



**69 AND COUNTING** It won't be long and the referees will toss the ball into the air and begin our 69<sup>th</sup> boys basketball tournament. The dates of the tournament are Friday – Sunday, February 15-17. Questions abound –

who will win this year? Will the Comets finish #1? Who will win the cheerleading and shooting competitions? The excitement is building as preparations are being made. There are dozens of jobs to do – hall guarding, tickets, snack bar, clean-up, video, scorers and timers – something for everyone. Call the school office or stop in to schedule you times. Come and be a part of this special weekend as we watch to see who will be this year's champions. **We will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. and there will be no school on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 Morning Monday** – Wear your jammies.

**Tuesday is Team/Super hero Tuesday** – Wear your favorite team gear or your favorite super hero outfit.

**Wednesday is Wacky Wednesday** – Wear mis-matched clothes and shoes.

**Thursday is Twin/Triplet or pink/red day Thursday** – You and a friend wear the same outfit or wear red or pink for Valentine's Day.

**Friday 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. Students who purchase a tournament t-shirt can get into Friday's basketball games for free.

**Mrs. Lamberti is keeping score of spirit Week. Each day, each class will be graded by the percentage of participation in that day's special dress. The class that gets the highest grade for all 4 days gets an extra casual day! We will also have individual winners for originality.**

**WORSHIP TOGETHER** A tournament worship service will be held Saturday approx. 3:00 p.m. in Gym A for all tournament participants and anyone else who would like to come. Sunday service will be held at its 9:00 a.m.

**PEP ASSEMBLY** Our pep assembly will be held on Fri Feb 15 at 9:30 a.m. Which class will win the victory cry paddles?

**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 February 12<sup>th</sup>.**



**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

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