



Christ Lutheran School

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Dear Partner in Christ,

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him. John 7:38

These words of Jesus are an appropriate follow-up to last year's theme of being *fishers of men*. Ask any child what a fish needs in order to live and the most likely answer will be water. We too need water to stay alive both physically and spiritually. Christ is the fountain to which we come. Our thirst is quenched as we swim in the waters of worship, Sunday school, Bible class, home devotions, and our daily prayer life. Our school offers opportunities *in addition* to the previous ways: through religion lessons, integration of our faith into all subject areas, values taught from a Christian perspective, and words of love and forgiveness spoken each day.

We are preparing the waters here at school as well. **Registration Day – Tuesday, August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** is the day to officially register for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are not able to attend on August 4th you may stop by the school office any day after registration day and before the first day of school. Please stop by during normal hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Please call if you have any questions. **Students cannot begin school on August 19 unless you have officially registered them and paid any late tuition and fees.**

The deadline for submitting tuition assistance requests was July 1. Please call the school office immediately if you have missed this deadline. In order to properly allocate the funds available for tuition assistance, it is critical that you not delay. We don't want to allocate the funds before we know what all of the needs will be. *If you already submitted your application, be sure that you have dropped off a copy of your 2008 federal income tax forms (first 2 pages).*

Please remember that your registration fee and any outstanding balances must be paid in full before your child can begin school. The registration fee for 2009-2010 is \$150 per student in grades K - 8.

Are you one of the nearly 40 families who have over \$100 taken off of your tuition bill before you even walk in the door on registration day? These families do their regular shopping with SCRIP instead of cash. Eight families had over \$300 off, and **one family had over \$500 taken off their bill!** These amounts will be reflected when calculating tuition bills for the new year. In all, \$12,000 will be taken off of bills! You will be able to sign up for SCRIP on registration day if you haven't already. Make SCRIP the way that YOU pay your bills.

On Registration Day you will need to come prepared either to pay the year's tuition in full, or fill out an agreement for the payment of tuition through automatic withdrawal using FACTS. We will assist you in completing an agreement for the payment of your tuition. If you choose to make payment in full on Registration Day your family tuition commitment will be reduced by \$38.00. We will subtract off any SCRIP credit that your family has accumulated prior to calculating your monthly payment.

The forms necessary for free and reduced lunch qualification will be available on registration day. If you would like this paperwork earlier, feel free to stop by the school office to pick it up. Student lunches will be \$2.10.

Below you will find a list of items to bring with you on August 4th. You will, of course need to plan on bringing your checkbook to pay fees, buy lunch/milk tickets, and to purchase miscellaneous items such as Bibles, catechisms, assignment books, etc.

New This Year – The Board of Education has made the 2 following changes

1. Unless paying tuition in full on registration day, families will be required to sign up for **automatic withdrawal** with FACTS. Contact Mr. Stortz if you have any questions.
2. We will be accepting payments by Credit/Debit Card for registration fees, tuition, miscellaneous supplies and *possibly* lunch. Scrip can **NOT** be paid for this way.

If you would like to fill out information for FACTS prior to registration day, you may go to <https://ecashierk12.factstuition.com/ecashierk12/Controller?&query=93698/68701> and complete the majority of the information to speed you through the process registration day. This link is also available at the CLS website on the registration page.

Things to Bring on Registration Day

- Parent Commitment form (enclosed)
- I Can Help form (enclosed)
- Drug free compliance form (enclosed)
- Personal calendar for scheduling home visits
- Checkbook (registration fee – if needed, tuition, lunch, and misc. items are all separate)
- Questions

Things to look forward to:

August 18th will be a **Back to School Fun Night** from 6:30 – 8:00 for students and their families. There will be no cost to attend. The free tickets can be picked up at Registration Day.

During the summer the lunchroom and kitchen underwent a face–lift. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped on these projects!

We had very positive feedback from parents about Grade 6 joining the 7th & 8th grade for departmentalization of subjects last year, and will continue to do the same. Teachers in grades 6-8 will be teaching in areas of their strengths. We believe this will provide students a strong experience with a teacher who has a passion for the subject.

Teachers for 2009-2010

Preschool Mrs. Riedel & Mrs. Moje	Grade 4 Mr. Portwood & Mrs. Luce
Kindergarten Mrs. Brandt & Mrs. Sunderman	Grade 5 Mrs. Leckband
Grade 1 Mrs. Voelker & Mrs. Wasson	Grade 6 Mr. Drefke & Miss Schipporeit
Grade 2 Mrs. Weber & Mrs. Owen	Grade 7 Mr. Zeitz
Grade 3 Mrs. Portwood	Grade 8 Mr. Weber & Mrs. Johnson

We look forward to seeing you next month!
Fishing for the One,

Steven Stortz



