



# Christ Lutheran Academy

## UPDATE

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**WELCOME ZACH ZAKARAS!**

Zach came to us from St. Luke's Lutheran School. He lives in Montgomery with his family and spends his free time bowling and reading. Colorado is where Zach prefers to vacation, and the Harry Potter series are his favorite movies. Zach is having a great time at CLA and says that the best part of the school is how funny and nice everyone is.



**CONGRATULATIONS BETH GUEBERT!**



It was announced in September that CLA senior Elizabeth Guebert has been named a 2010 National Merit Semifinalist. Of the more than 1.5 million juniors in approximately 22,000 high schools across the country, Beth is one of three high school seniors in Plainfield to be named a semifinalist, and the only semifinalist this year from an Illinois Lutheran high school. Of this singular recognition, Beth comments, "God has blessed me with this intelligence and also with teachers who recognize that and challenge me."

Beth is a member of CLA's National Honor Society and Captain of the school's Academic Competition team. She is a graduate of Bethany Lutheran School in Naperville. CLA Principal David Raabe says, "Beth's aptitude and work ethic set her apart. She's a joy to have in class. Beth is a leader among her peers." Beth has performed in school and community plays and is pursuing an acting career.

Please join us as we support Beth on her way to advancing to the finalist level of the competition for consideration for a Merit Scholarship Award offered this coming spring.

**SERVANT EVENT - Walcamp**

Walcamp is an outdoor education ministry that serves students from grade school through high school. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, sixteen students and five staff members boarded a bus and went to Walcamp in Kingston, IL. for a three-day, two-night servant event.

CLA students and staff worked tirelessly cleaning, clearing dead branches from trails and courses, moving firewood, and breaking down Walcamp's two large Conestoga Wagons that are no longer in use.

When asked, students said that it was kind of wet, but that they had a great time. It was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. One student said, "We learned new skills like how to swing a sledge hammer, use a crow bar, and use a power drill" and "We got to know people that we didn't really know before." Some learned new games during free time. Some tried new foods. All worked hard to serve Walcamp.

Several CLA staff members commented that they were so proud of our kids and that the trip was a success on many levels. We served Walcamp well. Students learned new skills. All of us learned new games. Students and staff learned about each other and bonded in ways that could never have happened on a regular school day.

The Walcamp staff was impressed with CLA's servant attitude. They felt that we worked hard and finished things quickly. The grounds coordinator wanted to make sure that Walcamp could be on CLA's schedule for a servant event next year.

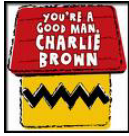
We all came home tired, but happy. We knew it was a job well done.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### *YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN*

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm

Calvary Christian Church  
Route 59/Montgomery Road



Will Charlie Brown finally, successfully fly a kite? Will Schroeder consider selling his piano? Why did Patty's family have spaghetti three times last week?

These and other questions will be addressed as the students of CLA present *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

The title character (played by junior Carl Colvin) is joined by the irrepressible Lucy (senior Beth Guebert), her little brother Linus (junior Michelle Steinwart), the enigmatic Patty (sophomore Karli Moore), the consummate musician Schroeder (sophomore Sean Connor), and, of course, the beloved Snoopy (sophomore Danielle Steinwart). Based on Charles Schulz's *Peanuts* comic strip, the musical is the work of Clark Gesner, who wrote the book, music, and lyrics, and is produced by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc., New York.

You won't want to miss this fast-paced, lighthearted look at a typical day in the life of Charlie Brown. **It's a show guaranteed fun for all ages.**

**Tickets are available at the door:** \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens, children four and younger able to enjoy the show at no cost.

## SCRIP PROGRAM

You can get a jump on your holiday gift giving by ordering gift cards through the Scrip Program at CLA!!

Order dates are **November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** and are due to the office by 8am.

## FUN IDEA

### Fay's Bar-B-Que Fundraiser

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 – 7:00pm

CLA teachers, staff, parents and students are excited to announce that we are holding a Fay's Pork Chop/Chicken Bar B Que fundraiser at our school.

This fundraiser is one of several planned this year by the Board of Directors intended to build the network of *Friends of Christ Lutheran Academy*. Proceeds from the Bar-B-Que fundraiser support CLA projects that school funds will not cover.

The **drive-thru pick up dinner** is priced at a modest \$12.50 per ticket. The menu includes: choice of charcoal grilled pork chops or 1/2 chicken or a combination accompanied by tasty side dishes (baked beans, cole slaw, applesauce and rolls).

Fay's will provide us with the grills, food and supervision. CLA students will be on hand to sell cookies and desserts and adult volunteers will assist ticket holders (and a limited number of same day orders/non-presale dinners) with cooking, dinner assembly and clean up.

This should prove to be an amazing and **fun event** for everyone!! **Advanced sales are preferred and should be made by Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Get your tickets now from any student, teacher or board member, or by contacting the CLA office.

## SAVE THE DATE Christmas Event



December 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 - 9:30 pm

St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School  
in Montgomery benefiting CLA

This should prove to be a festive evening with refreshments, a live auction, raffle baskets, a cookie contest, and vendors offering ideas for holiday gift giving.

## SENIORS TO THE THEATER

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>



CLA seniors will be seeing Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at the Paramount Arts Center in Aurora.

Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future are familiar characters brought to life in this lavish musical theater production "bursting with pageantry, laughter, gorgeous costumes, and classic lines." This relatively short Dickens story contrasts dramatically with his *A Tale of Two Cities*, which the seniors read in English class.

Partial funding for this theater field trip is provided through a Music and Literature grant from Target.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR



Friday, 11/13	No classes
Wednesday, 11/25	Half day
Thursday, 11/26	Thanksgiving
Friday, 11/27	No classes

## ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

The Illinois State Board of Education sent a formal memorandum to all public and nonpublic schools as notification that a fiscal year 2010 appropriation was not awarded for the **Parent/Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program**, therefore not allowing claims for the 2008-2009 school year to be paid. These payments are normally made in December. This notification is on file in the CLA office if you wish to review it in its entirety.

**Mid-term Progress Reports** will not be sent out this year. Please keep checking your student's progress on Edline!