



Christ Lutheran Academy UPDATE

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WELCOME JOE GRIMM!



Joe Grimm is a freshman and one of CLA's six new students this year. Joe describes himself as artistic and athletic and when he's not playing street hockey, he likes music and woodshop. Joe lives with his parents in Plainfield and attended Kingswood Academy for junior high. When asked about how he likes CLA, Joe says he likes it "a lot" and the small size of the school is what he enjoys the most.

SARA FULTON'S SERVICE PROJECT



Sara Fulton has completed another step toward her **Girl Scout Gold Award** – the highest achievement within Girl Scouts of the USA. This is an award for leadership, organization, and a commitment to service. Sara has been a Girl Scout for 12 years.

As she was trying to decide what to do for the project, a discussion with her mom led her to "make it personal." Sara was adopted from a very poor orphanage in the Ukraine. She chose to collect baby clothes,

baby blankets, and baby toys for the orphanage. She collected at CLA, at her church, and from family and friends.

While doing research for this project, Sara discovered a number of statistics that surprised her about orphanages in the Ukraine. After the age of 5, a child is much less likely to be adopted. At 16 most children are put out on the street. 70% of the boys turn to a life of crime and 60% of the girls turn to prostitution. This new information encouraged Sara to broaden her collection to include children up to 16. While she cannot help the children beyond 16 years old, Sara wants to do what she can before they are too old to stay at the orphanage.

Where is Sara in the project now? All the items have been inventoried and boxed. They are in her living room waiting for money to ship the items to the orphanage. She has collected about \$100 of the projected \$500 necessary to ship the boxes.

Sara plans to continue to "make it personal" by adopting a child from the Ukraine herself after she is married and settled.

3 DAY/2 NIGHT SERVANT EVENT

Save the dates!! CLA will be participating in a Servant Event at Walcamp Outdoor Ministries in Kingston, IL starting October 6th and ending Thursday, October 8th. This will be an overnight opportunity for students and staff to share our time and talent in God's great outdoors. Details of this project have been sent home to students and require parent action. Questions can be directed to the school office.

SUCCESSFUL ALL PARENTS NIGHT!

September 1st was All Parents Night at CLA and we had an AMAZING turnout!

All paperwork was turned in, attendance was up, and we had nearly 100% turn out!

Parental involvement is a major factor to the success of your students. Keep it up and welcome to all!

BE LOUD AND BE PROUD!



Our Cross Country team is coached for a third year by Mr. Baganz. Come out and support the team by attending any or all of this season's scheduled events.

Sunday, 09/27	
Plainfield Harvest 5K	9:00 a.m.
Friday, 10/09	
Elmwood Park	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10/17	
Lisle Invite	TBA
OR	
Saturday, 10/17	
Naperville New Thing 5K	8:00 a.m.

THEATER FIELDTRIP



October 23rd is the date set for the CLA freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to experience live theater at the Paramount Arts Center in Aurora.

This theater fieldtrip has become an annual event providing students the opportunity to view the Chamber Theater Productions presentation of five classic short stories.

This year's production features stories by Edgar Allen Poe, Mark Twain, and other noted authors.

Partial funding for the event is provided through a Target Music and Literature grant.

OPEN HOUSE November 8th

VISITATION DAYS October 16th & November 20th



Our parents are our best recruiting. If you know a family with students who are looking for a GREAT high school experience marked by optimal learning, close friends, caring teachers, individual attention, opportunities to try new things, and a place where people are open about their faith in Jesus, then please encourage these families to attend either our Open House or upcoming monthly Visitation Days.

CHARLIE BROWN IS COMING!

The musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is scheduled for CLA's fall student theater production
Thursday, November 12th.



The show portrays a typical day in the life of this endearing cartoon character and some of his closest friends. You don't want to miss this--it's a show for the whole family!

Look for details in next month's Update and in the local churches' announcements.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Raising money for CLA is an on-going process, and one of the easiest ways to help is by participating in the Scrip Program. For each gift card purchase, CLA receives a percentage of the cost of the gift card. If we all order through this program, the benefits add up quickly.

Order dates for fall are **October 6th and 20th**, and **November 3rd and 17th**. Orders are due to the office by 8am. Questions can be answered by Rhonda at the school office.

CLA WORKDAYS



Roger Blomquist is starting his 6th year as CLA Workday Coordinator. Workdays are scheduled for the 1st, 3rd and 5th (if there is one) Saturdays of the month during which time parents can be in service to the school through a variety of cleaning, maintenance and improvement projects.

Workdays are a fun opportunity to be in fellowship with other CLA families while contributing to your student's education. Workdays typically start at 8:30am and continue through the afternoon. Lunch is served by other volunteers, and you can spend as much time as you have on any given workday.

Please consider joining Roger's team.

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Friday, 10/09	No classes
Monday, 10/12	No classes
Wednesday, 10/14	Testing (a.m.) No classes (seniors only)
Friday, 11/13	No classes
Wednesday, 11/25	Half day
Thursday, 11/26	Thanksgiving
Friday, 11/27	No classes

PARENT COMMENTS

Do you have a concern or is there something that you would like to know more about?

Please feel free to email us at claofc@aol.com. We will do our best to answer any questions or comments that you have.

RED RIBBON WEEK
10/17 – 10/23