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Principal's Newsletter

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Securing Each Child's Future - For a Life of Service!

Grace

Last Thursday, our 7th and 8th graders were at Comerica Park in Detroit as part of this year's class trip. The evening before, Tiger pitcher Armando Galarraga missed pitching a perfect game due to an errant call by the first base umpire. Normally I wouldn't say that an official made a mistake, but this umpire admitted it and apologized.

Before Thursday afternoon's game, Chevrolet and the Tiger organization congratulated Galarraga on his accomplishment *and his sportsmanship*. By this time, the umpire had looked at the replay and apologized to Galarraga. And Armando Galarraga forgave him. That's grace and forgiveness.

That umpire felt terrible, but no amount of sorrow can restore that perfect game, probably a once in a lifetime thing for the pitcher and certainly an accomplishment that would have put his name into the Hall of Fame. A perfect game is rare.

And you know, the umpire didn't make the wrong call on purpose. He didn't call a runner 'safe' just to spoil Galarraga's perfect game. But like our sins, it doesn't matter whether it was on purpose or just a mistake. Whether our sin is willful or simply an err...it still separates us from God.

In the end, this pitcher with the 'perfect' game forgave the umpire who made the imperfect call. Graciousness and forgiveness.

As Christians, when we see such behavior, it immediately reminds us of God's great love toward us, His grace and forgiveness, shown to us through Jesus our Savior.

Christ Lutheran School is a wonderful place to be, and this has been a terrific school year. Not perfect because none of us are perfect. But, nonetheless, a great school year because we share with one another this grace and forgiveness which God enables us to share through Christ our Lord.

THANK YOU

God's blessings to everyone as we prepare to close out the 2009-2010 school year, and thank you for the many things you have done to support Christ Lutheran School, its students, faculty and families.

GOD'S BLESSINGS

Along with a *thank you*, I also extend my prayers and best wishes to Mrs. Schmaltz and Mr. Steffens. May God bless and keep them and grant them many joyful years in retirement as well as continued service in His Kingdom. Both of these faithful workers are retiring at the close of this school year.

CLOSING CHAPEL

The last day of school for the 2009-2010 school year is this Wednesday, June 9. Closing Chapel, led by Pastor Quardokus, will begin at 10:45 a.m. All are invited to join us in worship as we close out the school year.

Following Closing Chapel this Wednesday, students will return to their classrooms and get ready for the end-of-the-year school picnic. Thank you to the P.T.L for their financial support and to the parent committee planning this event. Our picnic will begin shortly after Chapel and take place here on our Christ Lutheran campus. Following a pizza lunch (provided), students will have time in the afternoon to play games, and our older students will, once again, take on the Faculty in a game of softball. **School will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. that day. There will not be any bus service at dismissal time. In the case of bad weather we will dismiss following the picnic.**

GRADUATION BANQUET

It is still not too late to purchase your tickets for the annual Graduation-Awards Banquet this Thursday, June 10, 6:00pm. Come on out and enjoy a delicious chicken dinner and honor our 2010 graduates. Tickets are available in the school office for \$8 each.

All sports uniforms from all sports should be returned to school ASAP. Thank you!

GRADUATION



Congratulations to the CLS Graduating Class of 2010: Courtney Bennett, Chloe Calhoun, JoHanna Eagle, Austin Everett, Carley Grau, Paul Jackemeyer, Cooper Jennings, Hannah Johnson, Ashley Lewis, Jeffrey Lueders, Andrea Medo, Mitchell Meyer, Aaron Peppel, Peter Ross, Eric Vigansky, Payton Virsik, and Madeleine Williams. Our graduation service will take place during the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, June 13.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS

Pastor Measel is trying to put together a family camping weekend for some time this summer. If you are interested, please call Pastor Measel and let him know so that he might contact you when a date and details are finalized.

LADIES LEAGUE RUMMAGE

Donations for this year's rummage can be brought to the gym beginning Sunday, June 13, through Wednesday, June 23. The rummage will open for business on Thursday, June 24 at 12:00 noon and run until 6:00 pm. Hours on Friday, June 25, will be 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We will hold a \$4.00 Bag Sale on Saturday, June 26, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to come on over and check out the bargains.

HOT LUNCH TICKETS

We are nearing the end of the school year and the list of students owing for lunch tickets that they have borrowed is growing. Please check with your student to see if they brought home a form showing what you may owe. We would like to get this list cleared before the end of the year. Thank you!

SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for fall are now due. We order books and supplies for fall according to the number of students who register. Please help us out by remitting your registrations to the school office.

Please consider being a Room Parent next year. We still need volunteers at several grade levels.

LOST & FOUND

Last call to look for items in the *Lost & Found* collection. Anything remaining after school dismisses will be disposed of.

RECEPTION FOR CAROLYN SCHMALTZ

A reception honoring our school secretary Carolyn Schmaltz will be held on Sunday, June 13, between services. Carolyn is retiring after twenty-three years of service to Christ Lutheran Church and School. Please stop by to wish Carolyn well.

PLANT SALE UPDATE

Congratulations to the 3rd grade class for turning in the highest amount of sales. They will all be receiving an ice cream treat.

Congratulations to Samantha McLean in our Kindergarten class for turning in the highest amount of individual student sales. Samantha will be awarded a SCRIP certificate of her choice.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Congratulations to the following former students of CLS who recently were recognized with honors at Lakeshore High School at their Senior Honors Night program: Allie Harris, Stephanie Lueders, T. J. Moneta, Adam Peppel, and Cara Sandmann. Best wishes to all as they look ahead to their college years.

YEAR BOOK PARTY

Julie Singler and Amy Cole are planning a yearbook party for some time in August. When the yearbooks arrive we will contact you and give you the details. This will be a fun way for the students to get ready for the new school year and have all their friends sign their year books. We hope to see you there!

REPORT CARDS

Final report cards will be placed in your church mailbox on June 15. All tuition and member families have a mailbox in the commons area. We do not mail report cards so remember to check your box this summer.

June Hot Lunch Menu

Tuesday, June 8: Pancakes & Sausage, Hashbrowns, & Peaches

Wednesday, June: *Last Day of School! All School Picnic following Closing Chapel. Lunch will be courtesy of the PTL.*
