



Leading the Way



ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Carroll Lutheran School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Leading with a Focused Direction

2017 HAS BEEN QUITE A YEAR for Carroll Lutheran School! In January, I was named Principal of CLS, and Mrs. Mandy Gilbert was named the Assistant Principal for Academics. Mrs. Gilbert draws on her 9 years of experience at CLS, along with her certifications and expertise, to lead student academic development along with the staff. As Principal, I continue to work with the Board of Trustees on expanding our program and maximizing our resources. We feel that this new administrative structure will position CLS for great success.

Throughout the past academic year, we have focused on utilizing the gifts and talents of the extraordinary faculty and staff to strengthen the academic program that CLS provides. CLS' teaching methods include alternative options for instruction and assessment, rather than Common Core and high-stakes testing. Each of the subject area teachers in the middle school years are certified for their specialty subject, and our elementary teachers bring a wide variety of experience and skills to the amazing team. As a result, we can maximize our staff's talents, utilize the resources available to each level, and provide an academic program like none other in Carroll County.

Our efforts were directed toward maintaining and improving our buildings and grounds during this past year. To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, CLS partnered with the Creation Care Ministry of the Maryland/Delaware Synod to plant 10 trees around the property. This was a special celebration for our students and the community.

As we prepared for the 2017-2018 academic year, we focused on installing and building new equipment and storage throughout the gymnasium and cafeteria. We extend our appreciation to the 2017 graduating class and the Family Partnership Program for their generosity and gifts that allowed for these new features.

CLS continues its commitment to developing the physical, emotional and spiritual wellness of our students. The faculty and staff are focused on leading the way for our students to learn and grow so that they can be continued examples of God's love in the community.

Linda Billig
Principal



Linda Billig



“The most important lesson I have learned at CLS is to be kind to others. That includes not only my classmates, but the greater community and world.”

— 7th grade student (class of 2018)

Lutheran Home and Hospital Grant Brings Enhanced Spiritual Wellness

We began the 2017-18 school year with a new comprehensive Faith Studies curriculum based on the Bible and Lutheran theology, thanks to a \$45,000 grant from the Lutheran Home and Hospital Foundation. This program is focused on enhancing the spiritual wellness of our students. To support the new curriculum, teachers participated in staff development on Lutheran Theology, courtesy of Pastor Martha Clementson.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Calling in Education

AS THE CHURCH OBSERVES THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY, I am reminded that support for education is part of our roots that go back to the very beginning of our life together. Luther and Lutherans place education at the heart of what it takes to create a faithful church and a dynamic society that live under God's gracious care.

"Our Calling in Education" is a social statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The document raises four purposes of education which should be carried out in every school:

- Prepare students academically
- Encourage their personal flourishing
- Prepare students for productive work and financial responsibility
- Equip students to live and serve in a complex, diverse and interdependent global society.

I believe that CLS carries out these four purposes very well. Our administrators and faculty are focused on providing an academic program of high quality. Individual attention enables each student to develop and flourish. Through faith studies, chapel, and every day conversations in the classrooms, our students are being prepared to become leaders in this complex and diverse world. Students leave CLS academically, emotionally and spiritually prepared for high school

and beyond. They take with them the ability to be responsible and compassionate leaders in society.

I give thanks for the strong leadership that we have at CLS. My heartfelt thanks go out to Mrs. Billig, Mrs. Gilbert, and all of our faculty. Their own discipleship is evident each and every day. I give thanks for the parents who not only "send" their children to CLS, but also get involved and support the school in so many ways. Finally, I give thanks to our many donors who faithfully support the work of the school. Without these partners, we could not provide the unique educational environment that is found at CLS. Please join me in continuing to support the kind of education that forms leaders for God's world.

The Rev. Martha Clementson
President, Board of Trustees



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Students Giving Back to Increase Reach of CLS

CLS Middle School students and Mrs. Billig visited various preschools in the area over the past year. The CLS students read books to the preschool students and provided information about CLS to share with parents and families. This was an outstanding community outreach opportunity which also allowed us to market CLS to potential new families.

“CLS is a special place where I can grow closer to my friends and to God.”

— 6th grade student (class of 2019)

Our Mission Statement

We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, will create a quality education in a Lutheran environment where the love of Christ will be proclaimed through the integration of faith and life.

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FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FPP) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FPP) was formed to foster communication between parents and teachers, as well as to be a direct voice to the CLS administration and Board of Trustees. It provides mutual support and assistance to improve the learning experience and lives of our children. As a parent of a CLS student, you are automatically an FPP member. We welcome you to join our families, parents and children at our monthly meetings and awesome events.

Exceptional education requires resources. We are so proud of the nearly \$40,000 that the FPP raised in the 2016-17 school

year, and that is only part of the story. Our activities included providing refreshments for various events, purchasing new mulch for the playground and enjoying parties and school assemblies as well as out of school field trips. We also added funding to the school's scholarship program. One of FPP's largest contributions provided new cabinets and countertops, allowing for more storage in the cafeteria for various classes and programs. Thank you for your time, talent and support.

Kristy Dean

President, Family Partnership Program



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“When I look back at my time at CLS,
I will always be grateful for the
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amazing friends and supportive teachers.”

— 8th grade student (class of 2017)

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“I feel grateful for receiving my education at CLS. I only wish more kids had the opportunity to learn and grow here.”

— 8th grade student (class of 2017)

CLS Establishes New Branding

The Marketing Committee of the Board of Trustees, along with Mrs. Billig, proposed an enhancement to the school's marketing efforts. The direction of CLS' branding was established through the assistance of MarketWorks and feedback from a task force and focus groups. Given the strong history of the school name, there was no need for a full name change. Instead, the group decided to draw upon the affectionate acronym CLS that is frequently used by both students and alumni. A new logo was created to showcase the connection to Christ, as well as show a child-like image representing the school. An official launch of the new branding occurred at an open house in late summer.

