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A Word from the President of the CLS Board of Trustees

On behalf of the CLS Board of Trustees and the entire CLS Community, I want to sincerely thank each and every one of our financial donors and each and every person who has contributed time and prayers to the life of our school. CLS is truly a team effort. We rejoice in an excellent faculty and staff. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Gilbert, our outstanding principal. Mrs. Gilbert sets the pace for a school in which academic strength is combined with faithful Christian values creating students who will be prepared to face the many challenges of the world today and the future. Under her guidance, the teachers and staff work together to create an environment in which students thrive.



Pastor Martha Clementson

We thank our families who participate actively by not only supporting their own students but also contribute time, money, and effort to provide extra-curricular activities and needed infrastructure for the school. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Kristy Dean, the President of the Family Parent Partnership for her joyful and wise leadership. Mrs. Dean is a super volunteer who understands the needs of the school and serves as a communication bridge with the FPP. We give thanks for the gifts given and the time contributed by parents, guardians and grandparents without whom our school would not be the place it is today.

Finally, we thank the donors and especially the congregations of the Westminster Conference, ELCA for your ongoing support behind the scenes. Just as the foundation of a building often goes unseen, so the work of our donors, supporters and congregations happens quietly and without fanfare. We are grateful for special appeals in congregations and for generous gifts directed to CLS.

As we approach a new year, please continue to keep CLS in your prayers. This year we hope to build a stronger partnership between CLS and the congregations. The Board is proposing expanding the term of service and the scope of responsibility for the delegates. We will continue to seek donors and other supporters who enhance the ability of the school to provide a loving Christian environment in which students can learn and grow.

Thank you for all that you do to support CLS. In a small school every student matters and every supporter makes a huge difference.

The Rev. Martha Clementson
President, Board of Trustees



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“CLS is unique in many ways, but one way that sticks out is the amount of individual attention that each student can receive.”

- 8th grade student

“Carroll Lutheran School is nice because we help each other. If someone drops their stuff we help them.”

- 2th grade student



Passionately Committed to the CLS Mission

As we begin the second quarter of the 2018-2019 school year, I look back with joy at the first months of school. Our CLS community grew as we welcomed 19 new students on the first day of school. Since then, our students have had many wonderful opportunities to grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

In Kindergarten, students are learning to read. First grade is memorizing Scripture. Third grade spent a morning giving presentations to honor their living heroes. Fifth grade is leading us in a challenge to develop an attitude of gratitude. Seventh grade has mastered the Scientific Method. At every turn, students are engaged in hands on learning and practicing critical thinking skills.

During after school activities, students are learning to speak Spanish, exploring computer coding, building amazing Lego creations, and mastering the basics of soccer and lacrosse.

Our Faith Studies classes and chapel services are opportunities for students to grow in their Christian faith. Each day, student volunteers pray on the morning announcements, strengthening their prayer life and our school community. Our Middle School had the chance to experience the Moses show from Sight and Sound Theater, and many of our students have been studying Martin Luther and the Reformation. Our theme verse for this year is 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Let all that you do be done in love." We have accepted the challenge to act and speak in ways that demonstrate God's love for us to the people around us. You don't have to be at CLS for very long to see that love in action.

School-wide activities like the Mobile Science Lab and our Second Annual Fun Run allowed students to take what they're learning in our classrooms and apply those skills to real life. The comradery and excitement at these events is something to behold, and we look forward to many more unique, engaging experiences in the months to come.

As I greet the students at the doors each morning, and send them in to classrooms staffed with outstanding educators, I am overcome with gratefulness that these precious children of God are blossoming in an environment where they are known, loved, and celebrated. Our phenomenal staff works hard to meet the individual needs of each unique learner. These students are a real and present reminder of God's grace and his call to us to provide an exceptional education, formed in faith, to every child who walks through our doors.

While our hearts are fully invested in this mission, we cannot do it alone. We are so thankful for the generous donors and supporters who come alongside us with their time, talents, and financial support. We humbly ask that you continue to pray for our school, students, and staff. We look forward to many more years of providing an outstanding education in Christ's name.



CLS STUDENTS AWARDED WITH NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

For the 2017-2018 academic year, five students received the honor of being 2018 President's Award for Educational Excellence award recipients. This award has very specific eligibility requirements, including maintaining a grade point average of 90 or above throughout grades 3-5 or grades 6-8 and standardized test scores in math and/or reading at or above the 95th percentile nationally. The following students have received the 2018 President's Award: Emma Jewell (Grade 5), Katherine Carver (Grade 8), Kallie Gilbert (Grade 8), Peter Oskam (Grade 8), Amanda Scholze (Grade 8).

According to the letter received from Betsy DeVos, United States Secretary of Education, "Education is a lifelong process of learning and discovery that offers unlimited rewards for those who thirst for knowledge and are willing to work hard. By setting high standards for yourself, by utilizing the educational opportunities before you and by diligently striving to reach your goals, you are well on your way toward reaping those rewards."



Scholarship Fund Allows Students to Succeed

Former CLS Board Member, Dr. Hermine Saunders, has dedicated her life to education and serving the community. Dr. Saunders has met many individuals throughout her life that she credits the valuable life lessons learned.

One such individual, Amanda “Mandy” Kent, inspired Dr. Saunders to write a biography, “Mandy’s Story.” Mandy was born on May 7, 1976, with spina bifida. While Mandy’s life ceased to exist at 37 years old, her spirit has since lived on! In Mandy’s short life she achieved many things due to her persistence, love of education and faith in God. Even though she was suffering with a life-altering disease, Mandy refused to be defined by it. Spina bifida would not be her legacy! That was validated by her parents, Donna and Richard Kent.

In “Mandy’s Story” Dr. Saunders highlights many of Mandy’s accomplishments and her general desire to always go above and beyond anyone’s expectations. According to the Kents this was a “way of life for Mandy”. Even though Mandy’s life was short, she was able to make a lasting impact on those around her, including those with disabilities, through her advocacy work.

When Dr. Saunders wanted to capture Mandy’s life in a book, she never intended on doing so to make a profit. It was with her own money that she produced the book, which sells at the Carroll Lutheran Village Gift Shop and at Grace Lutheran. All proceeds collected from sales of “Mandy’s Story” are donated to the CLS Scholarship Fund in Mandy’s Name. This fund goes to help students in need of financial assistance, which allows them to afford the cost of a private education.

According to Dr. Saunders, Mandy’s love for education was a strong reason in the dedication of her donation to CLS. It is the hope of CLS that all students live life like Mandy- with a sense of perseverance, love of education and dedication to their faith. Though Mandy passed away almost 5 years ago, her legacy lives on at CLS through the recipients of the scholarship fund. Funds donated to the scholarship fund in Mandy Kent’s name have exceeded \$2,200.



PRINCIPAL GILBART SELECTED TO SPEAK AT WILSON READING SYSTEM NATIONAL TRAINING

Principal Mandy Gilbart recently spoke to all attendees at the Wilson Reading System national training for educators on July 9th in Boston, Mass. Mrs. Gilbart was joined by a former student, Nichole (Coley) Ross. Together they shared the story of how the Wilson Reading Program and the meeting between these two individuals built a life-long connection to learning. Their story began in 2014 when Coley started her 8th grade year as a new student to CLS.

In front of the audience of 300+ educators, Mrs. Gilbart and Coley shared that by implementing the Wilson Reading Program with fidelity, Coley went from being unable to read to actually reading for pure enjoyment. For Coley, this experience has been life-changing.

Mrs. Gilbart holds an Advanced Professional Certificate, as well as special education and reading teacher certifications, and distinction as a certified Wilson Dyslexia Practitioner.

We Thank Our Generous Contributors For Their Generosity

We extend our sincere appreciation for the following gifts received from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in listing all contributions to CLS. If you are aware of an error or omission, please contact development@clsedu.org or call (410) 848-1050.

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SWING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS CELEBRATES 15TH YEAR

The Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament celebrated the 15th annual outing on October 6, 2017. Over 75 attendees gathered at Quail Valley Golf Course in Littlestown, PA. The event raised over \$11,000 to fund scholarships for students to attend CLS.

The Carroll Lutheran School Association

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“This year I have a kindergartner as a chapel buddy and he always makes me laugh. I am so glad I was able to be a chapel buddy this year.”

- 8th grade student

“This school is really safe. I love CLS. I could never imagine a better school.”

- 4th grade student





Mobile Science Lab



100th Day of School Celebration



1st Grade Hobby Show



MD Baby Terrapins Program



3rd Grade Living Hero Presentations



Justin Berk, Faith In The Flakes Program



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