



**ANNUAL**



**REPORT  
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**exceptional  
education,  
formed in faith**

## A Word from the President of the CLS Board of Trustees

Dear Carroll Lutheran School families and supporters:

I am writing to you as my six year term on the CLS Board of Trustees comes to an end. It has been an eventful and rewarding six years. With great anticipation, I look forward to the wonderful things that will happen here in the years ahead. Our school is blessed by the leadership of Mrs. Mandy Gilbert. Her never ending love for CLS and her wisdom in dealing with students and adults alike have created a loving and hope filled environment.



Pastor Martha Clementson

We all owe a debt of thanksgiving to the teachers who make a difference in the lives of students every day. All of our teachers could be working someplace else, making much more money than they make here. Yet, they've chosen to commit themselves to this place and to these students. They bring academic skill, Christian compassion, and extraordinary commitment to their task. Each and every teacher and staff person is a model for our students to follow.

Our Board of Trustees is a dedicated group of people from our community and churches. It has been a pleasure to serve with these people. We've initiated Community Gatherings (formerly known as Town Hall Meetings) in the spring and fall so that the Board, faculty, and families can know one another and share ideas back and forth. The FPP, Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff and parents each play a vital role in making this the best school possible.

Finally, I want to thank our association congregations and individual supporters for your prayers and financial support. CLS is unique among private schools in the way in which we seek to work with a wide spectrum of children. We do our very best to provide the financial resources so that no child is turned away. Mrs. Gilbert and the faculty work with the particular needs of each student and family so that every child who comes to us can find a comfortable place to learn and grow. This work cannot be done without the strong financial support of the congregations and individual donors.

Thank you for the partnership over these last six years. I look forward to supporting the leadership that will move our school forward from here. Please join me in continuing our strong support through prayers, volunteer hours and financial support.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Martha Clementson,



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BOARD MEMBERS 2019

*“I like chapel. We get to listen to different pastors. I like that we bring in donations each week to help people.”*

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade student

*“There are so many nice people. When someone is down it seems like someone will always invite them to play.”*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student



## Passionately Committed to the CLS Mission

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said, "Instruction does much, but encouragement everything." If he were alive today, he could be speaking about the daily experience of our students at CLS. While we offer a traditional curriculum perfectly balanced by modern technology, and that curriculum is taught by certified, talented teachers, instruction only goes so far. Lesson plans, assessments, and differentiated instruction are only part of the picture. The most uniquely engaging lessons and hands on learning experiences planned perfectly are not enough in and of themselves. The thing that sets CLS apart, and the element of our school culture that leads to such success for our students, is the underlying foundation of love, respect, and encouragement.



From the moment I greet students by name at the door each morning, exchanging hugs, high fives, and words of encouragement, students feel deeply known. They go into classrooms where teachers are genuinely delighted to see them. Each student's daily instruction is planned with their unique gifts and challenges in mind. Excellent effort is praised as often as excellent outcomes. Character development is as important as academic development. Students have opportunities to share a wide range of gifts and talents in a school community which responds with encouragement. Each interaction a child has throughout the day reminds them that they are precious and deeply loved, by the staff at CLS and by the God who created them in his image.

Our school-wide Scripture verse for this year reminds us that we are called, known, and loved. Isaiah 43:1 says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine." As we develop courageous learners, critical thinkers, and compassionate members of the Body of Christ, it is our deep hope that they come to know the God who redeemed them and calls them by name. We want them to carry in their hearts the promise that there is nothing to fear with God by their side.

The beauty of a CLS education is that students are nourished by God's word and surrounded by his love while they take on a course of academic study that is appropriate for them. As we provide an excellent education, we are also developing the next generation of leaders who will go out into the world as examples of God's love at work in our community and beyond.

This is hard and holy work, and we are so grateful for the generous donors and volunteers who partner with us, sharing their time, talents, and treasure with our school community. Please continue to pray for our school, students, and staff, as we continue to provide an exceptional education, formed in faith, for many years to come.

### CLS STUDENTS AWARDED WITH NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Four CLS students were recipients of the 2018-2019 President's Award for Educational Excellence. This prestigious 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 received the 2019 President's Award: Dory Kelley (Grade 5), Mason Dean (Grade 5), Hayleigh Hendrickson (Grade 5), and Cody Frick (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 diligently striving to reach your goals, you are well on your way toward reaping those rewards."



*“My parents like to send me here because I get a good education.”*

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade student

## CLS Enjoys a Mountain Top Experience

As a capstone experience to wrap up a joyful and successful school year, the students and staff of CLS traveled to Mar-Lu-Ridge to spend a day together enjoying fellowship and the beauty of God's creation. While the students in 4th-8th grades tackled team building activities on the challenge course, younger students participated in games, arts and crafts, and science activities. We gathered as a group to sing before lunch, then enjoyed delicious food. After lunch, we took on the hike to Shock Rock and enjoyed the panoramic views. Our day of retreat culminated with worship in Salem on the Mount Chapel, with the stunning vista of the valley below as a beautiful backdrop to our student and teacher led worship time. God is so good, and we experienced a glimpse of his goodness at Mar-Lu-Ridge. We are grateful to the staff at camp for making our trip so successful, and to the Lutheran Home and Hospital Foundation, whose generous grant funded our adventure.



## Playground Expansion Offers New Options for Health and Wellness

CLS hosts an annual Fun Run each fall. The students get to vote on the ways in which funds raised from the Fun Run will be spent. This year, students wanted to add more swings to the playground, as our current swings were almost always in use. Several months and many big decisions later, a new playground expansion was born. The new section includes additional swings, as well as tetherball and rock-on-riders. We also added new blue playground benches. The additional playground equipment supports the development of students' physical and mental health and wellness. The new benches are a quiet, shady place to talk with friends, encouraging the development of emotional and social health and wellness. We offer a huge thank you to our Family Partnership Program for their support of the Fun Run and their help with the crucial fundraising component. Thank you, too, to our supporters at the Lutheran Home and Hospital Foundation, whose generous grant funded a portion of the playground expansion.

*“We have 2 recesses! I love recess!”*

- Kindergarten student

*“Everyone is friendly and encouraging.”*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade student

*“You can get one-on-one explanation from the teacher if you don't understand something.”*

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade student

## We Thank Our Generous Contributors For Their Generosity

We extend our sincere appreciation for the following gifts received from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. 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](mailto:development@clsedu.org) or call (410) 848-1050.

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Ms. Jule Martin

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“You learn about God and how to be faithful,”

- 5<sup>th</sup> student

“The school is welcoming to all kinds of people. It's for everyone.”

- 8<sup>nd</sup> Grade student



## CARROLL LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Each spring, students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 participate in standardized testing. CLS administers the TerraNova and the InView assessments to gauge students' academic achievement and their ability to learn. Results are shared with parents, but the data is also used internally as one lens through which to view our curriculum and instruction over time. Assessment data is reflective of students' effort and achievement, and all of our data is inclusive of students with IEP's or 504 Plans. So, our testing data represents our full school population.

Historically, CLS students have outperformed the bell curve of the national percentile ranking, and 2019 continued this trend. If our students were performing exactly average compared to their peers across the country, our school as a whole would achieve average scores at the 50th national percentile. However, CLS students outperformed that national average by a considerable margin!

CLS School Wide Math Average Score= 73rd national percentile

CLS School Wide Reading Average Score= 73rd national percentile

Beyond those amazing school wide scores, it is important to note that of the students who were assessed, 30% of them scored at or above the 90th percentile in math. And, 30% of our students scored at or above the 90th percentile in reading. That means that one third of our students scored in the top 10% in the country. These outstanding test scores reflect the excellent instruction, well rounded curriculum, and individualized attention that CLS provides to every student. Our students are truly receiving an exceptional education, and it shows in everything from their critical thinking and problem solving skills to their assessment data.

*“We have friends who liked it so much they recommended it to my Mom and Dad.”*

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student

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**MD Baby Terrapins Program**



**Middle School Special Science Week**



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