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National Geography Bee



A Word from the President of the CLS Board of Trustees

Dear Carroll Lutheran School families and supporters:

What a difference a year can make! When I wrote to you last year, we had just come through one of the most interesting times in educational history, and I was able to report about the great successes that CLS had during that time, ranging from the quick response actions that the CLS staff took to get our students learning from home during the early days of the pandemic, to the amazing planning the staff did to get our school open for in person instruction five days a week last fall.

I am happy to report that not only did CLS stay open the entire 2020-2021 school year, but we did so with not one case of in school COVID transmission. That is a result of excellent planning and protocols from the staff, and also the care and concern of our families to ensure that we didn't have sick students in school. Simply, the entire CLS community crushed it! We ended last school year with nearly 120 students, the highest number of students in the CLS halls in many years.

As we opened enrollment for the 2021-22 school year in the late winter of last year, we were unsure what to expect. At that time, the vaccine had started to show a positive trend and we knew that we had families that had joined us under the premise that they were there for one year, and would move on. To our great delight, we immediately saw a high level of re-enrollment. Sure, some families moved on,

but we both retained the largest majority of families and we added some new families to offset the changes in family choices. We started this school year with just under 120 students again, and we continue to see new families seeking out CLS as of the writing of this report.

The truth is that CLS is an absolutely wonderful educational institution and once families experience CLS, even with the protocols required by COVID 19, they love it. And they tell their friends!

Our successes are not just limited to enrollment. Our fundraising efforts, ranging from events sponsored by the FPP, to our annual golf tournament to our Vision2030 campaign have all had success as well. Both our annual fun run and our annual golf tournament posted the largest funds raised in the school's history! And our Vision2030 campaign continues to inspire other donors to give to this amazing cause. While putting up great numbers is a good thing, the real key is what it does for the school. High levels of enrollment paired with strong fundraising continue to bolster the resources available to CLS, and set the stage for an organization that has resources available to carry it through the unexpected. This is a very exciting time for CLS!

CLS is a special treasure and one that is so critical to the community both as an educational institution, but more importantly as a place that brings the word of God to both students and families in our school community. As we continue our journey into the third decade of the school's operation, I ask and pray that you will support the school in whatever way you can and may feel called. Simply, we need your support, and the support of your congregations, both spiritually and financially to ensure the CLS experience remains available for the next decade of students and families in our community.

I want to also thank Mrs. Gilbert, all of the CLS staff, the CLS families, the CLS students, my fellow Board members, and all of our CLS volunteers and supporters for all that they do to support this wonderful school. The CLS experience would not be possible without the help, love, and support of each and every person who works to move our school forward. I also want to thank our association churches, pastors, and delegates for their support and participation in the journey of our school moving forward. We are grateful for your confidence in our board and our progress as we move through this next decade together.

I look forward to continuing to build a strong and longstanding foundation for CLS for the many years to come.



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Prepared for The Challenges of Education

Dear Friends of CLS,

As we begin a new school year, we continue to face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. And yet, with a full, safe, in-person school year behind us, we have learned so much and are prepared for the challenges of education in the face of uncertainty. While community transmission rates, vaccination protocols, and quarantine rules may change, many things remain the same.

CLS continues to grow, and our students continue to thrive. Certified teachers and staff members provide engaging, differentiated instruction to meet the needs of a wide variety of unique learners. Our guidance counselor, special educator, and instructional assistants provide caring, targeted support for students who need them. Our beautiful, expansive campus is now more inviting than ever with the addition of multiple outdoor classroom and lunch areas, as well as new seating on the sports field. Students have the opportunity to be outside with classmates, surrounded by God's creation and reminded of the promise of his presence here with us.

You see, the global pandemic has separated us from many things—loved ones, travel destinations, new opportunities—but as our school-wide Scripture verse reminds us, nothing can separate us from the love of God. You can feel God's love in a warm welcome at CLS, witness his compassion and mercy in the ways we serve missions both locally and abroad, and experience his joy in the faces of our students and their laughter on the playground. As a school community, we have faced many challenges, but we are holding firm in the promise of Romans 8:39. "Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I invite you to walk alongside us on our journey of education and faith formation this year. Please pray for the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. Offer your time, talent, and treasures where you can. This is Kingdom work, as we share the good news and great love of God and his promise of salvation with nearly 120 students and their families. We are grateful for your support.

In God's Love,

Mandy Gilbart
CLS Principal



Mandy Gilbart

LEARNING THROUGH VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

The COVID-19 pandemic kept us from traveling off our school campus, but it did not put an end to hands-on, engaging learning through virtual field trips and in-person assemblies. Students took virtual field trips to farms, museums, and some of the far corners of the world. Staff from Irvine Nature Center brought some critters and creepy crawlies for a visit. Eric Energy wowed our students with a show that combined science and music with hands on learning. Wacky Science had slime, a fog cannon, and an important message that science is everywhere. We were grateful for generous donors who provided funds towards these fantastic learning experiences for our students!



Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament

CLS held its 18th Annual “Swing for Scholarships” Golf Tournament at Oakmont Green Golf Course on October 16th. Although the day started out chilly, there was no rain and nearly 70 golfers enjoyed a round of golf, great fellowship, and a great morning supporting CLS. CLS was proud to welcome over 25 sponsors who supported the event including Carroll Lutheran Village as our Presenting Sponsor. This year’s tournament raised nearly \$18,000, well above any prior golf tournament for CLS. The proceeds are enough to support the education of 2.5 students at CLS. As a social mission, that is powerful and we



are grateful for all of the support that CLS received from our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers. We would like to send a special thanks to our sponsors and ask that you support them just as they supported CLS. This year’s sponsors included:

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Parent Testimonial

CLS Parent Letter from Sam Leppo

A year and a half ago when the pandemic hit, our daughter, like many other children, had to finish the school year virtually. After several months of this with many hours of an upset child, who did not like virtual learning, we decided that the next school year, we needed to find a place for our daughter to attend that would be face-to-face.

We set up several appointments to visit various private schools and CLS just happened to be the first one that we visited. On the way there, my wife and I were emphatic that we would not make a decision until we had visited all of the schools that we had made appointments to go see. When we arrived at CLS, from the minute we walked it, we were impressed. From the office staff to the teachers, everyone was so welcoming and friendly. We were very impressed with what we were learning about the academics as well as the Christian focus that the school has. When we were leaving, we were told that there were still a few spots available and if we wanted, we could register our daughter. We said we would pray and think about it but did not want to make a quick decision that we may regret later.

Even though we had said we were not deciding until after visiting all of the schools, we were so taken back by what we had just seen and heard, that as soon as we got home, we called CLS back and registered our daughter that same day. The quality of education, care for the students, and Christ-centered focus made this decision one that we have never regretted. I am sure many of the other schools we were going to visit have a fine program, but I can say without any doubt that CLS has an outstanding staff and program from the very top to the bottom. I have been so happy with this decision that when I was approached to be on the Vision 2030 Committee, I did not hesitate to say yes. The quality of education that this school is providing is truly outstanding and if I am able to help CLS continue to raise funds to continue its mission, I am happy to do so.

We Thank Our Generous Contributors For Their Generosity

We extend our sincere appreciation for the following gifts received from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. 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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A WORD FROM KRISTY L. DEAN, THE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (FPP) PRESIDENT

The Family Partnership Program (FPP) was formed to foster communication between parents and teachers as well as provide mutual support and assistance to improve the learning experience and lives of our children. The FPP also serves as a direct voice to both the Carroll Lutheran School (CLS) administration and the Board of Trustees. All family members of children at CLS are automatically members of the organization and are strongly encouraged to join our monthly meetings and awesome events. We welcome everyone and welcome you to our community!

4TH ANNUAL FUN RUN

Each year, CLS hosts an Annual Fun Run which is geared towards teaching the importance of having physical fitness and activity each day. Our students and staff enjoy a course that is designed to feature running or walking laps. In addition to the fun run itself, each student has their own web page to raise funds for the school. They are offered incentives based on the amount of funds they raise individually. Funds raised for our 4th Annual Fun Run went towards expanding the outdoor eating and classroom learning spaces, and seating at our lower sports field. Even in an unconventional year of fundraising due to the pandemic, the CLS community met and exceeded the original goal of \$15,000 and raised a little over \$20,000 during this event. We are extremely proud to mention we also had 100% participation in the fundraising efforts from our student body and staff. We are grateful for such support of our school and our students.



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