

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



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

Dear Carroll Lutheran School families and supporters:

As I reflect on the close of the last school and fiscal year, I must start with thanks to all of the staff, board members, families and friends of CLS for their good work these last couple of years. CLS came through another very successful year in the 2021-22 school year and educated just under 120 students again, safely, and successfully! That is only possible with the amazing team that keeps CLS running each and every day. As a community, it is magical to watch us work well together with a focused mission on the success of CLS students!



J. Andrew Dean

I write from a slightly different perspective this year as this is my final month as both a board member and the President of the Board. I have completed the two allowed terms for board members. In an unplanned timing of events, my son, Mason, also graduated from 8th grade this year after beginning in Kindergarten 9 years ago. My, how the time flies! During my time as President I held that we have two primary objectives. One was to increase enrollment and the second was to put the school in a greatly improved financial position. I am happy to be retiring from the board with proud accomplishment of both of these objectives. Our enrollment continues to be strong and stable, with high satisfaction across our families. In addition, we have been able to make great progress on our Vision2030 fundraising campaign to bolster the

financial resources we have available to support the school moving forward. The combination of these two key objectives has put CLS in a stable, budget surplus position, which is the key to the future. Of course, there is more work to do to continue enrollment growth, and to continue to gain support for Vision2030, as those remain the keys of success into the future.

I will certainly miss my time at CLS, but I am so very excited to see such a strong Board of Trustees in place to take the school to ever greater levels! I am so very proud to have had the opportunity to work with so many fine individuals with such great commitment to our school. I have said many times that CLS is a special treasure and one that is so critical to the community, and is worth all of the good work put forth by the CLS community. CLS changes lives, and it's humbling to watch it happen every day, week and month at CLS.

I continue to 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.

Lastly, I want to thank our association churches, pastors, and delegates for your support and participation as we continue to reach new heights at CLS.

I look forward to seeing the relationship that we all have with CLS continue to grow and flourish!

Sincerely,

**Drew Dean**  
President, CLS Board of Trustees



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## Prepared for The Challenges of Education

Dear Friends of CLS,

Our Scripture verse for this school year is Lamentations 3:21–23. We are reminded that God's mercies are new every morning and that God's love is steadfast and unchanging. At CLS, we have certainly seen God's faithfulness in the blessings He has showered upon our school community. We continue to be grateful for safety and protection, for new growth, for a dedicated and loving staff, for students who brighten our days, and for supporters who continue to keep our mission close to their hearts.

While each new day at school can bring its challenges, our Scripture reminder about God's new mercies helps us to begin each day with faithful hearts and cheerful attitudes. We know that nothing we'll face is too big for us with God by our side. We go into classrooms and cafeterias and gymnasiums ready to meet the needs of a wide variety of learners and to walk with them on their journey of faith formation.

Each year I look forward to the chapel service on the first morning of school. It's an opportunity to come together as a school community in worship, and to bless the staff and students for the beginning of the new school year. My heart fills with joy to look out at a gym full of students, families, and staff, some brand new to CLS, and all very ready for an exciting, engaging school year full of academic, emotional, and spiritual growth. If you ever have the opportunity, please join us for our regular chapel services at 2:30 PM on Wednesdays. You'll leave with a heart full of the Holy Spirit and a more joyful outlook on life.

As we step into the new adventures of the 2022-2023 school year, I invite you to join us on this journey of education and faith formation. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our school community and for the continued growth of CLS. Support our mission with your time, talent, and treasures. We are gearing up to spread the love of God and His salvation promise with a tremendous number of students and their families. God's love is steadfast, and we are grateful for your ongoing support as we experience His new mercies each day.

In God's Love,

**Mandy Gilbart**  
CLS Principal



### LITERACY NIGHT

After receiving a generous grant from Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), Mrs. Gilbart was able to plan an exciting Literacy Night event for our CLS families. The gym was transformed into a book fair where every student could “shop” for four brand new books and bookmarks to take home with them that evening. The cost of the books was covered by the grant, plus CLS and FPP funds, so everyone could shop for free! To make the evening easier for families, we served a pizza dinner in the cafeteria. A warm spring evening was made even better because The Cow truck was on hand serving ice cream. Outdoor play and conversations lasted until the sun began to set. The sound of the laughter coming from the playground was a beautiful backdrop to a successful evening.



## Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament

CLS held its 19th Annual “Swing for Scholarships” Golf Tournament at Oakmont Green Golf Course on Friday, October 15th. It was a beautiful fall day for over 70 golfers to enjoy a morning filled with golf and fellowship. Along with the golfers, CLS was honored to welcome over 20 sponsors including Tim Kyle Electric as the Presenting Sponsor. This year’s tournament raised over \$14,000 for our scholarship program. These earnings will assist to support the exceptional education, formed in faith of 2 students at CLS. We are very grateful to all our golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and organizations that contributed donations towards door prizes and raffle gifts. Please support our sponsors just as they have supported CLS. This year’s sponsors included:



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## Parent Testimonial

CLS Parent Letter from Lauren Bukszar

Our family joined the CLS community when our oldest son Henry started kindergarten for the 2020-2021 academic year. Prior to that, I had substituted at CLS and found myself in awe with the level of love and thoughtfulness that went into substitute lesson plans. My experience as a substitute told me everything I needed to know prior to enrolling our child.

The following school year, we moved 30 minutes away and made the difficult decision to withdraw Henry so that he could attend school closer to our new home. We tried to remain positive as a family, but it was impossible not to compare everything to CLS. We did not have an unusually bad experience at the new school; it simply wasn't CLS. From the warm greetings during morning drop-off, the exceptional leadership and staff, the faith-based values and overall feeling of community, we realized not every school is like CLS. I contacted Mrs. Gilbert over Christmas break to see if we could re-enroll Henry. We feel so blessed that it worked out, and no one was more excited than Henry. Having grown up in the Baltimore independent school community and having worked in both independent and public schools as an admissions coordinator and teacher, I have seen a variety of school cultures and CLS is truly a special place.

We humbly share our story with other families that ask us about our experience at CLS. As a big family, we are frequently asked about our morning routine, the commute, tuition, etc., and our response is simple: CLS is worth it. We remain beyond grateful that our family is a part of the CLS community.

## We Thank Our Generous Contributors For Their Generosity

We extend our sincere appreciation for the following gifts received from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. 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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In another year of unconventional fundraising, I extend my extreme thanks and gratitude for your continued support of the FPP. 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 simple truth is that exceptional education requires resources. During a year, where fundraising was challenged and we had to get creative with the types of fundraisers allowed, we were able to raise over \$37,000 in the 2021-2022 school year. With those funds we were able to help support CLS by providing transportation for several school wide field trips, providing refreshments for various events, purchasing new mulch for the playground area, and adding funding to the school's scholarship program. These are just a few examples of how those funds help drive the exceptional education and community that is unique to CLS.



## FIELD DAY

Field Day, 2022 was a huge success. God blessed us with beautiful weather so that students, teachers, and families could enjoy a full day of fun and fellowship outside. The morning was for field and gym games like relay races, soccer, disc golf, nuke 'em, and many more favorite events. After a wonderful lunch sponsored by the FPP and generous donations from families, we all cooled down with treats from Kona Ice and geared up for water games. The bucket brigade game is always the fan favorite. Some of the staff ended up as soaking wet as the students! Field Day was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a successful year together. Such joy!

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