

# THE COMET CONNECTION

Your weekly update of news and notes from

*Christ Alone Lutheran School*

For the week of: **January 9, 2018**

## **Our Mission**

*To know Christ and to make his love known  
in our homes, communities, nation, and world.*

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**WELCOME BACK to school, everyone!** The students did a wonderful job on Christmas Eve of presenting the joy we have in our Savior. We hope you enjoyed a quantity of quality time with your family over the Christmas break. Now we enter the mid-winter stretch! On behalf of the entire staff, thanks once again for all of the warm wishes, cards, and gifts you shared with our entire staff this Christmas. You helped make it a Christmas to remember! May God bless us all in the New Year ahead!

**A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD:** The Christmas services are over, the presents are unwrapped and 2018 is well under way. Before we get too far into the New Year, let's take a moment to reflect back on the past few months. I joined the school board in August 2017. Getting a different perspective of how our school functions has been a wonderful experience. I'm amazed at how great our staff and volunteers are. Don't get me wrong, I always knew we had a good team here at Christ Alone. I just have a greater appreciation for all of the hard work that is being done on a daily basis.

On behalf of the school board, I want to say **THANK YOU!** From the teachers, to the coaches, to the lunch helpers, to the librarians, etc., so many people play a key role in our school's success. The sign-up sheets and volunteer opportunities might seem endless at times. We are all asked to do our part of the wall. But like the old proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child." Here at Christ Alone, we epitomize that saying and truly have a special "village." Thank you. *Jamie Awe*

**THANKS - ALL ROOM PARENTS:** Thanks to all of our room parents for the wonderful job you all do for assisting our classrooms in such a special way. Your planning and organization of Christmas parties (and others throughout the year) is greatly appreciated by all.

**MISSION OFFERING:** Living Hope Lutheran - Chattanooga, Tennessee **2017-18 goal:** \$1,800.00 **Friday, January 5:** \$48.92 **Current total:** \$741.01

**COMETS OF THE WEEK:** Congratulations to the following Comets of the Week: Emily – 4K, Anastasia – K, Jonathan H. – 1, Anna G. – 2, Robby – 4, Olivia B. & Emma – 6; Josh N. – 7, and Elijah – 8. Look for their photo on the bulletin board outside the school office.

**MORE HELP REQUESTED FOR EXTENDED LEARNING CENTER (ELC):** Our first date for ELC in the New Year is **Wednesday, January 10**, from 2:00-3:00 pm. We could still use a few volunteers to assist with reading, spelling, etc. If you've got the time, why not lend a helping hand? Please contact Mr. Aswege for more details.

**FORENSICS CATEGORY CHOICES DUE:** This is a reminder that the deadline for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to choose and sign up for your category is this **Friday, January 12**. You will find the sign-up sheets in your classroom. If you would like some help choosing your category or piece, please contact Mrs. Gurgel to set up an appointment. Please take advantage of these opportunities!

**GEO-BEE:** The following students have qualified for our Geo-Bee Final held in the Fellowship Hall this **Friday, January 12** starting at **9:30 am**. All are invited to attend. Congratulations and good luck.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Owen

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Christian, Julianna, Josh N., Ty, & Caleb

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Nathanael & Silas

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** James, Adam, Erik, & Jude

**END OF 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER:** This **Friday, January 12**, is the end of our 2nd Quarter. Please assist your child(ren) in making sure all makeup work has been completed and turned in before the end of the quarter. For those grades using Accelerated Reader, please also check to make sure the required points have been completed. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, January 19.

#### **HANDCHIMES:**

- No handchime practice on Monday, January 15.
- Handchimes will play **Sunday, January 21**, in the **10:30 am service**. Please **be at church at 10:00 am** and wear black and white.
- Practice will return to the original time of **3:00 – 3:45 on Monday, January 29**.

**PARENT OPEN FORUM – Wednesday, January 17, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm:** Each year our Board of Education offers our parents an opportunity to discuss various items relating to our school. This year, topics include: 1) Campus security discussion 2) Hot Lunch plans for 2018-2019 and beyond 3) Spring Pizza Fundraiser (April 14) update 4) Math Program update 5) Accreditation Self-Study update. Topics will be discussed with a chance for questions and answers relating to the given topics. Please make plans to attend this important and informational gathering to stay on top of what is happening at Christ Alone Lutheran School, as well as to make your voice heard on these topics. There will be child care for this event, so please contact the office by the end of the school day on Monday, January 15, if you will be using child care.

**FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH DEADLINE:** The deadline for ordering hot lunch for February is **Wednesday, January 17**.

**A TASTE OF KINDERGARTEN:** If you know of anyone who might like an invitation to our Taste of Kindergarten on **Thursday, January 25**, at **6:00 – 7:30 pm**, please pick up a postcard found on the credenza outside the school office.

**COLLEGE TUTORS AVAILABLE** – College Tutors, across the street from Christ Alone is an organization we have made use of in past years. They offer complete one-on-one customized tutoring for all ages and all subject areas. Through our Title I funding, we are once again in the position of being able to make use of these special tutors. Does your child need some extra help in math, science, language arts, or learning good study skills? We are lining up families who would welcome this assistance. College Tutors can help. Their after-school schedules are flexible, although they normally work with students soon after our school day ends. Please contact Mr. Aswege for more information, to reserve a spot, or visit the website ([www.collegenanniesandtutors.com](http://www.collegenanniesandtutors.com)).

**CHESS, ANYONE?** As in the past, Christ Alone will conduct a chess club of its own, beginning the **middle of February** for students in grades 3-6 and the **beginning of March** for students in grades 7-8.

**FUND RAISING:** We received a check from Box Tops in the amount of \$308.10 from our fundraising efforts. Thanks to all who collected and to our volunteer, Mrs. Scheuerlein, for coordinating this.

## LAST WEEK'S BASKETBALL SCORES (vs. Our Savior, Grafton):

Girls' B-Team: won 27 – 20
Boys' B-Team: won 37 - 23
Boys' A-Team: lost 20 - 32

**THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL GAMES:** Our home games this **Friday, January 12**, are against **Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls**. Games times are at 5:00, 6:00, & 7:00.

**STUDENT SUPERVISION DURING BASKETBALL GAMES:** Parents, please assist us in showing a welcoming atmosphere to our visitors. During the games, let's make sure our Christ Alone students are in the gym cheering on the Comets or in the concessions area nearby. They should not go outside or wander around by themselves in the fellowship hall area. We appreciate your help in keeping them supervised. – *Thank you!*

### THIS WEEK'S CONCESSION SCHEDULE:

NOTE: If you are unable to make your concession shift, please arrange for a substitute.

<i>Early set-up 3:00 - 4:30 Kickbush &amp; Nommensen</i>				Scoreboard	Scorebook
4:30 - 6:00 (during Girls' B)	<b>Skebba</b>	<b>Lee</b>	<b>Awe</b>	<b>Weinrich</b>	<b>Landisch-Hansen</b>
6:00 - 7:00 (during Boys' B)	<b>Christophersen</b>	<b>Witte</b>	<b>Schuettpelz</b>	<b>Weinrich</b>	<b>Guse</b>
7:00 – 8:00 (during Boys' A)	<b>Himsel</b>	<b>Bully</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Weinrich</b>	<b>Guse</b>

**WEATHER CLOSINGS:** It is that time of year again when the chances of school closings or delays are a possibility. If weather prompts the closing or delay of school, please tune into RADIO 620 WTMJ and TODAY'S TMJ4 for the first contacts. You may also watch for us on FOX 6 and WISN 12, as well. Most times, the announcements will be made by 6:00 am, if possible. You may sign up for text alerts from these news stations, if you wish.

**PARKING LOT SAFETY:** This year, we have been using big orange cones after school to mark a safe area in which students should walk to get out to their rides. Additionally, the cones have been placed on the east side of the lot during the day to remind incoming drivers to slow down. During the day, please park in front of the school or on the Main Street side of the cones. When leaving, proceed cautiously northward and exit out through the BTK properties onto Main Street. If no children are present, one may still drive around the back of the school to exit onto Division Street. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

**LOST-AND-FOUND ITEMS:** The lost-and-found container, located near the school office, is close to overflowing. Please stop by to check the container for any items that may belong to your child(ren).

**CHRIST ALONE SCHOOL IS ON FACEBOOK:** Please like our school's Facebook page to see what's going on here and get updated news quickly. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ChristAloneComets/>.

**CAMP PHILLIP:** Summer camping is just around the corner. The WELS Camp Phillip has available their early registration forms for next summer. Children in grades K-8 can be camping guests. Children in high school can apply to work as junior staff. If you sign up before the end of the year, you can receive the early bird registration discount of up to \$30. Christ Alone is a member congregation so you get a discount of up to \$52, as well. Also in the spring time, they may offer a fundraising opportunity to earn money to reduce the cost of camp.

The Kirk Guse family and the Mark Schuettpelz family are co-delegates to the camp. If you have any questions, you may call us or visit the camp website at [www.campphillip.com](http://www.campphillip.com).

The campground is open all year round for fun Christian fellowship. They have cabins and campsites available. Family Fest weekend is June 15-17, 2018. The delegates and their family's went last summer for Family Fest and had a great time.

**ST. LUCAS CHESS TOURNAMENT:** The Kettle Moraine Lutheran federation has several active chess clubs. St. Lucas Lutheran School will host a chess tournament for the community and for anyone who would like to experience playing in a friendly chess tournament. The event is Saturday, January 20, at St. Lucas, 1417 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum, WI 53040. Please contact Katrina Janz at [KatrinaJanz@gmail.com](mailto:KatrinaJanz@gmail.com) or 920-960-7640 with questions.

Also, students in grades 7 and 8 are reminded that they can attend high school chess meetings on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 at KMLHS in Room 1166. We also welcome parents and grandparents in the federation who wish to play! Details can be found on [KML's Chess website page](#). Email questions to [chess@kmlhs.org](mailto:chess@kmlhs.org).

**SHORT-TERM HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR COSTA RICAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is asking for your help in hosting Costa Rican students in a cultural exchange from January 17 - February 1, 2018. Still needed are host families for three boys (ages 13, 15, and 16). The only requirements of families is to provide a room, meals, and transportation to and from KML and to have an interest in sharing their culture and learning about Costa Rican culture. Interested families should fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/KML-CRhostapp>. The itinerary that the students will follow can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/KML-CRschedule>. Questions? Contact Mrs. Micah Nelson ([micah.nelson@kmlhs.org](mailto:micah.nelson@kmlhs.org)).

**KMLHS JOB OPENING – OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR:** Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is looking to fill the newly-created position of Outside Maintenance Supervisor. This is a full-time, year-round position to oversee all outside maintenance on the KML campus: grass mowing, athletic field prep, irrigation system maintenance, snow removal on sidewalks, maintenance of all equipment including tractors and mowers, and supervision of part-time workers. Benefits include health insurance, 403(b) retirement plan, paid vacation, and short and long term disability. Salary is dependent on experience.

Please submit questions and resumes on or before **Thursday, February 1**, to KML Business Manager, Mr. Jody Hansen ([jody.hansen@kmlhs.org](mailto:jody.hansen@kmlhs.org)). For a more detailed job description, visit [www.kmlhs.org/jobs](http://www.kmlhs.org/jobs).

	Tues., Jan. 9 NO Jr. Choir Practice 3:05–4:30 Girls' B-Team BB Practice 3:30 Faculty Meeting NO Boys' A-Team BB Practice	Wed., Jan. 10 2:00-3:00 ELC 3:05–4:30 Girls' B-Team BB Practice	Thurs., Jan. 11 2:30-3:00 Handbell Practice 3:05-4:30 Boys' B-Team BB Practice 3:05-4:30 Cheerleading 4:30-6:00 Boys' A-Team BB Practice	Fri., Jan. 12 Chapel 9:30 Geo Bee End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter BB (H) Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls 5:00 – Girls' B 6:00 – Boys' B 7:00 – Boys' A
Sun., Jan. 14 Grades 3 & 4 Sing @ 8:00 am Service				
Mon., Jan. 15 Special Bus Routes NO Handchime Practice	Tues., Jan. 16 2:30-3:00 Jr. Choir 3:05–4:30 Girls' B-Team BB Practice 4:30-6:00 Boys' A-Team BB Practice	Wed., Jan. 17 2:00-3:00 ELC 3:05–4:30 Girls' B-Team BB Practice 6:30-8:00 Parent's Forum with BOE	Thurs., Jan. 18 2:30-3:00 Handbell Practice 3:05-4:30 Boys' B-Team BB Practice 3:05-4:30 Cheerleading 4:30-6:00 Boys' A-Team BB Practice	Fri., Jan. 19 Chapel Report Cards Sent Home BB (H) St. John's, Newburg 5:00 – Girls' B 6:00 – Boys' B 7:00 – Boys' A
Sun., Jan. 21 Handchimes Play @ 10:30 am Service				