

THE COMET CONNECTION

Your weekly update of news and notes from
Christ Alone Lutheran School
For the week of: **January 23, 2018**

Our Mission

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

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CRAVINGS! Do you have them? Whether they are for snacks and desserts, more pleasant weather, or some peace and quiet, we ALL crave *something*. How neat to realize that God has freely given us the thing we really need the most – His word, and the love of Jesus we hear about in that word. Throughout history, His word has not changed, nor will it ever. PRAY THAT: God’s word will always remain with us, in its pure, unpolluted form. PRAY THAT: His word may be the number one priority in our busy lives each day. AND PRAY THAT: places

where His word is professed and proclaimed (like Christ Alone, West Trinity, & St. John’s) may continue to thrive and flourish and draw others in to hear the Good News of Jesus’ love! PRAY for our Taste of Kindergarten evening. “...*the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.*” *And this is the word that was preached to you... Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.* 1 Peter 1:24-25, 2:2-3

MISSION OFFERING: Mission offerings are collected on Fridays at chapel for our WELS mission efforts at Living Hope Lutheran in Chattanooga, Tennessee. **2017-18 goal:** \$1,800.00 **Last week’s offerings:** \$73.61 **Current total:** \$849.21

COMETS OF THE WEEK: Congratulations to the following Comets of the Week: Emily – 4K, Blake – K, Everett – 1, Brooke – 2, Nate – 4, Madison, Nolan & Camren – 5, and Christian – 7. Look for their photo on the bulletin board outside the school office.

THANKS – BOARD OF EDUCATION / PARENTS’ OPEN FORUM: Thank you to those who gathered last Wednesday for the Parents’ Open Forum. Terrific discussion and suggestions came from that meeting, especially with the topics of school safety, hot lunch, and math updates. We also thank Mrs. Elaine Pankow for her help in providing child care for the Open Forum. We certainly missed you if you were unable to join us. I would be more than happy to discuss (or send you parts of what was shared) with you anything relating to the topics. *Mr. Aswege*

ACCREDITATION SELF-STUDY: Just about all of our self-study teams have met or continue to meet to investigate their standards’ benchmarks. Lots of documentation is being studied and gathered to verify that we are meeting these standards. We are extremely thankful for all the work that is being accomplished! We look for teams to finish their fact-finding and make any recommendations by the end of February. If any of our groups’ chairpersons need any help or clarification, please contact Mrs. Treptow or Mr. Aswege as soon as possible.

COLLEGE TUTORING TO BEGIN: After-school schedules are begin coordinated between College Tutors and our families making use of the program. Look for tutoring to begin as early as next week, January 29, or the following week, Feb. 5.

SCRIP PROGRAM AT CHRIST ALONE: Do you want to reduce your tuition by doing things you already do like grocery shopping, filling up the gas tank, or perhaps going out to eat? You will be able to do this with the new SCRIP program at Christ Alone, coming soon to your email. Almost 20% of the tuition for one child could be covered just by your normal weekly spending on groceries and gas. Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com to see over 700 businesses from which to choose, including Kwik Trip, Piggly Wiggly, Home Depot, Walgreens, Great Clips, and Cabela's.

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.

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

PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK: If you have photos of Christ Alone School activities from this year and would like them considered for the 2017-18 yearbook, please provide the photos to Mrs. Scherzberg.

CONFIRMAND EXAMINATION SERVICE: The second of three examination services for this year's confirmands will be held this **Wednesday, January 24, at 6:30 pm** in church.

A TASTE OF KINDERGARTEN: *It's not too late!!!* If you know of anyone, especially non-school families of preschoolers, who might like an invitation to our A Taste of Kindergarten on **Thursday, January 25, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm**, please pick up an invitation found on the credenza outside the school office.

THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL GAMES: Our last games of the regular season are this **Friday, January 26, at Good Shepherd, West Bend.**

PEACE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (Boys' & Girls' B-Teams) - Saturday, January 27: A letter and the tournament brackets are attached; copies are also available outside the school office. **Tournament Admission:** Adults \$3.00, High school \$2.00, Grade School \$1.00. Admission is free for coaches and athletic directors, principals, players and cheerleaders. Identify yourselves to the ticket sellers and receive a hand stamp.

LAST WEEK'S BASKETBALL SCORES:

Date	School	Girls' B	Boy's B	Boy's A
Jan. 19	St. John's, Newburg	Won 24-19	Won 39-17	Lost 15-28

GRADE 1 SINGS – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, AT 10:30 SERVICE: Please note, the kindergarten class will not be singing this Sunday as indicated on the school calendar.

FORENSICS (grades 5-8): Written introductions are due on **Monday, January 29.**

MAD SCIENCE PRESENTATION: On **Monday, January 29**, at 9:15 am there will be a presentation for this afterschool program that meets on six Fridays (**2/9 - 3/23**) from 3:10-4:10 pm in our Fellowship Hall. This is an optional program for our students in grades K-6. A registration form is being sent home with students. The registration **deadline is Wednesday, February 7.**

HANDCHIMES: Practice will return to the original time of **3:00 – 3:45 pm** on **Monday, January 29.**

SPIRIT WEEK/PEP RALLY: Refer to the attachment for what to wear during Spirit Week (**Jan. 29–Feb. 2**). Please carefully read the descriptions. All are welcome to attend the **pep rally on Friday, February 2, at 1:30 pm** as we cheer on our Christ Alone Comets! Good luck at the KML and Peace tournaments.

CHRIST ALONE CHESS CLUB FORMS: Watch for the chess club forms to come home **next week!** Chess begins on Tuesday, February 13, for grades 3 through 6. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 3:15-4:15 pm.

KML BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (February 2 – 4): Watch for more details to follow.

READ TO SUCCEED: The Read-To-Succeed log forms were distributed to all students in grades K-6. In order to receive a free ticket to Six Flags Great America in Chicago, a total of 6 hours (360 minutes) of recreational, non-school related reading needs to be logged onto the forms and returned to the teacher **no later than Monday, February 26. (Forms submitted after this date will not be accepted.)** Extra forms are available outside the school office, if needed. Any questions regarding the program can be directed to Pam Rhode at rhodefam@yahoo.com.

SPRING PIZZA EVENT – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, March 17: The spring pizza event will be held at our Trinity campus.

CAMP PHILLIP: Booklets about summer camp at Camp Phillip in 2018 are available outside the school office.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS 2018 will be held **July 23 – 26**.

	Tues., Jan. 23 2:30-3:30 Jr. Choir 3:05–4:30 Girls’ B-Team BB Practice 4:30–6:00 Boys’ A-Team BB Practice	Wed., Jan. 24 2:00-3:00 ELC 3:05-4:30 Girls’ B-Team BB Practice 6:30 Examination II Service	Thurs., Jan. 25 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 6:00-7:30 A Taste of Kindergarten	Fri., Jan. 26 8:00 Chapel Special Bust Routes BB (A) Good Shepherd, W. Bend 5:00 - Girls’ B 6:00 Boys’ B 7:00 Boys’ A
Sat., Jan. 27 Peace Invitational Tournament (Boys’ & Girls’ B-Teams) Sun., Jan. 28 10:30 Service Grade 1 Sings				
Mon., Jan. 29 Spirit Week 3:00 – 3:45 Handchimes (note time change)	Tues., Jan. 30 Spirit Week 2:30-3:30 Jr. Choir 4:30–6:00 Boys’ A-Team BB Practice	Wed., Jan. 31 Spirit Week 2:00-3:00 ELC	Thurs., Feb. 1 Spirit Week 2:30-3:00 Handbell Practice 3:05-4:30 Cheerleading 4:30-6:00 Boys’ A-Team BB Practice	Fri., Feb. 2 Spirit Week 8:00 Chapel 9:00 <i>Wonder</i> Field Trip 1:30 Pep Rally KML BB Tournament Boys’ & Girls’ A-Teams
Sat., Feb. 3 KML BB Tournament (Boys’ & Girls’ A-Teams) Sun., Feb 4 KML BB Tournament (Boys’ & Girls’ A-Teams)			Mon., Feb. 5 – NO SCHOOL : Teacher In-Service Day	