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From Kory Janneke, Class of 2004:

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MULTIPLIED BLESSINGS

My story at COSLHS began almost 12 years ago. I don't remember our family ever making a decision that I would attend there. We simply knew that's where I would be and I don't have any regrets. I graduated in the class of 2004 along with five other students. My time at *COS* made a huge difference for me. Like many high school students, I did not know what I was going to do with my life. I started to narrow down potential career paths and settled on aviation. Meanwhile, everybody from *COS* was starting to tell me that I should become a pastor. I didn't give this idea much thought for a while, but over time, everyone's counsel began to sink in. I attended a "Taste of the Sem" weekend at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and by then my path was confirmed.

Clearly, *COS* made a vocational difference in my life, helping me to discern how I might best serve in God's kingdom. But this was far from the only difference that *COS* made for me. The service involvement from my high school days continues to impact me today. I remember doing service projects around Evansville, such as Adopt-A-Highway. *COS* was a community where we all served one another as well. High School was also a time of spiritual growth for me. The daily devotions, weekly chapels, and theology classes built me up as a follower of Jesus and led me into reading God's Word on my own. God not only grabbed a hold of me during these years through His people, but also through His Word. *COS* also provided me with many leadership opportunities that I otherwise never would have had. I was able to serve in Beta Club, Student Council and Drama, and was asked to be the captain of the baseball team my senior year.

COS prepared me for college. When I began college at Concordia University Wisconsin, so many of my classes felt like review! The

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**School Board
Meetings:
Second Thursday
7:00 pm**

VISION STATEMENT

**Providing an
outstanding Christian
and academic
education rooted in our
Lutheran heritage in a
personal and caring
environment to
prepare young people for
life today, tomorrow
and forever.**

Mission Statement
The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is
to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.



(Continued from Page 1) personal attention that I received in high school ensured that I kept up with the teachers and understood the material. My first college research paper was a breeze after the writing we did in high school!

As I look back, I realize that many people sacrificed to invest in me and my fellow students. I am now just a few months away from graduating from the seminary and receiving my first call as a pastor. I know that I would not be where I am today if not for all of the people who believed in me at *COS* and who worked so hard to make our school possible. The investments definitely paid off for me and will continue to benefit the students for years to come.

In my valedictorian speech I remember using the theme of Philippians 2:15-16: "You shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life." I still believe what I said seven years ago, namely that the blessings that we received as students at *COS* are like the stars, beyond what we can number or realize.

I still thank my God when I remember everything He did for me through this school. *COSLHS* has only just begun its good work in the Lord's name. He has so much more to do through the students, faculty, staff, supporters, and graduates in the years to come.

In Him,

Kory Janneke

Annual Fund Campaign

Last month marked the beginning of the Annual Fund Campaign for *Christ Our Savior*. Each year a letter is sent to constituents of our ministry to solicit their financial support at the end of the calendar year. This is a great time for individuals or families to consider tax-favored donations that will be used in the areas needed most for the current school term.

The school board of *Christ Our Savior* took two very large steps in the early part of 2011 that demonstrated their commitment to responsible stewardship. First, they initiated a policy to direct 5% of all third-source funds received toward the school's endowment fund. This has allowed for the Endowment to triple in size this year. In 2012, the policy will increase to 6%. All of this so that long term costs of operating the school might be kept as low as possible.

Secondly, the school board passed a nearly balanced budget for the 2011-2012 school year. These were huge steps to being responsible stewards of the school's resources for the sake of its mission. Part of the proposed budget included a significant amount of contributions from the Annual Fund campaign. Your financial support continues to be important for the Christ-centered ministry at *Christ Our Savior*. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

***Christ Our Savior's* Schedule & Coming Events**

Wednesday, Dec. 7

~Scholastic Bowl @ Sparta; Time TBA

Thursday, Dec. 15

~ Choir Concert @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 10-11

~ 4th Annual Craft & Flea Market

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, Dec. 18-21

~ Semester Exams (Half-Days)

Thursday, Dec. 15

~ Early Bird Registration Deadline

Thursday, Dec. 22

~ Break Begins

Early Bird Registration



Take advantage of Early Registration for the 2012-2013 School year. Before December 15, the cost for early registration is half-price for new and returning students: \$150

Submit an Alumni Note for the *COS* Newsletter

Christ Our Savior is welcoming any news of alumni milestones. Perhaps you are married, have children, went to college or graduate school, earned your degree(s) or received a promotion. Any accomplishments in your life we would love to know about so we may celebrate with you as we begin an alumni column in the monthly newsletter. Photos are welcome.

Please send submissions to admin@coslhs.org or to 810 Soldiers Way, Evansville, IL 62242. If you have any questions or would like to speak with us personally, please call us at 618-853-7300 or e-mail Janet Whelan at jwhelan@coslhs.org.

However, if you do not wish to be featured in the newsletter, we would still like your present address, phone number and email address so we can continue to personally update you on any information about *Christ Our Savior*.

Athletic Program Introduces Spirit Team

Christ Our Savior now has a Spirit Team! The administration was introduced to the idea by a group of young ladies who wanted to form a team specifically designed to encourage school spirit during the men's basketball season.



The team practices after school to create cheers and gymnastic routines that are to inspire school spirit for both home and away basketball games.

The team consists of: Senior Sarah McCluskey, Junior Airi Miyazawa, and Freshmen Megan Joost, Rebekah Laufer, and Harley Rogers. The team is coached by Mrs. Karla Rogers, of Evansville, and Junior Hannah Ruez is assisting as manager.

Your Invited to the 4th Annual Craft & Flea Market

Christ Our Savior is once again hosting it's Annual Craft & Flea Market on December 10 & 11 in the school's gymnasium from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to show your support to those in your community by doing some holiday shopping. Some of the items available at this year's market are crafts, antiques, jewelry, books, games and toys. Candy and cookies will also be available for purchase.

Interested in selling items at the Craft & Flea Market? Purchase a 10 x 10 booth, which includes an 8 foot table with chairs, for only \$25. If interested, please contact Janet Whelan at the school's office at 618-853-7300.

Christ Our Savior's lunch stand will also be available serving soups and sandwiches throughout the day. Volunteers to help work at the lunch stand are always welcome.

Be An Ambassador for *Christ Our Savior*

"It takes a village..." In the case of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, it takes an association. As the school has good news to share with its constituents, we are in need of individuals in each community and congregation to be ambassadors for *Christ Our Savior*. It is a wonderful opportunity for the principal and a student to share about the great things happening at the school on *COS* Sundays, but those only happen once each year. If you would like to keep your congregation informed of God's great works at *Christ Our Savior* on a more regular (monthly or bi-weekly) basis, please contact Mr. John Christman.



Every individual has a circle of influence. Some circles are small and some are large. Word of mouth is our greatest asset. Your personal endorsement of the information is more valuable than just our printed articles or announcements. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to support the school by having conversations within your circle of influence for the sake of God's kingdom.



On Thursday, December 15, the Music Class and friends of *Christ Our Savior* will present their annual Christmas concert at 6:30 p.m. The concert will feature many American pieces that the class has been studying for the semester. The concert will offer time to listen, time to rejoice, time to remember, and hopefully a time to marvel as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PIZZA HUT

Coupons for Pizza Hut restaurants can be found on www.coslhs.org. Click on the DONATE button in the upper right of the website page and the corresponding link for the coupons to print. 20% of your purchase will be donated to Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School! This is good for dine-in, carryout or delivery orders.

Students & Faculty Attend Annual Fall Retreat

Students and faculty of *Christ Our Savior* attended their second annual Fall Retreat at Camp Wartburg on November 16 & 17. The 2-day retreat was a time for students and faculty to engage in intense days of Bible study and community building.

They also participated in a variety of service projects as well as finding "T.A.W.G": Time Alone with God to focus on strengthening their relationships with our Lord and Savior.

Students also had the opportunity to participate in Camp Wartburg's activities, such as the low and high ropes. All *COS* students were in attendance for the event.



Scholastic Bowl Prepares for Upcoming Season

The *Christ Our Savior* Scholastic Bowl team is once again preparing for the 2011-2012 season. The team consists of both JV and Varsity as students from freshmen to seniors are participating in this year's Scholastic Bowl.

The team gathers together during lunch to practice for matches, which also allows team members to participate in other afterschool sports and clubs. This year's team is coached by Mr. Matthew Foster. The first match for the Scholastic Bowl team is on Wednesday, December 7 against Sparta High School.

Meet the 2011-2012 Soldiers Basketball Team

Teams members are from back left:

Senior Cory Rehmer, Junior Luke Boeder, and Junior Mike Zhang.

From front left: Sophomore Kyle Wandro, Senior Jeremy Rogers, and Freshman Chris Kisro.

The Soldiers are coached by Mr. Jim Carroll, of Red Bud (pictured) and assisted by Ben and John Carroll.



Season Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 1 ~ Home Game
6:30 p.m. vs. First Baptist Academy

Friday, Dec. 16 ~ Away Game
6:30 p.m. vs. Saxony LHS

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 6-7 ~ Calvary
Lutheran High School Tournament,
Jefferson City, MO

Wednesday, Jan. 11 ~ Home Game
6:30 p.m. vs. Saxony LHS

Tuesday, Jan. 17 ~ Away Game
7:15 p.m. vs. Marissa

Tuesday, Jan. 24 ~ Away Game
6:30 p.m. vs. First Baptist Academy

Thursday, Feb. 2 ~ Home Game
6:30 p.m. vs. Governor French
~Senior Night~

***Please Note that Game Dates & Times
are Scheduled to Change.
Check the school's website for updates.*