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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.**

OPTIMISM IN THE AIR

At the end of October, I attended the Heartland Summit for Lutheran high school administrators. To begin the event, each administrator stood up to share the “goings-on” at their schools. Each principal shared the celebrations and the challenges they were facing in their specific ministry. At the end, Dr. John Herzog, a veteran administrator, who is retiring at the end of this year, reacted to the stories. Dr. Herzog has experience most everything in Lutheran school ministry – from the opening to the closing of many schools in the Detroit area. He shared, “I’m impressed by the optimism in the room.” Everyone shared challenges, but we were encouraged how God was working in amazing ways in Lutheran high schools around the nation.

This sense of optimism is not limited to this group of individuals. I hear it in the stories of Lutheran schools in Southern Illinois. I hear it in our own hallways. To be sure, we face challenges. Our Lord promised we would (John 16:33) and Satan will never stop his assault this side of heaven, especially where the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared. But, as a community of believers, I hear optimism. Together we know that God’s plan is for Lutheran schools to do more than survive – but to thrive in making disciples of all nations. I’m impressed by the optimism at *Christ Our Savior*. We have weathered the times of uncertainty. God has not abandoned us. He loves us just as much as when we first began. So, share this optimism with others. Encourage one another in the Gospel by prayerfully supporting your Lutheran school and those who are part of this ministry.

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



Annual Fund Campaign Begins

November is the month which begins the Annual Fund Campaign for Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. 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.

Monsanto Grant Opportunity for *Christ Our Savior*

If you are a farmer who works or manages at least 250 acres, you can nominate *Christ Our Savior* for a \$2500 grant to be awarded by Monsanto. You do not have to use their products, but only be a farmer in Randolph County. The more nominations we receive the better chance we have to receive the grant. They are granting one organization per county. It is a one page form you can send by mail or fill out online. Visit www.monsanto.com/americasfarmers/Pages/grow-communities.aspx to get the form, or contact *Christ Our Savior* and we can complete the form for you with your permission.

Deadline for nominations is Nov. 30.

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

Nov. 4, Half day of school, Randolph County Lutheran Teacher's Meeting at COS	Nov. 13, Deterding Auction, Red Bud 9:30
Nov. 5, Wittenborn Auct. @ Steeleville 9:00	Nov. 16-17, Fall Retreat @ Wartburg
Nov. 6, Open House @ COSLHS 2:00 Fall Social @ COSLHS 4:00 Wild Auction @ Hecker 9:30	Nov. 18, No School (Teacher in Service)
Nov 11, Veterans Ceremony, 1:30 2nd Mid Quarter	Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
	Nov. 26, Schilling Auction, Modoc 9:30
	Dec. 15, COS Christmas Concert, 6:30

First Edition of *Soldier Times* Released



The Student Journalism Staff of *Christ Our Savior* produced the first edition of the school newspaper in October of the 2011-2012 school year. Copies were distributed to all Lutheran congregations and grade schools in the COS Association. This is a 100% student-written publication. If you would like to receive a copy, check with your local Lutheran church or call the school office.

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*.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

On October 14, COS presented the Movie Feature: *Monsters, Inc.* Those attending enjoyed an evening of fellowship along with a beautiful starlit sky. Light refreshments of popcorn and warm hot chocolate were enjoyed by all, not to mention the colorful glow bracelets for the children.

We plan to show another outdoor movie once warm weather returns in the Spring. These events are a great way for COS to showcase our campus by inviting the surrounding communities to come out and enjoy a free movie. We hope to see you and your family at our next showing and don't forget to invite your friends.

A BUSY BUT SUCCESSFUL FALL FOR COSLHS



The months of September and October were very busy for COSLHS. The phrase, "We/I need HELP!!" was heard a lot. Because someone always was able to answer the call, we made it!! In September we had the Popeye Picnic, good help (that went over their hours to fill in for others), beautiful weather, and lots of customers helped to increase our fundraising totals. We also had the Spier Auction, The Mud Bog (Thanks to Jill, Delana, and Bob), and Evansville Days. The Music Festival which is always fun to work, went well. Janet remained on her feet the whole weekend and did not bite the asphalt this year. We had a very rainy Sunday but still did good on Sunday. The baked goods stand for the students and the food stand provided for yet another successful weekend. Steeleville's Oktoberfest was the best weather we have had in years. We saw big crowds and lots of sunshine! Other auctions for the month included Dierks, Hartman, and Hanebutt. See upcoming events for more fundraisers. Thank you everyone!!



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.

Upcoming Open House & Fall Social

Christ Our Savior is known for equipping young students with an academically-excellent, Christ-centered education, and there is no better way for our prospective students and families to experience this than by visiting our campus.

On Sunday, November 6 *Christ Our Savior* will be hosting an Open House from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Students and teachers will be demonstrating how our school is preparing students to be Christ leaders of tomorrow. Our principal, faculty and current parents will be available to give tours of our facility and to share information with those who wish to know more about what is available at our high school. Bring a family or a friend.

To continue developing relationships with our prospective and current students and families, an outdoor Fall Social will follow the Open House. The event will include a warm bonfire, games, s'mores, hotdogs and other refreshments.

If interested in attending, please call *Christ Our Savior* at 853-7300. We look forward to meeting you!



Discover *Christ Our Savior* Days in Review

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School hosted over 100 sixth and seventh grade students from local schools for Discover *Christ Our Savior* Day in late October. The days were a success due in large part to the students of *Christ Our Savior*. They were complimented for their warm hospitality by visiting parents and teachers.

Some of the favorite activities of the day included meeting new friends in icebreakers, learning new languages, playing "Trainwreck," making "Gack" and of course, eating pizza! Students also played music, competed in Bible Jeopardy, joined in a devotion and sang praises to God.



Thanks to all parents and teachers who made these days possible by transporting students from their hometowns to *Christ Our Savior*.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

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



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.

Soldiers Basketball Begins Soon!

Tentative 2011-2012 Basketball 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

Wednesday, Jan. 4 ~ Home Game
6:30 p.m. vs. Governor French

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

Tuesday, Jan. 31 ~ Away Game
5:00 p.m. vs. Governor French

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

Christ Our Savior's Boy's Basketball will be starting their practices next month. They will be working hard by focusing on techniques and plays to prepare for their upcoming games.

Joining the team this year are Juniors, Mike Zhang and Aaron Wedemeyer, and Freshman, Chris Kisro. These young men join Seniors, Cory Rehmer and Jeremy Rogers, Junior, Marcus Delre and Sophomore, Kyle Wandro.

Jim Carroll will be returning as a head coach for *Christ Our Savior* this season. Coach Carroll has previously coached the Lady Soldier basketball teams. Ben and John Carroll will assist.

The Soldiers are looking forward to the start of the season. Their first game will be home against First Baptist Academy. Come out to support your Soldiers basketball team!

