

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL, INC.

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GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN – 2023-2024

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL is the parochial school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, established by the congregation in 1965. One of many Lutheran parochial schools in the U.S.A., it continues the strong tradition of nearly 500 years of church-sponsored education in the Lutheran movement of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Center of and Purpose for Christ Lutheran School, and all education is seen as an unfolding of His will of love and mercy for His People, and His Law, which governs the universe.

Christ Lutheran School meets all requirements for a non-public elementary school in the State of New York, is registered and incorporated under state law, and operates under a 1969 absolute charter from the Board of Regents of the State University of New York. All classroom teachers are competent in their particular fields and have many years of successful teaching experience. Since the school is smaller than most, attention is given to each pupil so that he or she is developed academically and spiritually to the highest potential attainable.

It is the aim of the school to nurture the baptized with an elementary education which is academically superior, within an atmosphere based on the Living Lordship of Jesus Christ. The school serves Kindergarten through 8th grade.

PURPOSES OF THE SCHOOL

- + To train the child to meet the situations of life through faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. (Naturally, we rely upon the home to encourage Christ-centered lifestyles).
- + To instruct our children in the fundamental secular subjects interpreted by the Word of God, thus preparing them for this life as well as the life to come.
- + To give children an education that will fulfill their lives and provide a firm basis in Christian attitudes, principles, and basic knowledge.
- + To maintain high standards of academic, moral, and religious training.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Admission to the school is open to all baptized Christians (or those whose parents pledge baptism within the year of their admission) who may be served within the limits of our space and academic requirements. A waiting list will be maintained for those who qualify but for whom there is no space when desired. Any child who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2023, may apply for admission to kindergarten. Those who satisfactorily complete one level may apply for admission into the next grade. All children applying for admission to Christ Lutheran School are subject to the entrance procedure which includes a non-refundable **\$65 registration fee** which must accompany each application for admission in addition to proof of immunization and a copy of the birth certificate, baptismal certificate, and the latest previous school records. Re-registration of present students must take place by May 6, 2024, in order to guarantee placement for the 2024-2025 school year. Current students receive a **\$25 discount** on the Re-Registration Fee, if paid by May 6, 2024. Certain standardized testing, in addition to parental acceptance of the Christian standards of the school and an interview with members of the School Board's Admissions Committee are necessary before a candidate is accepted for initial admission. Testing dates for new students are scheduled by appointment with the applicant. Tests are for all new applicants. Returning students' records are already on file. Christ Lutheran School does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic background. New students' payments for Registration Fees must be in Cash or Money Order, as must be all payments by persons whose check payments have been returned by our financial institution.

FEES

Here at Christ Lutheran School, fundraising is particularly important to our students and the school. Our school does not receive outside grants and funding for extracurricular activities, so we put in place school fundraisers to raise extra money for those activities. **This school year there is a Mandatory fee of \$300 for those parents/guardians who wish to opt out of our schools' fundraisers.** Christ Lutheran School will participate in a minimum of two fundraisers per year. While we do understand the busy schedules of parents and that these fundraisers may be too time consuming to participate, but just the same you still have an obligation to support your child and Christ Lutheran School.

There are **late fees** on all tuition payments not received on time. A **late fee of \$35** will be applied to all tuition payments received after the **5th business day** of every month. Payments not received (with late charges) within 14 days of the due date result in the suspension of the student until paid or for ten days following which, if the amount is not paid, the student is permanently discharged from the school. Exceptions to this policy are granted only by the Headmaster, or during a vacancy, by the School Board, through personal consultation with the parents/guardians involved, **in advance of the due date** should problems arise. The fee for a **returned check** is **\$50**, and persons whose checks are returned must thenceforth pay all monies owed in cash or money order.

***All tuition plans now include the \$285 comprehensive that was once paid separately.**

Plan A - \$4,900 paid in full, due July 1.

Plan B - \$6,000 (monthly plan): All tuition is due on the **1st business day** of each month, September to June. All monthly payments will be \$600.

Tuition for a second, third, or subsequent child (sibling(s) in same family) is \$100 less per year on Plan A. On Plan B, \$125 less per year. All monies to be received by the school are to be paid directly to the school office during office hours, usually between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., daily.

BEHAVIOR AND UNIFORM CODES

A Code of Behavior is distributed to all students and published for parents' signatures prior to admission. Strict discipline is maintained so that learning may be our chief activity. Corporal punishment (as defined in our policy sheets), however, is never used; discussion with students, punishment work assignments, parent discussions, demerits, detentions, and if necessary, suspension or expulsion are the means by which discipline is maintained. In all such cases, the decision of the Headmaster, or, during a vacancy, the Principal, shall be final. Parents are encouraged to support the school discipline system in the home. All students shall abide by the uniform and dress code, published separately, and parents shall see that the required uniform items are purchased. Detailed information on all items is mailed to all students registered on or about August 1.

OTHER INFORMATION

An After-School Program (3:00 – 6:00 p.m.) is available. An accurate telephone number(s) to contact parents/guardians during and after the school day is required. Christ Lutheran School does not have facilities for either the highly gifted or learning disabled. Periodic testing and parent conferences will be used to advise parents about the best course for their children.

All students are required to receive religion courses from the Headmaster, Interim Pastor, or, during a vacancy, the classroom teacher and to worship daily in either classroom or chapel as directed by the school schedule and the Statement on Religious Policies.