

**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL
STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Middle School

(Grades 6-8)

2011-2012



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Dear Students,

Welcome to Christ Lutheran School for the 2010-2011 school year. I am so excited that you are returning, or have chosen Christ Lutheran as your school for the first time. I know from experience that each of you will bring special God-given gifts and talents that will be a blessing to the entire school family. Enjoy the opportunities to use those gifts to the glory of God this year.

Our goal is to help you grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, and academically. As you grow in all of these ways you will mature as wonderful young men and women of faith. It does not come without hard work and effort on your part. It is a partnership between you, your parents, and your teacher. Take a step every day towards that goal.

The theme for this year is taken from Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

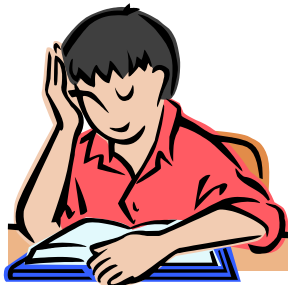
You will have moments this year where you are unsure of the path or direction you should take. I ask that you look to God through the Word (The Bible), in prayer, and asking the advice of Christian adults and friends. Then you will not be leaning only on your understanding. One of the hardest parts will be to acknowledge God in all your ways. Give Him glory in everything you do. But God is so great. He ends this with a promise. As you try to live this verse, He promises to make your paths straight. Believe Him!

Your teacher, your parents, and I want to walk that path with you this year and discover how mightily God is acting in your life.

Your principal,
Richard Nordmeyer

OBJECTIVES

- That Jesus Christ is the center and a real part of all your class work, extra curricular activities, and of your life.
- That you recognize that Jesus cares for you as an individual and for others.
- That we make, with God's help, your experience at Christ Lutheran School a happy one.
- To show self-respect and respect for the rights of others.
- To develop good work and study habits.
- To do your best with the talents God has given to you.
- To learn to work and play with others in a caring way.
- To know that your teachers care for you and are willing to help you.
- To worship God and pray to Him regularly.



MEDICATIONS



No medications are to be given or taken without signed permission by parents or guardians. **Prescription medication is to be kept in the office.** Medications are not to be kept in student lockers, desks, cubbies, backpacks, or lunch containers. All medications are to be in the original container with exact directions for administration as prescribed by the physician.

The school office will try its best to give medication at the appropriate times as prescribed by prescription.

CHAPEL

All students are to participate in daily devotions and in the weekly chapel services. Chapel offerings are given for special mission purposes.

NUISANCES

Radios, tape recorders, CD players, and pagers fall into the “nuisance” category. They are not to be brought to school. All items not conducive to constructive classroom behavior such as: magazines, toys, ipods, and electronic devices, will be confiscated if brought to school. Confiscated items must be personally reclaimed by parents.

PETS

Pets may be brought to school only when the teacher gives permission for the same. All pets brought to school must be kept on a leash or contained in a cage.



GUM

Gum chewing is not permitted on the school campus. This could result in one demerit.

LEAVING CAMPUS

If arrangements have been made and the student is to be picked up early, the parent or legal guardian must present himself/herself to the office (not the classroom) before the child is released. If someone other than the parent or guardian is picking up the child, he/she must present a signed note from the parent or guardian before the student will be released.

The school assumes no liability in cases where students leave the premises in violation of the above policy.



SCHOOL DRESS

Christ Lutheran is a Christian School. All students are expected to reflect this in their dress and appearance. Therefore, students are to dress neatly and in good taste. Nothing should be worn that would impair the safety of the student. Cleanliness is important to good health; therefore, students are to keep their bodies and clothing clean. Students in grades K through 8 are to follow the uniform dress code. Any type of dress that is thought to be unacceptable is left to the discretion of the teacher(s). Teachers have the option to have a student change before entering the classroom. Students are encouraged to dress up on chapel days.

TELEPHONE

No phone may be used without the classroom teacher's permission. Office Phones are to be used **only in case of illness or an emergency.** The student must have an office pass after permission has been given by the teacher.



CELL PHONES

Cell phones must be turned off and placed in backpacks when on school property. They are to be used only with a teacher's permission after sports to arrange transportation. When cell phones are used otherwise, they will be confiscated by any school staff member and turned in to the school office. Confiscated cell phones must be personally reclaimed by parents.



SCHOOL AGE CARE

Extended School Care hours: 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. All students in School Age Care are required to follow the guidelines set by the School Age Care Directors and staff.

LOST AND FOUND

Possessions of students are to be marked so they can be more readily identified should they be lost. Lost items found are to be placed in the School Age Care room.

BICYCLES, SKATES, SKATEBOARDS and RAZORS/SCOOTERS

For safety reasons, it is suggested that students below the fourth grade level not ride bicycles to school. Students who ride should be aware of the laws affecting bicycles. **All bicycles must be walked on the school grounds and church property. They are to be parked and locked in the rack provided.**

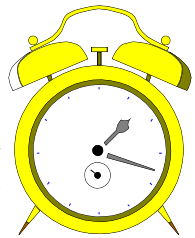
Skates, roller blades, Razors/scooters, and skateboards are not to be ridden on school property. Motorized vehicles are not to be used by students. The school assumes no responsibility for items brought to school.

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades K - 8

8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

School begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. for all students in grades 1-8. All students arriving before 7:50 a.m. are to be signed into School Age Care. Students arriving between 7:50 and 8:05 a.m. are to go to the lunch tables. Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. may go to their classrooms. Students remaining after 3:15 p.m. are to sign into School Age Care unless they are involved in after school sports, music, yearbook, or other school-related activities.



All students are expected to leave the grounds upon completion of the activity or sign into School Age Care if rides are not available.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are not to be used as loitering places. All students are responsible for keeping restrooms neat and clean.

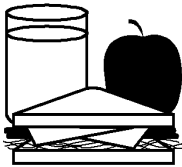
Consequences will be given to students who misuse restrooms.

The restrooms are to be used as follows:

Grades K, 1, 2:	First floor restrooms
3, 4, 5:	Second floor restrooms
6, 7, 8:	Gym/second floor restrooms at Lunch only
<u>Adults Only:</u>	Restrooms by the Computer Lab

PLAYGROUND AND WALKWAY BEHAVIOR

Walkways are for walking. Please practice courtesy at all times. Avoid pulling on other students' clothing. Take care of playground balls. Do not bat, throw, or kick any type of ball toward the exterior walls or fences. Use the balls for the sports for which they are intended. Swings and other playground equipment must be used correctly for safety reasons. Keep voices to a minimum volume at all times. Set a good example for other classes and students at all times.



PATIO EATING AREA

The area behind and around the lunch tables (north of the gymnasium) is to be kept free of any food and trash. Food is not to be thrown.

Tables are to be clean before students are dismissed. All paper and uneaten food is to be placed in the disposal containers near the tables.

GYM

Guidelines for gym use should be followed as posted in the classrooms and gym. The entrance and the gym area are not to be used as loitering places.

ATTENDANCE

Prompt and regular attendance is necessary. All absences must be excused in writing by the parent to the teacher upon returning to school. Irregular attendance and excessive tardiness are grounds for disciplinary action. Five tardies will result in at least one demerit

SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Since it is considered part of, or an extension of the school curriculum, students are expected to participate in all services and other school-sponsored activities when their class is involved. If a student is unable to participate, a written excuse is requested.



GROUNDS, BUILDINGS, AND PROPERTY

All students attending Christ Lutheran are to take pride in their school facilities by keeping the grounds clean and the buildings and property in excellent condition.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is organized to promote student government among students under the guidance and direction of a faculty advisor. Elected officers from the 7th and 8th grades include:

President	Catrell Robertson
Vice-President	Lauren Cocroft
Secretary	Adam Schultz
Treasurer	Chris Bennett
Athletic Director	Steven Jafkee
School Spirit Commissioner	Amanda Habibe
Spiritual Life Coordinator	Alex Adkisson
Publicity Coordinator	Carolyn Brandt
K-3 Representative	Andy Ruiz

The purpose of the Council is to promote spirit days, assemblies and activities that reflect the Christian philosophy of the school, along with instilling pride in school and facilities.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

One student from each grade level (3-8) will be selected as the student of the month from his or her homeroom class. Students will be selected on the basis of guidelines that have been set by the homeroom teacher.

BIRTHDAY & OTHER PARTY INVITATIONS

All invitations to birthday parties or other parties are to be mailed to students. Invitations are not to be handed out at school. No birthday or individual parties are to be held on school premises.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS

All students will have regularly scheduled physical education classes. After-school sports are limited to grades 5 through 8. Only those students who are on teams are to attend practices. Team players are not allowed to leave campus between the end of school and the start of practice. Grade 5 through 8 physical education students are required to wear school gym uniforms. Tennis type shoes are required for gym use in all grades. Physical education clothing should be marked with the student's name or initials.

CHOIRS

All students are encouraged to sing in the school choirs. School choirs are divided as follows:

Primary - Grades K, 1 & 2;

Intermediate - Grades 3, 4, 5;

Junior and/or Grades 6, 7, 8 (Middle School Elective).

Students are expected to sing for church services and special services when their choir is scheduled to sing. Recognition is given for attendance at all possible singing dates. Absences are to be excused with the teacher.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

For good order and Christian living, all students are expected to abide by the discipline policy of Christ Lutheran School and classroom rules set by each teacher. Students are to show respect and be obedient to all staff members. Students are also to respect one another and are not to disrupt classes. Any hindrance to learning is not allowed and consequences will be given to those students who disrupt learning. Discipline problems will be reported to the parents by the teacher. If future problems continue to exist, suspension or probation may occur. A meeting with the parents, teacher, department head and principal will take place at this time. Expulsion from school may result in certain situations.

OFFICE

The school office is not a visiting place for students. If students need to use the office, permission must be obtained from the classroom teacher. Students must have an office pass from their teacher before coming to the office.

REMEMBER

- The guidelines that have been printed are for the of all students in order to have an excellent learning environment.

and PRAY . . .

- For others.
- For yourself.
- So that all may work and play together to make Jesus Christ a real living example in the life of each student attending Christ Lutheran School.

SCHOOL COLORS: BLUE & GOLD

TEAM NAME: KNIGHTS

OUR THEME FOR 2010-2011

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Colossians 2:6-7

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
And to the Faith, for which it stands,
One Savior, Eternal, with mercy and grace for all.