



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Concordia Lutheran School provides a Christ-centered, academically challenging education to equip students for lifelong discipleship.

**“Observant”** ... We read in Psalm 14:2 “The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.” Psalm 14:2 reminds us that our God is observant, “The Lord looks down from heaven.” Does God have eyes? The Bible tells us that God is a Spirit (John 4:24). God fills everything and is not confined by a human body. God does not have hands, eyes, ears, etc. as we have. However, many times the Bible gives God some of the characteristics and features that we have, “personification.” When God looked at His creation, He saw the perfection of the Garden of Eden and the perfection of Adam and Eve. The disobedience of the first family changed everything. Suddenly everything was out of place. God’s glance at His fallen creation is summarized in Psalm 14, “They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one” (v. 3). God did not ignore the corruption of His creation. He provided the solution of a Savior. King David, the Psalm writer, prays, “Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!” (v. 7). God responded to King David’s prayer by sending a Promised One from the family of David. Jesus came to be the Savior of the world. He came to restore our eternal fortunes. God is all-seeing and all-knowing. What does He see? He sees that we don’t understand His ways. On our own we do not understand His salvation. When we don’t seek after God, He seeks after us. He places faith in our hearts. The response: “Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad” (v. 7). Our response, “Let every student and every adult at Lutheran Church and School rejoice and be glad!”

### **GOD Hears Our Prayers:**

Jesus, I am so thankful that as You look at us through Your cross, You do not see my sins. You see me as Your forgiven and precious child. Help me to see Your ways. In Your holy name. **Amen.**

(Adopted from: 2018–2019 CHAPEL TALKS FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS)

### **Mid Quarter**

It may seem like this school year just started, but this Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> marks the midpoint of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Please be sure to check your student’s progress frequently on GRADELINK (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade). Contact teachers any time you have a question about how your son or daughter is doing. Mark your calendar for Parent-Teacher Conferences, October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. You will receive your student’s latest NWEA MAP Scores and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards during your conference with your child’s teacher.

### **NWEA Testing**

Students are encouraged to get plenty of sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and come ready to do their best. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are testing next week, September 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

### **GO COUGARS**

We pray God’s blessings on our Marching Cougars as they take part in the Morton Pumpkin Festival Parade at 10:00 A.M. this Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Volleyball Lady Cougars will be heading to Bellville, IL this weekend for the Holly Reeb Varsity Volleyball Tournament.

Do Not Miss the next **PTC (Parent –Teacher –Connection)** meeting, **September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.** in the CLS Commons. The PTC wants and needs your help at their many events such as the **Trunk or Treat Event** on **October 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Fall Yearbook Picture Day**

Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>



Be sure to check the school Calendar at [www.concordiapeoria.com/calendar](http://www.concordiapeoria.com/calendar) for upcoming events.



## Missions

Concordia is taking the 9/11 Day Good Deed Challenge! We are going to help the children of central Illinois who visit the St. Jude's outpatient clinic in Peoria. The children that visit the clinic usually go at least six hours a day, two times a week. There are usually 20 children a day. We would like to do our 9/11 Good Deed Challenge by supplying the clinic and the children with some things that would make the time they spend at the clinic a little brighter.

**We, as a school, will be collecting the following items for the month of September:**

Boxes of fun kid band-aids

Activity books for all ages that they can work on during their chemo treatment

Snack packs – variety

Juice boxes

Halloween candy – peanut free

Stickers

◆ \$5.00 gift cards for older children - Best Buy, Target, and such. The clinic uses these when the older children are having a tough time with treatment or have had a rough day or “stick”

The items may be dropped off on the table in the Commons.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40b



## Parent Teacher Connection

### PTC Meeting

September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. in the CLS Commons.

### Trunk or Treat

October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Southeast parking lot outside the Commons.

### Box Tops

Make sure to turn in Boxtops to your homeroom teacher! They will be collected and counted every month to earn money for the school! Each Boxtop is worth 10 cents! If you do not buy items that have Boxtops, you can always send in your dimes!

### Save the Date

The Spring CLS Blue Jean Ball Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2019. Check here for future details!

If you would like to help out with this fundraiser, but are not sure how, please contact amyroger80@gmail.com.



## Fine Arts

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!" Psalm 150:6*

### Music Ensemble Rehearsals

Concordia has many performing ensembles that meet on various days and times. Please note the following rehearsal schedule:

Concert Band – Tuesday & Friday mornings	7:30-8:15
Cadet Band – Wednesday mornings	7:30-8:15
Concert Choir – Monday & Thursday mornings	7:30-8:15
Beginner Strings – Tuesdays during school	12:20-1:00
Cadet Strings – Tuesdays during school	2:00-2:45
CLS Chamber Strings – Wednesday mornings	7:30-8:15

### Fall Parades

Unfortunately, the Pekin Marigold festival parade was canceled due to inclement weather. So, let's gather a huge crowd to cheer on the CLS Marching Cougars and Honor Guard as they march in the Morton Pumpkin Festival Parade Sept. 15th. The parade begins at 10:30 A.M. Visit <http://www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/> for festival details.

### Pianos

Concordia has been blessed with an overabundance of upright pianos. We currently have five that are no longer in use. If your family would like one of these pre-loved pianos (donations welcome but not required), please contact Mr. Hipple. Pianos can be delivered but families will need to provide a moving crew to bring them into your home.

### Aluminum Cans

The Marching Cougars continue to collect aluminum cans to help fund their program. Cans may be dropped in one of the three recycling boxes in the Commons.

### Upcoming FAD Events

September 15th	Morton Pumpkin Festival Parade @ 10:30 A.M.
September 29th	ILMEA All-District Band & Choir Auditions at Geneseo High School
October 14th	K-5 Trinity kids sing at Trinity 8:00 A.M. service and before 10:45 A.M. service
October 21st	K-5 Mt. Calvary & Non-Association kids sing at Mt. Calvary 8:00 A.M. service



## Athletics

### Volleyball

September 14th-15th	Holly Reeb Varsity Tournament
September 18th	Home Game vs. Bethel Morton @ 5:30



## Lunch Menu

MONDAY — Chicken patty sandwich, waffle fries, broccoli, ranch, apple slices, caramel

TUESDAY — Spaghetti, salad, broccoli, frozen fruit cup, breadstick

WEDNESDAY — Country fried steak, gravy, corn, applesauce, biscuit

THURSDAY — BBQ drumstick, strawberry spinach salad, cheesy potatoes, mixed fruit jello

FRIDAY — Chef's choice pizza, salad, fresh veggie tray, banana, snickerdoodle cookie

### Be Respectful

### Be Responsible

### Be Safe

**C**ome ready for academic success

**O**nly act in a very respectful manner

**U**se the JOY model (Jesus-Others-You)

**G**ive my gift and talents back to God

**A**ccept responsibility for my words and actions

**R**espect the differences in others

**S**how God's love to everyone I meet



## SCRIP

### What is Scrip?

Scrip is an easy way for you to help raise money for Concordia and for your next years registration fees/tuition. We are not asking families to buy anything extra for things you really don't need.

If you buy *gas* and *groceries*, you can use Scrip cards for those purchases.

Do you *eat out* on occasion? You can use Scrip cards for most of those nights out.

Going to Willow Knolls for popcorn and a *movie*? We have Scrip Cards for those purchases.

Have a *home improvement* project coming up? We have Scrip Cards for those purchases, too.

### There are many opportunities to order/purchase Scrip

By the front office: Monday and Friday from 8:15-9:00A.M. & Thursday from 3:15-4:00P.M.

Online ordering is available at [Concordia.scriporder.com](http://Concordia.scriporder.com).

You can send in an order form and payment with your child to school.

Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30A.M.

You can also call Kim Vietti at 453-4229 with questions or to make other arrangements (even on the weekend!).

*It's not fundraising... It's TUITION SAVINGS!*