



Re-enrollment information!

March 1, 2018

Dear Families in Christ,

On behalf of the Christ Lutheran School Board of Education, teachers, and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing CLS to partner with you on your child's education. When we remember that our children are at school more hours than they are awake at home, we realize just how crucial our role is in the academic, spiritual, social and emotional development of our students. We look forward to continuing to provide a Christ-centered college preparation course of education for your child in the upcoming academic school year.

March marks the beginning of our re-enrollment period. While we enjoy and benefit from having smaller class sizes, we also have to be financially responsible. Additional teachers result in higher costs which are passed on to parents and congregations unless we have enough students to balance out that cost. We want to avoid both overstaffing and understaffing.

We always want to be good stewards of the gifts God gives. For the last two years, **instead of setting a tuition rate, the Board of Education set a tuition range.** The cost of operating the school is a relatively fixed, based on staffing. The cost of a teacher is the same whether there are 15 or 20 students in the class. The variable is how many students the cost is spread among. The more students, the lower the cost per student. The fewer the students, the higher the cost per pupil.

Last year we estimated that the cost per pupil would be between \$5,500 - \$6,000 depending on how many students were enrolled. It turned out to be \$5,829. None of our families pay that much. Our LCMS churches in Norfolk believe in a Christian education for their members. This lowers the cost of tuition to families by 60% or more. Members of Christ, Grace, and Mt. Olive paid \$1,967 or less per student. Members of Our Savior paid \$2,258. I encourage you to thank your congregation and support it through your prayers, attendance, and offerings.

How will the Board of Education decide what the tuition will be? The board will set the cost per pupil, and in turn the cost of tuition, by March 30 based on the number of students officially registered at that time. The range will be similar to last year.

This means that the more students registered, the lower the cost per pupil. **Do you have a friend or neighbor that would benefit from a Christ centered education? Encourage them to visit the school and learn more!**

When we work with a budget for the school, we do so in a conservative manner, acknowledging that all that we have is a gift from God. Our cost per student for this year is less than 1/2 of the cost per student for the public school system at the state level. **In fact, our cost was about what the state average was in 1995. That's over 20 years ago!**

First and foremost, Christ Lutheran School exists to help you as a parent bring up your child in a loving and saving relationship with their Lord – Jesus Christ. There is no greater need than Jesus for your child. Our school is a place to nurture your child’s faith; strengthen the Norfolk community by instilling virtues which will bless our community; provide a safe caring place for children; and to help children see all of their lives from the perspective of God’s Word. ***Where do you want to see your child’s relationship with Jesus?*** We know that families are looking for a Christ centered education, but they also want a school that excels in other areas. We provide:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent academics (<i>see State of the School report</i>) • Small average class sizes • Dedicated Christian teachers • Great band program starting in 5th grade • Art teacher for grades K-8 • Special education services • An active PTL Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall student to computer ratio of about 2:1 • A sports program that allows all students an opportunity to play • Fine arts opportunities • Electives at the junior high level • Preparation for any high school • A new playground to be installed this summer!
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Christ Lutheran has ways to help reduce the cost. Needs based tuition assistance, Omaha Children’s Scholarship Foundation, and SCRIP are three separate ways to lessen the cost. SCRIP use alone can reduce the amount by \$500 or more! Another way to reduce the cost is to increase enrollment. By having more students, we can more widely distribute the cost. **We never turn a child away due to inability to pay.**

Last year 1/2 of the profit from our plant sale went to help each of our families. This reduced the parent amount by \$50 per student. Our other fundraiser, REVEL also reduced the family portion of tuition by \$23. In addition, these events provided new desks and chairs. Money also was earmarked for new playground.

It is hard to believe that we only about 3 months of school left. In these 3 months we have numerous activities planned. Grandparents Day (March 22), the 3rd and 4th grade musical (March 23), our REVEL dinner (**April 13 at National Guard Armory**), and our 14th annual plant sale, are just a few highlights.

Attached to this letter you will find a pre-registration form. **Knowing the number of students in the various classes helps us plan staffing and a successful year for your child. This will also help the Board of Education determine tuition for the upcoming year.** Please take a few minutes to pray about this, and then fill out and **return the attached sheet by March 8.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a new year with your child!

Fishing for the One,
 Steven Stortz
 Principal
 Christ Lutheran School

Re-enrollment for the 2018-2019 School Year

Dear Parents,

It is already time for us to start thinking about the upcoming school year. Please take a moment to complete this re-enrollment form for students entering **grades 1-8**. This re-enrollment process allows the Board of Education and administration to make staffing plans for the upcoming year.

The registration fee for 2018-2019 will remain \$200 per student. This fee is divided into \$50 for textbooks, \$50 for building maintenance/improvements and \$100 for technology. A minimum of \$100.00 per student is to be paid at this time. This amount is non-refundable. The remaining amount may be paid on or before Registration Day in early August.

How much tuition will be, is in your hands as parents. Two years ago, the Board of Education decided that the cost of tuition would be based on the number of re-enrollment forms turned in. The more students, the lower the tuition. Promptly returning your form this year will help us in setting tuition and keeping it as low as possible.

On Registration Day, every family will have the option of paying tuition in full or setting up a payment agreement. Payment agreements will once again be set up through FACTS. Payment in full will result in a tuition reduction of approximately \$43.00 per family.

Families who desire tuition assistance should fill out an online application for the Children's Scholarship Foundation of Omaha (applications now open Feb. 12, due **at the end of April**) <http://www.csfomaha.org/parents-family/2018-19-application/>, & Christ Lutheran School's application which is available online at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/43NVB> **before July 1** in order to qualify for assistance. Direct links are available on school's website under admissions.

All families, regardless of church affiliation, may apply for tuition assistance.

Parents names: _____

Please report **changes** in the following:

Home phone _____ Work phone Father _____ Work phone Mother _____

Address _____

Please indicate your intentions for enrollment next year by selecting one of the following three choices.

- _____ 1. We plan to enroll the following children in **Grades 1-8** at Christ Lutheran next year.
(Kindergarten students are enrolled using a separate form)

Student Name

Grade Next Year

- _____ 2. We do not plan to enroll our children in Christ Lutheran School next year.

- _____ 3. We wish to discuss our plans with the principal.

Please return this form and your pre-registration payment to the office on or before March 8.

(Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran School)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Registration Fee Payment

Form and Payment Due: March 8

Please also complete other side and attach payment.

The registration fee for the 2018-2019 school year will remain \$200 per student. Please use this form to make your payment, which is to be returned along with this form. One-half, or \$100 per child is due at this time. Registration fees are non-refundable. If your family finances do not allow for this payment in full right now, please indicate below how you plan to take care of this.

Parent Name _____

Number of children (Grades 1-8) attending CLS in 2018-2019 _____

_____ Check here if you will also be registering a kindergarten student for 2018-2019.

(Kindergarten Registration day is March 7, 2018)

_____ Check if you have already registered a kindergarten student for 2018-2019.

Was the kindergarten registration fee paid in full? Yes No (circle one) Balance due _____

Payment Options

(check one)

_____ Payment in full (# of students X \$200) Amount Paid _____

_____ Minimum Payment (# of students X \$100) Amount Paid _____

Date 2nd half of payment will be made _____

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Amount Due: _____ # of students X \$200 = _____

Amount paid at re-enrollment \$ _____ Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Remaining Amount Due \$ _____ Recorded on FileMaker _____

Additional payment: \$ _____ Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Recorded on FileMaker _____

Paid in Full _____

Please return this form and your payment by March 8.