

CHRIST OUR ROCK
LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

*"Where Faith and
Knowledge Grow!"*

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

- November 28, Stal-
lion Night
- December 1,
Christmas Concert
with Grade Schools
7 pm
- December 3, 3 on 3
Volleyball Tourna-
ment, Holm Benefit
- December 5, Blood
Drive at CORLHS
- December 16, SLT
Soup & Chili Supper

CORLHS educates
and equips
today's youth
in faith and
knowledge while
guiding them to
become Christian
leaders.

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We have much to be Thankful for...

Happy Thanksgiving! What are you thankful for this year? Often, we take the day to day blessings of safe travel, food and shelter, family, and friends, for granted, until they are gone. We have so many things to be thankful for.

Christ Our Rock has many things to be thankful for as well. One year ago at the Annual Banquet, Christ Our Rock kicked off the *Seeking, Serving, and Soaring Campaign* with the goal of raising \$1,267,000 to accomplish our current needs and goals. Your response has been incredible. To date, over \$800,000 has been pledged or donated. For this we are truly thankful. We have been able to accomplish many of our goals in the Seeking aspect of the campaign over the past several months:

- 38 new lockers added to the hallway
- Entrance and circle drive upgraded to concrete
- Expanded the parking lot, adding 24 spaces
- Installed an outfield fence on the baseball field
- Purchased a scoreboard for the baseball field
- Adding girls softball in the spring
- Technology improvements including 7 new computers, 2 projectors, student responders, server and backup system improvements
- Expanded our music department to have separate instrumental and choir classes
- Added classes and resources for Spanish 3 and Agriculture 3
- Purchased additional instructional material to accommodate our freshmen class

-Reduced our debt by \$100,000

Part of the building expansion plans through the *Seeking, Serving, Soaring Campaign* include a new Art Room. One feature of the larger room will include designated space to accommodate the use of a kiln. A kiln is an oven used to bake or fire ceramics. Mrs. Wicklander, CORLHS' art teacher, is excited about adding the new skill to the art curriculum.

Through the grapevine, Gretchen Douglas, of rural Salem heard of our plans and donated an art kiln, molds, supplies, and approximately 200 pieces of pottery. She was thrilled to be able to help CORLHS expand our art program with her donation as she stated, "I believe art is a very important program that should be supported. Art has a way of teaching people patience, appreciation, perspective, and problem solving techniques. I am sure I am not alone when I say, I hope the teachings of art in schools does not become a 'lost art.'"

The building expansion is expected to occur in the fall of 2013. In addition to a new art room, two general classrooms,

storage, and a set of restrooms will be added. The 5,000 square foot addition will allow CORLHS to accommodate our growing enrollment.

As wonderful as these additions are, the things we

are most thankful for are the people. Thank you for your partnership in sharing the message of God's great love for us with the students of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. For this, we are truly thankful and blessed. Happy Thanksgiving!

every day
is thanks
giving



Estate Planning Options

Do you have a will? Does it need to be updated? Without the proper planning, the state of Illinois will determine how your assets are distributed, as well as, take a large percentages in taxes. CORLHS provides Christian estate plan guidance to assist in drafting the legal documents necessary to en-

sure that your wishes are fulfilled through your estate. There are various financial instruments and documents that transfer your assets to heirs, pay minimal taxes, and make gifts to charities which are dear to your heart. For more information on this free service offered by COR, contact Chad Knolhoff at the school office.



Rock the Gym!

The 2011 Silver Stallions Volleyball teams are hosting a "Rock the Gym" 3 on 3 volleyball tournament on Saturday, December 3rd to benefit the Nate Holm Family. The proceeds will assist the family with medical bills including the helicopter flight to St Louis, more than a month long stay in hospitals, continuing medical testing and physical rehabilitation. Registration entries will be accepted at COR until November 30th or until the tournament is full. Teams of three to five players are encouraged to sign up early as we will only accept 12 teams. Team members must be of high school age or above and all teams must include at least one male and one female player. The cost is \$10.00 per player. Register online at corlhs.org or by returning a completed entry form to Christ our Rock Lutheran High School. T-shirts are also available by pre-order for \$10.00 each. Any questions, call CORLHS at 226-3315 or Michelle Lape at 432-5512. Nate is a 2011 graduate of CORLHS. Donations may be sent to COR, please put Nate Holm Benefit on the subject line.

Thrivent Choice Dollars - An easy way to support CORLHS. Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funds through Choice Dollars SM, part of Thrivent's Choice SM charitable grant program. Choice Dollars are Thrivent funds which must be given to charity. You have the opportunity to designate the recipient of Choice Dollars based on your qualifying insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars designations range from \$25 to \$2,500 for each eligible benefit member.

CORLHS and CORLHS Foundation are registered organizations which can receive Choice Dollars. To learn more about the program or to direct your Choice Dollars to CORLHS visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice", or contact Chad Knolhoff at CORLHS.

News & Updates

National Honor Society: Twelve students were inducted into the

National Honor Society Chapter at Christ Our Rock on October 11. This year's speaker was Monica Allen, a registered nurse from St. Mary's/Good Samaritan Hospital in Centralia. Allen shared her experiences about medical mission trips to South America. This year's inductees were Seniors Ben Maschhoff, Tyler Pokojski and Morgan Michael; and Juniors Hayden Klockenga, Amara Lyons, Ellie Rueter, Caitlin Fuehne, Kim Daum, Bethany Kleiboeker, Gabby Orr, Sarah Gardner, and Megan Pick. This year saw the largest number of inductees in the school's history. Chapter membership is now up to a record 17 members.



Sports Shorts



Congratulations on EIC All-Conference Volleyball Teams to Amanda Geiger, Rebekah and Rachael Lape! Amanda was given first team honors and Bekah and Rachael were given second team honors.

Congratulations to Rachel Holm for placing 4th in breaststroke and 5th in backstroke at the IHSA Swimming Sectional meet last Saturday!

Stallion Night
Meet your Silver Stallion basketball teams for 2011-2012 season on Monday, November 28. This is the boys first home game, JV starts at 6:15.

