

CHRIST OUR ROCK
LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

*"Where Faith and
Knowledge Grow!"*

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

- September 14 Fall
Blood Drive
- September 18 Tee
Off Golf Scramble 1
pm
- September 24 Ford
Drive One 4 UR
School at CORLHS
9 am
- September 24
CORLHS Home-
coming
- September 30
12:00 pm dismissal
for teacher in-
service

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

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8th School Year Begins

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School has topped the century mark, beginning the 2011-2012 school year with 103 students. The student body has increased by nearly 25 percent, continuing its 8-year trend of growth. Current class size includes:

37 Freshmen
25 Sophomores
21 Juniors
20 Seniors

For the first time in the school's history the incoming freshman class has been divided into two sections. Of the current enrollment at CORLHS, 48 percent of the students are Lutheran, as compared to 55 percent last year; 38 percent are from other Christian congregations; and 14 percent have no designated church home.

More than 33 Christian congregations are represented in the student body at CORLHS. This year's freshman class came from 16 different middle/elementary schools and 19 different Christian congregations. The student body also includes four foreign exchange students, three from Vietnam and one from Taiwan. The Lord has richly blessed us!

"This is an exciting time to be connected with Christ Our Rock," said Don Duensing, the school's new principal and executive director. Duensing,

formerly principal at Lutheran High School in Springfield, has assumed the position and duties formerly held by Curtis Wudtke, who has taken a position at Metro East Lutheran High School in Collinsville.

"For the school to reach this [enrollment] milestone so quickly speaks to the community's commitment to providing a strong academic curriculum in a Christ centered environment," said Duensing. "I am honored to be a part of such a dedicated staff and applaud the devotion of the families and churches who encouraged this quick growth of the student body."

Duensing is joined by four other new faces. Tim Thomack of Litchfield is the new mathematics teacher as well as the school's new athletic director. Julie Cole, Centralia, is serving as the school's new director of student services, as well as teaching freshman social studies. Justin Hunt has taken over the school's music program while Rev. Jerry Bagwell, Vandalia, is teaching freshman and senior theology.

Thomack is a recent graduate of Concordia University – Mequon (Wisc.), while Cole and Hunt are graduates of Eastern Illinois University. Pastor Bagwell is serving at Holy Cross Church in Vandalia, after having served Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches in Texas for several years.

Ford Drive One 4 UR School

Sept. 24, 9am-4pm

CORLHS and Wiegman Ford (Carlyle) are partnering to help raise up to \$8,000 in support of our school as part of Ford Motor Company's "Drive One 4 UR School." This is a quick way for you to help raise money for CORLHS by simply committing 15 minutes of your time to test drive a new Ford vehicle. CORLHS will receive \$20 for every person who test drives an Explorer, Fiesta, Edge, F-150, and other Ford models at this one day event. If you take a second test drive in a Focus, CORLHS will get another \$10. No cost to you and no obligation. So take a Saturday drive on September 24 from 9am-4pm at the COR campus. Drivers must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Only one test drive per household. And, if you have a little extra time Saturday, we need volunteers to help operate the event. Three hour shifts are available for test drive riders, registration, and food servers. Free food for all. While you drive you can even get your car washed for a small fee.

8th Annual Tee-Off Golf Scramble

*will take place at
Greenview Golf Club on
Sunday, Sept. 18, with a shotgun
start at 1:00 p.m.
Dinner (provided by Wargo's Restaurant) will follow the round of
golf.*

The cost including 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner is \$75 per player or \$300 per foursome.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second place teams in two flights. Other competitions include longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, and a putting contest. Every golfer will receive a "goodie cup" and numerous door prizes will be given.

For more information, or to place reservations (which are limited to the first 128 golfers) please call 618-226-3315.



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Homecoming

Christ Our Rock's annual Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24. This year's theme is "Bright Lights, Big City," which promises a taste of metropolitan New York for participating students. Last Year's homecoming king and queen, Dylan Burmester and Dorothee Belli, will be returning to crown this year's homecoming royalty.

As always, alumni of Christ Our Rock are invited to the homecoming dance, and will be admitted free of charge. If you know a Christ Our Rock alum, we encourage you to pass this information along to him or her.

Parade Walkers Needed.

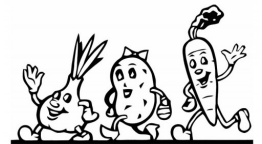
CORLHS participates in four parades this fall. We need 15-20 people to walk the parade route handing out CORLHS pencils and info cards. The parades are approximately 1-2 miles long and last about 2 hours. Sign up for one or more of the following parades and help promote our school. This is also a great way to meet other CORLHS families. Please call, email, or stop in the school office to sign up. The parades are:

Wheat Festival Parade (Okawville) on Sunday, September 18 at 2pm

Little Egypt Fest Parade (Salem) on Saturday, October 1 at 2pm

Southern Illinois Harvest Festival Parade (Mt. Vernon) on Saturday, October 15 at 2pm

Centralia Parade (Centralia) on Saturday, October 29 at 7pm.



Sports Shorts

CORLHS is still searching for a softball coach to launch this new program at Christ Our Rock in the Spring of 2012. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 226-3315.

Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball are all into their seasons. Be sure to check the schools website for an updated list of game times. Go Stallions!



News & Updates

concrete is done and only landscaping and minor items are left. We appreciate your patience during the construction process. We also thank a CORLHS supporter for their donation to make this project possible. **September 30 Noon Dismissal** for Teacher Workshop and Meeting.

Entry Drive Project. No more pot holes!!! The

Balloon Fest report. A big thank you to all who volunteered in working our ice cream booth at the Centralia Balloon Fest. The booth raised \$1532 and was a great opportunity to promote CORLHS. A special thank you also goes to Tom and Ruth Kasten of the Centralia Dairy Queen as they donated all the ice cream.