



2020-2021 School Year Recap

In spite of COVID, we stayed involved and busy this year!

Our first day of the 2020-2021 school year began on August 18, 2020. We were blessed to be in school full-time with our regular schedule. Sanitizing, distancing, and masks were a priority and kept our students going to in-person school throughout the year.

Even with the COVID restrictions, we stayed busy! Students were able to participate in basketball and baseball by co-opting with Cissna Park High School. There was Scholastic Bowl, National Lutheran Schools Week and a food drive to benefit the Hands of Christ food pantry in Paxton. Mrs. Vance received a grant for the English Department to purchase books and novels. Mrs. Liston's choir, hand bells and band performed several mini-concerts online for the Twelve Days of Christmas. Art began the year with "the best art class ever" that consisted of throwing paint filled egg shells.

CLHS also participated in Buckley's Trunk-or-Treat event. We served NINE separate carryout meal fundraisers, worked a food stand at the Thawville sale and had two detergent fundraisers.

We were able to complete our school year entirely in person with no need to have remote learning days. We are grateful for our amazing staff, parents and supporters who helped to make this unusual school year a success!



Cissna Park Basketball
Senior Marshall Horton played basketball for the Timberwolves.



Halloween Party
Ray Hewerdine paints a pumpkin during art class' Halloween party.



VFW Patriotic Art Contest
Senior Paige Huse won the local art contest sponsored by the Hoopeston Auxiliary.

Summer 2021

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Golf Outing July 9

Our annual golf outing will be on July 9. If you are interested in participating, please contact the school.

Knight for Christ Auction August 28

The CLHS Knight for Christ Auction will be held on August 28 at the Ford County Fairgrounds. Reservations are required and will cost \$45. Contact the school for more information.

Golf Cart Drawing

2021 E-Z Go Valor EX1 Golf Cart, fuel injected gas engine, street legal with turn signals, platinum. Tickets are \$100 each. Only 125 tickets sold. Contact the school for more information.

TV Drawing

58" JVC ROKU TV, 4K UHD Smart TV. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Drawing will be on Saturday, August 28. Contact the school for more information.



NLSW - Dress Like a Tourist Day

Message from our Principal

behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

~Song of Solomon 2:11-13

Solomon's words paint a beautiful picture – winter is past! So...to quote Martin Luther, "What does this mean?"

At CLHS it means we have endured and overcome a year-long (and then some) COVID "winter". The year brought challenges, to be sure, but there were also more joys than we could count. Here are just a few:

- We successfully adapted our school routines which allowed us to be "business and usual" in our daily schedule. This meant we were able to have all our students in our building for in-person classes every day for full days. This gave a much-needed sense of normalcy (and not just a "new normal") that we hadn't had since March of 2020.

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CARRY OUT MEALS

Pork chops, pork burgers, spaghetti and fish!

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DETERGENT FUNDRAISERS

There are items still available to purchase!

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FOOD DRIVE

Students collected for the Hands of Christ food pantry.

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SPIRIT WEAR FUNDRAISER

For the Art Department.



Graduation 2021

Christ Lutheran High School Graduation was held on Friday, May 28, 2021 in the school gym. The 2021 graduating class of seniors were Paige Ann Huse and Marshall Lee Horton. Paige Huse served as the class Salutatorian and Marshall Horton served as class Valedictorian.

The night was attended by faculty, family, and friends of the graduates and supporters of Christ Lutheran. The CLHS Band and Bells for Christ provided preservice music. The CLHS Voices for Christ Choir (and alumni) also provided music for the ceremony.

The graduating class was presented with several scholarships and awards:

- Goetting Scholarship: Paige Huse
- Mandy Abbe Scholarship: Paige Huse and Marshall Horton
- American Legion Award: Paige Huse

Paige plans to attend Kankakee Community College and Marshall plans to attend Parkland Community College. Good luck graduates!!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

(message continued...)

- Our family of supporters has been very generous, both in prayer and in financial gifts. These dear friends enabled us to continue educating our students, even during the worst of the pandemic.
- A new sports cooperative agreement with nearby Cissna Park High School that allowed our students the opportunity to participate in boys basketball and baseball. We will be able to expand sports offerings in the future through this agreement.
- Our Scholastic Bowl Team was able to participate in a few remote tournaments. While we prefer to participate in our events in person, we were still very glad to return to competitive events, and our team did very well besides.
- By God’s grace, our staff demonstrated how flexible and agile they are in dealing with continually-changing circumstances.

Winter is past also means summer is (almost) here! The lockers are empty and the hallways are quiet now. For a short time we will take a pause to reflect on the school year now completed and take time enjoy the blossoms and fragrance of this new season.

I thank you for your prayers and continued support – we couldn’t have made it through this year without you!

Wishing you sunshine and joy in Jesus!
Sandy Spitz



Cindy Vance received the Eastern Illini Grant to purchase books and novels for the English Department.

2020-2021 Annual Student Awards

The Annual Student Award Ceremony was held on May 21. Here are the highlights:

Scholastic Bowl Team

Deanna Auxier, Gabe Bohlmann, Marshall Horton, Ethan Huse, Paige Huse, Gavin Spitz

Choir

Deanna Auxier, Mikayla Hand, Marshall Horton, Paige Huse

Band

Gabe Bohlmann, Marshall Horton, Ethan Huse, Paige Huse, Collin Kottke

Handbells

Deanna Auxier, Gabe Bohlmann, Mikayla Hand, Ethan Huse, Paige Huse

Art

All Students



2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

As we look forward to the next school year, we are hopeful that things will return to normal, i.e. no masks, no temperature checks at the door, and less social distancing. Our first day of school will be August 24, 2021. We are currently projecting an enrollment of 15 students for the upcoming school year. Please stay tuned for more information on a back-to-school night, school supplies, etc...



Scholastic Bowl team: Deanna Auxier, Ethan Huse, Marshall Horton, Gabe Bohlmann, Paige Huse, Gavin Spitz (not pictured).

Daughters of the American Revolution

Paige Huse

Sons of the American Revolution

Marshall Horton

Reynolds Barwick Scholarship

Paige Huse

Trent Arends Scholarship

Gabe Bohlmann

NHS Induction/Recognition

Gabe Bohlmann, Ethan Huse, Gavin Spitz

Salutatorian

Paige Huse

Valedictorian

Marshall Horton

