

Class of 2024

Graduation was held on May 31. Congratulations to our seniors: Andrew Johnson and Peyton Plenert!



What We've Been Up To...

Rifle Club: CLHS Rifle Club started its first year with a 4 week, introductory season running from February 29 thru March 21. We had 6 students participate in practices, each held for an hour and a half every week. During practices, the students learned the safe handling of rifles, range safety commands, and range operating procedures. Each week, the students conducted live fire using a .177 caliber target air rifle at targets from a distance of 10 meters. The 2024 -2025 season will be longer and incorporate two more shooting positions and allow the students to participate in at least one competitive match.

Scholastic Bowl: The Crusader Scholastic Bowl Team had a great showing at the Iroquois County Scholastic Bowl Meet. The meet took place on Monday, March 11 at Iroquois West High School in Gilman. The team went 2 - 2, defeating the teams from Watseka and Iroquois West, to finish third in the competition. The team took losses from Milford and Cissna Park, eventual winners of the event. Team members earning the special recognition of being named to the All-County Team were junior Kinley VanHoveln (5th place) and sophomore Skyler Sandstedt (8th place). Other team members are Madison Schmid (sophomore) and Levi Wagner (freshman). The team is coached by Dan Huse.

Track: We had three students participate in track this year: Kaelyn Schwing: discus and long jump, Faith Bohlmann: 100m, 200m, Kinley VanHoveln: shot put, discus.

Tuck Pointing: This summer has been busy at Christ Lutheran! Our main focus while we are on summer break is to work on building maintenance and improvements. Work on tuck pointing the bricks on the West side of the building has continued.

New Roof: We are getting a new roof! Our building is currently getting a new metal roof. This, in combination with the tuck pointing, should help to improve the insulation and efficiency of our building.

Greenhouse: Our greenhouse is finished! The 20' greenhouse has been built on the east side of the building. The horticulture class will use the greenhouse to grow flowers for the village, fruits and vegetables for the cooking class, and hopefully work towards having plant sales. Thank you to Anthony Conn and United Prairie for helping to get and for matching funds to help purchase the greenhouse, thank you to Eugene Forster, Denise Forster, and Les Dippel for assembling the greenhouse. We are grateful to have this addition at CLHS!

Janitor: We are please to announce that Tim Lurhsen has joined our staff at CLHS as our new janitor. Welcome, and we are grateful to have you join us!

Summer 2024.....

CRUSADER NEWS



Message from Alumni Kaya Rayson

Hello! My name is Kaya Rayson, an alumni of CLHS class of 2023. Christ Lutheran was the perfect transition for me from homeschooling to now Lee University in Cleveland, TN where I major in Psychology with an emphasis on Counseling and minor in Intercultural Studies.

The relationships formed with everyone-from teachers to staff to classmates of all ages-because of the small size of Christ Lutheran High School gave me a love for community that has carried in to my college life. Which is why I applied for, and now will be a Residential Assistant of a girls dormitory this Fall. So many what I thought trivial things about high school prepared me in ways I would have never dreamed for moving 600 miles from home to a Bible college in TN.

Learning to dig deep in to what a writer really means in Mrs. Vance's English class prepared me enough to win the Outstanding Freshman Writer's Award at LeeU. Learning to make great slideshows in Mrs. Stachura's Art class helps me now make college presentations. And her cooking class as well as the emphasis on volunteering at CLHS prepared me to now volunteer for the Breakfast Club. It's a club at my college where we go to the local emergency shelter a few mornings a week before classes and make and serve breakfast to the homeless. Personal Finance with Mr. Bohlmann taught me how to go to a private college out of state and still not have any loans.

These are just a few examples of how Christ Lutheran High School has prepared me for my next stage of life and why I am so thankful to have gone there.

SAVE-THE-DATE: KNIGHT FOR CHRIST AUCTION

The Knight for Christ Auction will be on Saturday, **August, 24, 2024!** Mark your calendars to come to our fundraising event. The event will again take place at the Ford County Fairgrounds. An RSVP is required. We are so grateful and blessed to have you as supporters of Christ Lutheran!





CLHS student, Kaelyn Schwing, receives the Trent Arends Scholarship.

Awards Breakfast

Our annual end-of-the-year Awards Breakfast was held on May 16. CLHS students were recognized for their efforts in their classes, participation in clubs, and participation in sports:

- Scholastic Bowl
- Trent Arends Scholarship
- National Honor Society
- Choir
- Band
- Handbells
- Art
- Golf
- Track
- Senior Awards

Senior Andrew Johnson received the Football Award for tackling all the messes.

Senior Peyton Plenert received the “Oscar” Award for his relationship with Oscar.

Freshman Kaelyn Schwing received the Trent Arends Scholarship.

CLHS English Classes

The freshman and sophomore classes ended the school year reading *The Outsiders* and watching the movie. The classic novel was written by S. E. Hinton in 1966 when she was in high school. This year it started on Broadway and is a hit musical. If you have read it, STAY GOLD!

The juniors and seniors wrapped up the year with J. D. Vance’s autobiography, *Hillbilly Elegy*. Since it’s a political year, we found it to be both interesting and inspiring. We learned that his faith and the strong connections he had with his family and friends gave young J. D. Vance the support he needed to overcome an environment of dysfunction and become a leader in our country today.

In July we will have a book/movie discussion group if there is enough interest. CLHS students, including incoming freshmen, please call the office if you might be able to attend, and I’ll let you know the details. We will probably meet once a week.

Summer Blessings,
Mrs. Vance

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Foreign Language classes at CLHS are led by our longtime teacher Mrs. Trina Southe. Students are required to take two levels of Spanish through Rosetta Stone. After completing their Spanish requirements, students may continue with Spanish or choose to learn a new language from more than 20 options. Recently our students have decided to explore French, German, Japanese, Polish, and Korean!



Christmas Concert
“The Wonder of It All”

On, Thursday, December 7, 2023, the music department at CLHS presented a Christmas concert titled, “Thankful and Joyful”.

The band included: Kinley VanHoveln on trumpet, Faith Bohmann on flute, Levi Wagner on drums, and Alana Heisner on xylophone. The night also featured special guest Mrs. Rebekah Sanders accompanying on piano.

The CLHS Handbells included: Kinley VanHoveln, Peyton Plenert, Jackson Lykins, Skyler Sandstedt, Levi Wagner, Isabel Heisner, Kaelyn Schwing, Alana Heisner, and Faith Bohlmann.

The choir, Voices for Christ, included members: Kinley VanHoveln, Timothy Wyckoff, Levi Wagner, Skyler Sandstedt, and Faith Bohlmann.

They performed “wonder”fully, bringing smiles to all of those who were there.



Denim Day



Throwback Thursday



Funky Friday



Anything But a Backpack Participants

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Students at Christ Lutheran celebrated NLSW January 23-26. Each day featured a different themed dress-up day and activities: Pajamas and Donuts and Devotions (snow day), Denim Day, Throwback Thursday, and Funky Friday. Students also had the opportunity to play badminton in PE, complete I’m Throwback Trivia and were challenged to bring anything but a backpack. We ended the week with make-your-own quesadillas and ice cream sundaes for lunch.