

Dear Christ Lutheran Parents,

As we are coming to a close to this year, I just wanted to tell you what a delight it has been to serve you as the administrator of your school. Each day has been a new opportunity to marvel at the grace and wonder shown in the children in my first full year as your Director.

Of course I'm not the only "newbie" this year, am I? This year we have been blessed with new faculty (Miss Devine, Miss Henry, Miss Miller and Mrs. Alvord) as well as repositioning familiar faculty in new roles (Mrs. Miller in Kindergarten). Not only have we added new teachers, we have also added new courses:

IN SCHOOL

- Latin
- Ukulele
- New, open floor plan and enhanced learning opportunities in preschool

AFTER SCHOOL

- Chinese
- Violin

We had an amazing year in 2015-2016, don't you think? Our school started off by taking First Place in the Fun Festival! Along with that we have enjoyed wonderful Christmas Pageant, Spring Concert, School Carnival as well as all of the blessings from the day to day life of your kids. It has been a wonderful year indeed! You were a big part of all these things, and we are grateful for that!

So, are you ready for next year? Yes, I said it, because as we prepare for next year, I have a few changes I would like to highlight for you.

- **Tuition** - Although rising costs have led to the need for increased tuition, the School Board decided in December, that we would offer 2015-2016 tuition to any families who pre-registered by March 14. As a result, we had the highest pre-registrations in a long time! Thank you for that.
- **New Classes!** - Last year, after discussing with parents about how they wished we offered Latin, Christ Lutheran responded by offering Latin here. It's important to show a continued commitment to education. This upcoming year, Christ Lutheran will be addressing the vital element of **music education**. In order to provide this, Christ Lutheran has approached Mrs. Sarah Moutner, our after school violin teacher. She has a wonderful general music curriculum for preschool through middle school that she will be bringing to your kids each week! Since music education is a proven way to help kids to develop their learning, we are excited to add this to our growing list of unique learning opportunities!
- **A New Look!** - Last year we sent home a letter explaining to parents that Christ Lutheran is moving to student uniforms in 2016-2017. We have a dress code that aims to promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school, respect for our educational environment, and to reduce any sense of inequality of personal dress. Some questions of cost were brought up to me, and after only a brief review of local stores, the dress code can be met easily for a fraction of the cost of trying to keep up with current trends. For your convenience, Christ Lutheran has added a page to our website, showing the low cost and availability here in the Coos Bay area. the page is www.coosbaylutheran.org/uniforms.html
- **School Spirit** - To promote School Spirit, your Parent-Teacher League (PTL) has generously decided provide each 2016-2017 student with a Christ Lutheran Shirt! (see back for order information)

Everything we are doing here at Christ Lutheran is aimed at providing the safest, most enjoyable and highest quality education for your children. It is both our pleasure and our sacred duty to give your children the building blocks that will make them into tomorrow's leaders. Thank you for all you do to help make this a reality. Please feel free to come by and discuss anything with me. I pray God's blessings to you today and every day!

In His service and in yours,
Rev. Brandt Hoffman
School Director - Christ Lutheran School