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NLSA Accrediation

There has been a lot of talk about the recent Accreditation process taking place at CTK. Our on-site visit was conducted on Monday and Tuesday, October 19-20. After the two-day visit, the Accreditation team is unanimously recommending us for Accreditation by Michigan District – LCMS, Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS), and National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA).

This process involved many volunteers – the staff, Board of Education, and Parent / Congregation members. These individuals served on one of 12 sub-committees and worked on constructing a report evaluating our school on a set of standards related to their committee. These reports were compiled with other information and documentation to form the Self-Study Report, which was shared with the Visitation Committee. The Visitation Committee then makes an on-site visit to validate, or disprove, what we submitted in our Self-Study. Following the on-site visit we receive a report outlining our strengths and weaknesses. I would like to share just a few of the positives that were observed by the Accreditation team:

The staff cares about children and has expertise in both helping them learn and modeling the Christian Lifestyle.

An excellent school climate exists where students feel loved, respected and valued.

The students are respectful and desire direction in the learning process. They cooperate with teachers and each other in building a great learning climate.

The facilities are well cared for, respected by students and adequate to address the learning needs of children. It provides a welcoming and bright atmosphere for learning.

This is not the end. We will receive a much more extensive written report. From this report we will be developing a school improvement plan which will be implemented over the course of the next five years, after which we will be up for Re-Accreditation again. This is a wonderful process and we get to join in praise for the ministry that takes place at CTK, as well as develop plans to make CTK an even better place. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue through the school improvement process, and join in celebrating our approval for Accreditation.

Blessings,

Mr. Kumm

CEF Stamp Program

We are again offering the Church Extension Fund (CEF) Savings Stamp Program to your child. This program enables your child to open a savings account in a fun way. It is a fun and easy way for your child to start saving money. Your child experiences Christian Stewardship. Monies on deposit enable CEF to give low-interest loans to Lutheran churches and schools for building and

expansion. Both Immanuel and St. Paul have been blessed by using CEF for projects over the years.

Saving stamps in the amounts of \$0.25 and \$1 will be sold on Mondays at the Sebewaing Campus and on Tuesdays at the Unionville Campus during lunch times. If your child isn't already in the stamp program, just have him or her come and get a packet of information explaining the program.

Yours in Christ,

Joan Walz - CTK CEF Savings Stamp Rep

Kids Bowling

American Legion Post #421, Unionville, will be hosting kids bowling for children ages 5-12.

The program will begin on Saturday, November 7 and they will bowl every other Saturday beginning at 9:00 am for the next 6 Saturdays. Those interested need to call **989-551-8427** for more information and registration. The cost is \$3 per child per day. Shoe rental is \$1 per child. There is a discount when 3 or more children from the same family bowl.

Pumpin' For Life

The 6th grade class participated in a 4-week program through Schuerer Hospital that taught the children about making healthier choices. The program included tracking distance walked (using a pedometer) and taking tests over the material learned. Of all of the schools in the Thumb area who participated in this program, CTK 6th grade finished in 2nd place overall and had the highest test average, which was **97.8%** Way to Go 6th grade!

Thrivent Matching

This is just a reminder that Thrivent will be ending the Giving Plus program at the end of 2009. Please consider making a contribution to CTKL, our Early Childhood Center, or both entities. Forms are available at the school office, or at both congregations. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and they go to help with general operating expenses which is a vital aide in the Christian Education of our youth.

Technology Needs

We are looking to upgrade our Mavis Beacon Typing software. The cost of upgrading is about \$750. We would also like to look into some network licenses for software at the Unionville Campus, as well as chairs for the lab at Sebewaing. The chairs are about \$50 each. Contributions for these projects can be directed to the school office. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Kumm

Sports Corner

Upcoming Games:

VB 8th: F 10-23 - TCLL Tourn 1st Rd

At Immanuel-BC v. St. Peter-Hemlock - 4:30

Sa 10-24 - TCLL Tourn 2nd Rd- Time TBA **at Faith-BC**

VB 7th: F 10-23 - TCLL Tourn 1st Rd

At St. Michael-Richville v. St. Michael - 4:30

Sa 10-24 - TCLL Tourn 2nd Rd- Time TBA **at Faith-BC**

Girls "Blue" Basketball:

T 11-3 - at St. Michael-Richville - 4:30

F 11-6 - HM v. Faith-BC - 4:30

W 11-11 - HM v. OLLH-Harbor Beach - 5:00

Girls "Silver" Basketball:

M 11-9 - HM v. Holy Cross-Saginaw - 5:30

W 11-11 - HM v. OLLH-Harbor Beach - 6:00

F 11-13 - HM v. Immanuel-Frankentrost - 4:30

Boys B Basketball:

T 11-3 - at St. Michael-Richville - 5:30

F 11-6 - HM v. Faith-BC - 5:30

M 11-9 - HM v. Holy Cross-Saginaw - 5:30

F 11-13 - HM v. Immanuel-Frankentrost - 5:30

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sa. 10-24 - St. Paul Marketplace - 9:00-4:00

Th-F 10-29-30 - No School - MANS Conf.

Sa 10-31 - Trunk or Treat at CTK-Sebewaing

Sun. 11-1 - Jr. Children's Choir at Kilmanagh - 10:00 am

Fri. 11-6 - End of Quarter 1

Sun. 11-8 - St. Paul Voter's Mtg - after late service.

Mon. 11-9 - Immanuel Voter's Mtg - 7:30 pm

Sun. 11-8 - Children's Choir and 8th Bells - Immanuel - 8:00

Fri. 11-13 - Magazine Sales Kickoff

Sun. 11-15 - Children's Choir at St. Paul - 8:00

Mon. 11-16 - NO SCHOOL - P/T Conferences

School Lunch Menu

M 10-26 - Salisbury Steak

T 10-27 - Turkey Pot Pie

W 10-28 - Pizza

Th 10-29 - NO SCHOOL

F 10-30 - NO SCHOOL

M 11-2 - Mac and Cheese

T 11-3 - Chicken Noodle Soup

W 11-4 - Tater Tot Casserole

Th 11-5 - Deli Ham/Cheese

F 11-6 - Chicken Fajitas

Church Attendance

	10/11	10/18		10/11	10/18
Kindergarten:	89%	100%	Fifth Grade:	92%	85%
First Grade:	89%	100%	Sixth Grade:	52%	86%
Second Grade:	91%	91%	Seventh Grade:	94%	47%
Third Grade:	69%	85%	Eighth Grade:	65%	59%
Fourth Grade:	50%	56%	Faculty:	92%	83%
Overall percentage:	10/11: 75%	10/18: 71%			

** There are some inconsistencies among certain grades with regular church attendance. This is a very meaningful aspect of a child's Christian education. Please prayerfully consider the role of church in your life, as well as the lives of your children and your family. **The challenge is to strive for an overall higher percentage rather than just a high percentage on weekends where a choir sings or a handbell group rings.**

Hot Lunch Helpers

We would like to remind all parents that when they are scheduled as a **Hot Lunch Helper**, they are NOT to wear flip-flops, or open footwear when working. This could result in a health code violation on our records at CTK.

Pre-S/Pre-K Helpers

Parents of Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students are reminded that we need to schedule parent volunteers to be in the classroom in order to be in compliance with State Guidelines with Student/Teacher-Adult Ratio.

We are still having difficulty with this. Other action or policy will have to be put in place if we continue to have days with no volunteers, or no-shows. A possible consideration is that we as a school will be assigning you a day to work. If is your responsibility to work that day, provide someone in your place, or call from a substitute list and reimburse that substitute a set dollar amount (similar to the hot lunch helper program).

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