



THE MIDSUMMER NOTE'S  
DREAM..

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W A S T O O G O O D T O P A S S U P )

Noon-5/Rinderknecht gym rental	8/1
Preseason OPTIONAL soccer practice begins	8/3
Laura Hillman Commissioning & Rededication @ St Stephens	8/9
Preseason OPTIONAL volleyball practice begins	8/10
Registration 2-8	8/13
Registration 9-1	8/14
Teacher Rededication @ St. John/Newhall	8/16

## First Day of School, Thurs., Aug. 20

Let the count down begin...23 days and counting until the beginning of the 2009-10 school year. As usual, the first day of school (a full day) will begin with opening ceremonies at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Atkins @ 8:30. Parents, please have your student/s at the church basement by 8:15 so they can walk up with their teachers and classes. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, 2nd cousins, you're all welcome to join us as we kick off another school year in CLS fashion. We hope to have a bus on hand to help transport students back to Central after the service is over, and parents are welcome to transport your students as well. We'll keep you posted on the busing issue as the date gets closer.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL:

Preschoolers will have their first day of school Monday, August 24. As you may have heard, due to a low enrollment of 3-year-olds, we are grouping them together with our 4-year-old classes. Three-year-olds will attend school on Tuesdays & Thursdays (either the am session or pm session) in the same classroom with the 4s. Mary Sievers and Diana Buscher will be assisting Miss Becky again this year.

#### 2009-10 Theme

Spiritually Fit

#### Hymn of the Year

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

#### CLS Mission Statement

Central Lutheran assists our congregations and parents by preparing children to be disciples for this life and the life to come.

#### Principal

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**REGISTRATION**, for lack of a better word, will be held Thursday, August 13, from 2-8 and Friday, August 14, from 9-1. Technically, everyone is registered (or should be) by now. On these dates, parents may come to the school and put money on the lunch accounts, buy the assignment notebooks, pick up forms and turn them in, etc. Students, you may bring your school supplies at this time and put them in your room. Both days are in-service days for the faculty, so you might even get a chance to say "howdy" to your teacher.

Speaking of forms...you can find some forms on our website already. We have revamped the **Emergency Contact Form** (fill out one per child). You no longer have to write in 6 pt. font to fit everything, and I won't need a magnifying glass to read it. Also, the long-awaited and ever popular **Class Supply List** has been revamped and posted to our website. We hope it cuts down on duplication and confusion. There are two **Waivers of Liability** this year, thanks to Al Gore, father of the internet. This form allows parents to sign off on whether CLS can put their child's name and/or photo on the internet, as all school newsletters are posted to the school's website. The other waiver refers to the Use of Images for promotional material. Please read the forms carefully; only one form per family. It's especially important this year that parents and students fill out the **Conduct Code for Internet Access**. Central is one of thousands of schools across the country that receives federal money to help us pay for our internet service. Because federal dollars are being (*Cont'd on P. 3*)

## I Love a Parade

This summer the CLS float has already been in the Belle Plaine 4th of July Parade and two more parades are on deck: Atkins Watermelon Days and Blairstown's Sauerkraut Days. All CLS students may ride the float and throw out treats. CLS Board member Justin Kithcart will be accompanying the float at Watermelon Days and Brad Sievers will be your pickled cabbage contact. (Note to Brad for next year: try to score a different parade next summer.) Look for the float in Atkins near the school about 15 minutes before parade time. If all goes well, we'll be hitching up the float and taking it on the road to the Macy's Day Parade on Thanksgiving. Brian Miller has agreed to let us tether him to long ropes and fill him full of hot air...shouldn't need much, just enough to top him off. :)



## Secretary of the Month

With the passing of my twin sister Farrah Fawcett, it's time to replace my school picture. This year I will post the picture of a famous TV-land secretary each month for my picture. In each Paw Print, I will post the photo and pose a trivia question about the actress/character/tv show. Start boning up on your tv trivia.

## 2009-10 Family Directory

In an effort to avoid the debacle known as last year's family directory, I have started putting the 09-10 Directory together and am checking it twice to see who's been naughty or nice. The naughty list will be printed on the back page (Is Cattau spelled with a K or a C?...no reason, just curious). In the meantime, when you come in to register August 13 or 14, please look at the master copy and proof your entry for accuracy. If it's wrong, please speak then or forever hold your peace. If you have moved, changed your phone number or place of employment, changed your cell #, or made any pertinent changes, please go to your FastDirect account and make any necessary changes. Parents are responsible for making sure information is up to date.

## BoxTops, Campbells Soup Labels, old cell phones and ink cartridges/toners

Is your young' un complaining about the summer doldrums? Then put a Fiskars in his sweaty little hand and have him start trimming up those General Mills BoxTops and Campbells Soup label UPCs. We will collect all of the above as fundraisers again this year, and you can really help us out by trimming and counting:

**BoxTops For Education:** BoxTops should be counted in groups of 50 and put in a small baggie. Check expiration dates!! Please mark a "50" on the baggie.

**Campbell Soups labels:** **We no longer need the entire label. Please just clip the UPC or barcode (see example below).** If the UPC includes a point value, don't cut that off. If it doesn't include a point value, simply clip the UPC. The LFE (Labels for Education) program includes such products as Goldfish, Spaghettios, V-Fusion, all Campbell Soups. Look for the LFE logo. Put in groups of 50 or 100 and label them in a baggie. Separate 1-pointers from 5-pointers.

**Used cell phones:** Don't send all the accessories. We just need the cell phone and the battery.

**Printer cartridges and toners:** Bring them in and put them near the front door. You can't miss the pile.



### 1st Quarter Chapel Offerings:

**Aug. 26 Chapel Leader:**  
Mrs. Doellinger

**Singing:**  
Daughtry

**2009-10 Theme:**  
Spiritual Fitness

**Hymn of the Month (Sept):**  
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

## REGISTRATION, CONT'D

handed out, Uncle Sam wants to make sure that we are carefully monitoring the subject matter that students have access to when they use the internet. This form will be part our documentation to the USAC people that we are in compliance. It's a long, convoluted process; long-story short, make sure you sign *one per student (k-8)* and get it to the office.

If your child is participating in sports, please make sure he/she has a current **Sports Physical** on file, as well as the **Sports Emergency Form** and **Sports Covenant**.

*Any student who is new to CLS* must bring in a copy of his/her **Birth Certificate** and an **updated immunization form**. If any new students are coming from out of state, he/she must produce a **Certificate of Dental Screening** (see below).

*Any student who has had updated immunizations since last year* (DPT, polio, rabies, distemper, etc.) must produce an **updated immunization form**. Please use the format that is attached to this newsletter.

*All preschoolers* must have a **Physical** on file. Physicals are good for one year, so you may not need to get one before school starts. Please use the form attached. (Students in K-8 do not need to bring a physical form).

Last year we rolled out a new form (I know, like we don't have enough already) that allows parents to designate how they want to be contacted in the event classes are dismissed unexpectedly for weather-related events. It's called the **Early Out Form**; please make sure you fill it out as it really cuts down on the confusion around here when we get out early.

All Kindergarteners must have a **Certificate of Dental Screening** filled out by his/her dentist. That form is available at school, our website or on the Ia. Dept. of Public Health website ([www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral\\_health.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/oral_health.asp)). If your child has already had his annual check up, just ask your dentist to fill out the form and fax it to us (223-5257). You need not schedule another appointment just to have this form filled out. (*Cont'd on P. 4*)

## TAKE THE THURSDAY NOTE WITH YOU...

The Thursday Note has been well-traveled this summer! It's been to both coasts and dozens of places in between. Check out the places it's been:



**Top L to R:** Woodleys at Adventureland; Mrs. Rempfer and family at Denver, Co; Macy S. and Kylie L. at Blairstown Library with IPT's Dan Wordell; Macy S. and family at Butterfly Garden in St. Louis; Caleb S. at Grandpa's boat and RV business in Minnesota; Delaynee and Lauren S. at a Minnesota Park; Katy F. in the Great Smoky Mts. In North Carolina. Keep sending them in!!

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## FORM-A-PALOOZA, (Cont'd)

Finally, we are implementing two new forms that require the parents' signature; one states that you have read the handbook *and* understand it and agree to abide by it and the other form specifies that you understand the financial policies and understand them and agree to abide by them. So bring your signature stamp to Registration Day to avoid writer's cramp.

### Gym Funding Approval Sought

The Voters at St. John/NH gave their approval to the CLS Board of Education to begin fund-raising for a new gym and kitchen addition. Voters at St. Stephens in Atkins will consider the measure Wednesday, August 29.

What does this mean? It simply means that, if both congregations approve, we can begin raising funds for the project. There are no plans to break ground, nor does it mean that any building plans have been approved. Based on bids and general cost estimates, we would need to raise approximately \$756,000.

We will keep you posted on the vote and any future developments. (See Board minutes)

### New Stove for the kitchen

The eighth grade class generously, and unanimously, agreed to make a donation back to the school to purchase A new stove for the kitchen. Their gift of \$2661 will cover approximately half the cost of replacing the stove.

### Mediacom provides free cable service for new addition

Hopefully by the start of school, the new classrooms will be wired for cable, thanks to Mediacom. The new TVs and mounts have already been purchased thanks to a generous donation.

## Athletics News:

**SOCCKER:** 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders: **OPTIONAL** pre-season practices August 3 – 7 and August 18, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Newhall field. Please bring shin guards, socks, cleats, and water! Loren Ingalls and Kurt Slouha coaches. Regular season practice times are Tuesday and Fridays from 3:45–5:30 p.m. in Newhall. The first regular season practice will be on Friday, August 21.

**VOLLEYBALL:** 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in playing volleyball: **OPTIONAL** pre-season practices: JV August 11, 13, and 17 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Varsity girls August 10, 12, 14 17 and 18 from 9-11 a.m. JV Coaches: Becky McKinney and Jennifer Hayden. Varsity Coaches: Amy Eggert and Tara Schnoebelen. Regular season practice times for volleyball are Mondays and Thursdays, JV - 3:45-5:15 and Varsity – 4:30-6:00. The first regular season practice: Thursday, August 20.

### WANTED: COLD, COLDER AND USDA APPROVED

The Athletics Department desperately needs its own refrigerator AND a freezer AND ground beef. If we don't get the first two, the last one request is moot...and, quite frankly, spoiled. How do you like your salmonella? Rare, medium rare or well? If you can help out, please contact one of our Athletic Directors, Kristin Meyer or Stella Wolter, or call the school office. Thank you in advance.