



# The Clothes Line

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Greetings CLS Team Members:

November is here and with it marks the beginning of the holiday season. Even though the Covid-19 pandemic grinds on, remember to keep a positive spirit. We want each of you to remain healthy through the upcoming holidays so be sure to follow recommended safety protocols.



We continue to experience higher business volumes than ever before! Our hard-working Team Members have stepped up and are performing at elevated levels all over the company. You are truly "the Heartbeat of the company!" Thank you for all you do!



We welcome to our family several new Team Members who have joined us in the last few weeks. We are excited to have you on the Team and wish you much success in your career here at CLS. Thank you for continuing to recommend family and friends to join our growing CLS family!

With the changing seasons, it is dark more hours of the day. In the morning on your way to work and sometimes dark when you travel home. Please be extra careful to look out for pedestrians along your travels and take extra time during your commute to be more cautious during the dark hours. Safety is a top priority here at CLS and we want to be sure you are safe to and from work each day. Thanks for keeping safety a part of your daily routine at home and at work.

Planning is underway for phases two and three of our production expansion at the Manchester building. We will keep you informed of our progress along the way. This is a huge project to increase our production capacity and will lead to a brighter future for all of us. Many changes will be coming and disruptions will occur as construction begins and new equipment is installed. As in the past, we appreciate your cooperation as together we grow.



We are now in the last quarter of 2021 and we are reminded of how blessed we are to be surrounded with stellar Team Members. Thank you for all you do day in and day out. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you!!

We are CLS!

Sarah, Kurt, Ron

# Black Friday Safety Tips



Black Friday may look slightly different this year because of the pandemic and new variant of COVID-19. Last year, it forced many people to do all their holiday shopping online rather than in stores. Holiday shopping on Black Friday can be stressful, but here are a few tips and tricks to help you survive the longest lines and get the greatest deals.

- 1. Start Early.** Start by making a list of the items or people you plan on shopping for and organize them to what stores you will need to stop into first and what stores will be last on your shopping trip. If you plan to go to a shopping center, this will help you plan the perfect shopping experience—each store you need to go to and not have to backtrack. Also, creating a budget for how much you want to spend in total or on each person could be helpful to determine where you start your shopping adventure.
- 2. Patience.** Black Friday tests the patience of workers and shoppers each year. Fights and arguments that break out over items cause chaos in the store and sometimes in our lives. Remember that kindness is key.
- 3. Be Aware of your surroundings.** Never leave your items or packages left unattended, and be alert to your surroundings at all times. Keep yourself focused when having to cross the road or walk back to your vehicle.
- 4. Skip in-store sales and shop online.** Last year, Black Friday shopping stores were only allowed to let in a certain number of people, making people wait outside in all weather conditions. Cyber Monday has become a big hit with everyone lately, especially during last year's pandemic where shopping felt impossible. In addition, Black Friday deals may be available for certain stores online. Check out your favorite websites earlier in the week to see what sales will be happening and if they will be offering them online and in-store.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gary Straight	Nov. 1
Marcia Carlota Aguirre	Nov. 2
Lance Klopfenstein	Nov. 3
Derek Anderson	Nov. 3
Gracie Garcia	Nov. 4
Brett Enos	Nov. 5
Griselda Diaz Silva	Nov. 8
Corey Whitlow	Nov. 9
Sarah Wrubel	Nov. 11
Greg Place	Nov. 11
Steve Sherburn	Nov. 11
Elizabeth Simbron Francisco	Nov. 12
Deldania Helena Ortega	Nov. 13
Ramon Rosario Rosado	Nov. 14
Consuelo Ramirez	Nov. 18
Steven Royal	Nov. 18
Alicia Nonato Garcia	Nov. 19
Sonja Hughes	Nov. 25
Melanie McDermott	Nov. 27
Kendall Schut	Nov. 29



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Joyce Burnett	24 Years
Maria Gutierrez	17 Years
Steve Royal	12 Years
Corey Whitlow	10 Years
Sonja Hughes	4 Years
Maria Rodriguez	4 Years
Dana Spencer	4 Years
Brain Abbott	4 Years
Mark Juncaj	4 Years
Ramon Gomez	2 Years
Ramon Rosario Rosado	1 Year



## New Equipment Has Arrived

We have received a new large piece feeder and folder for sheets and table linens. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> a technician will be here to help with the installation of the new equipment. It was purchased to replace a worn-out feeder and folder. We are looking forward to having improved quality, speed, and less maintenance issues!



## CLS Connect



CLS Connect is a great spot to get the latest news about up-coming events, company shout-outs, and much more. See a fellow CLS Team Member doing something great, being a leader, or staying positive? Send us a shout-out on CLS Connect so we can feature them and congratulate their win! Join us today on [www.CLSCONNECTONLINE.com](http://www.CLSCONNECTONLINE.com)!

## Stuff The Sleigh



The Salvation Army collected hundreds of toys to help make sure that every child has a toy to open during Christmas. We are thankful for the opportunity to help with this event by loaning The Salvation Army our Sleigh to use during their "Stuff the Sleigh" event on October 16th. Tim Summers from The Salvation Army Said "The sleigh was a huge draw and it helped us collect a bunch of toys."



## Thanksgiving Holiday

*CLS is excited to announce that we will be closed November 25-28, 2021 to allow for our Team Members to enjoy a long holiday weekend! Thank you all in advance for working extra hours beforehand so everyone is able to spend extra time with their family and friends. Our CLS family is blessed to have amazing Team Members who work diligently to ensure our customers are taken care of. We appreciate each and every one of you!!*

*The Vander Meer Family*



# Happy Halloween

The Team Members in Kalamazoo had some fun on Friday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> by dressing up in costumes. A special Thanks to the Human Resources Team for organizing the festivities. Please enjoy the pictures below and thank you to everyone who participated!!

