



Christ the King School Newsletter

DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our CTK School was remarkably represented during the volleyball season this fall with four teams. The commitment displayed by students, coaches and parents were outstanding. A special thanks to our hardworking and devoted Physical Education Director, **Mr. Darryl Kalichak** for organizing and supporting our awesome teams. Without the help of our parents, **Mr. Koskie, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Perron, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Loeb and Mrs. Sawatzky**, this would have not been possible. Thank you coaches! We would also like to extend a thank you to one of our support staff members, **Ms. Shewchuk** for her coaching assistance throughout the season.

This year's **Advent Concert** is entitled **The Christmas Chronicles** (a Christmas musical for children) written by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson. Cast members and students from Junior Kindergarten to grade 5 classes have been working diligently, learning their lines and songs as they prepare for the concert performances on **December 14 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. Gym doors will open 30 minutes prior. Only cast members need to arrive by 6:15 pm. No admission fee will be charged but there will be a collection to help defray the concert costs. Please remember to invite your family

and friends to come and celebrate this important event. I would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Mrs. Josephine Mots**, our musical director for her hard work and the countless hours dedicated to this musical production.

First term exams (ELA/Science/Social Studies and Math) for students in grades 7 and 8 will be written from January 31 to Feb 3, 2017. Second Semester starts Feb 7th for grades 7 and 8. Outlines will be provided by staff in January. More details will be sent home via email.

As part of CTK school tradition we will be having Mass with the school at 10:00 am on the last day (Dec 22nd). All parents and family members are invited to participate in the Eucharistic celebration. **Classes will finish at 1:30 pm and After Care will not be available. Classes will resume on Monday, January 9 (Day 5).**

Looking ahead, our annual **Open Houses** will take place on **Feb 2 and March 9 at 7:00pm**. If you know of anyone interested in joining our school, please encourage them to attend. Applications for new students are being accepted and can be obtain through our school office, church and school website ctkschool.ca

On behalf of our entire staff of Christ the King School, I wish you and your family a prayerful Advent and a Blessed Christmas season filled with peace and love.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Mrs. Laura Carreiro, Principal



PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS (PAC)

PAC is in need of a secretary to record meeting minutes at the PAC meetings during the school year (4 meetings remaining). No prior experience required. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Lisa Albensi, PAC Chair, at albensi6@gmail.com or (204) 260-9139 cell.

PAC Hot Dog Day will be on **December 9** and **January 20**, and **Fun Lunch** will be on **December 16** (Taco Del Mar) and **January 26** (Salisbury House). If you would like to volunteer a hot dog day or fun lunch, please sign up on the Volunteer Portal:
https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/web-terminal/login/CTK_Bingo?killSession=1

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 18, in the Grade 8 Classroom from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm**. All parents, guardians, and staff are invited to attend.

A **HUGE Thank you** to **Mrs. Stacie and Mr. David Harrington** for organizing the Show and Save and Koup book pizza party for the top selling students! We are hoping that purchased Koup Books will be sent home with students in the next few days.

The **PAC wine raffle** is well underway. If you have not yet already done so, please drop a bottle of wine off at the school office (we still need 6 bottles). Please tape a note on the bottle which clearly indicates the name of your child(ren). Thank you in advance! Please return your tickets and money to the school: you can either (1) drop off the money to the school or (2) send it in to the school with your child. Either way, please enclose the tickets and money in a **sealed envelope** which is clearly marked with the **total \$\$** as well as the **name**

and grade of your child. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Ann Desautels at 204 801-1032 or anndesautels@hotmail.ca

PAC has a Facebook page. If you would like to be a member of this closed group, please email albensi6@gmail.com. Membership is open to CTK parents/guardians, teachers, and school staff. You will only have access to what is posted on the PAC Facebook page. This Facebook page is for school-related information and activities and not intended for individual business purposes and /or advertising.

CTK Parent Advisory Council

THANK YOU!
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BROTHER BEAR BUS LINES



Special thanks to Mr. Derick Hilliker and his brother **Sean** of **Brother Bear Bus Lines** for safely transporting our students over the past few weeks.

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to both CTK# 1 and CTK #2 on an undefeated season in MCSAA Developmental league. CTK #1 rounded out their season with their final tournament at Immaculate Heart of Mary School while CTK #2 played in their final tournament at Linden Christian School. A big thank you goes out to our parent coaches: **Mr. Glenn Ross and Ms. Jill Perron (CTK #1) and Mr. David Harrington and Mr. Ward Gordon (CTK #2)**. Great season boys!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Congratulations to our **Competitive 8 boys as they captured league finalist distinction** over the weekend. The boys were defeated in three tough sets by the Linden Christian Wings. Our boys got to the final by beating the Westgate Wings on Friday in semi-final action.

An awesome performance in which, although not the league champions, played that way all season long, going undefeated in 8 matches during league action, as the team lost only two sets while winning sixteen. They were also tournament finalists at the St Pauls OutReach Tournament at the beginning of November. Special thanks to **Mr. Koskie** for coaching and **Ms. Shewchuk** for assisting him.

Well done boys!

All four teams did very well in the month of November. **The Competitive girls finished fourth** at a tournament at St Alphonus, and their season ended with a tough three set defeat to IHMS in league playoff action. Thank you to our coaches **Mr. Loeb** and **Mrs. Sawatzky**. Volleyball is not completely finished on the Royal Court just yet, as the **grade 5 girls** are competing at a **triple ball tournament on December 13th**, at St Maurice School. Best of luck girls!

The 7 and 8's will now compete in league basketball, with game action not taking place until the last week of January.

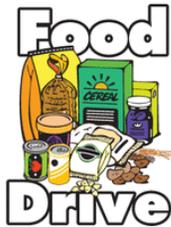
Towards the end of January our **K-6 students** will once again be participating in **bowling** at **Dakota Lanes**.

Mr. Kalichak-Physical Education Director

December Virtue

Charity

Ubi Caritas et Amor, Deus ibi est – Where there is charity and love, God is there.



Consider these thoughts:

- ❖ Remember throughout Advent that charity starts from home and moves forward in all you do.
- ❖ Let the Christmas Season create charity in your actions throughout the year.
- ❖ If we expect other people to do charitable acts towards us, we must first remember to show generosity towards others.
- ❖ We should always remember those less fortunate than us, especially in a season filled with giving.

SILOAM MISSION SOCK DRIVE

The Grade 4 class and the Grade 7 and 8 Social Justice Club have initiated a sock drive for Siloam Mission as part of demonstrating charity, our virtue of the month for December. Throughout Advent there will be a collection of new socks for men and women to be delivered to the mission. This is a much needed item because the homeless have limited laundry access and socks are often discarded. We are asking **grades JK-3 to collect men's socks and grades 4-8 to collect women's socks**, (dark colors please) though any contributions are much appreciated.

Deadline for donations is December 19th.

Mrs. Isfeld –Grade 4 Teacher and Mrs. Villa-Grade 8 Teacher



ROSSBROOK TOY DRIVE

Once again we will be collecting new toys for Rossbrook House.

We have been donating new toys to Rossbrook House to use for their Christmas party for many years now. Rossbrook House appreciates your generosity. If you would like to donate a new toy for a school age child please bring it to the school by tomorrow. (Please no violent or battery operated toys.)

Thank you once again for your support!

Mrs. Cadger-Junior Kindergarten Teacher



We are also collecting Pancake mix for Siloam Mission's breakfast program!

MARY'S ANGELS

Thank you to everyone who purchased angels! We sold 120 angels and all proceeds will go to Grade 6 Camp and a portion to the Marian Hour on the radio

Mrs. Edwards and the Grade 6 class

WE DAY

The grade 7 and 8 students and teachers had a great day at the MTS Centre for WE Day. Thank you to all of the grade 7 and 8 students for so positively representing our school. We heard from some amazing speakers including Chris Hadfield, Spencer West, Rick Hansen, Paula Abdul, and many more. The MTS Centre was packed and it was loud, and the messages about social justice were well received by the students.

“We Day was great. It was cool to learn about everyone and watch people perform.” – Max, grade 8

“I knew about residential schools but I didn’t know quite how many kids were taken from their homes.” –Gavin, grade 8



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Brett in grade 7 for representing Canada and being recognized as a PenPal of the week.

As part of the grade 7 ecology unit the students participated in a pen pal exchange program through penpalschools.com. Once a week for six weeks the students read an article based on a current environmental issue and discussed online with pen pals around the world. You can see more information at the link or QR code below.

<https://blog.penpalschools.com/home/meet-our-penpals-of-the-week-november>

TECHNOLOGY



CTK students have been making good use of our new iPads and laptops. The grade 7 and 8 students have tried several new projects including video making with green screen apps. For example, groups in grade 7 were able to put themselves in the desert and in the ocean while presenting information about the Earth’s biomes, while grade 8 students made video reviews of plant and animal cells. Students in several grades have been able to Skype with students around the world and go on virtual field trips including a bird hospital in South Africa that saves birds affected by oil spills. One favourite activity is called Mystery Skype. Classes Skype each other and use their mapping and geography skills to be the first class to pinpoint the location of the other school. It is amazing to see how talented the kids are with technology. This December we will be participating in the Hour of Code to introduce our students to computer science basics.

Mrs. Villa-Technology Teacher



CHESS CLUB



Do you like to play a friendly game of chess? Would you like to sharpen your chess game skills? If you are in grades 4-6 then you can join Christ the King School Chess Club! We will be meeting Tuesday mornings starting on **January 17th, 2017 to February 14th, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the Grade 5 room.** Sign-up sheets will be posted in classrooms. No drop ins please.

Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Grantham(Grade 5 teacher) & Ms. Resendes

INTRAMURALS

Intramurals will be starting in January for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 (please wear indoor running shoes, gym uniform not required)

Kindergarten and Grade One will play on Monday/Wednesday, Grade 2 and 3 will play Tuesday/Thursday. For more details please see **Mrs. Malo.**

Mr. Kalichak will be running intramural mini-soccer for grades 4-6. Stay tuned for further announcements.



LEGO ANIMATION

CLUB



Starting in January, there will be a Lego Animation Club running Thursday mornings. The club will be open to Grade 3 & 4 in January and Grade 5 & 6 in February/March. Permission slips will go home before each group will begin. If anyone would be willing to donate their used LEGO pieces, they would be greatly appreciated. Please note that we will not be able to return the LEGO pieces after the club is done. They will be held for future use. Donations can be taken to the office, or passed along to Mrs. Piper.

Thank you so much!

Mrs Piper-Grade 3 Teacher

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

November 2016 Theme #2 - CRYING

What we learned in November:

- Babies cry because they have a problem and need help.
- Reasons babies cry are: They are hungry, tired, need a diaper change or are uncomfortable (maybe have gas).
- Ways to soothe crying babies: rocking, cuddling, playing with them, singing or talking softly to them.
- It is never okay to shake a baby.
- Babies cry to communicate that they have a problem and need help with it.
- It is not just babies who cry when they are sad, mad or scared. We may feel like crying when we need help dealing with emotions. We can also help others when they feel sad.



Roots of Empathy
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Mrs. Pawluk
Roots of Empathy Instructor

ADVENT CONCERT

“The Christmas Chronicles”

(A Christmas Musical for Children by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson)

December 14th at 1:00 pm and 7:00pm

- ❖ Gym doors open 30 minutes prior
- ❖ All costumes must be at school by December 12th



MUSIC & LIBRARY NEWS

- ❖ Grades 1-3 will be attending the Manitoba Symphony in January for Musical Discoveries
- ❖ The Annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming up at the end of January. More information to come via email.



Lost and Found will be emptied on December 22nd so please check for your child's belongings.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST

Our school is once again participating in the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Coloring Contest. All submissions need to be handed in to your classroom teacher by December 20th



INSERVICE DAY CHILD SERVICE



We have spots available in our Inservice Child Care program for inservice dates on **February 17, March 3, and March 24th 2017**. The cost for these **3 days is \$99 per child**. Payment is required for all 3 inservice days (days cannot be purchased individually) and no credit will be issued should you choose not to use all three days. If you are interested please see the office or the school website for a registration form.