



CTK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER, 2013

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Well, winter has finally arrived. We have enough snow to last me for the entire season.

November was a busy month. The grade 3 bake sale raised money for the United Way. Grade 8 students collected slightly used toys and clothing to send to Cape Dorset. Your generosity was overwhelming. Mad Science is coming to an end. Students beat the teachers in 2 sets of volleyball at the pep rally. Good effort teachers!

Congratulations to Mrs. Dado and her family on the arrival of a beautiful, healthy baby girl "Myla".

Our next liturgical season is Advent. Students will be meeting in the Church each Monday of Advent to light the candle for that week. Please join us if you have time. We will enter the Church immediately after O' Canada and announcements. Also during Advent, teachers meet to pray in the staff room at about 8:30, so if you are looking for us we will be back downstairs in a few minutes.

Congratulations to all our volleyball teams, you've worked hard and you have all developed your skills. We are proud of all of you. Thank you too to Mr. Bialkowski and Mrs. Maidment for coaching our teams. Your support is so important to our school.

I would like to thank Mrs. Melanie Jones who has agreed to be Chair of the Parent Advisor Council. Please give her all the support and help she needs. Thank you to all the volunteers who help around the school. You are truly appreciated.

Teachers have attended various in-services this month, for example Cyber bullying, Understanding Behavior from a Sensation Point of View, use of the new Smart boards, Bullying Prevention: Building a Bigger Toolbox as well as a presentation by Sadlier on infusing Religion into all subjects.

I wish you all a happy and prayerful Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

God Bless,

Mrs. Ewins
Principal.



PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

The Parents' Advisory Council is very happy to welcome Melanie Jones in her new role as PAC Chairperson. We are fortunate to have Melanie step up to volunteer her time, experience and support. On behalf of CTK School, we express our heartfelt thanks!

The **CTK Wine Raffle Fundraiser** is going well and raffle books have been distributed to most families. If anyone doesn't have theirs yet, they can be picked up at the office. As there are only 2 weeks left until the draw at the Advent Concert, it's very important that all money and any unsold tickets be handed in to the office as soon as possible. As well, we are still waiting for some donations of wine and they can also be dropped off at the office. The deadline for money, ticket stubs and wine to be handed in is not later than **Friday, December 6th**. We appreciate everyone's help and effort with this important fundraiser. The proceeds of the raffle will directly benefit our children, as the Board will invest the funds into the school as outlined in CTK's strategic plan. Thanks everyone!

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who helped out with last month's hot dog day and fun lunch. The pasta lunch was rescheduled for Thursday, December 5th and the next hot dog day is Thursday, December 19th.

The **Advent Concert** is just around the corner, and Mrs. Mots and Melanie Morris are busy with preparations. Volunteers are still needed for various tasks. If you are able to help, please contact Melanie Morris at

mel_underwater@shaw.ca or (204) 995-9355.

Our next **PA meeting** will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings as we value every contribution and suggestion made.

Sincerely,
CTK Parents' Association

PARENT'S CORNER

The grade 7 and 8's are having a magician perform for them on December 13th at 1 pm.

<http://members.shaw.ca/magomago/>

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family has a new website. Check it out at WWW.COLF.CA. There is lots of information there on many topics.

Please remember not to drop your children off in the parking lot as it is dangerous for the other students. If you wish to drop them off please do so on Fernwood Avenue and have them enter through that gate.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Melanie Morris who has agreed to stand as the PAC Chair for this year. Melanie, the students, staff, Board of Directors and parents are all truly grateful.

Mr. Lazitin, our custodian has resigned his position. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

["CTK School gratefully accepts Canadian Tire money. Past donations have been used for playground toys and classroom supplies. Thank you for your generosity"](#)

That's the Christmas Spirit!



The Grade 1 and 2 students will be sharing their excitement about Christmas with the residents at River Park Gardens on December 5th. The children will be singing some of their favorite Christmas carols, as well as giving those they meet hand crafted Christmas cards too. The children are very excited about giving back to those in their community and sharing this special time of the year with others.

Ms. Battaglia
Grade 1 Teacher

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Our girls Team Royals were upended in three exciting sets in the MCSAA Final over the weekend, as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Spirit were certainly worthy of taking the match, but it still hurts...Last set went to 25-23, and the opening two sets were just as close, as it was certainly a battle of #1 (us) and #2 (them) throughout not only this match, but throughout the season.

Nevertheless, the girls had a fantastic season, claiming the regular season banner for the third time in four years, with a 7-1 win-loss record, winning two tournaments, and representing the school in great fashion. As the convener put it, there was no real loser in this

final match, just one team that came out on top. Kind words indeed.

To get to the League Final for the fourth year in a row, the girls defeated Westgate easily in quarter-final action, and then upended the 3rd ranked St Alphonsus Hurricanes in Friday's semi-final play.

Accomplishments of the season include:

- Regular Season Champions
- MCSAA League Finalists
- Ecole Viscount Tournament Champions
- St Alphonsus Tournament Champions
- overall record of 21 match wins and 2 defeats
- overall record of 45 sets won and 8 defeats

Awesome work, girls! Sadly, Saturday's game was the final volleyball match for eight girls in a CTK uniform. Thank you to Sumathi, Rachel, Avery, Jordyn, Iris, Kate, Chayleeah and Christina for the outstanding season.

Grade 7's: you have some huge shoes to fill. I know the 8 of you will all fill them.

With the efforts of the girls Team White squad, next years competitive team looks very good. Team White had an awesome season, winning the regular season portion of their schedule with a 6-0 win-loss record, which included winning 12 sets and being defeated in only 4. At their season ending tournament, the girls won 6 of 8 sets played, for an overall record of 18 set wins to only 6 defeats. The team of six really "gelled" as a team quite quickly, and at the tournament and even some of the league games, comments from other coaches were very positive about our girls. We seemed to be one of a few teams who could consistently utilize the three hits effectively, for one.

For their strong efforts the girls are the Developmental League Season Champs.

Our Senior 8 boys posted a 4-4 win-loss record in league play, good enough for fourth place overall in the league, tied for the highest ranking a boys team has accomplished at our school. After defeating the St Gerard Storm in two straight sets Friday in semi-final action on the consolation side of the draw, the boys were in tough against a determined St Emile Huskie team in the 5th place final, and were defeated in straight sets. Still, finishing 6th in a 12 team league is quite an accomplishment, boys.

Unfortunately, the loss Saturday was the last volleyball game in a CTK jersey for Tristan, Gabriel, Nolan, Joon, Matthew, Kyle, Ben, Isaiah, Hayden and Jack. Thank you boys for quite a season.

Our grade 7 boys finished strong with a win in their final match of the season, and it was a learning experience which I am sure will carry over into next year. The boys improved in each and every game this season, and gained much needed confidence from their experiences on the court.

Many positive life lessons were learned by the volleyball players this season. They include:

- playing as a team brings upon itself positive results.
- there is no room for "I" on the team.
- the hard one: all the talent on a team doesn't necessarily mean success
- it is not quantity, it is quality of players, that determines positives

-never give up (on a ball) and focus on your own effort

-try your very best and keep it fun

-play for "you"

Next on the league agenda is basketball. Volunteer coaches are needed and appreciated. Please contact me at dkalichak@ctkschool.ca

I cannot believe it is December, but am quite happy it is, as Movember is over and I don't have to hear the Ron Burgundy look-a-like jokes anymore... All for a good cause.

Have a great holiday season.

Mr. Kalichak

Physical Education Specialist



Student Council has begun their recycling program for the school year. CTK students are learning the importance of recycling paper products, but also learning about reusing and reducing their paper consumption too.

Every Friday afternoon, members of the team will go to each classroom and collect their recycling. We are pleased to see that our CTK students are doing a great job in their classrooms of recycling their items.

Student Council

Ms. Battaglia and Mrs. Grantham

