



CTK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER, 2015

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

The Advent Season is now upon us. This year we will be decorating our school tree as a Jesse Tree, each Monday classes will put a decoration on the tree of the genealogy of Jesus. Also on the Mondays of Advent we will have morning prayer in the gym when we will light the appropriate candle on the Advent wreath. Please come and join us. Once again staff will be meeting upstairs at 8:40 for staff prayer. If you can't find the teacher you are looking for in the morning, please be patient, they won't be long.

This year is the 60th Anniversary of Christ the King School. We will be celebrating on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 with a dinner in the gym. If you are willing to help please let me know.

More information will come in the New Year.

As many of you already know, Mrs. Morrison will be retiring as of December 31 this year. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement. We will miss her.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Pawluk will be our new Resource teacher as of January 4, 2016. We are presently in the process of hiring a new Kindergarten teacher.

Students have been working hard on this year's Advent Concert to be held on December 9 @ 1:00 and 7:00. Students in JK to Grade 5 have given up their recesses to practice and are anxious and excited for this day. We look forward to seeing them. Thank you to all parents who help with this big event. We couldn't do it without your help. Thank you Mrs. Mots, Mrs. Kist and Ms. Resendes for all your work.

Just a reminder that we are no longer collecting used uniforms. Please pass them along to a friend rather than send them to school.

The Lost and Found will be emptied over Christmas break so check for any lost items belonging to your children.

Congratulations to our Competitive Girls Volleyball Team for winning the MCSAA Championship on Saturday, November 28 at St. Paul's. Great work, we are proud of you.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God bless,

Mrs. Enns
Principal

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thanks to all of the families who bought and sold Show and Save books. Four Hundred and Six books were sold, with a profit of \$3000.00. The Show and Save pizza lunch was held on November 30 for those students who qualified.

Our current PAC fundraiser is the wine raffle. One hundred books were distributed to families who dropped off wine during parent teacher conferences in October. If you have not brought in a bottle of wine for the raffle, please drop your bottle off at the front office ASAP. We are still in need of wine. Proceeds from the wine raffle will go towards the school's computers.

The wine raffle winners will be announced at the CTK School Advent Concert on December 9th. The Parent Advisory Council will hand out candy canes after the concert this year, rather than donated dainties.

Our next hot dog day is December 11th. Please hand in your tickets two days prior to hot dog day. Tickets are available for purchase in the front office, exact change only please. The next Fun Lunch will be Domino's Pizza, on December 17th, to be ordered on line:

<http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/christtheking/>.

Coming Soon the PAC will have a Facebook page. The page will be a private, closed membership group, just for school families, staff and board members. This is a joint effort with the school board.

A co-chair for the school's Walk-a-thon in St. Vital Park during the school day on May 20th, 2016 is still required. Also, a co-chair for the Feb. 9th, 2016 Pancake Brunch is still required. If you would like to volunteer for one of these two open positions, please contact the front office.

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th at 7 PM.

Happy Holidays!

CTK Parent Advisory Council



MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The snow has arrived and the weather is cold, it's December already, how time flies! The board has another busy month ahead planning our February Open House and working on many projects around the school such as roof repairs, technology upgrades, and the finalization of the strategic plan for the next 5 years. We will send out more information to you on these projects once details are finalized.

The Board of Directors will be hosting a Christmas luncheon for all teaching, administrative and support staff of our school on Thursday, December 17th.

This is our special gift to them for all that they do for our children and for all they do to help make Christ the King a wonderful school for all. We also would like to thank those parents who have volunteered for this day answering phones and supervising the children which will allow the teachers and staff to attend the luncheon. We couldn't do it without you, thank you!

Save the date! Christ the King School is turning 60 and to celebrate, there will be a dinner on **April 20th, 2016**. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with other parents, staff and alumnae of the school. It should be an enjoyable evening for all. Ticket information will follow shortly. Save the date and stay tuned!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the staff, children and families a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy new year!

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, December 8th 7:00pm in the Lennox Hall. If you have any questions or constructive feedback that you would like to share with the Board of Directors, you are invited to attend this meeting or any of our regular Board meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Lennox Hall. Please notify the school office if you plan on attending the meeting.

CK Board of Directors

PARENT'S CORNER

Sustainable Development and Water Conservation

The grade 8 class recently participated in the Leak Detector Challenge which is an in-school water leak audit that is a part of the Slow the Flow Water Education program, made possible by a partnership between the City of Winnipeg's Water and Waste Department and Fort Whyte Alive. Congratulations to the students on their keen participation in the program during Manitoba's Sustainability Month. Each student in grade 8 was awarded a family pass to Fort Whyte, a shower timer, and a Slow the Flow T-shirt.

Hour of Code

In celebration of Computer Science Education Week during December 7-13, students from kindergarten to grade 8 will be participating in An Hour of Code. Computer science helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. See more information on computer coding at code.org.

Colleen Villa

Grade 7 and 8 Teacher
Christ the King School



Thank you to the following families who have generously donated Lego to the school:

October: **Wolanik Family** and the **Evenson Family**

November: **Mathew Family** and **Stratton Family**

We are continuing to look for donations of LEGO pieces from families. 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 or Mrs. Dado. Thank you so much!!

Mrs. Piper & Mrs. Dado

Grade 3 is undertaking a community project this year to be champions for Winnipeg Harvest.

Each month, we are fundraising for different food item donations to help Winnipeg Harvest collect the most needed food items to help those in need. This month, our donation goal is to collect:

Canned Fruit and Vegetables

Please be mindful of expiration dates!

Our goal is to collect 1 item from each family in December. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets under the trophy case in the front foyer. Please help our goal become a reality!

Respectfully in Christ

The Grade 3 class



LICE ADVISE

Here are a few helpful tidbits about head lice:

The only way to get rid of lice and nits are to pick them out. Lice cannot fly or jump. They must crawl from head to head. A nit must have the warmth of a human head to survive. As soon as it is not next to a head it dies within 24 hours. Most lice will die within 24 hours of not being in contact with a food source. They find it very difficult to live on coats, stuffed toys, and other soft surfaces such as mattresses and furniture. Lice have a blood type. The first blood it feeds on is the type it needs to survive. Lice may not live if they crawl onto another host who has a different blood type. Be warned, if they lays eggs before they die the newly hatched lice will survive on the new host head. Lice are not discouraged by hair spray or other hair products. If you discover lice on your child's head, you must pick them out and do the following things in your home:

1. Wash all bedding, towels and clothing worn in the last 24 hours. It is not necessary to use hot water but you must put all bedding, towels and clothing into the dryer on the highest setting for at least 30 minutes.
2. Put any combs, brushes or hair accessories in the freezer for at least 2 hours to kill any lice that may be on the items.
3. Advise the school and any other parents your children have been around.
4. Items such as car seats, furniture, stuffed toys and mattresses do not have to be bagged or put outside. Lice

- cannot survive on these surfaces. They need food!
5. The best type of comb to use is a metal comb such as the "Nit free Terminator"
 6. Continue to check your child's head on a weekly basis.

ALL SAINT'S FAIR

Thank you to the students who participated in our St. Vincent de Paul Food donation station at the All Saint's Fair. We brought in a total of 110 items of food and a few toiletries for the total of 118 pounds of food. We made \$40.00 on the "Memorial Candle" Fundraiser. All items and the candle money were brought over to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society which is run out of the Parish of St. Timothy. Also, a big thank you to everyone who so generously donated candies, treats and toys for the treat bags and the Saint Andrew and Saint Peter Fish Pond! We had a very successful event!

Ms. Ventura and the Grade 5 Students

2015 MUSIC NEWS

It is so hard to believe that December is here and our concert is only a week away!

Our Advent concert this year is on Wednesday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event.

The students have come home with the words to their songs and letters about costumes last week. **Please inform your child's teacher if you did not receive one. The costumes need to be at school**

by December 7, clearly marked with your child's name. If you have any questions, please call me at the school. Looking forward to seeing all of you on December 9th!!!

Mrs. J. Mats
Music Teacher



CHOIR FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT CTK CHURCH

Christ the King Choir will perform at the Christmas Eve Mass on Thursday, December 24th at 4:00 pm. We will be having two practices for any children in grade three and up who would like to sing on Christmas Eve for the Children's Christmas Eve celebration at Christ the King Church. The children will need attend all practices and be at the church by 3:30 pm on the 24th. We will practice on Monday, November 30th from 3:30 to 5:00 and on Tuesday, December 15th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. We will decide if we need another practice after that time.

Thank you!
Mrs. J. Mats

CTK School
60th
Anniversary
dinner

April 20th, 2016

More information to come!