



CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

FALL 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to a new year at Christ the King School!! As always the staff and students of Christ the King School have jumped right into learning together again. As we continue to grow, you have noticed many new faces in the building and we hope that our new students and their families are feeling part of Christ the King community which was established in 1955. Our enrolment has reached 254 students.

Our year so far has been filled with many opportunities of praying, learning, growing and having fun together. At Christ the King School students are encouraged "to recognize their giftedness and their responsibility to use these gifts in the service of others". As part of our year of **hospitality** we will learn the meaning to serve others and Christ among ourselves. As part of serving others, we have donated 10 boxes of food items to help feed over 90,000 people who need it on a monthly basis. Students have also raised over \$500 for our sponsor child, Good-luck John and buy him a Christmas gift. Our next Outreach is collecting items for Koats for Kids Program until November 3rd.

We would like to welcome two new faculty members to Christ the King School: Madame Michelle Laird our new Guidance Counsellor and Mrs. Deirdre Blerot who is joining our office team Monday.

Thank you parents with the **Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser**. Please continue to support our fundraising activities as all funds collected will benefit your child's education program at CTK School.

All parents, grandparents and family members are always encouraged **to volunteer and participate** in many of our school events. We love to see you coming out to our monthly masses (next mass is on Nov 29th at 10:00am).



JK's enjoying the first snowfall of the season.

Our Term 1 Report Cards, will be sent home on November 20th. **Compulsory tri-conferences in person** will take place on November 23rd from 2:15 pm to 7:30 pm and November 24th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. We look forward to seeing all our parents.

I am confident in the progress your child will make at our school this year, the connections and wonderful relationships you will have as you work with us, and the sense of safety and security Christ the King School provides your child surrounded by a loving community.

On behalf of our professional and accomplished Faculty, we wish everyone a great school year!

Blessings,

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CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL BOARD

On behalf of the Christ the King (CTK) School Board I would like to bid our new students and families a warm welcome to the CTK School community. To our returning students and families, welcome back!

Our principal, teachers and staff have been working hard over the summer to ensure your students have a great year.

It was great to see so many families enjoying the Family Fun Day earlier this fall. Thanks to our Parent Advisory Council and all of the volunteers who made it such a success!

Our community is dedicated to the academic and spiritual development of our students, and to supporting each other. The School Board provides governance oversight of the school, through the development, management, and oversight of the financial resources and policies of the school. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. We meet either virtually or in person depending on the month. All are welcome to attend meetings and provide input into the direction of the school. Please check with the office to find out the location or log-in information for meetings. You can also email the CTK School Board at boardchairman@ctkschool.ca.

Thank you to all those who participated in the consultations on the School's new Strategic Plan. The new Plan was adopted by the Board in September and includes the following areas of focus:

- Improving organizational staffing and volunteer capacity
- Improving tools and technology, and maintaining our physical infrastructure
- Increasing ongoing revenues to address strategic priorities, and
- Ensuring we maintain high standards of academic excellence

This plan will guide our decision making through the coming years.

The CTK School Board wishes you and your family a safe and happy 2023/2024 school year.

Mike Emslie, Chair



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)



Hello to all our Christ the King Families!

As we return after a warm summer break, we are very excited for all the wonderful events that the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) has planned for the 2023 – 2024 school year! As many families settled into the September groove of back-to-school, PAC had already been hard at work planning for the beginning of the year special events:

Fun lunches are already in full swing and are offered to children and staff at the school to participate in. This fun lunch program has an easy to navigate system that you can find on the Christ the King School Website "[Munch a Lunch](#)". This fun lunch program is possible due to the wonderful coordination of Sylvia Gigliotti and the parent volunteers that come in to help distribute the food on the day of the lunch.

Family Fun Day was held on September 21st with a great turnout! Family Fun Day has a good history of connecting parents and staff while seeing so many friendships budding between classmates. This year due to rain the event was held in the gym – but rain or shine the event was a success! Many children bounced, jumped and slid down the bouncers set up in the gym. While others were able to leave face-painted and tattooed with their own creative expressions. This event would not have been possible without the hard work of Colin and Melanie Potter who coordinated this event and the 40 + parent volunteers who stepped in to help manage all the different stations!



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) CONT'D



Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser

This is the chance to fill your fridge with some delightful of quick snacks for when guests pop over, a pre-game or simply to top up the lunch kits.



Staff Appreciation Treat

We want to ensure that the wonderful team and staff know how appreciated they are! Charleen Choboter and Jennifer Kien delivered a wonderful assortment of treats and coffee.

A big shout out as well to Ashley Snell who made the **Terry Fox Walk** have a refreshing end – with her bags of delicious oranges for the staff and children to enjoy upon their return!



There are so many more volunteers that help to create the wonderful sense of community at CTK school – so thank you too each and everyone of you!

Keep in mind that we are always looking for more parents to join us in our quest to build community spirit through these and upcoming special events. As a new volunteer you will be warmly welcomed by current volunteers and the children you encounter! Please use the link below to get yourself registered for up-to-date information on how you can volunteer at different events around the school. Have a safe and wonderful school year!

2023/2024 PAC Virtual Meeting Dates

From 7:00pm to 8:30pm

November 16, 2023

January 18, 2024

March 21, 2024

May 16, 2024 (Meeting & AGM)

Candice Savage and Charleen Choboter
PAC Co-Chairs

A special "Thank You" to all our amazing volunteers !

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GR. 4 & 6 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

On October 4th, the Grade 4 and Grade 6 class were super fortunate to go to the Manitoba Legislature the day after the Provincial Elections! The field trip was divided in two parts where the kids got to go into a classroom and learn more about the Canadian levels of government. It was incredible to see that the Grade 4's got all the questions correctly during their Jeopardy game.

From there, the students got to tour the building, and even got a glimpse of the first interview by the new Premier Wab Kinew! They were also very fortunate to get a look into the Legislative Assembly, and take a seat in the gallery. Here is what some of our Grade 6 students had to say about their experience.

"This has got to be one of our favourite field trips. We got to see lots of people who worked there. We even got to go to the chandelier room. It had pictures of queens and kings, and it also had 3 HUGE chandeliers in the middle which weighed 600 pounds! We also got to see (or meet) the Sergeant-At-Arms who is like the security guard for meeting at the Legislative Assembly. Overall, it was a real fun field trip!" - Richard

"We learned a lot of stuff such as voting and the different levels of government. I really liked it there, because we got to learn about the Golden Boy and because I got to see how pretty the place was. If I could, I would give it a 10 out of 10. It was just so fun and I definitely enjoyed it." – Chelsea

"We saw lots of art including a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip. We went to visit Dave, the Sergeant-At-Arms. He told us about what he does in the legislature. We also visited the chamber. The Chamber is where the provincial government meets to make laws. And that is a little bit about what we learned." – Emily

"Our tour guide was really nice and kind as well as the other people there too. I personally liked going to meet the Sergeant-At-Arms. It was cool. I loved seeing all the cool architecture and paintings. There were beautiful chandeliers and in the same room there were paintings of the kings and queens, but what was really cool about them is that their eyes followed us in the room. It was really funny. I loved going there. It was one of the best field trip I've been on." - Eleni

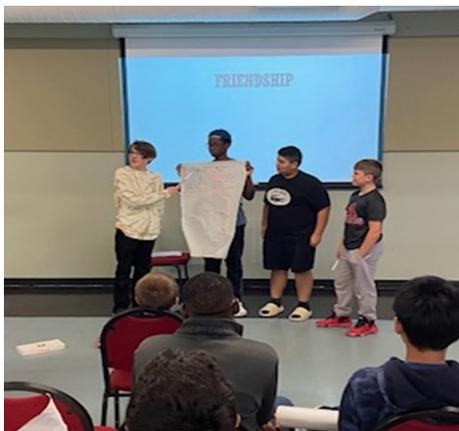
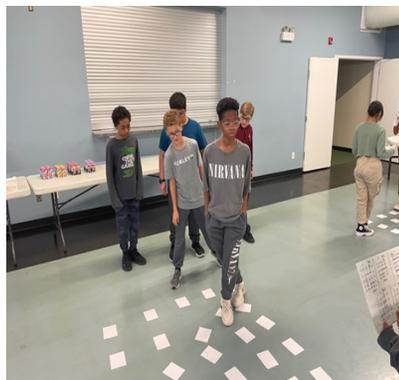
Mrs. Frizado & Mrs. Edwards, Gr. 4 & 6 Teachers





GRADE 7 & 8 RETREAT

The grade 7 and 8 classes had the recent opportunity to participate in class retreats led by Mr. Michael Resendes, a former graduate of Christ the King School. Retreats are an overall rewarding experience for the students and provides that opportunity to build comradery amongst peers and spiritual growth. The students were very excited and were more than willing to participate in the ice breaker games, group conversations, and prayer. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Bernardin for planning the event.



HARVEST MANITOBA DONATIONS

We once again collected food donations for Harvest Manitoba with a total of 10 boxes in all! Altogether, we raised 304lbs of food! Which is approximately \$975.84 in monetary value! Thank you for your generosity!



MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council 2023-2024

Hello parents/guardians,

We're very excited to be leading the Christ the King School student council this year. During the first week of October, multiple students in grades 6-8 had volunteered to run for the executive positions within student council. On Friday, September 29, those nominees presented their speeches and students in grades 4-8 had the opportunity to vote.

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 student council: Therese Cordova, Fisayo Sofoluwe (Gr. 8 Co-Presidents), Chelsea Magsino (Gr. 6 Treasurer), Selena Correia (Gr. 6 Secretary), Kayla Uyah (Gr. 5 Class Representative), Ben Kien (Gr. 4 Class Representative).

A special thank you to the student nominees who put a lot of work and effort into running for the position and preparing and presenting their speeches. Well done!

We're looking forward to a great year with this group and you'll all be hearing from us very soon regarding upcoming events, fundraisers, and charity drives.

Thank you very much,

Mr. Gawron, Mrs. Bernardin, Mrs. Emslie
Student Council Teacher Advisors





ROOTS OF EMPATHY PROGRAM

Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

The Grade 2 students have a wonderful experience in store for them! They are participating in the Roots of Empathy Program this year!

Baby Claire is their our little teacher. We will learn about the development of a baby and how to show empathy toward others. A big thank you to Mrs. Olinyk and Claire for agreeing to participate in the program this year!



MUSIC/BAND PROGRAM



In music classes, we are learning about the elements of music. Our focus in activities is on best, rhythm and melody. Themes in our songs include the harvest, songs for mass, and movement. In October, we are learning Thanksgiving and Halloween (good theme to learn songs in minor keys). In November, we will begin learning our music for the Christmas concert. **Mr. Bill Quinn, Music Teacher**

The band program is off to a great start. The students have been working very hard preparing the challenging new repertoire for the February concert. I am very happy about returning to the music room for band rehearsals this year. Daily practice is always recommended!

Stay tuned for some very exciting news regarding a school jazz/blues band come November! Students in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to audition and join the group.

Thank you very much for your support! **Mr. Gawron, Band Director**



Music cont'd

JAY STOLLER DRUMS

Our K to Grade 5 students enjoyed a West African drumming workshop with drumming clinician Jay Stoller on October 16-18. Students learned many drumming rhythm patterns and African folk tales told with their "talking drums". Students played our 11 djembe drums and Jay brought enough drums so each student had a drum.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Physical Education News...

The Royal Dome has certainly been busy since the start the new school year, with 4 volleyball teams in action in the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association.

Our Developmental Girls are coached by Madame Laird, and have won all of their matches thus far against St. Emile, SJB and St. Ignatius. Our Developmental Boys are coached by Mrs. Malo and have been very competitive and won their first match yesterday.

The Developmental League means just that, a league to develop the skills and abilities of volleyball with a Triple Ball format (Serve, toss, toss). The grade 6's are quickly learning how to play as a team, and have really improved in all aspects of the game since September. Members of the Developmental Girls team include: Chelsea, Eleni, Serena, Julia K, Audrianna,



Rylynn, Emily, Maelle, Dara, Shiloh, Sarah, and Quinn. Members of the Developmental Boys team include: Ben, Bryan, Joba, James, Aariz, Richard, Noah, and Liam.

Our two Competitive League teams are doing very well in their respective divisions. The girls have a perfect 5 win 0 loss record in league play thus far. Our boys have three wins and two defeats thus far, but could easily be 4 and 1 in league play as the defeat to Holy Cross went to 3 sets, with the last score being 25-22. The girls are coached by yours truly, with assistance from Mr. Park (Alexandria's dad) and Mr. Muthu (Mila's dad).

The boys are coached by Mrs. Frizado. Members of the Competitive Boys team include: Owen, Fisayo, Jaycob, Victory, Ossy, Rafey, Azlaan, Bolton and Team Manager, Connor.

Members of the Competitive Girls team include: Pyper, Temi,

Emma, Tolu, Mya, Mila, Georgia, Madison, Vivian, Alexandria, Deborah, Andrea, Julia, and Therese.

Both the boys and girls are entered in the St. Alphonsus Hurricanes Invitational Tournament to be held on Saturday, October 28th. The boys are entered in the annual St. Paul's Sports Outreach (SPORT) Tournament on Saturday, November 4th.

League games will continue into November with MCSAA playoffs, a week long event, starts on November 20th.

The grades 3-8 classes have been involved with volleyball in our gym classes. Of course, each grade level has different activities suited their age, with the grade 3 and 4's using what they call a Lite Volleyball, and the grade 5-8's using a regulation competition ball.

Our Terry Fox Run was successfully held at the Norberry Community Centre. On-line donations are ongoing. Please donate at the website: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/ChristtheKingSchoolWinnipeg> **Mr. Kalichak, Physical Education Teacher**



TERRY FOX RUN

On Monday, September 18th, CTK School was honoured to hear Fred Fox, Terry Fox's brother, talk about his younger brother. We earned this presentation, as CTK School has participated in the Terry Fox Foundation Run for 30 years. We were in awe as we learned where the Marathon of Hope began and how it sadly had to end, before Terry was able to run across all of Canada raising money for cancer research. We were also excited to hear how much money has already been raised due to the Marathon of Hope, and the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you everyone for your support and donations over the years, all money raised goes directly to cancer research. Terry once said, "If you've given a dollar, you are part of the Marathon of Hope." He went on to say, "When I started this run, I said that if we all gave one dollar, we'd have \$22 million for cancer research". Since 1980, collectively we have raised \$850 million dollars for cancer research. Terry and brother Fred Fox are truly Canadian heroes!" **Ms. Proulx and Mr. Kalichak, Organizers**



ORANGE SHIRT DAY



THANK YOU!



We want to give a big “Thank You” to Jesslin Cecon who every month graciously creates our PAC Bulletin Board. Our students and staff look forward each month to see what creation she will come up with. Thank you for bringing a smile to all of our faces with your amazing art work!

GOODLUCK JOHN



Goodluck John Haule, our sponsor child from Tanzania has aspirations to be a teacher and loves playing soccer. We have collected \$501.55 for his sponsorship and Christmas present. Thank you for your generosity.

November

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- * All Saints Day—Nov. 1
- * All Souls Day—Nov. 2
- * Early Dismissal 1:55pm—Nov. 6
- * Fun Lunch (Boston Pizza) —Nov. 7
- * School Board Meeting in person —Nov. 8
- * Report Card Writing - NO CLASSES—Nov. 10
- * PAC Virtual Meeting—Nov. 16
- * Report Cards Distributed—Nov. 20
- * Parent Teacher Conferences—Nov. 23 (early dismissal 1:55pm) & Nov. 24 (NO CLASSES)
- * Feast of Christ the King—Nov. 26
- * School Mass—JK—Gr. 8—Nov. 29



Sunday, November 5, 2023

December

DECEMBER EVENTS

- * 1st Sunday of Advent—Dec. 3
- * Early Dismissal 1:55pm—Dec. 4
- * School Board Meeting—Dec. 6
- * Fun Lunch (Boston Pizza) - Dec. 8
- * 2nd Sunday of Advent—Dec. 10
- * Christmas Concert 1:30pm and 7pm—Dec. 14
- * 3rd Sunday of Advent—Dec. 17
- * School Mass—JK - Gr. 8—Dec. 21
- * Hot Dog Day—Dec. 22
- * Early dismissal for Christmas Break 1:55pm- After School Care and Bus are available. Regular uniform day—Dec.- 22
- * 4th Sunday of Advent—Dec. 24

School Resumes— Monday, January 8th