



# CTK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2014

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and a relaxing holiday.

Many thanks to all the parents who contributed to our wonderful Advent Concert. Thank you too, to the parents who helped supervise so the Board of Directors could spoil us with a delicious lunch. Every staff member appreciated a chance for the entire staff to have lunch together which is something we don't get to do very often. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the Pasta lunch a success. Students enjoy the break in routine (so do the teachers) the meal was delicious. Thank you to everybody who participated in the wine raffle. The winners are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you Ms. Bazilewich for all your work.

I apologize for any inconvenience our bus has caused. Unfortunately, sometimes things come up that take a little longer to remedy. Getting students safely to their destination is our main concern. We continue to work on solving this issue. Keep in mind that all bus service in the city is to be cancelled when the wind-chill is -45C at the airport at 6:00 am. It is cancelled for

the whole day. This is a decision made jointly by Winnipeg school division Superintendents.

Just for your information, when determining if it will be indoor or outdoor recess, we use the Environment Canada website for the Forks because it is closer to us than the Richardson Airport is. Students are allowed outside for a maximum of 15 minutes when the wind chill is between -27 and -30C.

The Principal's Retreat is January 22, 23, and 24 this year so I will be out of the building. Mr. Kalichak will be the principal designate while I am away.

Father Renato is away this month so Father Owen has agreed to celebrate Mass with us on January 21.

Our Open House is February 6. Please let all your friends and family who are interested in our school know the date. You are our best form of advertising.

Registration packages will be out in the near future. Please return them with your payment option as soon as possible to secure your spot for next year.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

*Susan Enns*  
Principal

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy New Year! On behalf of our Board of Directors, may 2014 be filled with blessings, happiness and prosperity.

The Board of Directors is very excited to welcome the new Chair of the Parents' Advisory Council, Melanie Jones! The PAC is an integral part of our school community and they do a lot of work that directly benefits our children.

If you're interested in helping out on the PAC, please reach out to Melanie by contacting the school office.

As you may know, we've been having some issues with the school bus these past few weeks. For those who depend on the bus, it's been a tough time. Mrs. Enns, Mr. Stroh and the Board of Directors have been working tirelessly (over the holidays, even!) to find a solution that will meet our needs. We appreciate your patience and hope that you'll continue being patient with us as we work to find the best solution for our CTK students and families.

Finally, our **Open House** will be held on **February 6th, at 6:30pm**. If you know of any families that are looking for a great Catholic school for their kids, we'd appreciate if you would invite them to join us. There will be a brief information session at 6:45pm.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors

## PARENT'S CORNER

Way back in November we were very pleased to have Archbishop LeGatt celebrate Mass on The Feast of Christ the King. We are always pleased to have him visit.

Last November the grade 7 and 8 classes sent 26 boxes up to Cape Dorset to help them celebrate Christmas. Great work.

The Grade 3 class raised about \$200 to send to the United Way.

The Pasta Lunch raised \$275 which was divided between the Terry Fox Foundation and Sisters of our Lady of the Missions.

Thank you to Mrs. Mots, Mrs. Kist, Mrs. Steeves and Ms. Resendes for all their work on our fabulous Christmas Concert. You did it again ladies, thank you.

### If you child is expected to be away on vacation:

Parents are responsible to ensure that their child makes up the work and any assignments that are missed. Students are also expected to write, in a timely fashion, all missed tests. It is difficult in some courses to predict what will be covered in class. Homework and given assignments are given as the students are able to comprehend the material. Therefore, all work will be collected and given to the student upon their return.

If you want to know what your child is to be learning in school, the My Child in School website is now available at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/mychild/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/mychild/index.html)

## PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Motts and Melanie Morris for organizing a successful **Advent Concert!** As well, thanks to the *many* people who helped with costumes, decorations, dainties and clean-up. This wouldn't have been possible without the generous and enthusiastic help of our volunteers.

Congratulations to the winners of the **Wine Raffle**. The draw took place at the Advent Concert and the lucky winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Kelly Nace #2476
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Whitney Camm #2063
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Margaret Frobisher #0891
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Lew Bayer #0027
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Leanna Claeys #2326

Thanks for everyone's support!

The **Pasta Lunch** had been rescheduled and was held on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Raj Santiago and Ward Gordon for coordinating this and thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time.

And last, but not least, thanks to Anne Hart, Tracy Jones and Kelly Nace who have volunteered to coordinate the **Fun Lunches**. As well, thanks to Charmaine Cancilla and Katie Kaiser who have volunteered to coordinate the **Hot Dog Days**. The next Hot Dog Day will be January 17<sup>th</sup> and the next Fun Lunch will be January 24<sup>th</sup>.



Our next **PA meeting** will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. All parents are welcome.

Sincerely,  
CTK Parents' Association

**CHRIST THE KING  
OPEN HOUSE**  
February 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:00 pm

## PARENT'S CORNER

**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Please set aside time on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to attend our fair.**

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Did you know that **for every \$10 you spend at the fair, \$6 comes directly back to our school?** Your support of this vital literary event is vital in helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. You can pay by cheque, credit card or cash. **Please note the debit machine will not be available for our use this year.**

You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for your reading levels.

You can enter your name to win a Family prize plus books for your child's classrooms.

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary fundraiser. **Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has on your child's future.**

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mots  
Book Fair Chairperson

**Book Fair Dates:**  
**Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and**  
**Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Times: 3:30-6:00 p.m.**  
**Location: CTK Gym**

# MUSIC NEWS

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to all involved in making the Advent Concert a great success! Many hours of hard work go into preparing such an event and it is with much gratitude that I thank ALL PEOPLE involved in making the concert a wonderful experience for us all!

There are parents, staff and family involved in various aspects of the concert preparation. Please know that you are all appreciated for the tremendous work you do, not only for the concert, but for everything you do to help the school run smoothly.

First of all I would like to thank the wonderful parent volunteers, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Nace, Miss Resendes and Mrs. Steeves who made the costumes, backdrop and headbands! They devoted many hours to making sure everything looked beautiful. My heart-felt thanks to all of you!!!

Thank you to all the parents who made dainties and coffee. Thank you to all the servers who helped serve the goodies. Also, I would like to say a big thank you to the parents, students and staff that stayed after the concert to help clean up. A really big thank you to Mr. Kalichak for all his help; putting up the back-drop, setting up, operating and taking down the lights and sound and helping with the clean-up. Thank you to Kyle S. and Matthew P. for their help with the music and lights. I would also like to thank Cheryl-Lyn S. and Christopher D. for their help backstage. I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Resendes for his help with the sound equipment and allowing us to use

equipment from Christ the King Church. Thank you also to the Lennox club for allowing us to set the stage up early. Thank you to Mr. Liberty for helping put up the back-drop. Thank you to Mrs. Morrison and Eddie C. for designing and assembling the program, to Mrs. Finnigan for her help with the finances, to Mrs. Del Bigio for organizing the seat raffle and to Mrs. Enns and all the CTK staff for their support and help. A huge thank you to anyone I may have missed; you are all very much appreciated!!!!

I save my biggest note of thanks for Mrs. Joanne Steeves and Mrs. Christine Kist, without their help I would not be able to produce a Christmas musical. Joanne and Christine helped with the auditions, rehearsed the speaking scenes with the children and organized everything backstage. They are a God-send and a real Blessing to me and to our staff!!! **THANK YOU BOTH!!!**

Last, but not least, thank you to the students in the cast, the runners, greeters and all the students in the school!!! They worked extremely hard to portray the characters, sing their songs beautifully and dance to the beat!!! It is their enthusiasm and joy that make all the hard work involved worthwhile!!

Please know that everyone is appreciated and valued for all the effort and hard work that went into this production!!! May God's Holy Light fill you with everlasting Hope, Joy and Peace!

Sincerely, with much Gratitude,

Mrs. Josephine Mots  
Music Teacher

