



CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

MAY 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Easter to everyone! Spring has arrived and we are certainly looking forward to the many events and activities that are being organized at Christ the King School to conclude the school year while concurrently we are planning for 2017-2018 school year.

Congratulations to all CTK winners of the Bison Regional Science Fair and the Manitoba Schools Science Fair (MSSS). All our participants came home winning a medal. We are very proud of their hard work and successes. Jonah Norman will represent Manitoba at the Canada- Wide Fair in Regina. (more details on pages 8/9).

Badminton season is coming to the end of another year. Special thanks to Mr. Kalichak for coaching our students and to our teachers for helping to supervise the tournaments. Thank you to our parents for supporting our athletes.

A special thanks to our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for organizing the movie night this week in particular to Mrs. Melanie Morris and Mrs. Karen Cyr and to all those parents, staff members and students who help set up, take down and run the canteen. Over 110 people attended the evening and had fun watching Moana. The next event is the Walkathon fundraiser which is being organized by Mrs. Gina Trinidad (more details on page 3).

As you know The Lennox Club is responsible for organizing and overseeing the bingo at Christ the King School. Bingos operates every Tuesday and Friday night in the school gym. These bingo events raise a considerable amount of money every year for our school which is essential to help run our school programs. We thank all the parents and family members who help with the bingos and encourage you **to continue to participate**. Special thanks to Mr. Gerry Kozakewich and Mrs. Stacie Harrington for all their work.

The next newsletter will be our final newsletter for this school year and it will be emailed to all our families at the end of June. We will continue to send weekly emails to remind parents of upcoming events.

As we enter the month of May, we will honour **Mary, the Mother of Jesus** and pray for all our mothers; that God will continue to bless them in their special role.

Wishing you all peace and joy during this Easter Season.

Mrs. Laura Carreiro, Principal



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MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Last school year we invited all of our stakeholders to join us in a discussion about CTK's five year strategic plan. The four key objectives we identified were: full enrollment, optimizing use of existing school space, communication and technology.

We have made some great strides in the last two years and I'm very proud to say we've had tremendous support from our families, staff and board in bringing a number of these goals to fruition. Last summer we started with a facelift to the school with a new lobby TV and renovations and paint in the upstairs and lobby of the school. This fall we launched a brand new website and marketing campaign and I'm hopeful many of you saw that in the paper, on billboards and online.

We have also strived to not simply send you more messages but been more effective at the messages we have sent you and in the platform and method you prefer; whether that be on paper, Facebook, our lobby TV, our website or our new and improved newsletters.

We began consultations about a playground renovation in the fall of 2016 and will continue working on that as a long term goal for the school.

Finally, we heard you say integrating technology in the school was a priority. We started that mission with ten iPad minis last year. This year we heard the staff and parents say safety was important and that for over ten years the school had considered obtaining a telephone system where each class would have its own phone. Teachers could call the office and each other, parents could call teachers, voicemail was converted to email and all of that would improve communication inside and outside the school.

Well, I'm very pleased to report the board approved the implementation of a complete phone system in the school and it is now installed and fully operational at a cost of approximately \$10,000. We have also integrated a speaker and paging system through the phones and better speakers in common spaces for fire alarms and lock downs to ensure everyone, everywhere can hear these important announcements.

As we prepared to install the phone system we also became aware that some of our core network elements like out network switches, cabling throughout the school, router and wireless access points were outdated and near failure. We all quickly realized that for our network to function effectively we needed functional and reliable core equipment. The Board also approved \$8100 worth of 'core network' infrastructure. All of this equipment is installed.

These improvements, some of which were unexpected but critical, have eaten into our budget for other improvements we had hoped to make this year to the building and playground. That said, the Board will be taking a close look at our financial status as of the end of June to assess whether we can afford to make some more popular improvements such as expanding our iPad collection or improving another classroom (s).

As always, we appreciate your feedback and support and the support and patience of our great staff, while we work through these improvements toward our collective goal of making CTK a school of choice for our teaching staff and students. - Michael Desautels, Board Chairperson— boardchairman@ctkschool.ca

If you would like to:

- ☞ *get involved in the school community*
- ☞ *help shape the direction of our school*
- ☞ *share your gifts, skills, knowledge, abilities and time*

We are seeking individuals to serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Nomination Forms are available from the school office and are accepted until May 30th, 2017. Have questions? Feel free to speak to any board member or contact boardchairman@ctkschool.ca if you'd just like to chat or have questions. Please submit the nomination forms in paper to the office or scanned and emailed to board-chairman@ctkschool.ca addressed to:

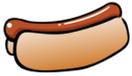
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

We hope you and your family enjoyed the annual PAC Family Movie Night held on Thursday, April 27 from 6 PM - 8 PM in the school's gym.



A huge thank you to Jill Perron for coordinating the Pancake Brunch again this year, and to the other volunteers who came to cook and serve the food.

The remaining PAC Hot Dog Days will be on May 26 and June 9. A Hot Dog Day Coordinator is Required for next school year. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the front office. The May 18 Fun Lunch will be Wendy's and the June 16 Fun Lunch will be Pita Pit. Also, there will be a Smoothie Day on June 2. If you would like to volunteer to distribute the food at hot dog day or fun lunch day, 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, May 3, *in the Grade 8 Classroom from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm*. All parents, guardians, and staff are invited to attend. The focus of the meeting will be on the Walkathon, Staff Appreciation Lunch, the Grade 8 tea, and determining PAC volunteer needs for the 2017/2018 school year.



Walkathon packages were sent home with the students on April 19. We are looking forward to another fabulous fundraising event. If you own a business, or know someone who does, this is great opportunity to donate on behalf of the company, and be recognized in the Walkathon materials. Walkathon volunteers are needed for the following: 1) Prize donation collection & set up for in school display; 2) Assist on day of Walkathon; 3) Pledges collection & Money Counter (Note individuals student funds raised, class total, etc. in tracking sheet); 4) Tracking of prize donors and pledgees who want a tax receipt; 5) Award/distribute prizes; 6) Coordinate Pizza lunch for the \$200 club. If you can assist with one of these tasks, please let Gina Trinidad, PAC Walkathon Coordinator, know by sending her an email to: Walkathon@ctkschool.ca



The annual PAC Staff Appreciation lunch will be on Thursday, June 1. A few volunteers will be needed to supervise the students during lunch. These volunteer opportunities will soon be posted on the portal.



Support our Fundraiser & Get Ready for Camp Season with Mabels Labels! They have SLEEPAWAY & DAY CAMP LABEL PACKS – NOW AT EARLY BIRD PRICING! Remember to choose CTK when ordering. Go to: campaigns.mabelslabels.com

PAC has a Facebook Page. If you would like to be a member of this Closed Group, please email Lisa Albensi at albensi6@gmail.com. Membership is open to CTK parents/guardians, teachers, and school staff. Being a member of this group does not mean that other members will have access to your personal Facebook page, they will only have access to what is posted on the PAC Facebook page.

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the generous students and staff at our school. I am pleased to say that during our Alms giving Lenten journey our school has collected \$320.00 to be donated to The Holy Childhood Association. Thank you for all your donations. We know we have helped many, many children in struggling countries.

Mrs. H. Cadger and Ms. A. Lucas

GRADE 3 GOES TO WINNIPEG HARVEST!



April 13,
Thursday
Winnipeg
Harvest

Thank you,
Mrs. Piper
for a fun
day!



READING WITH A DOG



The Grade One students have a wonderful opportunity to read with a dog called Kira-Lyn. They are enjoying reading with Kira-Lyn and her owners, Bruce and Norma. This is a great opportunity for the children to gain confidence with oral reading. The program improves early literacy skills and promotes animal kindness.

Mrs. Pawluk
Resource Teacher



DRAMA CLUB NEWS



Thank you to all of the Grade 2 students who participated in Drama Club before school on Tuesdays, during the months of March and April.

We had fun expressing ourselves as we explored themes such as pantomime and tableaux in a co-operative atmosphere. Drama Club was a positive experience for both the students and the instructors!

Mrs. Pawluk and Mr. Gawron



MAY 2017 FOOD DONATIONS

For the month of May, we are collecting canned vegetables and fruit for Winnipeg Harvest. Please be generous!

APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - SOCIAL JUSTICE



April House Virtues Meeting

The Social Justice committee would like to thank all staff and students for supporting our bake sale for Project El Salvador. We raised \$228.20 which will all go directly to projects helping a community in need. Thank you!"



MAY VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - COMPASSION

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.*



- Ephesians 4:32

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

I am hoping that you will all join us for the next band concert on May 24th in the school gym. There will be two performances on that day. We will have a dress rehearsal at 9:00 am and an evening performance at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

Thank you very much and see you on the 24th!

Mr. Gawron, Band Director



ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Theme #7: COMMUNICATING

Baby Leah – 8 months old

What we learned in April:

- *It is very important to talk to babies frequently.
- *Nursery rhymes help babies to develop language skills.
- *Language can give us the power to communicate what we feel and to stand up for what is right.
- *By learning how to read Baby Leah's emotions, we can learn to read other's emotions.
- * We can make people feel included with our language and by using kind words and positive body language.

Mrs. Pawluk
Roots of Empathy Instructor



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council executive members have been busy planning activities for the months of April, May and June.

On Tuesday, April 18 all students participated in an Easter egg hunt around the school. They had a blast! On Friday, April 21st students took part in different activities throughout the day in honor of Earth Day:

- Lights and technology were shut off for an hour
- Photocopying was limited
- Students were asked to bring a litter less lunch
- A community clean up took place around the neighborhood at the end of the day



Student council members will be also be busy this month helping the PAC members motivate students and plan for the Walkathon fundraiser on May 19.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, May 18 – Pajama day!
Tuesday, June 13 – Freezie sale to raise funds for a new water fountain. Be sure to look out for posters advertise Freezie prices and time of sale.

We look forward to an exciting end of the school year!

**Mrs. Grantham & Ms. Lucas
(Teacher Advisors)**



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

MCSAA League Badminton Championships are this week with singles, doubles and mixed doubles competitions being held at various MCSAA schools throughout the city.

Our Christ the King 7 and 8 team are as follows. Unfortunately I cannot take everyone as there are league maximum limits for the categories.

Grade 7 boys singles-Luca, Caleb

Grade 7 girls singles- Paige, Sarah

Grade 8 boys singles- Duncan, Jamie (7)

Grade 7 boys doubles- Jacob and Nathan; Juanito and Chris

Grade 7 girls doubles- Sam and Jillian; Alyx and Angela

Grade 8 boys doubles-Max and Owen; Gavin and Noah

Grade 7 mixed doubles- Blake and Julia S



Good luck to all student athletes.

There will be a Grade Six tournament at Our Lady of Victory School (Riverview) May 2nd and 3rd. Singles competition will be on May 2nd, and doubles on May 3rd.

As of press time, attending the tournament (s) will be:

Boys singles—Ethan, Jonah

Girls singles-TBA

Boys Doubles—Jack and Ethan

Girls Doubles---Mafalda and Diya; Paige and Gabriela



We are starting Track and Field training (grades 4-8) for our own meet, and the Knights of Columbus Track and Field MCSAA meet. Our CTK track meet will be held on May 25th at the Norberry Community Centre, with a rain date of May 31st. The MCSAA meet will be held on Monday, June 12th, for grades 7 and 8; and Thursday, June 15th for grades 4-6.

If you have time to spare on May 25th, I am in need of parent volunteers to act a timers and helpers for our meet. Please contact me at dkalichak@ctkschool.ca if you can help out. Thank you in advance.

As well, MCSAA will be having a grades 7 and 8 soccer tournament towards the end of May or early June. If any parents want to help coach the girls or boys team, help would be more than appreciated. Please send me an email if you wish to coach potential soccer stars.



Have a great month of May!

Mr. Kalichak, Physical Education Director

RUNNING CLUB—GRADE 4—8

Running Club will be offered once again this year, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am, starting May 2nd until June 1st. Please be sure to fill out and return the permission slip that has gone home in order to participate. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable gym clothes and proper footwear. Parents are welcome to attend as well!



Mrs. J. Isfeld/Mrs. L. Malo

BISON REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

There were 8 CTK students from Grades 6-8 that participated in the Bison Regional Science Fair on April 12. Our students competed against 6 other independent schools at this fair, which was held at Holy Cross School. Our students did very well! The results are as follows:

Elementary Division:

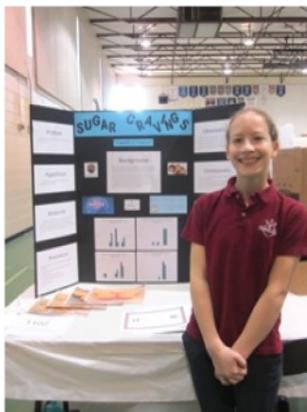
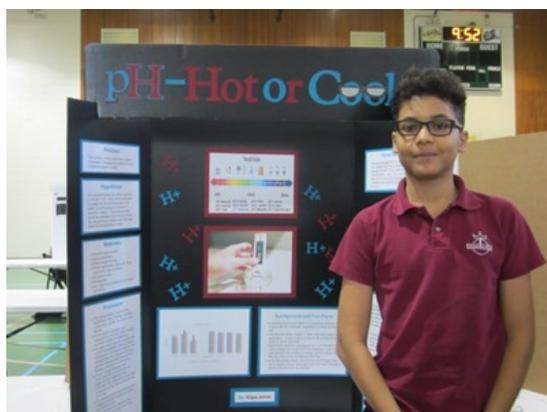
Liam (Gr. 6) won Silver in Microbiology & Chemistry
Gabby (Gr. 6) won Gold in Health, Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Sciences

Junior Division:

Jamie (Gr. 7) won Bronze in Microbiology & Chemistry
Austin RC (Gr. 7) won Bronze in Microbiology & Chemistry
Philo (Gr. 7) won Bronze in Microbiology & Chemistry
Noah (Gr. 8) won Silver in Physics and Engineering
Kaya (Gr. 8) won Gold in Microbiology & Chemistry
Jonah (Gr. 7) won Gold in Physics and Engineering,
Best Overall in Physics and Engineering



Jonah is standing with the Minister of Education and the Head Judge.



Jonah will also be one of three students representing not only our school, but he will be joining a team of students from across the province to represent Manitoba at the Canada-Wide Science Fair May 14-20 in Regina.

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work! Students also had the opportunity to compete in Manitoba Schools Science Symposium April 21, 22 and 23. Please see page 9 for the results.

EVEN MORE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Congratulations to Asher and Addison Harrington who are represented Team Manitoba at the Junior National Racquetball Championships in Leamington, ON last week. Go Manitoba!

THANK YOU...

...to Christ the King Knights of Columbus for their donation to the school of \$464.80 the proceeds of which came from the Pancake Breakfast held on March 26, 2017.

...to St. Timothy's Parish Knights of Columbus for their donation to the school of \$500.00.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

MANITOBA SCHOOLS SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2017

Eight of Christ The King School's students attended the MSSS, and did very well! We had students from Grades 6 and 7 that represented CTK School at the MSSS on April 21-23. The students were able to participate in workshops on April 21, were interviewed by judges on April 22, and had a public viewing of their projects as well as awards ceremonies on April 23. The results for our students are as follows:

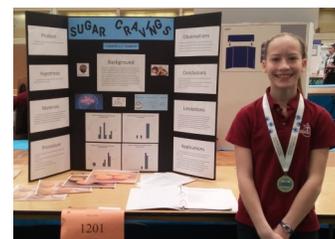


Grade 6:

Liam won Bronze in Chemistry
Mafalda won Silver in Health and Biotechnology
Gabby won Silver in Health and Biotechnology

Grade 7:

Austin RC won Bronze in Chemistry
Philo won Bronze in Chemistry
Julia and Cole won Silver in Plant Science
Jonah won Silver in Physics and Engineering



Congratulations and thank you for representing CTK!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW WINNERS 2017...



Council Level (School) held at CTK

Grade 4 Girls

1st—Addison
2nd—Olivia
3rd—Madeline

Grade 4 Boys

1st—Liam
2nd—Tristian
3rd—Declan

Grade 5 Girls

1st—Elena
2nd—Ashley
3rd—Alina

Grade 5 Boys

1st—Drew
2nd—Tyler
3rd—Nico

Grade 6 Girls

1st—Diya
2nd—Mafalda
3rd—Hannah and Gabriella
(tied)

Grade 6 Boys

1st—Jack
2nd—Ethan
3rd—Asher

Grade 7 Girls

1st—Samantha
2nd—Jillian
3rd—Julia (S)

Grade 7 Boys

1st—Brett
2nd—Jacob
3rd—Jonah

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF — ABSENT/LATE

Drive through drop-off and pick-up is not permitted in the parking lot.

The parking lot is a hectic place before and after school. For the safety of all students and visitors at Christ the King School we have two options for getting your child into the schoolyard **safely**.



Park and Walk – Parents/Guardians are welcome to park in the designated spot in the parking lot next to the school yard. Students can then exit the parked vehicle and walk (or be accompanied) through the parking lot to the school yard.

Quick Drop – Parents/Guardians can stop along Fernwood Avenue to drop students off. Children can enter the school yard through the gate on Fernwood Avenue near the school bus loading area. *Please avoid blocking the designated school bus stop. In consideration of our neighbours in the community, please avoid using private drive-ways to turn your vehicle around.

Absent/Late — Please be sure to call the office (204) 257-0027 or email office@ctkschool.ca (cc. your child's teacher) if your child will be absent or late.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE!

UNIFORM FITTING

Uniform fitting night will take place on Thursday, June 15th. If you would like to try a size before ordering, please pop by the gym between 3:00 and 7:00pm and someone from Top Marks will be available to assist you. New this year is a full zip jersey cardigan (excellent quality—will not fade) embroidered—an additional option to the hoodie.

The Board has implemented a Uniform dress code for JK for 2017-2018—navy blue pants, polo shirt (burgundy or white embroidered with school logo (long or short sleeve) and navy blue socks. Sizes 2-3 will be available through Top Marks. All other items are optional.

JUNE EVENTS

- ◆ June 1—Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ◆ June 2—Smoothie Day
- ◆ June 15—Uniform Fitting – 3:00 – 7:00pm
- ◆ June 15—JK/K New Student Orientation at 7:00pm
- ◆ June 20, 21, 22—Gr. 7 & 8 Exams
- ◆ June 22—Last day for Gr. 7 & 8
- ◆ June 22—Last day for JK
- ◆ June 23—Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- ◆ June 28—Last day for Kindergarten
- ◆ June 29—Last day of school, Report Card distribution and Gr. 1-8 closing Mass (Gr. 1 - 7 are expected to wear their uniforms and Gr. 8s to wear their Grad clothing) Gr. 8 Grad ceremony and reception to follow in Lennox Hall.

