



CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

MARCH - APRIL 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The shortest month of the year was full of events, celebrations and even changes. From “ I love to Read Month”, to Catholic Schools Week, Book Fair, Open House, Science Fair, Band Concert, ski trip, Shrove Tuesday Pancake lunch and much more. This all took place thanks to our faculty members (teachers and support staff) and our parents who gave so generously of their time and talent to expand and enrich students’ learning experiences. We applaud their initiatives and thank each one of them for their awesome work.

We also went through some support staff changes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Resendes and Ms. Shewchuk for their excellent years of service at CTK School and wish them well in their future endeavours. We would like to welcome into our CTK staff two familiar faces who have been subbing at our school for the last few months, Mr. Jessie Baris and Mrs. Elizabete Armstrong as Educational Assistants. In addition we hired Mrs. Kathryn Gislason as an Educational Assistant to fill in until Mrs. Brandi Shaver returns from her maternity leave in May. All these educational assistants come to us with school experience from Catholic or Public schools.

We started the beginning of our **season of Lent** with mass with the school on March 2 with the distribution of ashes. A special thank you to Mrs. Mots for organizing the liturgy and to Ms. Lucas for preparing the students for the different ministries. During the month of March we are invited to practice more deeply the virtue of **Forgiveness**. It is probably the most difficult and challenging thing every human being has to experience. As we get older it seems the harder it becomes. Jesus reminds us that **forgiveness** is an important component of all human relationships.

Congratulations to our students in grade 7 and grade 8 who achieved **Honour Roll status of 85%** or higher during the first Semester. Over 50% of each class met the criteria. Thank you to Mrs. Villa, Mr. Gawron and parents for your support, particularly during the exam period. Staff is busy preparing Report Cards which will be sent home on March 15 for K to Grade 6. Parents of Grade 7 students will receive next week the **Grade 7 Number Sense, Number Skills and Student Engagement Provincial Assessment** while Parents of Grade 8 students will receive the **Grade 8 Reading and Expository Writing Provincial Assessment**.

Parent/Student/Teacher Triad Conferences will take place on **March 23 from 3:45 to 7:00 pm** and on **March 24 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am**. Full day care is available on March 24 (Pre-registration is required). Booking forms for the triad conferences will be sent home next week.

A reminder to parents and students to check the Lost and Found before Spring Break for any items or uniform articles your son/daughter may be missing. On March 24 at noon all unclaimed items will be packed and donated to a charity.

The last day of classes before Spring Break is March 23 (after care is available as usual), **school will resume on Monday, April 3.**

Best Regards, Mrs. Laura Carreiro

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MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Change is constant.

We see that in our own lives and we experience that as a school community as well. The challenge is keeping up with change, the gift is embracing the opportunities that come with it.

As a School Board, we are working on many different initiatives as we respond to changes at Christ the King - be that technology, infrastructure, staffing and the overall experience for students and families at the school.

We are in the midst of a major upgrade in the I.T. infrastructure at the school. The changes aren't something you'll see walking into the building – but the impact will be a game-changer as the school brings more technology into the classrooms. Watch for more details in the coming weeks on the developments.

Steps continue to be made as we look at enhancing the playground space. A sub-committee on the Board has been organized and we are in the infancy stages of developing a multi-faceted upgrade plan. Some smaller-scale changes will be made this spring. A larger-scale capital campaign is also in the works as we develop a clear vision and strategy for the playground revitalization. A playground working group is being created. Let us know if you're interested in participating.

Our second of two Open Houses is **March 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the school gymnasium. While families with children of all ages focus on fall registration, we encourage you – as the greatest voices of the school community – to spread the word about Christ the King School.

MARCH FOOD DONATIONS

Special thanks for all the Granola Bars and Rice Krispies donated for Siloam Mission. In this month we are collecting Baby Food for Winnipeg Harvest.

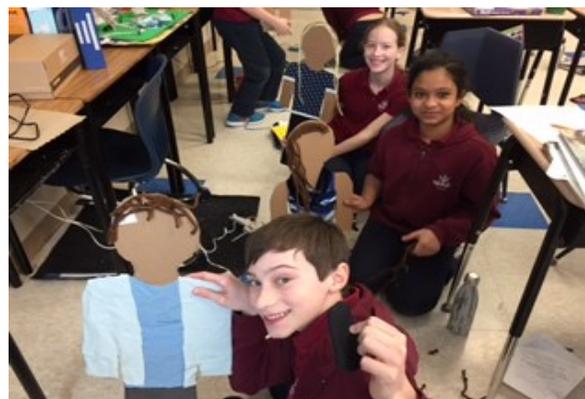


CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

During **LENT** each class will be collecting **coins** in our Mission Boxes with those donations going toward **THE HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION**. This Association helps children in developing countries. Any amount would be greatly appreciated! Thank you. **Mrs. Cadger**



Mme Kist avec la classe
du sixième année.



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

This past Tuesday, February 28th was Shrove Tuesday (also known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday when Christians are reminded that they will soon enter a season of penance, fasting and prayer. The pancake lunch is an excellent demonstration of parent volunteers gathering with CTK students and staff as a community to engage in the time honored tradition of indulging in a pancake feast the day before Lent. Many parent volunteers gather to cook pancakes and sausages, prepare fruit salad and together with the Student Council Executive, serve this 'fat feast' to our students. Thank you to the pancake lunch team (Mrs. Cecon, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Norman, Mrs. Mathew, Mrs. Delgado, Ms. Cyr, Mrs. Thomasson, Ms. Sayapheth and Ms. Perron) who made the effort to take time away from work or other commitments to make this amazing feast possible. A special thank you to the Crossland family for once again donating the sausages. These are a huge hit with the students.



Coming this Spring: **PAC annual Family Movie Night** in the CTK School Gym. More details to follow...



The next **PAC Hot Dog Day** will be on **April 28** and **Fun Lunch Days** will be on **March 23 and April 21**. If you would like to volunteer at hot dog day or fun lunch day, please sign up on the Volunteer Portal: https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/1/web-terminal/login/CTK_Bingo?killSession=1.

The next **PAC meeting** will be held on **April 5, 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 Playground Revitalization Project and the Walkathon.



PAC has a Facebook Page. If you would like to be a member of this Closed Group, please email Mrs. Albensi at albensi6@gmail.com. Membership is open to CTK parents/guardians, teachers, and school staff.

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

For 'I Love To Read Month,' a variety of well known guests came to our classrooms to read to our students.



Special thanks to Mrs. Gratham, Ms. Piper, Ms. Wade, Ms. Resendes & Mr. Baris for organizing "I Love To Read Month activities"



SNOWMAN COMPETITION BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS



February 17, Friday
Day Care
Thank you, Mrs. William
for a fun day!

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Theme #5 - SLEEP

Baby Leah – 6 months old

What we learned in February:

*The importance of sleep for babies and the importance of helping a baby get to sleep.

*Bedtime routines are important for babies and young children, since they provide security and predictability.

*Transitional objects such as blankets, soothers and stuffed animals help most babies make a transition from awake to asleep.

*We all experience sleep cycles that include light sleep (REM) and deep sleep (non-REM). Babies wake often as they move through these cycles. Transitional objects help babies fall back to sleep.

*Putting babies to sleep on their backs reduces the occurrence of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Roots of Empathy Instructor, **Mrs. Pawluk**



Roots of Empathy
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MARCH VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Forgiveness

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13



MUSIC NEWS

Just a heads up that **recorder club** will be starting after Spring Break for students in Grades five to eight. We usually practice after school for about an hour and a half and run the group for six to eight weeks. We culminate in playing for the Volunteer Tea.

Further information will come home with interested students as we get closer to this time. Thank you. **Mrs. Mots**



Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the students at the first Band Concert of the year! The students all played very well especially those who stepped up to play a solo, featuring their talent and confidence in playing in front of a crowd. I am very proud of all the students.

Please join us at our next **Band Concert on May 24th** in the school gym. I have a couple of fun ideas, some of which may involve parents! I will definitely let you know what that may consist of. There will be two performances on that day. We will have a dress rehearsal at 9:00 am and an evening performance at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend. Thank you very much and see you in May!



Mr. Gawron, Band Director



MILK SPIRIT WEEK 2017

Milk Spirit Week

will take place April 24, 25, 26 and 27. It is a celebration of milk and school spirit for all grades to participate in. The Dairy Farmers of Manitoba provide us with prizes and rewards to help celebrate. All students who buy milk and use their milk tickets will be entered in the daily draws. There will also be contests and activities for all students. Help us celebrate the importance of milk by supporting our school milk program and participating in Milk Spirit Week.

Mrs. Pawluk



DRAMA CLASSES FOR GRADE 2 STUDENTS



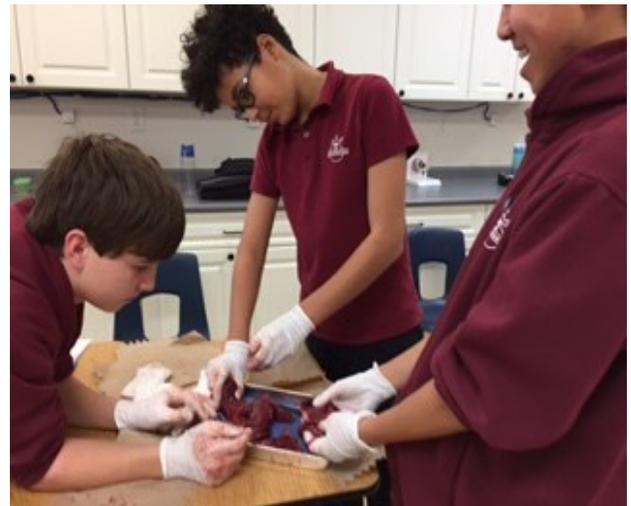
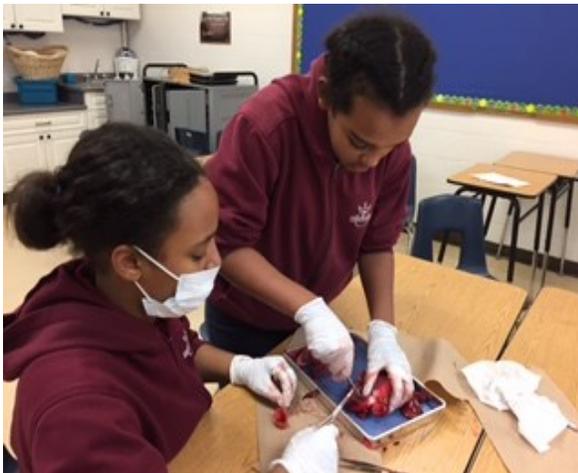
Drama will be offered **in the Grade 7 classroom** from **8:20 -8:48 a.m.** on the following Tuesdays:

Tuesday, March 7/17
Tuesday, March 14/17
Tuesday, March 21/17
Tuesday, April 4/17 and
Tuesday, April 11/17

The benefits of drama include self-expression within a co-operative and play-based environment. We are looking forward to providing this extra-curricular activity for the students.

Mr. Gawron & Mrs. Pawluk

GRADE 8 BIOLOGY CLASS HEART DISSECTION



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Our three Royals basketball teams are very competitive in their respective league games thus far. The girls have yet to lose a game (knock on wood!) in their developmental league contests, while the developmental boys are certainly a force in their league games that they have played. Our competitive boys never give up, which is a great team quality to have.

The developmental girls and boys will conclude their season with final tournaments at sites to be announced, next weekend, March 10 and 11.

The competitive team begins league playoffs on March 13. Depending on wins and losses, they could be playing all week. Best of luck to all teams.

A HUGE Thank You goes to all the coaches: Mrs Edwards (girls); Mr. Mackenzie and his daughter, Danielle, a CTK alumni (competitive boys); Mr. Torres and Mr. Tsai (developmental boys). The program would not be even close to successful without your guidance, support and knowledge of the game. Next league sport is badminton.

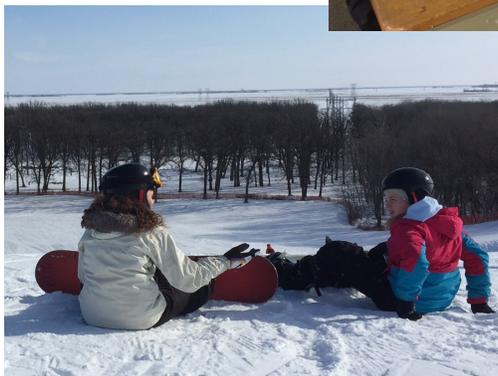
The top two girls and boys in each grade from 4-8 had competed at the District Level of the Knights of Columbus sponsored free throw competition yesterday, at St Emile School.

Winners from the District Level on March 2nd will advance to the State (Provincial) finals on Saturday, March 11th, at 9:00, at Holy Cross School.

Best of luck to all qualifiers. Have a great March and Spring Break!
Mr. Kalichak, Physical Education Director

SKI TRIP FEB. 27

Thank you to Mr. Kalichak for organizing the trip and to Mrs. Villa, Mr. Gawron, Ms. Lucas and Mrs. Matthew (parent) for being great supervisors.



CHESS CLUB

Thanks to the students in grades 4-6 that came out to play chess before school in January and February. All the students were such great sports!

Mrs. Grantham



BOOK FAIR

Library News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, grandparents, friends and students for coming out to support the Book Fair this year. We sold **\$2,662.90** worth of products of which the library will be able to buy over \$1,200.00 worth of books!!!! Thank you one and all.

I would like to thank Mrs. V. Troop, the E.A's., Mr. Baris, Mrs. Malo, Mrs. Carreiro, Mrs. Kist, Mrs. Finnigan and Mr. Mots for helping to set the fair up, selling books at the fair, promoting the sale, cleaning up and making sure the money was properly counted. My two student helpers Julia S. and Jillian B. in grade seven did a great job at the bookmark table! Thank you to everyone for all your help.

All the students will reap the benefits of being able to take out and read new books in the library soon!

THANK YOU!!!! Keep Reading!!!

Mrs. J. Mots



CTK SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

On Wednesday, February 22, CTK School had our annual Science Fair! Students were judged by individuals from the University of Manitoba and industry in the morning, and displayed their projects for parents, family, friends, and the rest of the school community that afternoon.

Congratulations and a big thank you to all the students in **Grade 6, 7, and 8** for their hard work on their projects! You all did a great job and the judges were impressed by your originality and the interesting topics you chose. We would like to thank the parents for supporting their children in this event, and thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to see the projects. Also, a big thank you goes to Mrs. Carreiro and the CTK staff for supporting us in this endeavor.



The school will be sending up to 10 students to the Bison Regional Science Fair on April 11-12. Those who are interested are to let Mrs. Villa and Mrs. Edwards know so proper paper work can be filled out. The entry fee is \$25 per participant, and the registration deadline is March 22. For more information and an event schedule, please see <https://secure.youthscience.ca/sfiab/bisonregionalsciencefair/login.php>.

All the students are eligible to go to the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (MSSS), which is April 20 – 23 at the University of Manitoba. Registration deadline is April 18. The entry fee is \$35 for an individual project and \$70 for a group project (\$35 per participant). All the information for entry requirements can be found on their website www.msss.mb.ca for those who are interested.

The results of our science fair are as follows:

Grade 6:

1st Gabriella – Sugar Cravings
 2nd Mafalda – Insulin: Injections or Pills?
 3rd Asher – Can You Hear This?
Honourable Mention Hannah and Paige – Paper Towel Power
 Diya – Bad News for Smokers

Grade 7:

1st Jonah – Speed vs. Mass
 2nd Asher – Egg Drop
 3rd Austin RC – The Importance of Storing Baby Food in the Fridge to Avoid Contamination
 3rd Jillian – How Does Temperature Affect Crystal Growth?
Honourable Mention Julika and Cole – Aquaponics: What Are the Benefits?

Grade 8:

1st Noah – Eggcellent Packaging
 1st Kaya – pH: Hot or Cool?
 2nd Gavin – Bernoulli's Principle
 3rd Duncan – Drag in Motion
Honourable Mention Eddie – How Gravity Affects Root Growth



Thank you again!

Mrs. Edwards (Gr. 6) and Mrs. Villa (Gr. 7/8 teacher)

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

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.

THANK YOU FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The following students are the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, the School Level**. All students in grade 4-8 participated during the last ten days in gym class. The top two boys and girls from each grade now advanced to the District Level, at St Emile School.

First place winner will receive a gold medallion, second place winner a silver, and third place winner a bronze medallion courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, at a later date.

Grade 4:

1st-	Liam	Addison
2nd-	Tristian	Olivia
3rd-	Declan	Madeline

Grade 7:

1st-	Brett	Samantha
2nd-	Jacob	Jillian
3rd-	Jonah	Julia

Grade 5:

1st-	Drew	Elena
2nd-	Tyler	Ashley
3rd-	Nico	Alena

Grade 8:

1st-	Max	Melen
2nd-	Liam	Tikvaa
3rd-	Owen	

Grade 6:

1st-	Jack	Diya
2nd-	Ethan	Mafalda
3rd-	Jonah	Gabriela/Hannah

A Special thanks in particular to our Christ the King Parish - Knights of Columbus for all their work and support of our school.