



# Christ the King School Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2016

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This month, we are practicing the **Virtue of Peace**. Peace is a gift that Jesus gives us. During Mass, we offer each other the sign of peace. This means that we wish those around us will share in the peace of Christ. We are **called to live in peace and to love our neighbors**. Peace must begin in our heart!

This month, we remember everyone who has departed from this world, but in particular we will remember those men and women who sacrificed their lives **to bring peace into our country**. On November 10, we are having a Remembrance Day Service in the gym at 9:00 am organized by Mrs. Render and Mrs. Piper. All parents, parishioners and friends are invited to attend the service. Although there is no school on November 11, students are invited to attend a Remembrance Day Mass at Christ the King Parish at 10:00 am.

On November 16, at 10:00 am we will be celebrating Mass with the school. Our Grade 7 students will lead us through the different

ministries. Special thanks to Mrs. Mots and Mr. Gawron for preparing our students. Please join us if your schedule allows.

Our School Plan Committee is updating our Educational Sustainable Development (ESD) Plan for the year. ESD helps to prepare students to live sustainably and to establish life-long practices. Manitoba Curriculum focuses on three pillars of Sustainable Development: Economic, Human Health & Well-Being, and Environmental. Our outreach program works to reduce poverty in Winnipeg. We are very thankful for all the baby food you contributed last month for Winnipeg Harvest and this month we encourage every student to bring a pasta item.

We are in the process of updating our registration form for new students. It will be available in our school office and website by December 1 for the school year 2017-2018. If you know anyone who is looking for a wonderful Catholic community with an excellent academic program, please spread the word about our school. **Our Open Houses will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

Please mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to attend our upcoming **Advent/Christmas Concert**. **There will be two performances on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and at 7:00 pm in the school gym.** Once again through the Knights of Columbus students will be participating in "Keep Christ in Christmas" Coloring Contest. More information will be sent home via email.

Although we are having summer like weather, we know that winter will arrive anytime soon. In case of a severe weather storm, all Catholic schools will be closed if the Winnipeg Metro School Divisions close. Listen for school closures on CBC, CJOB, 99.9 FM, 94.3 FM, 102.3 FM and 103 FM. If possible an eblast (group email) will be sent out to all parents in the case of school closure or evacuation.

**Wishing everyone God's peace,**

*Mrs. Laura Carreiro, Principal*

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Big thank you to all those who were able to join us at the Annual General Meeting held on October 26 at Lennox Hall. This was a great opportunity to hear from our new school administrator Mrs. Laura Carreiro, who offered some great insight into her background, both from a personal side (having been born in Sao Miguel, Portugal) and from a professional perspective about her educational vision and beliefs.



We shared information about what the Board has been up to over the past year, how we're progressing with the 2015-2020 CTK Strategic Plan and highlighted some of the short-term and long-term goals.

A strong emphasis is being placed on the areas of student enrollment, infrastructure, communication and technology.

Talks of redeveloping the school playground took a more formal turn at the AGM. Everyone who attended broke out in smaller groups to discuss what they'd like to see as part of the playground, including needs, priorities and timing of improvements. Questions to consider in this first phase of planning include:

1. What the various age groups want/need in a playground.
2. Other playground priorities (e.g. accessibility, safety, and environmental).
3. Staging and timing of improvements.

Add your voice to the planning process and let us know what you think. Feel free to email us your thoughts and suggestions at [boardchairman@ctkschool.ca](mailto:boardchairman@ctkschool.ca).

We know it's tough to make it out to events like the AGM, but we want to keep you in the loop. Please visit this link for more information from our AGM:

<http://www.ctkschool.ca/2016/11/04/2016-annual-general-meeting-highlights/>



## **School Board members for 2016/17 include:**

Mr. Mike Desautels (Board Chair)  
Mr. Rom Magsino (Secretary)  
Mrs. Laura MacKenzie (Treasurer)  
Mr. Michael Emslie  
Mr. Jordan Forbes  
Mr. Jay Guarino  
Mr. Tarsis Illyas  
Mrs. Eva Kovacs  
Mrs. Jill Perron  
Mr. Gabriel Resendes (Parish Designate)  
Mrs. Donna Salo-Campbell (Parish designate)

God Bless,  
*CTK School Board*

# PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS (PAC)

PAC needs a Secretary to record meeting minutes at the PAC meetings during the school year (5 meetings remaining). No prior experience required. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Lisa Albensi, PAC Chair, at [albensi6@gmail.com](mailto:albensi6@gmail.com) or (204) 260-9139 cell.

PAC Hot Dog Day will be on November 18, and Boston Pizza Fun Lunch was on November 3. If you would like to volunteer a hot dog day or fun lunch, please sign up on the Volunteer Portal: [https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/web-terminal/login/CTK\\_Bingo?killSession=1](https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/web-terminal/login/CTK_Bingo?killSession=1)

The next PAC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 30, in the Grade 8 Classroom from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.** All parents, guardians, and staff are invited to attend.

A HUGE Thank you to Lara Johnson and Denise Flint for organizing the Show and Save and Koup book fundraisers. Purchased Koup Books will be sent home with students' mid-November by the Dhillon family. Approximately 400 Show and Save books, and 32 Koup books were sold. Thanks to all of the students who participated. The celebration pizza party date for the high sellers will be announced soon.

The PAC wine raffle is well underway. If you have not yet already done so, please drop a bottle of wine off at the school office – Ms. Barnert will kindly collect these. Please tape a note on the bottle which clearly indicates the name of your child(ren). Thank you in advance! When you are ready to return your tickets and money to the school you can either (1) drop off the money to the school or (2) send it in to the school with your child. Either way, please enclose the tickets and money in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked with the total \$\$ as well as the name and grade of your child. All

unsold tickets and money must be submitted by December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you weren't able to pick up raffle tickets yet, or would like more tickets to sell – please contact Ann Desautels directly at 204 801-1032 or [anndesautels@hotmail.ca](mailto:anndesautels@hotmail.ca) and she will have tickets available at the school for you.

PAC has a Facebook page. If you would like to be a member of this closed group, please email [albensi6@gmail.com](mailto:albensi6@gmail.com). Membership is open to CTK parents/guardians, teachers, and school staff. You will only have access to what is posted on the PAC Facebook page. This Facebook page is for school-related information and activities and not intended for individual business purposes and /or advertising.

*CTK Parent Advisory Council*

## Grade 6 Camp Fundraiser

The Grade 6 class is selling Mary's Angels Christmas ornaments again this year. The proceeds of each ornament will be divided between the Grade 6 class's camp fund and the Marian Hour Centre. The angels are designed with a crystal head and body with gold wings accented with gold or white wings accented with silver. The Grade 6 students are selling them at recess times during the month of November while quantities last. Each angel costs \$5. Sales began this week. Thank you for supporting the Grade 6 Camp!



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our four Royals volleyball teams have been playing hard and intense the entire month of October. The two grade 7 Developmental League boy's teams have both been a force in league games played, and will have their season ending tournaments on November 18<sup>th</sup> (CTK 2) and November 26<sup>th</sup> (CTK 1).

The Competitive 8 boys are in first place in the league standings with 5-0 win-loss record, losing only one set thus far.

The Competitive 6/7 girls got their first taste of match victory when they defeated St. Alphonus School, and finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the St. Al's invitational.

Competitive league playoffs run the week of November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Best of luck to ALL four teams in their playoff run.

Thank you to all of the parent coaches: Mr. Ross, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Harrington, and Mrs. Norman (Grade 7 boys). Mr. Koskie (Competitive 8 boys), and Mr. Loeb and Mrs. Sawatzky (Competitive 6/7 girls). Without all of you the program would not be as successful one.

As for physical education, the grades 4 to 8 classes will be concluding their volleyball unit shortly, which means Fitness Testing time. Fitness Testing includes endurance running and that activity every student loves, the Beep Test.

Grades Kindergarten to 3 will be having MODIFIED and ADAPTED Fitness Testing and Relay type of activity, specifically directed and aimed to their age and grade, during the month of November.;

Finally, a few parents have been asking, and, yes, I will once again be participating in "MO-vember".

Have a great November, and those Dads who are participating, MO-vember!

*Mr. Kalichak (Mr. K)*

Physical Education Specialist



Mr. Kalichak with our Grade One Students



# ALL SAINTS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who donated pumpkins, prizes, and treats for the All Saints Fair. Congratulations to the winners of the candy guessing station and those students who received the decorated pumpkins. A big thank you also goes out to Mrs. Kist and Ms. Lucas for helping plan the All Saints Fair. The Grade 5's had a great time hosting the fair!



*Mrs. Grantham and the Grade 5 Class*



**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 driveways to turn your vehicle around.



## MUSIC NEWS

It is hard to believe that the Advent Season will soon be upon us. The interested grade four and five students have auditioned for the Christmas musical and the parts have been chosen. The committee, as usual, had a difficult time deciding on the roles for students.

Congratulations to all students who were brave enough to come out and try. Good for you!!! All classes began their musical numbers for the concert. How exciting!!! Please watch your child's backpack for upcoming information about the concert and costumes needed. Remember the date is December 14 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Is there anyone out there who might be able to sew a new "Mary" costume for us? We have the pattern but not the material. The school will reimburse the cost of the material. Is there and parent, Grandparent, relative, friend that might able to sew this very important costume for us? Please call the school or email [jmots@ctkschool.ca](mailto:jmots@ctkschool.ca).

Thank you!

*Mrs. J. Mats*



## PEACE

“Peace I leave you, my peace I give you” *John 14:27*

### What can we do to promote Peace?

- ✚ By opening ourselves to God, we will feel peace within us.
- ✚ Every person can work for peace by carefully considering how their words and actions make others feel.
- ✚ Be guided by the words of Paul to the Colossians “The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make”.
- ✚ Peace among nations starts with peace among us.



Second House Virtue Team Meeting of Patron Saint Cecilia

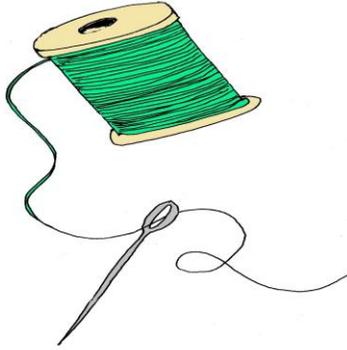


We are looking for donations of the following new or gently used board games: **Yahtzee, Operation, Racko, Monopoly Deal, Jenga and Scrapbooking paper.** A big thank you to the Bestvater and Albensi Families for making donations.



A Remembrance Day Service will be held on Thursday, November 10 at at 9 am in the school gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

## SEWING CLUB



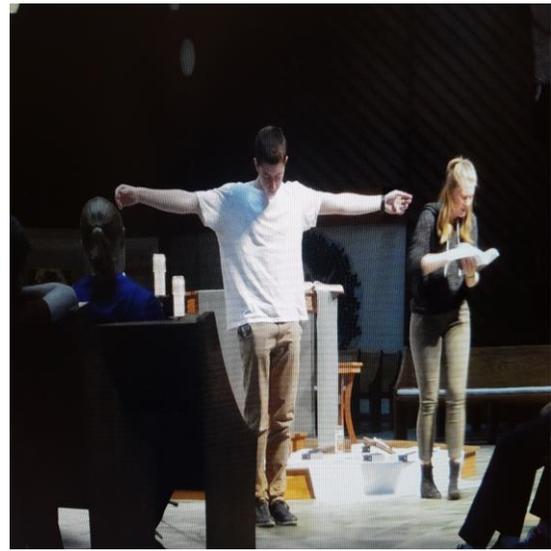
CTK's Sewing Club met in September-October to celebrate National Sewing month and this year's theme, "**Sew for the experience of it!**" The students were given the opportunity to choose their project from pre-made samples using the techniques they were shown. They learned how to separate embroidery thread for sewing, how to thread a needle, the running stitch, backstitch, and sewing a button. The students cut their own projects and with their imaginations put their creativity to work. Thank you to Alyx and Julika in Grade 7 (2014-2015 CTK Sewing Club Alumni) who came out to help this year's students.

Thank you,  
*Madame Kist, Ms. Resendes and Mrs. Villa*



Sewing Club

## "NET" OF CANADA



On September 26th, the Grades 6, 7, and 8 were visited the National Evangelization Team (NET) of Canada. The team consisted for 9 members originating from countries around the world such as Ireland and New Zealand, and also from Canada, including one who had graduated from St. Maurice School last year.

The NET members held a day retreat for the students, which theme was "Who Am I"? The final message they received was that "God made me, God knows me, God loves me, and God has a plan for me." The day consisted of games, skits, mini-talks, break-out group discussions, and a prayer period in the church where the NET members individually prayed over the students who wished to be prayed over. It was a very fun, illuminating, and grace-filled experience and we were so blessed to have had the team come out to our school. The students encountered Jesus Christ through the witness of these youth, acquired a new perspective on other's faith experience, and quite enjoyed themselves.

Sincerely,  
*Mlle Lucas*

## BATTERY RECYCLING



Manitoba Catholic Schools are teaming up to recycle as many household batteries as possible during the 2016-2017 school year.

Please help us in this Environmental Stewardship initiative by collecting and dropping off your used household batteries (including cell phone batteries) in the School's collection box (located at the front doors of the school).

Thank you for your cooperation!  
*Christ the King School*

## APPLIED ARTS



Grade 7's enjoying their creations in cooking!

## STUDENT COUNCIL

A Big Thank You to all the classrooms for participating in the Student Council **"Door Decorating Challenge"**. Congratulations to the Grade 1 and Grade 4 classes for being voted the "Most Spirited" on their floor.



Grade 4 Door Decorating Challenge



Grade 1 Door Decorating Challenge

# VOLLEYBALL

The Competitive Boys volleyball team has proven to be a dominant force in MCSAA league this season! As they look to round out the end of the regular season, the boys have been working hard in preparation for playoffs. Way to go Royals! *Coach Koskie & Coach Shewchuk*



## Boys Standings

	Wins	Losses	Games Won	Games Lost	Points
Christ the King	5	0	10	2	10
Linden Christian	5	0	10	3	10
St. Emile	4	1	9	2	8
Westgate 2	3	0	6	1	6
St. Maurice	3	1	7	4	6



A special THANK YOU to our School Board for purchasing a beautiful TV for our front foyer. This will be a great communication tool which will enhance our ability to inform our families of upcoming events at CTK School!



Senior Girls Volleyball Team

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

October, 2016

Leah came to visit the grade 2 class for the very first time! Both of Leah's parents came to visit with her. We sang our "Hello" song to Leah. Mr. Mitchell sat on the blanket with Leah and we shared our predictions about her.



Roots of Empathy  
Racines de l'empathie

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell told us about all of the things that Leah can do. She cries if she is hungry or tired or if she has to "toot"!

We weighed and measured Leah. She is 24 inches long and weighs 11 pounds. Leah was about the same size as our doll.

We sang our "Good-bye" song to Leah. We can't wait to see her again in November!

Thank you for being our little teacher, Leah!

Mrs. Pawluk, ROE Instructor