



CTK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2013

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome back to another fun filled, educational year at CTK. It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces arrive today. I hope you all had a safe and restful summer. I would like to wish a warm welcome to all our new families. Last June, two Board Members and I attended the Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association Conference in Winnipeg. It was a wonderful, educational experience. I attended 2 workshops, Hiring a Catholic School Teacher and Proclaiming the Word: The Task of the Catholic School Teacher. Their message was strong. We are lucky that we are able to infuse our faith in all our subjects and pray throughout the day. Our teachers are a faith example to our students and are allowed to do so freely; and prayer should be a part of our day at all times. They said so much more but I can't write it all here. Over the summer the work on the field was delayed but has now started. The field will be closed for 3 weeks. The sink

in kindergarten was delayed as well and is in progress. The 3 new Smart boards were installed in August. All in all, we are ready to go.

For those of you who haven't heard Mrs. Render had a baby girl, Sarah, in late July. Mother and daughter are doing well.

You are all invited to attend our School Masses. The first one is September 25 @ 10:00. The grade 3 class will be responsible for this Mass. Future Masses will be listed on the monthly calendars.

The Lunch Lady will only visit our school once each month this year and all orders will have to be on her paper order form, not online, so payment will have to be cash or cheque.

Thank you to all our volunteers, we couldn't survive without you. The first PAC meeting is Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 in the school gym. We need a strong PAC to continue supporting our school. Many hands make light work. I hope to see you all there.

You may have noticed on our first Year-at-Glance it said Christmas dismissal was at 2:30 but it is now corrected to a 1:30 dismissal. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

I hope you and your families all have a great year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Enns
Principal



MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome to Our New and Returning Families and Staff!

Our nice warm weather still feels like summer out there, but we're all slowly getting back to the routine of school life! On behalf of the CTK Board of Directors, we welcome our new and returning CTK staff, students and their families to Christ the King School. We sincerely hope everyone had a peaceful, restful and enjoyable summer. The school was still busy with activity this summer with the implementation of a new server, three new smart boards and the repair of the playground equipment, as well as projects that have been started include the installation of a sink in the Kindergarten classroom, rejuvenation of the field in the playground and conversion of the boiler room as additional storage for the school. A great big "Thank you" to all of the volunteers who so generously offered their time this summer to assist with these projects. With everyone contributing a little over the summer we were able to accomplish a lot!

The role of the CTK Board of Directors is to direct and administer the business and affairs of the School as guided by

the school vision, mission and core values.

The members of your CTK Board of Directors are as follows:

Pastor: Fr.	Renato	Pasinato
Chairperson:	Anita	Wilson
Vice Chair:	Robert	Dowhan
Treasurer:	Laura	MacKenzie
Secretary:	Karen	Chow
Directors:	Alison Lester	
	Balan Santiago	
	Brian Steeves	
	Carrie Subtelney	
	Jordan Forbes	

Collectively, we will continue to implement the strategic plan approved and ratified by the Board of Directors in 2011. The Board has been enacting various action plans to achieve the six strategic priorities. The six strategic priorities are: fund development, programming/activity development for students, technology, space/building, human resources and the relationship/community building between the school, the Parish and the Diocese. Specialized Committees have been created, each of which has its own set of responsibilities to address one of the strategic priorities.

The Fund Development Committee would like to share the exciting news of where your fundraising dollars have been invested over the past year. As the CTK School Board continues to move forward with the strategic plan, a key initiative has been on technology for the students to have a much more enriched experience at the school. With that, following is a list of where investments have been made:

- 1 digital camera for student and administration usage
- 3 smart boards
- 2 computers for staff use
- New Server for the CTK School Network
- Sink in the Kindergarten Classroom
- Play-ground rejuvenation project

Over the next year, we will continue to focus on the two top strategic initiatives, which are technology and space/building renovations. In order to have funds available for their implementation, the Fund Development Committee has developed a plan, which will include four fundraising events for the year. They include:

- Show & Save Coupon Books
- Wine Raffle
- Social Evening
- Walk-a-thon

The Christ the King AGM has been tentatively scheduled for October 30, 2013 at 7 pm so please mark your calendars.

Wishing you a blessed and wonderful school year!

Yours in Christ,

CTK School Board of Directors

PARENTS CORNER

For the safety of your children please park your car in the lot and walk to the school yard to meet your child. The lot is busy with many cars arriving and leaving, some in a hurry. All students in grades JK to 5 must be picked up in the school yard. Thank you for your cooperation.

BEFORE AND AFTER PROGRAM

Please remember to sign your child in and out of the Before and After Program.

Please bring a pair of shoes from home if your child doesn't have a pair at the entrance to the gym. When students expect to get shoes from their class, the supervisor has to escort them to unlock doors leaving the other students unattended. This creates an unsafe situation, so please bring a pair from home. Students will no longer be allowed to get shoes from their class. In the event of an emergency they would then be outside in the cold in sock feet. It is also much safer to play in the gym in shoes. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome back students and families. We hope everybody enjoyed their summer holidays. A most sincere welcome goes out to our new students and their families. We are looking forward to meeting you at our **annual Family Fun Day September 19th at 3:30 p.m.** An afternoon of games, food, and fun activities awaits us all. Please come out and join us to start another great year at Christ the King School.

For the 2013-2014 school year we have the following parents continuing to donate their time to the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**:

Vice-Chair: Jaclyn Koskie

Chair (Ex-Officio): Elke Schattka

Volunteer Coordinator: Melanie Jones

Secretary: Angie Maidment

Treasurer: Anna Chugunova

The PAC requires 1 more parent volunteers to be part of the PAC Executive Council. The Chair position is still open. If you feel that it is important to have a strong school community through extracurricular activities and parent involvement, then please consider joining us on the PAC. At CTK we strive to educate the whole person - academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We can achieve that by parents being positive role models and getting involved in the school community.

PAC Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month during September, November, January, March,

May and June. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym and usually run for an hour. As parents of students at CTK, you are automatically members of the Parent Advisory Council and have the right to attend these meetings. We love for all parents to join us, and we value every contribution or suggestion made. Our first meeting will be September 18th at 7 p.m. All classroom representatives are required to attend the first meeting as important information will be distributed to them.

The **Show & Save Coupon Book Fundraiser** is well underway. Every student has received an envelope containing details of the fundraiser, a sample coupon book and savings card. Please help raise money for our school by purchasing the book yourself and ordering additional books for family, friends, and neighbors. This year is the first time the books contain coupons for Superstore worth \$60. That alone more than offsets the cost of the coupon book, which is valued at \$20. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards technology upgrades in the school. Please return your orders plus payment to school before September 23rd, 2013. Please also return any unsold books. Any student who sells 2 or more books will receive free Jets tattoos. Any student who sells 5 or more books will receive Jets tattoos and be part of a free pizza lunch.

Volunteering - The students and staff greatly appreciate the contribution parent volunteers make to our school. If you have some time to volunteer, please fill out the volunteer request form that you received last June or pick one up from the office. Our volunteer coordinator will get in touch with you when appropriate volunteering

opportunities arise. Remember, younger siblings are always welcome at school if you give your time to volunteer. Please make sure you fill out a Child Abuse Registry Check available at the office.

PAC Events for the month of September:

Date	Event	Time	Note
Sept. 18	PA Meeting	7:00-8:00 p.m.	In school gym
Sept. 19	Family Fun Day	3:30-5:30 p.m.	
Sept. 27	Hot Dog Day	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Optional hot dog lunch
Sept. 27	Terry Fox Run	Held during school hours	Please bring a small donation to go towards the Terry Fox Foundation

Have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,
CTK Parent Advisory Council

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome back to another exciting sports and school year.

Our Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 27th, starting at 2:30. The entire school will have recess at 2:00 pm, and after that, will venture out to the Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre. Students will remember Terry by running, walking, hopping, skipping or jumping, for 20-30 minutes. Refreshments will follow afterwards.

If students can bring a loonie or twoonie to commemorate Terry, and to support his cause, that would be awesome.

I am in need of parent volunteers to help out in a variety of capacities. If you can give your time that afternoon, please contact or see me at the school. My email is dkalichak@ctkschool.ca.

MCSAA league volleyball begins the first week of October. Practices and try-outs start next week. I am still in need of any parent volunteers that want to coach or be an assistant. Again, please contact me at the school. I am need at this time a coach or assistant for grade 7/8 boys, and for developmental girls.

Practices for next week:

Monday, September 9th

7 and 8 girls @ Lunch and 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11th

7/8 girls @ Lunch

7/8 boys @ 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 13th

7 and 8 girls @ Lunch

Have a great month!

Mr. Kalichak



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Join the CTK Student Council Team!

It is a new school year and we are looking for new Student Council representatives. If you are in Grades 4-8 and have ever thought of being a part of our team, it is now your chance. Please meet Mrs. Grantham and Ms. Battaglia on Tuesday, September 10th in the Grade 5 room at 11: 50 am. Our team will need:

- 1 President
- 1 Vice President
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Treasurer
- 1 Grade 5 Representative
- 1 Grade 4 Representative

Mrs. Grantham
Ms. Battaglia

I have really enjoyed meeting all of the Kindergarten students and their families, during Opening Conferences. I am looking forward to a year filled with friendship and learning! I am also excited about watching the children grow throughout this school year! The first Kindergarten fieldtrip is booked for the Fire Station, on October 7, 2013.

Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Pawluk



Please join us on **Thursday, September 19th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for our Annual Family Fun Day!**

Teachers will be available from 3:30-4:00 in their classrooms so come and say "Hi". After that join us in the gym for some food and fun for all ages!

More information will be sent home soon.