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CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL WINTER 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the first term is over and 2023 is just around the corner. We are blessed to have the opportunity to work with your children and are looking forward to seeing their continuing progress in the new year.

Our students have been continuously learning about and practicing our school's pillars of education – most recently that of outreach to those in need. Over this term they have been collecting food for Harvest Manitoba, non-perishable food, gifts and money to fill Christmas hampers for 10 families and contributing money to support our sponsor child Goodluck John Haul living in Tanzania. We thank them and their families for their generosity to make life just a little bit better for those who need it most.

Our boys and girls teams have been busy with sports tournaments (make sure you read Mr. K's article) and the JK – Gr. 5 students have worked hard preparing for our Christmas Concert. We had a wonderful turn out and the kids had a lot of fun singing all the old familiar (and even a few new) Christmas carols. Many thanks to our Concert Committee for their tireless work: Mr. Shawn Coughlin, our Music teacher who wrote and directed our presentation, Mme. Kist (Committee chair) for making some of the costumes, helping with practices and choreography, Mrs. Lesley Malo and Mrs. Maria Emslie for all their organization and planning taking care of the final details. They all did a great job.

As you will read in the following pages, our School Board and Parent Advisory Association have been hard at work on planning and fundraising for the upcoming year. We are grateful to all the parents on these two committees for their commitment to improving our school.

We will be welcoming our new teacher, Ms. Aimee Proulx who will be teaching our Grade 2 class beginning in January until the end of June. She is continuing the work of Mrs. Anita Render who will be moving with her family to Calgary over Christmas Break. Ms. Proulx comes to us with 13 years of educational experience and will be a definite asset to our school community. Mrs. Render has been with Christ the King School for almost 25 years, starting her teaching career with us in 1998. Our staff and students wish her and her family all the best in their new adventure.



The advertising for our Open House has begun. This year the Open House will be in person in our gym on February 2nd at 7pm. Our billboards are already up around the city and our application form is on our website www.ctkschool.ca. If you have any children at home ready to join us, please be sure to submit your application **as soon as possible** as we are already receiving outside applications. Interviews for the applications already received will be starting in January 2023. **The priority deadline for applications is Feb. 11th, 2023.**

As Christmas draws near, I wish you all the blessings of the season and a New Year filled with peace and joy. See you in 2023!

Laura Carreiro
Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

The Christ the King (CTK) School Board has had a busy Fall. I would like to thank the former Chair of the Board, Michael Desautels, for his service to our school. Mike served on the school Board for seven years, including six as Chair. His contributions include leading the recruitment of our Principal, Mrs. Carreiro, and the development and execution of our most recent strategic plan which resulted in improvements to school technology, facilities and communications with families. We wish Mike and his family well as he takes on his next volunteer challenge.

Tuition for 2023-2024

As part of the Board's annual decision making, we met in November to set tuition and other fees for the next academic year. Each year tuition revenue provides about one-third of the school's total income, with two-thirds of our revenue being provided from the Province of Manitoba by way of an operating grant. The grant from the province is equal to one-half of the average expenditures of public schools per student. This means that **the combination of tuition and grant revenue received by CTK is 25% lower than the revenue available to public schools** to cover their operating costs.

Salaries for teachers and support staff represent about 85% of our operating costs. With less revenue coming in than public sector schools, we continue to diligently review staff salary to keep pace with other similar Independent Schools. Our teachers and staff foster a positive learning environment for our children and are a big reason CTK is such a special community. Our employees chose to work at CTK because of their faith and dedication to our community and we have a responsibility to pay them fairly.

For many years tuition at CTK has increased by \$100 (about 4%) or less per year. With rising cost pressures and staff salaries falling behind other Independent Schools, we need to implement a more significant increase to tuition and other fees for next year (about 8% for tuition and changes between 0% and 12% for various other fees). Increasing fees is not a decision the Board takes lightly. We strive for our fees to remain competitive with the Independent Schools within our catchment, and to find the right balance between affordability and ensuring our students get the quality education they deserve. The updated tuition and fee schedule is available on the website www.ctkschool.ca.

Strategic Planning

The School's last strategic plan ran until 2021, and the pandemic delayed its renewal. This year the Board will be performing consultations to help determine the direction of the school for the next five – to – seven years. We will be seeking parent and community feedback as we develop the new strategic plan. The start of the process will include an electronic survey which will be sent to seek your input. Please keep an eye out for the survey and other opportunities to engage in the process as we set our priorities for the future. Our community is dedicated to the academic and spiritual development of our students, and to supporting each other. The School Board provides governance oversight of the school, through the development, management, and oversight of the financial resources and policies of the school. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. We meet either virtually or in person depending on the month. All are welcome to attend meetings and provide input into the direction of the school. Please check with the office to find out the location or log-in information for meetings. You can also email the CTK School Board at boardchairman@ctkschool.ca.

The CTK School Board wishes you and your family a safe, peaceful, and blessed holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2023.

Sincerely,
Mike Emslie, Chair





HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM CTK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

With Christmas Break just around the corner, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for making the first half of the school year so successful. Without your dedication to our school, there would be no family fun day, no fun lunches, no hot dog days, and no staff appreciation. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for making 2022 so wonderful.

Looking ahead to 2023, we have a lot to be excited about. We will continue holding our Fun Lunches and Hot Dog Days; February, we have Shrove Pancake Tuesday. Spring brings us Family Movie Night. We will also try to host a parent social evening or two in the winter/spring as well.

We hope you all can use the two-week winter break to relax a little and enjoy some much deserved time with your families. We look forward to working with you all again in 2023!

Happy New Year from your PAC Executive and Class Reps



JK Halloween Fun



Grade 1 Halloween

JK—HIGHER LEARNING!



Teacher for a day



Puzzle Day



S.T.E.M.—future architects

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Major Daniel

On November 10th, we gathered together for our Remembrance Day Service to remember those who have fought and given their lives for our freedom. Major Daniel was our guest speaker and spoke about the importance of Remembrance Day.

Thank you to our Remembrance Service Committee—Mrs. Render, Mr. Gawron



Thank you to everyone who bought Mary's Angels in support of the Grade 6 Camp and the Marian Hour Program. We sold 224 angels and made \$336.00 toward our Grade 6 camp.

Mrs. Edwards and the Grade 6 class



GRADE 2 HEARTS AND HANDS

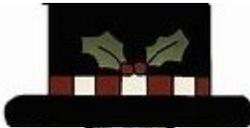




KINDERGARTEN SNOWMEN



GRADE 1 SNOWMEN



GRADE 6 VISIT WITH AN ELDER



Elder Norman came to the Grade 6 class on October 28. He was invited to talk to the class about the Metis culture and history in the Red River area to supplement our study of Manitoba becoming a province and the Red River Resistance lead by Louis Riel.

The following are a couple student perspectives of the visit:

Elder Norman talked about the Metis. He is an ambassador for his culture. His grandpa worked for the Hudson Bay Company. He hunted for furs. Elder Norman

showed us a woven Metis scarf that was green, blue, and red. He showed us how they wear the scarf. Sometimes they put it around their head to keep their ears warm in the winter. Sometimes they wore it around the belly. I liked Elder Norman's presentation, because it was interesting and I learned some new things about Metis people.

By Tommy

Elder Norman went to a school called Bad Throat (translated) School. His sash meant different things like red is blood, blue is water, and green is growth of a new Metis people. He had a book full of all his ancestors. Some things he told us were that Metis people lost seven generations of history. Louis Riel put his great-grandpa in jail. Metis people used every part of an animal. His grandpa named Pine Falls. There is also a road named after his last name. He had many ancestors. He had lots of family and sadly didn't know he was Metis until he was a young adult.

By Mila

Things I learned from Elder Norman are its important to know your family. Elder Norman's family played an important role to the creation of Manitoba. He has a lot of relatives.



INSERVICE DAYCARE



Remembrance Day Art

GRADE 3 STRUCTURES IN SCIENCE



The grade 3 students have been learning about Structures in Science. They have learned what makes structures stable and strong. They were given the following scenario... "You are stranded on a deserted island after your shipwrecked. All you have with you is one piece of paper, a meter of masking tape and two squares of tinfoil. Build a satellite tower so you can radio for help. Remember, it is windy on the island, so make sure it can withstand external forces." They worked hard and built towers that could withstand the force of wind! Well done grade 3's!



As the end of the unit approached, the grade 7 students helped the grade 3 students research a famous structure around the world. They helped them find information using the Chromebooks.



The grade 3 students loved having their buddies help them – they thought it was "The BEST Ever!"

Thank you grade 7's and Mr. G, your help was much appreciated!

Mrs. Pol



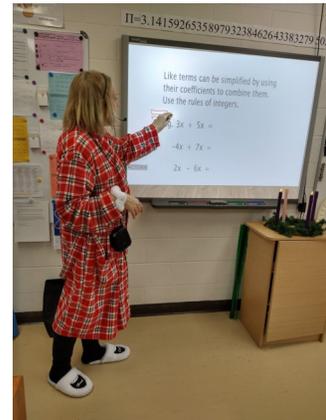
GRADE 5 TRIBAL PROJECTS



PAJAMA DAY



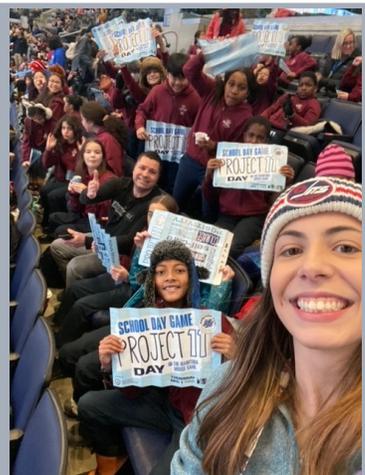
PJ Day Volunteers



Mrs. Bernardin teaching in PJs



The Gr. 8s working in their PJs



PROJECT 11 MOOSE GAME

On December 1st our Grade 4 and 5 students attended the Moose Game organized by Project 11.

STUDENT COUNCIL

To start off the first Student Council Newsletter, let's introduce our Student Council members! For our Class Representatives, in Grade 4, we have Isaiah, and in Grade 5, we have Selena. Our secretary is Fountain, and our treasurer is Therese. And, last but not least, the Co-Presidents, Izeyah and Gaby!

The Student Council have done A LOT of things this year, such as... On Halloween day, we had our Halloween Treat Bag sale, where we delivered treat bags to each class. Working hard in packing those treat-bags made it all worthwhile when we saw the joy on everyone's face!

Just recently, because of the season of Christmas, we had a candy cane sale, where we gave out candy canes for only 50 cents each! We had our Remembrance Day assembly, where Major Daniel, a veteran, spoke, and the Student Council all paid tribute to all the lives lost in war.

The Student Council organized a Gingerbread House Building Competition, where grades teamed up to build the best house, so they could win an awesome prize.

Members of the Student Council also helped pack up tabs to bring to the Tabs for Wheelchairs drop-off, which raises money to annually present a new wheelchair to a Manitoban in need!

Student Council has MUCH more in store, so keep an eye out for any up-coming sales, assemblies, and competitions!

Section written by:
Gaby Mendoza-Buenaventura,
awesome co-president



JK Gingerbread House





 **Christ the King**
School

PRESENTS

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY SHAWN COUGHLIN

On Thursday, Dec. 15th, our school community enjoyed a very traditional production called The Christmas Story.

Two performances were held – one at 1:30pm and the other at 7:00pm. Our Junior Kindergarten—Gr. 5 students gave their all to a full house.

Many thanks to Mr. Shawn Coughlin who wrote and directed our play and Mme. Kist who helped practice the music and choreography with our performers, the concert committee of Mrs. Malo Mrs. Emslie, Mrs. Carreiro, Mrs. Bernier, our student Stage Crew, Sound, Lights Props and Runners and all of our staff helpers who gave their time to extra practices and work behind the scenes. Also, many thanks to the CTK Knights of Columbus for their donation of \$1000 towards the cost of the stage.







MFIS ART CONTEST



Teresita Chiarella, Executive Director of the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools was delighted to inform us that the artwork submitted by Mrs. Anita Render, created by her CTK School Grade 2 student Rose J., was selected from the Kindergarten to Grade 4 category of the MFIS Art Contest.

They are excited to use the art image in the MFIS promotional material throughout the year. Also, they want to give credit to Rose when they use the art image! MFIS was thrilled to award the student a monetary prize of \$100.

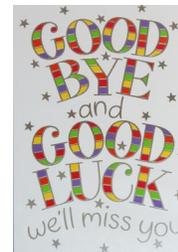
They will present the cheque at the school in January after classes resume, and have a photo of Rose and her artwork taken so they can highlight this at their upcoming MFIS Annual Dinner in February.

Congratulations Rose and Mrs. Render for this submission!

STAFF NEWS



Mrs. Anita Render will be relocating with her family to Calgary over the Christmas Break. She has been an employee of Christ the King School since 1998 beginning her career teaching Music and French and then moved on to Grade 2 when a position became available. Her CTK family will miss her and wish her and her family all the best in their new adventure!



Congratulations to Mrs. Heidi Cadger who celebrated 20 years of employment with Christ the King School this past October. Mrs. Cadger has been involved with the school since her now-grown boys were students here, then began working as an EA in Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten. She is now the Junior Kindergarten Instructor working with our 18 JK students.





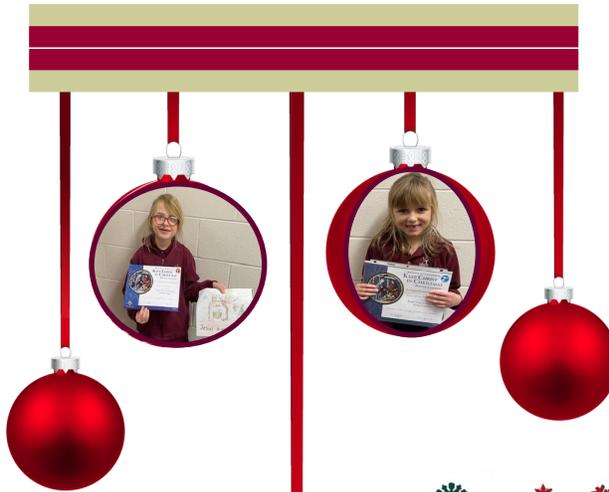
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of the “Keep Christ in Christmas” contest sponsored by the CTK Knights of Columbus. Winners were :

Ages 5-8: First Place: Nina D.
Second Place: Eva K.
Third Place: Kate C. L.

Ages 8-10: First Place: Anna L.
Second Place: Liam P.
Third Place: Evangeline M.

Ages 11—14: First Place: Mila M.
Second Place: Therese C.
Third Place: Adonay M.



ROOTS OF EMPATHY



Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

Matias came to visit the Grade 2 class with his mom and we had a very fun visit on December 1st! Matias is growing fast and looks so cute!

Mrs. Piper put Matias on the blanket for “tummy time” and he was able to hold his head up really well and even tried to reach for a toy! We tried to exercise his arms and legs as well. Matias was really alert and happy throughout the visit, smiling and looking around at all the boys and girls!



Our theme this month is “Crying”. Mrs. Murphy said that Matias cries if he is hungry, tired or bored. When Matias cries, Mrs. Murphy soothes him by holding him close.

We sang the lullaby “You Are My Sunshine” and the songs “Eensy, Weensy Spider”, “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” and “Wheels on the Bus” to Matias. He seemed to enjoy them. We can’t wait to see Matias again soon!

Mrs. Piper, Resource Teacher



BOOK FAIR NEWS!

Our Book Fair is fast approaching!

The theme for the Book Fair is: **Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Reader!**

The Book Fair runs from: **Wednesday, February 22nd to Friday, February 24th**

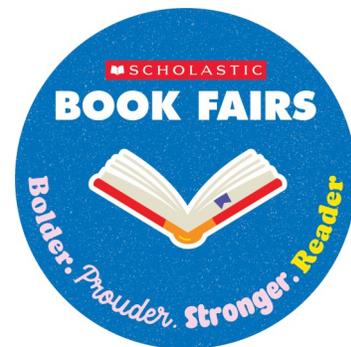
Items for sale for the Book Fair will be: books, posters, bookmarks, school tools (pencils and erasers), boutique items (pens, pencils, journals, and stationery). The money earned goes towards supplying new books to the library for the students to enjoy.

Students and parents are encouraged to come and visit our Book Fair. We are looking forward to seeing all of you!

Help your child to be a **Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Reader** by buying some books to read.

Save the Date!

Mrs. Ducharme, CTK Library



ROYAL SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

A huge congratulations is in order for our grade 7 and 8 competitive Royals boys volleyball team who defeated the Linden Christian Wings 2 sets to 1 to claim the Tier 1 third place championship for the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association season. Despite being upset by the Holy Cross Saints in the Tier 1 semi final match, the boys rebounded in more than fine form to “clip” the Wings.

This year’s team included: Owen, Bolton, Fisayo, Mathis, Victory, Imisi, Izeyah, Cameron, Samuel, Adrian, Jaycob, and Rafey. Thank you goes out to coach Rodrigues, our grade 4 teacher, and I guess myself, who helped coach the team as well.



Thank you also goes out to Mr. Ventura, his volleyball knowledge and expertise was very well received by the other coaches and players.

The boys had a match win-loss record of 5 and 3 in the regular season, 2 and 1 in league playoffs, and 3 and 2 at the annual St. Paul’s Outreach Tournament where they earned semi-finalist honors, for an overall record of 10 wins and 6 losses. Imisi was selected by the six coaches for the first all-star team, while Izeyah made the second all-star team, at that tournament. Well done, boys.

Our grade 6-8 girl’s volleyball team had many triumphs this past season, producing winning results in all matches played. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Malo who guided the girls all season. Also a huge thank you goes out to former Royal, alumni Makenna, Pyper’s sister, who helped out when she could from her busy schedule of volleyball of her own.

Our girls went undefeated in their league, and finished in 3rd place at the St. Alphonsus Competitive Invitational Tournament. Their overall record match win-loss record was an impressive 8 and 3.



The grade 5 class were exposed to volleyball and other school competition at a tournament held at St. Maurice School. The grade 5’s involved all had a great learning experience with triple ball and mini-type volleyball. The future looks very bright with their skill level and abilities.

Thank you goes out to Mrs. Malo who helped coach the girls at the very last minute, and myself who coached the boys. The tournament was meant to be fun and yet a learning experience towards grade 6, 7 and 8 MCSAA league volleyball. Winning was not the name of the game, pardon the pun, but the wins occurred at St. Maurice was nice to see.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS ...CONT'D

Next on the sports horizon is league basketball. Christ the King Royals will be fielding two boy's teams and one girl's squad. Mrs. Edwards will coach the girls, and I will be coaching one of the boy's teams. Thus I am looking for a coach or coaches for the developmental boys team (grade 6). Please send me an email at dkalichak@ctkschool.ca

The entire league is looking for certified basketball officials for the upcoming season. Games can be scheduled here at CTK or any other Catholic or Christian School that is participating in the MCSAA. The league is compiling a list or pool of officials that can be shared by all schools involved.

You will need at least Level 1 Basketball Official certification in order to officiate league games. Again, please send me an email if you are interested. All certified officials will be paid a minimum of 30.00 for games.

Our grades 2-4 students will be participating in our Learn to Skate Program starting in January.



On November 28th, our Junior Kindergarten to grade 6 classes received some curling knowledge and exposure in a program called Rocks and Rings. Mr. Ray Schneider brought his many years of curling exper-

tise to CTK and the students got a chance to throw make shift indoor curling rocks (with



wheels), learning curling terminology, and got a chance to compete in a closest to the button competition against classmates broken up into groups.

Have a great Christmas season, and see you all back in January.

Mr. Kalichak
Athletic Director



UPCOMING CLUBS



The Homework Club with Grade 4 & 5 will take place in January and February on Wednesdays at lunch time (11:50-12:10 pm) in the library. Starting date: January 11th, 2023. Any students interested should contact Mrs. Piper.



CHESS CLUB Chess Club for Grades 4-8 will be starting on Tuesdays from January 10 and continuing to February 14 before school from 8:15 am – 8:45 am. We will be meeting in the Grade 6 room. Any students interested should contact Mrs. Edwards.



Lego Club
Grades 4, 5 and 6

We will meet in the Kindergarten room at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays, starting **January 11th, 2023.**

Just bring your imagination!
All supplies will be provided.

Please see Ms. Danakas if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT CTK PARISH

Christmas Eve

4pm Mass
6pm Mass
8pm Mass
12midnight

Christmas Day

10am Mass
ONLY

*Merry Christmas
Christ is born !*



UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE

To our current families:

If you have a JK or K age child at home, NOW is the time to apply!

Our application form can be found on our website www.ctkschool.ca. To be considered complete, please be sure to include ALL the required documents noted at the top of the first page of the application form.

**2023
OPEN HOUSE**

**FEB. 2
7:00 PM**

VISIT US AT
CTKSCHOOL.CA

204-257-0027

**CHRIST
THE KING
SCHOOL**

JK - GRADE 8



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Classes resume - Jan. 5**
- * School Board meeting— Jan. 11
- * Fun Lunch—Jan. 13
- * Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal 1:55pm - Jan. 16
- * PAC Meeting—Jan. 19



- * Second Semester starts—Feb. 6
- * CTK Open House—Feb. 2—7pm
- * Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal 1:55pm—Feb. 6
- * School Board meeting— Feb. 8
- * Catholic Schools Week Feb/ 13-17
- * PAC Meeting—Feb. 16
- * Catholic Schools Day—Feb. 17—NO CLASSES
- * Louis Riel Day—NO SCHOOL—Feb. 20
- * Shrove Tuesday—Nov. 21
- * Ash Wednesday Mass—Feb. 22
- * Fun Lunch —Feb. 25
- * Book Fair—Feb. 21—23



- * Report Card Writing—NO CLASSES—Mar. 3
- * School Board meeting— Mar. 8
- * Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal— Mar. 13
- * Smoothie Day/PAC Meeting—Mar 16
- * Early Dismissal—1:55pm-Parent Confer.—Mar. 23
- * Parent Confer.—NO CLASSES—Mar. 24
- * Spring Break—Mar. 27 – 31
- * **Classes resume—Apr. 3**



*Wishing you the Joy of Christ...
the Love of Christ.... And the Peace of Christ!*

*Merry Christmas from the Staff
of Christ the King School!*