



## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL WINTER 2023

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the first term is over and 2024 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 gifts and money to fill Christmas hampers for 10 families and contributing money to support our sponsor child Good-luck 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 working hard preparing for our Christmas Concert. We had a wonderful turn out and the children 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. Quinn our Music teacher who directed our presentation, Mme. Kist (Committee chair), Mrs. Lesley Malo and Ms. Aimee Proulx for all their planning, organization and taking care of the final details. They all did a great job.

Our JK's making snow angels.



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.

The advertising for our Open House has begun. This year the Open House will be in our gym on **February 1st at 7pm**. Our billboards are already up around the city and our application form is on our website [www.ctkschool.ca](http://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 2024. **The priority deadline for applications is February 8, 2024.**



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 2024!

Laura Carreiro  
Principal



#### Vision Statement:

*"A nurturing Catholic community, supporting the holistic development of each child and enabling our graduates to recognize their giftedness and their responsibility to use their gifts in the service of others."*

#### Mission Statement:

*"CTK provides a safe and nurturing Catholic community, which encourages a diverse group of students to learn and develop through excellent academic and extracurricular programs."*

#### Core Values

*Mutual Respect*

*Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*

*Compassion and Commitment*

*Integrity*

*Faith-Based, Academic Excellence*

*Transparency*

*Community*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Dear CTK Families,

The Christ the King (CTK) School Board has had a busy fall. The strategic plan, which was developed in the spring was approved at our fall meeting. The School's bylaws were updated and approved at the Annual General Meeting in October.

### Strategic Plan

The School's strategic plan includes the following key components:

- Improve organizational staffing and volunteer capacity,
- Improve tools and technology, and maintain our physical infrastructure (building)
- Increase ongoing revenues to address strategic priorities
- Customer Satisfaction (ensure we continue to maintain high standards of academic excellence)

These priorities will drive the Board's decision-making over the next few years.

### Tuition for 2024-2025

As part of the Boards' 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. As a result of us having less revenue than public sector schools, our staff are paid less than their peers in the public school system. Our teachers and staff are a big reason CTK is such a special community and a great place for our children. Our employees choose to work at CTK because of their faith and dedication to our community, but we have an obligation to pay them fairly.

For many years tuition at CTK has increased by \$100 (about 4%) or less per year. With rising cost pressures across the board, and the salaries of our teachers falling behind other independent schools, we need to implement a more significant increase to tuition and other fees for next year (about 5% for tuition and changes between 0% and 11% 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.

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](mailto:boardchairman@ctkschool.ca).

The CTK School Board wishes you and your family a safe, peaceful and blessed holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2024.

Sincerely,  
Mike Emslie, Chair



## HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM CTK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)



Happy Holiday to our Christ the King Families,

As we head into the holiday season our warmer than normal temperatures are certainly making early morning commutes a little more enjoyable! PAC would like to send out a BIG thank you to all who participated in our Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser this Fall that brought just over \$1600.00 in profit. These profits will go right back into CTK activities to celebrate the wonderful children and staff we have in attendance.

The Staff at CTK once again went above and beyond at the Holiday Christmas concert putting on a truly spectacular show. PAC is happy to have been able to provide candy canes to all the children (and even some of the parent)s to enjoy as a holiday treat during the concert.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the CTK staff Christmas gifts! We had 66 families participate - that's awesome! We have purchased a box of Purdy's chocolates and St. Vital Centre gift cards for each staff member. The gifts were distributed to the staff during the last week of classes.

As we move into the winter months many of our programs continue to run; such as; fun lunches, hot dog days, special ice-cream days and our milk program! Looking ahead to 2024, we have a lot to be excited about; February, we have Shrove Pancake Tuesday. We will also be holding our next Hoffman Foods Chicken Finger fundraiser in January/February; please watch for updates.

Keep in mind that we are always looking for more parents to join us in our quest to build community spirit through these and upcoming special events. As a new volunteer you will be warmly welcomed by current volunteers and the children you encounter! Please use this link to get yourself registered for up-to-date information on how you can volunteer at different events around the school:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKQQ41tOsNp-S5mnsCIZn3vaz1LRPMSkEBBeMjKk--wLIDmQ/viewform>

Finally, as we wish each of you a wonderful holiday season filled with laughter and cozy nights with your family we invite you to explore some of what Winnipeg (or Winterpeg) has to offer such as:

- Skating at one of the dozens of pleasure rinks around Winnipeg.
- Tobogganing down one of the toboggan hills or slides.
- Cross-country skiing at Kildonan Park.
- Snowshoeing at the Living Prairie Museum.
- Strolling through the winter landscape of the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden.
- Visiting the Library
- Strolling around the Forks



Wishing you a wonderful holiday season, filled with hot chocolate and home-made sweets,

Candice Savage and Charleen Choboter  
PAC Co-Chairs



# HALLOWEEN FUN!



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



On November 9th, we gathered together for our Remembrance Day Service to remember those who have fought and given their lives for our freedom. Lieutenant Colonel John A. Robins (retired) was our guest speaker and spoke about the importance of Remembrance Day. Thank you to our Remembrance Service Committee—Mrs. Piper, Mr. Gawron



## INSERVICE DAYCARE ARTWORK

*People who go to war are brave.  
Because they sacrifice their lives in  
war. They are our heroes here today  
and we still remember them.  
Happy Remembrance Day!*

*Written by a Daycare Student*





## GRADE 2 - MTYP VISIT



The grade 2 class enjoyed seeing the play, "Narnia" at MTYP on Thursday, December 7th, 2023. Among their favourite parts:

- "When it snowed on the stage."
- "When the Ice Queen and Aslan battled."
- "When Reepicheep, the Mouse came on stage."
- "When the kids entered the wardrobe."

**Ms. Proulx, Grade 2 Teacher**



## AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## JK VISIT FROM THE FIREMEN



On Nov.8 Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten had a presentation from two Winnipeg Firefighters. The firefighters showed us how to stay safe in our homes. How and when to call 911 in case of emergencies. The firefighters dressed up in all their gear. The children liked that part the best. It showed them how the firefighters can help them. Each child received a firefighter sticker a coloring book and a form to plan out an escape route from their home in case of fire. It was a great presentation. **Mrs. H. Cadger, JK Instructor**



## CHESS CLUB GR. 4-8



Students in Grade 4-8 were welcome to join Chess Club for November and December. We met Tuesday mornings from 8:15 am to 8:45 am starting November 7 to December 19. On average, we had 20 to 22 students each session of all levels from beginner to expert. Some even challenged their siblings to a match!



## VISTORS TO CTK....

CTK Grades JK-5 had the pleasure of being entertained by world renowned performer, Mr. Al Simmons on October 27th. There were lots of smiles and laughs as the children thoroughly enjoyed his interaction with all.



Children's performer Jake Chenier performed a November show for JK to Grade 5 students on November 20th. This interactive performance included some of Jake's best known songs that had students and staff singing and dancing. The grand finale included 10 student volunteers and 3 teachers playing instruments to La Bamba.



Manitoba Opera provided a free workshop for CTK grade 3-8 students in October. Baritone Stephen Haiko-Pena taught students about the art form and had student volunteers give ideas for and perform in an opera about our school.



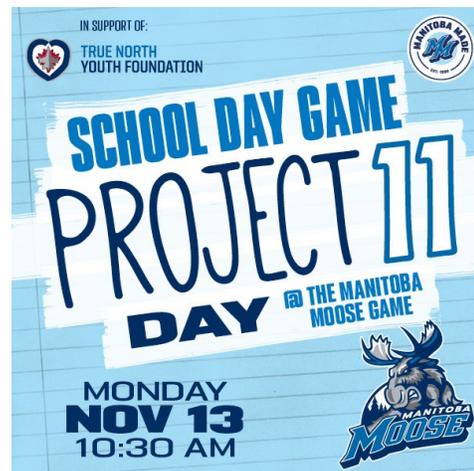
## GRADE 3 FAMOUS STRUCTURE RESEARCH

The Grade 3's have been learning all about structures and what makes them stable and strong. They learned that structures hold a load and were built with the purpose in mind. At the end of the unit, each student researched a famous structure using iPads with the help of our Grade 7 Buddies. Our buddies helped us type on Google and find the answers to our research questions. Thank you Grade 7s for being excellent helpers with our project. **Mrs. Pol Gr. 3 Teacher**



## PROJECT 11 MOOSE GAME

On November 13th our Grade 4 students attended the Moose Game organized by Project 11. It was a very thrilling day with some of students being interviewed for TV!



## STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council has been very generous these past couple of months volunteering their time to help with school events and planning fun activities for the students.

The council members had played a large role in the Remembrance Day ceremony held on the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup>. They have also been helping with morning announcements, the school Christmas concert, and setting up the Christmas tree in the foyer.

The council members devoted many lunch recesses to packaging and selling the Halloween treat bags back on Oct. 30. It was a lot of work but proved very successful.

On the last week before the Christmas break, the council had the opportunity to go room to room reading Christmas stories to students in grades JK-3 and asking tough Christmas trivia questions in grades 4-8. They handed out candy canes dressed as elves!

The council will be busy post-Christmas break planning the next few events for the new year. Thank you very much to the student council members for their continued work and dedication to the CTK student council!

**Mr. Gawron, Mrs. Bernardin, and Mrs. Emslie**  
Student Council Teacher Advisors

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER DELIVERIES

Christ the King School was once again able to collect and distribute 10 food hampers to families in need this holiday season. Thank you to all our families and staff for their generous donations to make this possible.. We fed 22 children and 19 adults. The pictures are of Fisayo's family (Gr. 8) delivering hampers on December 16th.



  
**CHRISTMAS**  
 Cheer Board





On Thursday, Dec. 14th, our school community enjoyed a very traditional production called Sing with us... The Christmas Story.

Two performances were held – one at 1:30pm and the other at 6:30pm. Our Junior Kindergarten—Gr. 5 students gave their all to a full house.

Thank you for your generous donations at the concerts. The total collected was \$997.75. This money will go towards the cost of the stage rental.

Many thanks to Mr. Bill Quinn who directed our play and Mme. Kist helped practice the music and choreography with our performers, the concert committee of Mrs. Malo, Ms. Proulx, Mrs. Carreiro, 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.



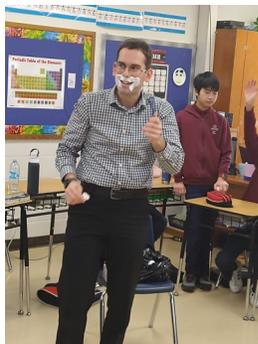


*Unto Us  
a Child is Born*



## MOVEMBER FUN

Grade 7 and 8 students had a little “fun” and some fundraising at the same time with Mr. Gawron. Mr. G grew his moustache for Movember and whoever brought donations in, could enter to be chosen to shave off his moustache. All the funds went to Movember Canada. Alexandria was chosen and she shaved off the first stage of Mr. G.’s moustache and the rest he finished off by himself. The students and staff enjoyed this fun interlude in their day. Looking Good Mr. G!!



Did you know that Mr. Kalichak does more than teach in the gym? We want to send Mr. K a BIG THANK YOU for changing the outdoor sign for us. He diligently endures all weather (rain or shine) to make sure we are all up-to-date with our latest news. Thanks again Mr. K.....



## THANK YOU

We would like to give a big “THANK YOU” to the **Lennox Club** for donating \$1400.00 towards the rental of the Christmas Concert stage. We appreciate your generosity.



Thank you to our Board who put on the delicious luncheon for staff on December 18th. We really appreciate the Christmas Card and the generous gift



## 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 :



Kindergarten: Amariah N.

Grade 1 & 2: Timothy V.

Grade 3 & 4: Roman M.

Grade 5 & 6: Dara G.

Grade 7 & 8: Adonay M.





Roots of Empathy  
Racines de l'empathie

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

### Claire's December Visit (5 months old)



Claire came to visit us with her mom on December 5th. We are learning about caring for babies and our friends. Caring for a baby is a lot of work! Mrs. Olinyk did a "show and tell" of all the things she carries in her diaper bag for Claire. Babies need a lot of things when they go out.

Claire is growing and changing and has gotten really long. She was able to roll over from her stomach to her back during our visit. Today Claire enjoyed laying on the green blanket as well as standing and jumping while the students sang songs.

We talked about teething. Mrs Olinyk told us that Claire does not have any teeth yet. She does think Claire is teething because she always wants to put things in her mouth. We sang We Wish You a Merry Christmas to Claire and gave her a Christmas gift which she seemed to enjoy. See you in January, Claire! **Mrs. Piper, Roots of Empathy Instructor**

## MARY'S ANGEL ORNAMENTS



A big thank you goes out to the CTK community for supporting the Grade 6 Camp fundraiser! We sold out of the ornaments in only a few days! Half the proceeds will go towards costs for camp and the other half will go towards the Marian Hour (radio broadcast of the rosary). Again, we send our appreciation to all that supported the fundraiser. Sincerely, **Mrs. Edwards, Grade 6 Teacher**



## BOOK FAIR NEWS!

Our Book Fair is fast approaching! The theme for the Book Fair is: **Books Bring Us Together!**

The Book Fair runs from: **Wednesday, February 21<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, February 23<sup>th</sup>**

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!

**Save the Date!**

**Mrs. Ducharme, CTK Library**



## ROYAL SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

The first three months of the school year was very successful on the court. Volleyball took the gym by storm, and our four teams did very well in Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association (MCSAA) action.

Our Competitive Girls captured league finalist honors (2<sup>nd</sup> place) out of 14 teams. Led by team co-captains Pyper and Temi, they finished second in regular season action with a 7 win, 1 loss record. Other team members who played awesome all season include: grade 8 students Emma, Andrea, Mya, Julia, Tolu, Deborah, and Therese. The future looks bright for next season as the following grade 7s will be returning to take it to the next level: Madison, Mila, Georgia, Alexandria and Vivian.

The girls were defeated in the Tier 1 league final by 7-time defending champion Holy Ghost Blazing Spirits. The girls got to the league finals by defeating the St. Maurice Patriots at CTK in quarter-final action, and by beating the St. Ignatius Lions in an exciting 3 set match win in Tier 1 semi-final play at St. Paul's, host of both the boys and girls "final four." The victory over St. Ignatius was especially sweet for our girls, as it was payback of sorts, as the Lions beat our Royals in the finals of the St. Alphonus Invitational Tournament.

Our Competitive Boys defeated Immaculate Heart of Mary Spirit in straight sets to capture 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall out of 14 boys teams that competed in league play. The boys finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in regular season action after posting a 6 win, 2 loss record. The boys unfortunately had to face the Holy Ghost Blazing Spirit in the league semi-final. The boys clipped the Westgate Wings in straight sets in league quarter-final action at CTK.

The boys were led by grade 8's Owen and Fisayo. Also contributing to the third place standing were Jaycob, Bolton, Ossy, Rafey Azlaan and Victory. The boys won the St. Alphonsus Invitational Tournament, and place second at the St. Paul's SPORT Outreach Tournament, as other fine accomplishments by the team of 8. Thank you to Mrs. Frizado and Mr. B. Ross for coaching the boys to their successes this season. Thank you to Mr. Park and Mr. Mathu for helping coach the girls to their successes this season.

Thank you to Madame Laird for coaching the Developmental Girls, and to Mrs. Malo for guiding the Developmental Boys. The members of the developmental girls' team, were Rylynn, Emily, Eleni, Selena, Sarah (short season due to injury, but was with us in spirit), Shiloh, Dara, Quinn, Julia, Audrianna, Chelsea and Maelle.

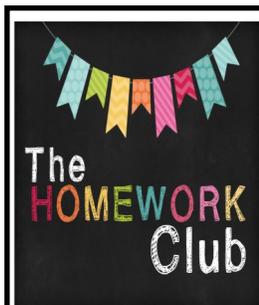
The developmental boys' team members, coached by Mrs. Malo were James, Bryan, Joba, Liam, Richard, Noah, Arriz, and Ben. A special thank you to Fountain, Dnate, and Colin for joining the team at the St. Emile tournament.

It was wonderful to see the growth that took place as the season unfolded. It was also pretty awesome getting to witness the skill development at the culminating tournament. Both teams did very well, with the boys winning 5 out of 6 sets and the girls tying for first place. All the players should be very proud of their commitment to their team, their sportsmanship, and their overall performance. I know their coaches are. Well done, girls and boys!

Thank you to all the parents for driving their athletes to our away games, and picking up their son/daughters at both home and away contests. Without all of you, the program would not be nearly as successful.



## UPCOMING CLUBS



**The Homework Club** will again run from January 8-February 28<sup>th</sup>, each **Wednesday** from 11:50-12:15 pm in the music room. It's open to Grades 4-8 students. It will be run by Mrs. Piper & Mme. Laird

**Origami Club** will be starting up for Grade 2 & 3 students. Starting January 9<sup>th</sup> and will run every **Tuesday** for the month of January (9,16, 23 & 30/2024)

Time: 8:15am to 8:45am

Where: Grade 3 classroom

Supervising Teachers: Mrs. Pol & Ms. Proulx

Max. capacity is 25 students



**Intramurals for Jan-Mar.** The sports department is pleased to announce, that lunch time intramurals will take place from mid-January until Spring Break. We are planning on doing a "skipping club" for grades 1 to 4. Students will learn how to jump rope and get plenty of practice. They will also be taught some fun and creative ways, such as Jumping Jax, Scissors, Slalom and of course Double-Dutch. This fun club will provide the benefits of exercising the brain as well as the heart. Once spring arrives they will be ready to hit the pavement with their newly acquired skills. Stay tuned for further details, which will be provided in January. Mr. Kalichak, Mrs. Malo, Mrs. Frizado and Mme Laird



## UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 1, 2023

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](http://www.ctkschool.ca). To be considered complete, please be sure to include ALL the required docu-

**OPEN HOUSE**

**FEB. 1**  
**7:00 PM**

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Classes resume - Jan. 8**
- \* School Board meeting— Jan. 10
- \* Fun Lunch—Jan. 12
- \* Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal 1:55pm - Jan. 15
- \* Virtual PAC Meeting—Jan. 18
- \* Skating Lessons Gr. 2/3 — Jan 11, 18 & 25
- \* Hot Dog Day—Jan. 26



- \* CTK Open House—Feb. 1 — 7pm
- \* Skating Lessons Gr. 2/3 — Feb. 1 & 8
- \* Common Day—NO CLASSES—Feb. 2
- \* Second Semester starts — Feb. 5
- \* Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal 1:55pm — Feb. 5
- \* School Board meeting— Feb. 7
- \* Fun Lunch —Feb. 9
- \* Catholic Schools Week Feb. 12-16
- \* Shrove Tuesday — Feb. 13
- \* Ash Wednesday Mass—Feb. 14
- \* Catholic Schools Day—Feb. 16—NO CLASSES
- \* Louis Riel Day—NO SCHOOL—Feb. 19
- \* Book Fair — Feb. 21– 23
- \* Science Fair—Gr. 6-8 - Feb 29



- \* Report Card Writing—NO CLASSES—Mar. 1
- \* Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal— Mar. 11
- \* School Board meeting— Mar. 13
- \* PAC Meeting Virtual 7:00pm—Mar 16
- \* Early Dismissal—1:55pm-Parent Confer.—Mar. 21
- \* Parent Confer.—NO CLASSES—Mar. 22
- \* Spring Break—Mar. 25 – 29
- \* **Classes resume — Tuesday, Apr. 2**



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

Merry Christmas from the Staff  
of Christ the King School!