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CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL WINTER 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/guardians:

It has been a wonderful four months of the school year at Christ the King School, and I would like to congratulate our students who continue to work hard to be responsible, caring and kind towards one another. Thank you to all our parents who have volunteered during this term, our programs could not go without your help and support.

As part of our mission to help others, our Student Council took an active role this month, by collecting children's outerwear for **"Koats for Kids"**. The next charity that Christ the King School will embrace for the new year, is **Chez Nous Drop-in Centre**, also known as Our Place. This organization founded by Sister Jane MacDonald, 30 years ago, operates with volunteers and aims to provide a safe and restful place for the homeless in Manitoba. Once a week, homeless people are able to take a shower, get a change of clothes while enjoying a warm cup of coffee and a snack. All students of Christ the King School are asked to donate new adult dark colour socks for Chez Nous Drop-in Centre.

This year's Advent Concert, **"For the Glory of the King"**, took place last week with two excellent performances by our students and a full house of parents and friends of CTK. Special thanks to all our staff for their hard work, in particular to our music director, Ms. Kirkwood and her committee members Ms. Danakas and Mme Kist.

Congratulations to our **Volleyball teams** for an awesome season. Thank you to all four teams for their sportsmanship and participation, and to our parents who supported our teams by driving and cheering them on. Special thanks to all our coaches Mr. Gordon, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Torres, Mr. Sawatzky, Mr. Romeo, Mr. Koskie and our director of the athletic program, Mr. Kalichak. Please see page 9 for the amazing accomplishments made by our teams, during this volleyball season. Our upcoming team sport opportunity is basketball along with our Intramural program, starting in January.

Looking ahead, our first **Open House will take place on Thursday, Feb 8 at 7:00 pm**. If you know of anyone interested in joining our school, please encourage them to attend. Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. Forms are available at the school office and on our school website: www.ctkschool.ca

Christmas break will soon be upon us. Please check the lost and found items. Our last day of school before Christmas is Friday, Dec 22 and classes will resume on Monday, January 8.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a healthy 2018 filled with God's blessings.

Mrs. Laura Carreiro, Principal



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

After an activity filled September, PAC has settled into its regular monthly routine.

From a fundraising perspective, we were able to sell all our Show and Save books this year, resulting in a return of \$4,000 for Christ the King School. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this successful fundraiser and a special thank you to our coordinator Denise Flint for all her efforts in getting all books sold!

Our second fundraiser, FundScrip was also completed and all gift cards were handed out at the November Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. Overall, we were able to raise over \$1,700 through this program. Thank you to our coordinators Darilyn Derco and Jesslin Cecon, all the students, families and staff who participated in helping to raise monies towards our Playground Redevelopment Fund. This is an exciting project that will not only enhance the school environment for our children but also raise our profile in the community.

Finally, PAC cannot carry out its activities without the support of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand in one way or other so far this year! We encourage parents and family members to volunteer for hot dog days, fun lunches and other activities throughout the year if they are able to at https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/web-terminal/login/CTK_Bingo?killSession=1. Our children love to see us at the school and even more so when we're stopping by their class to hand them special treats each month! On behalf of PAC, I would like to wish all students, families and staff at Christ the King School a very

Blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Kevin Sim
Chair, PAC

PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT REPORT

CTK's Board of Directors has asked the Parent Advisory Council to spearhead the redevelopment of the school's playground. Our current playground has served CTK for many years, but it is now time to create a playground that meets the current needs of our school community. Potential improvements include installation of various new types of play equipment, seating and natural landscape features. The project will be completed in stages and will take approximately 3 years to complete. Work will be completed in phases, over summer months (2018, 2019) with the goal for completion being the fall of 2019.

A committee has been formed to lead the redevelopment project. Committee members include:

- Jay Guarino (CTK Board representative)
- Karen-Denise Cyr (Committee chair)
- Lisa Albensi
- Christine Wilson-MacLeod
- Isabel Martinez-Welgan
- Tracy Fiorillo
- Kim Mathew

The committee will soon be engaging with school community stakeholders to determine what the playground design should look like. We are also engaging sponsors, individual donors and volunteers to support the playground redevelopment. CTK's Board of Directors has already dedicated start-up funding for the project and the Parent Advisory Committee has confirmed 2017-18 fundraising will be earmarked for the playground project.

This is a big undertaking and an exciting project for our school. If you have ideas for the committee or are willing to volunteer at our engagement and fundraising events please contact us!

Karen-Denise Cyr
Chair, CTK School Playground
Redevelopment Committee
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204-801-2585 (cell)



ALL SAINTS FAIR



The All Saints Fair took place in our school gym on November 1st for Kindergarten to Grade 4 students. Thank you to the families who donated prizes and treats for the students. A big thank you also goes out to Mme. 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*



INSERVICE DAY CARE



Baking cupcakes and making ornaments with Mrs. William at the Inservice Day Care

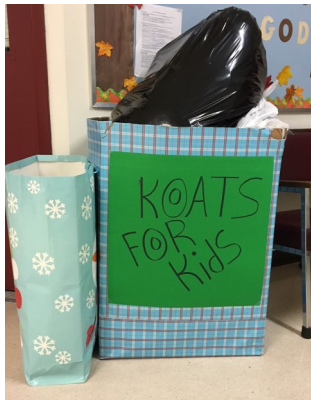
SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM



Our school is part of the School Milk Program. Dairy Farmers of Manitoba supply us with incentive prizes in September to encourage our students to drink milk. Milk tickets are entered into random draws for monthly prizes. Draws are held every month of the school year.

Chocolate or white milk is available at lunch time. Milk tickets can be purchased from the office.

Let's make this year moo-velous!



KOATS FOR KIDS

On behalf of the Student Council, we would like to extend our thanks to all who had donated to the Koats for Kids charity through The United Way. We were very successful with over-filling the donation box in the main hallway. A big thanks to the student council members for creating the posters and collection box to advertise in the school and administration for advertising the event to parents.

Mr. D. Gawron & Ms. A. Lucas



GRADE 6 MARY'S ANGELS

A big thank you goes out to everyone who bought Mary's Angels in support of the Grade 6 Camp and the Marian Hour Program. All 120 angels were sold.

Mrs. Edwards and the Grade 6 class

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS COLOURING CONTEST



Our school is once again participating in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Coloring Contest. All submissions need to be handed in to your classroom teacher by December 20th. Be sure your child's name, age, school and grade level is on the back of your submission.

The **Lost and Found** will be emptied on December 22nd so please check for your child's belongings. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



DECEMBER/JANUARY HOUSE VIRTUE PROGRAM



During the month of December we learned about St. Nicholas. He was a very generous person, sharing his money and giving gifts to the needy, the sick, the suffering and children. These would be given late at night and in secret. Since St. Nicholas did not like to be seen when he gave away his presents, children were told to go to sleep quickly or he would not come.

We gathered together in the gym with St. Nicholas during our house team meeting on Wednesday, December 6th to celebrate his Feast Day.



In January our students will be learning about St. Marguerite
—Feast Day January 12th.



NOVEMBER /DECEMBER 2017 FOOD DONATIONS



For the months of November and December we collected canned goods and dried goods for Christ the King Parish Christmas hampers. Many families benefited by your generosity! Thank you!



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018 DONATIONS TO CHEZ



For the months of January and February we will be collecting new adult-sized dark socks for Chez Nous Drop-In Centre. Please be generous.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

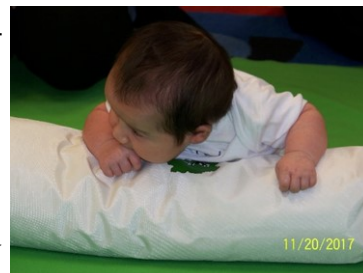


Roots of Empathy
Racines de l'empathie

Juliano's November Visit - 2 months old
Juliano came to visit us with his mom on November 20, 2017. We had a very fun visit! Juliano is growing fast and looks really cute in the "Teacher" t-shirt that we gave him.

Mrs. Dhillon put Juliano on the blanket for "tummy time" and he was able to hold his head up for a long time when he was on the baby roll.

We exercised his arms and legs as well. Juliano was very curious, very calm and looked around a lot during his visit with us!



Juliano's December Visit - 3 months old

Juliano is growing fast! He came to visit us on December 19, 2017 and it was wonderful to see how much he has grown! Juliano was looking around during tummy time and could hold his head up really well. During our visit, Juliano smiled at the students and even laughed. He even tried to stand with his legs during his exercise time. Mrs. Dhillon showed the boys and girls all the things in her diaper bag. It's important to always be prepared with a baby! See you in January Juliano.



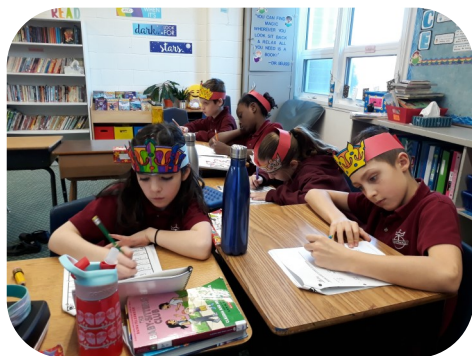
Mrs. Piper, Resource Teacher
Roots of Empathy Instructor

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



On Wednesday, November 22nd, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. We were very excited to welcome Archbishop Albert LeGatt who presided at our school mass.

Each grade created their own 'works of art' making crowns to wear at mass, each one individual and very special. We thank Archbishop LeGatt for taking time from his busy schedule to celebrate mass with us.



Feast of
CHRIST
the King

CTK RESOURCE



Ways To Help Your Child With Reading At Home
Home Reading is more than just completing a book and signing it in

Setting The Atmosphere

Help your child find a quiet, comfortable place to read.
Have your child see you as a reading model.
Read aloud to your child and reread favorite stories.
Read with your child. This includes labels, signs, magazines and mail.
Discuss pictures and their details.

Discuss the stories you read together, and make predictions before and during reading.
Take short breaks and ask your child questions during reading.

Questions should be: factual – What was the dog's name?
opinion – What did you think was the funniest part?
inferencing – How would the story have been different if....

Responding to Errors in Reading

While phonics is an important part of reading, reading for meaning is the primary goal.
To produce independent readers who monitor and correct themselves as they read. The following prompts are recommended *before* saying "sound it out."

Wait 5 to 10 seconds to see what they attempt to do to help themselves.

Then:

- "What would make sense there?"
- "What do you think the word could be?"
- "Use the picture to help you figure out what the word could be."
- "Go back to the beginning and try that again."
- "Skip over it and read to the end of the sentence. Now what do you think it is?"
- "Look at how the word begins, start it out and keep reading."
- Tell your child the word.

Most important, focus on what your child is doing well and attempting to do. Be loving and supportive.
When your child is having difficulty, try the following comments:

- "Good for you. I like the way you tried to work that out."
- "That was a good try. Yes, that word would make sense there."
- "I liked the way you looked at the picture to help yourself."
- "I liked the way you went back to the beginning of the sentence and tried that again. That's what good readers do."

Always encourage your child to enjoy a variety of books. When reading for practice, make sure the material is at their level. Check with your child's teacher if you need help.

Have Fun!!!

Dorothy Piper – Resource Teacher

ADVENT CONCERT



‘For the Glory of the King’

On Thursday, December 14th, performances at 1pm and 7pm were held of this year's Advent Concert 'For the Glory of the King'.

Many thanks to our Concert Committee Ms. Kirkwood, Ms. Danakas and Mme. Kist for all their work in bringing this concert to life.

Thank you also to all staff and students who helped with countless hours of practices and run-throughs.

Thank you especially to all families and friends who attended the concerts and helped make this year's production a huge success.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Both the girls and boys teams enjoyed very successful seasons, to say the least. The boys captured the St Paul's SPORT Tournament, and finished in fourth at the Linden Christian Invitational. The boys recorded a 5 win, 3 loss record in league play, placing them sixth out of 14 teams.

The girls captured the St Alphonsus Invitational Tournament for the second time in three years, and placed second at the St Emile Fall Classic. The girls recorded a 5 win 3 loss standing in league play as well, placing them fifth out of 12 teams.



Both the Competitive boy's and girl's teams captured the Consolation Trophy(ies) in late November at the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association (MCSAA) League playoffs.

The boy's and girl's consolation trophies will be proudly displayed in our trophy case for one year. The St Paul's banner (boys), St Alphonsus banner (girls), and St Emile trophy (girls) will also be displayed in our trophy case. Not a bad haul of hardware for all of their hard work and accomplishments.

Congratulations to all of our competitive league student athletes for a splendid season. Thank you to coaches Mr. Gordon, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Torres for helping in the boy's success. Thank you to coach Mr. Sawatzky for assisting me with the Competitive girls.

And the future of Royals volleyball looks very bright with the two grade six developmental teams, coached by Mr. Romeo (boys) and Mr. Koskie (girls). Thank you.

Next extra-curricular sport is basketball, which I am anticipating 4 teams (2 Competitive and 2 Developmental). Their seasons will not start until the end of January. Stay posted. If any parents are interested in helping out with any of the programs, send me an email at dkalichak@ctkschool.ca.

During the school day, intramurals will start in January for the K-6 students. Bowling for the K-6 students will be held at Dakota Lanes during Catholic Schools' Week, with the annual grade 7 and 8 ski trip being planned for sometime in February. As well, the Rock and Rings curling program will return to Christ the King, - dates are to be announced.

Have a great Christmas season and see all of you in 2018.

Mr. Kalichak, Physical Education Director



UPCOMING CLUBS



INTRAMURALS – STARTING JAN. 16/18

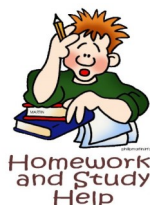
GRADE 2 + 3 TUESDAYS 12:10 – 12:35

KINDER + GRADE 1 WEDNESDAYS 12:10- 12:35

CHESS CLUB for Grades 4-8 will take place January 11 – February 1 every Thursday morning from 8:15 – 8:48 a.m. (four sessions **Jan 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1**). We will be meeting in the Grade 6 classroom.



LEGO ANIMATION CLUB for Gr. 3-7 starting in February. The sessions will run Thursdays from February 8th—March 15th and will be in the grade 5 classroom from 8:15 – 8:48 am. Don't forget to register.



HOMEWORK CLUB for grade 4-8 students (needing extra help or time to work on their homework) will take place on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm starting on January 10th and will go until March 21st in the Grade 4 classroom. Ms. Kwapiszewski will be supervising.

GRADE 4 & 5 ART CLUB will take place on Tuesdays starting January 9th after school from 3:30 – 4:30pm and will go until March 20th. This will take place with Ms. Kwapiszewski in the Grade 4 classroom.



KNITTING CLUB will take place for Grade 4s during lunch recess on Day 1 and 3. You are required to bring your own yarn and needles. Knitting will take place starting January 8th until March 20th at 11:55am – 12:10pm with Ms. Kwapiszewski in the Grade 4 classroom.

JANUARY EVENTS

- * Classes resume - Jan. 8/18
- * School Board meeting—Jan. 10
- * Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal 1:55pm - Jan. 15
- * Hot Dog Day—Jan. 19
- * Fun Lunch (Charlee's Restaurant) —Jan. 25
- * Gr. 7 & 8 Exams —Jan. 30 to Feb. 1
- * CTK Open Houses—Feb. 8th & Mar. 7th—7pm



Wishing you Peace and Joy this Christmas Season.

- the Staff of Christ the King School