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CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL SPRING 2018

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/guardians:

Welcome to Spring! As we leave the winter months behind us, we are looking forward to the many exciting activities, and events, leading through the last school term. This Spring newsletter highlights some of the events that took place during our winter months, and provides information of some upcoming activities.

Congratulation to all winners and participants of our school **science fair.** Special thanks to their teachers Mrs. Edwards and Ms. Lucas for organizing it. All students are encouraged to participate at the Bison Regional Science Fair on April 12 and /or at the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium on April 26- 29 at the University of Manitoba. Please see page 8 for more details.

Basketball season has come to an end for another year. Special thanks to our coaches Mr. Koskie, Mr. Romeo, Mr. Torres and Mr. Kalichak for coaching our four teams. Students had a very good season, and displayed excellent sportsmanship skills (more information on page 9).

In Keeping with the Lenten season, we celebrated the **sacrament of Reconciliation** with students in grades 3 to 8 on March 14. Special thanks to our staff for preparing students for this celebration. Next week is Holy Week and we encourage all our families to make time and participate in the Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) at the CTK Parish.

Plans are well underway for the new school year. We have been processing our current students' re-registrations for next year. Close to 40 applications have been received for new students who wish to enter Christ the King School next year. Thank you to all those parents, students, and staff who assisted us with our two very successful open houses, and for referring your friends and family members to our school.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Janice Bernardin, will be joining the junior high teaching staff at Christ the King School next year (2018-2019), teaching grades 7 and 8 mathematics, science and religion. Mrs. Bernardin has a major in Mathematics and a minor in Chemistry. Her teaching experience include teaching and tutoring general, Applied, Essential, Pre-Calculus and Calculus Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. She is an active member of St. Bernadette Parish and for many years the PAC Fundraising Coordinator for her children's school. We believe that with her experiences as a teacher, tutor, mother and volunteer she will be an excellent addition to Christ the King School community.

Next year, we will be implementing from Kindergarten to grade 5 a program entitled Kelso's Choice which empowers children to use the skills of conflict management in school. It builds a foundation for children to differentiate between manageable, "kid-size" problems and those that require adult intervention. To learn more about the program please check the website <u>https://kelsoschoice.com</u>.

As part of our goal to provide students with latest technology, we hope to purchase our first webcam and increase the number of mini-ipads in our school from 20 -25.

Please mark your calendar for our **biggest fundraising event of the year- Hop, Skip and Jump-a-thon** taking place on May 25th (details on page 3).

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Hello CTK Families, Students, Staff and Parishioners,

As we have rounded the corner into Spring, the Board is already in its planning stages for next year. We will be beginning to set the budget for the next school year and to take a long view of the direction of the school at our semi-annual strategic planning review in April. At that meeting we will look at our last strategic plan which spans from 2015- 2020. The idea is that we want to check in on how we are doing and ensure that we are on the right course to achieve our objectives in two years time. One of those objectives included a study into full time kindergarten. The Board has not made any decisions about full time kindergarten or when it might launch. We continue to explore a number of options. We have appreciated your feedback in the survey that we recently circulated.

We are interested in growing our Board and bringing fresh faces and ideas to the table. You will see posters in the school seeking expressions of interest in joining our Board. You can nominate yourself. No particular skill set or expertise is required - just that you have kids in our school and are interested in making a difference! If you might be interested, or just want to ask some questions and feel it out, feel free to email me at <u>boardchairman@ctkschool.ca</u> or ask Mrs. Bernier in the office or Mrs. Carreiro to get in touch with me. We would love to hear from you. Nomination forms are available on the bulletin board in the school main lobby or can be found on our website. Deadline for nominations is April 30, 2018. Please submit the nomination form in hard copy to the school office addressed to: The Nominating Committee, Christ the King School Board of Directors.

Finally, a BIG thank you to all our staff, volunteers, board members, parents and students who helped with our open houses this year. Our last open house on March 7th was very successful and the most well attended in recent history! Thank you to you all for your time and support in making CTK the school of choice for so many families.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a great Spring break!

Mike Desautels, CTK Board of Directors

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE ... cont'd

Before we know it, it will be time to say farewell to our 25 grade 8 students. This is "big", as most of these students have been together for the past 10 years at Christ the King School. Please keep them in your prayers as they finish their grade 8 program and prepare to enter their next education journey. Please mark your calendar, **June 28 (Thursday) at 10:00 am,** we will be having our **year end mass with the school** with the grade 8's leading. Awards ceremony and farewell reception will follow. More information will be sent to the grade 8 families as we get closer to the event.

I want to sincerely thank all those who work so hard to make Christ the King School an **excellent educational institution:** staff, students, parents, Parent Advisory Council members, School Board and all the volunteers.

Wishing everyone a restful spring break and a blessed Easter!

Mrs. Laura Carreiro Principal



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

It's hard to believe that Spring is now upon us! PAC has had a busy start to 2018 and it looks like it will continue well to the end of the school year.



On February 12, PAC hosted the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Brunch for staff, students and guests. All of the children enjoyed the delicious brunch of pancakes, sausages and fruit. This was however the last year Jill Norman will lead the planning of the annual event. She is officially 'retiring' as her son will be graduating from CTK. Thank you Jill for the many years of service to PAC and the school. We wish you all the best!

Shortly thereafter, about 87 students, staff, family and friends at-

tended a Manitoba Moose game on Louis Riel Day as part of the Catholic Schools Fellowship program. Those who participated in the event were treated to discount tickets, foam moose antlers and an exciting game. It was a great opportunity for community building and CTK was recognized on the jumbotron! Participating students were entered for a draw of a Kyle Connor autographed puck so stay tuned for news of the winner!

Spring is also the start of the planning for our annual outdoor fundraiser. This year, rather than a traditional walkathon, students will be participating in our first ever Hop, Skip & Jump-A-Thon! Our slogan contest has taken place and we are happy to announce our winning slogan *"With all that*"

hopping and popping, there ain't no stopping" submitted by Julika, Julia, Chris & Luca in Grade 8. Great group effort! Mark May 25 on your calendars as the day of the great event.

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 are already planning for the next school year and are in need of parent volunteers to help coordinate the following:

Family Fun Day Pancake Brunch Hot Dog Days Staff Appreciation Day

If you've ever wondered about PAC, the work that we do or are interested in getting involved in some way, please feel free to attend our PAC meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled on May 10 in the Grade 8 class-room. Alternatively, you can contact myself at <u>kevinsim@shaw.ca</u> or any of the other PAC volunteers to learn more.

Happy Springtime and let's hope the warm weather sticks around!

Sincerely, Kevin Sim, PAC Chair





On March 2, 2018, Mrs. Anita Render celebrated her 20th year of teaching at Christ the King School. Mrs. Render first began her teaching career in French and Music in a term maternity leave position. While there, a Grade 2 position became available and she transitioned into the Grade 2 class where she has been ever since. She says she really enjoys this stage of learning as witnessed by her commitment to Grade 2 life and we are thankful for her faithful years of service.







STUDENT COUNCIL



On behalf of the Student Council, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and students who purchased cookies and cupcakes at our bake sale on February 12th. The proceeds from the bake sale (proceeds \$200.00) will be donated to the Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre. The Student Council members work very hard to be involved with as much as they can within the school community. We wanted to thank them for helping with

the recent open house tours and to acknowledge Jamie Joseph and Jonah Norman (Student Council co-presidents) for speaking about their positive experiences at Christ the King School.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Gawron and Ms. Lucas Student Council Teacher Advisors



SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDENT COMMITTEE

During the month of February, the Social Justice group coordinated the collection of socks for Chez Nous, a



drop-in centre in downtown Winnipeg, during Catholic Schools Week. Combined with the sock hops that were held on Feb. 13, 583 pairs of socks were collected and presented to Dr. John Tanner, a coordinator for Chez Nous. Dr. Tanner

came Feb. 15 to talk a little bit about the drop-in centre and how it is a place of healing and community for those who come in. Thank you to all who donated socks for our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ!

Throughout the month of March and April, the Social Justice group is organizing multiple school events to support a local charity, the Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre. The first event took place last Tuesday, March 13th with an assembly that featured our guest speaker, Mrs. Ruth Chipman, cocoordinator of the Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre. The Social Justice group also organized a canteen fundraiser on March 15th (proceeds \$500), a class colour day on March 16th, and a bake sale which will take place in mid-April. As you may know, we collected travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and hand cream for the drop-in centre until March 23rd. Thank you to parents and students for all of your support.

Mr. Gawron, Ms. Lucas, and Ms. Kirkwood Social Justice Teacher Advisors





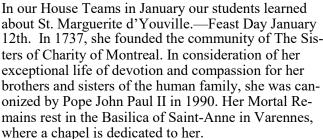
HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

During the Lenten and Easter Season each classroom has been provided with a "Lenten box". We have asked the students to bring in their spare change to fill the box on their class prayer table. Any dime, quarter, loonie or toonie would be greatly appreciated. Holy Childhood is a cause we have helped with for many years. It provides health and educational resources for developing countries.

Thank you! Mrs. Cadger

HOUSE VIRTUE PROGRAM





During the month of February, we learned about St. Valentine.—Feast Day Feb. 14th. He was a priest and doctor in Rome in the early days of the church. There are many legends that tell stories of miracles he performed in the name of love.

In March we learned about the life of St. Patrick— Feast Day March 17th who received visions from God during his life. After he was ordained a bishop, one of





these visions led him to return to his homeland of Ireland and be a voice of the people. He spread the word of God to the Irish for 40 years, working many miracles and writing about his love for God.



Roots of Empathy Racines de l'empathie

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

February 2018 - Juliano is 5 1/2 months old!

Juliano came for his February visit. He was very happy to see all the boys and girls!

Juliano was constantly looking around and he

smiled often at everyone. He really enjoyed playing with the toys and he really liked when we sang to him.

We weighed and measured Juliano and marked it on the chart. He has grown so much since his first visit!

Our theme this month was "Sleep". The students had lots of questions about how Juliano sleeps. His mom shared that he uses his soother and blanket as transition items to help him to sleep. We sang Rock-a-Bye Baby to Juliano at the end and he really seemed to enjoy it!

See you in next time Juliano!

Mrs. Piper, Resource Teacher Roots of Empathy Instructor





CTK RESOURCE CORNER



Why is it Important for Your Child to Learn Math?

Math skills are important to a child's success - both at school and in everyday life. Understanding math also builds confidence and opens the door to a range of career options.

- manage time and money, and handle everyday situations that involve numbers (for example, calculate how much time we need to get to work, how much food we need in order to feed our families, and how much

- on patterns (for example, predict traffic patterns to decide on the best time to travel)
- solve problems and make sound decisions
- explain how we solved a problem and why we made a particular decision
- use technology (for example, calculators and computers) to help solve problems

How Will Your Child Learn Math?

Children learn math best through activities that encourage them to:

- explore
- think about what they are exploring
- solve problems using information they have gathered themselves
- explain how they reached their solutions

What Tips Can Your Use to Help Your Child?

Be positive about math!

- Let your child know that everyone can learn math.
- Let your child know that you think math is important and fun.
- Point out the ways in which different family members use math in their jobs.
- Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math."
- Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.
- Praise your child when he or she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.

Make math part of your child's day.

- Point out to your child the many ways in which math is used in everyday activities.
- Encourage your child to tell or show you how he or she uses math in everyday life.
- Include your child in everyday activities that involve math making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting out plates and utensils for dinner.
- Play games and do puzzles with your child that involve math. They may focus on direction or time, logic and reasoning, sorting, or estimating.
- Do math problems with your child for fun.
- When doing math with your child, use household objects such as measuring cups and containers of various shapes and sizes, as well as math tools such as a ruler and calculator.

Encourage your child to give explanations.

- When your child is trying to solve a problem, ask what he or she is thinking. If your child seems puzzled, ask him or her to tell you what doesn't make sense. (Talking about their ideas and how they reach solutions helps children learn to reason mathematically.)
- Suggest that your child act out a problem to solve it. Have your child show how he or she reached a conclusion by drawing pictures and moving objects as well as by using words.
- Treat errors as opportunities to help your child learn something new.
- Excepts from: Helping Your Child Learn Math: A Parent's Guide available online at http:// www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/parents/learn/math.html

Happy Learning! Mrs. Dorothy Piper, Resource Teacher



In our everyday lives, understanding math enables us to:

money that food will cost) - understand patterns in the world around us and make predictions based



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BAND PROGRAM NEWS

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to support our grade 6-8 bands at our recent band concert on February 22! The students worked very hard and did a great job showcasing their talent as young musicians.



Our next band concert is already approaching. It is scheduled for May 24 with two performances, a 9:00 am dress rehearsal and a 7:00 pm performance. I'm hoping everyone is able to make one of the performances.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Gawron, Band Director





MUSIC NEWS

Save the Date!!! Wednesday May 16, 2018 Two Wonderful Music Concerts!

9:00- 9:45 a.m. Please join us in the gym for a Grade 1-3 Music Concert as we share some of our "Favourite Things!" At our concert, grade one, two and three stu-

dents will be singing, "My Favourite Things," from <u>The Sound of Music</u>. Please go to my website mkirkwoodctk.weebly.com and check out the Spring Concert tab where your child can find the lyrics along with the YouTube version to sing along with. Each class will also share some of our other favourite music activities.

9:45- 10:30 a.m. Please join us in the gym for a **Grade 4-5 Music Concert** as we share some of our favourite music activities that we have learned this year! Please visit our music website and checkout the Spring Concert tab where you can find a wonderful YouTube version of the song "Sisi Sote," that your child can sing along with to practice for our concert.

Other Music News

The Grade 1, 2 and 3 students enjoyed a trip to the Winnipeg Concert Hall in January to listen to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and Grade 4-5 enjoyed Adventures in Music. They listened to some beautiful music and were all very good representatives of our school. Please go to the "What's Happening" tab of our music website to see some pictures of our students at this event.

Thank-you

Thank-you parents for opportunity to teach your children. We are having so

much fun every day as we sing, move, play instruments, play games and play act in the music room. Please visit the music website **mkirkwoodctk.weebly.com** for information about the Music Program at CTK School.

Sincerely, Ms. Kirkwood

CTK SCIENCE FAIR

On Tuesday, February 27, CTK School had our annual Science Fair! Students were judged in the morning by individuals from the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, and industry, and displayed their projects for parents, family, friends, and the rest of the school community that afternoon.



Congratulations and a big thank you to all the students in Grade 6, 7, and 8 for their hard work on their projects! You all did a great job and the judges were impressed by your originality and the interesting topics you chose. We would like to thank the parents for supporting your child in this event, and thank you to everyone who was able to make it out to see the projects. Also, a big thank you goes to Mrs. Carreiro and the CTK staff for supporting us in this endeavor.

Science Fair Participants Gr. 6-8

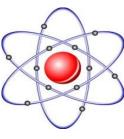
The school will be sending students to the Bison Regional Science Fair on April 11-12. Those who are interested were to let Ms. Lucas and Mrs. Edwards know so proper paper work could be filled out. The entry fee was \$25 for an individual project and \$50 for a group project (\$25 per participant), and the registration deadline was March 22. For more information and an event schedule, please see https://secure.youthscience.ca/sfiab/bisonregionalsciencefair/login.php.

All the students are eligible to go to the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium (MSSS), which is April 26 – 29 at the University of Manitoba. Registration deadline is April 20. The entry fee is \$35 for an individual project and \$70 for a group project (\$35 per participant). All the information for entry requirements can be found on their website www.msss.mb.ca for those who are interested.

The results of our science fair are as follows:

Grade 6:	 1st Luke – Light Output vs. Battery Temperature 2nd Marissa – Enriching Soil to Fight Global Warming 3rd Nico and Gabe – Water Pressure: What Good Is It? Honourable Mentions Lukas and Drew – How Hot Is Your Shot? Andre – Which Drink Stains Your Teeth Most?
Grade 7:	 1st Mafalda and Diya – Are Childproof Containers Really Childproof? 2nd Gabby – Smart Food 3rd Liam – Sugar Bean Honourable Mention Janelle – Can Music Affect Your Heart Rate?
Grade 8:	 1st Samantha and Jillian – The Absorbency of Fabrics tied with Luca 1st Luca – How Acids Affect Corrosion 3rd Jamie – The Importance of Washing Water Bottles Honourable Mentions Angela – Impacted Dreaming Austin R. C. – Healthy Cooking Oil Enriched in Unsaturated F Jonah – Safety Monitoring and Remote Tracking
Thank you aga	in!

Mrs. Edwards and Ms. Lucas









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PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

We had 4 basketball teams going on the court in the ever tough Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association (MCSAA). The teams have all been very competitive this season.

We had two developmental teams made up entirely of grade 6 students. The boy's were coached by Mr. Romeo, and the girls were led by Mr. Koskie. We had two competitive teams made up of grade 7 and 8 students. The boy's were led by Mr. Torres, while the girls were coached by yours truly.



The competitive boys had a tough time on the scoreboard but came close on many occasions. They had a 1 win, 7 loss record in the league.



The competitive girls started off slowly, with a 1 win 3 loss record, but then caught fire in mid – February to finish their regular season schedule with

4 straight wins, and a 5-3 win-loss record. They finished in second place in the girls division.

In playoffs, the boys had to play-in to the playoffs, and met a tough Holy Ghost Blazing Spirit squad, bowing out 50-28, unfortunately ending their season.

Congrats to all the boys on their season, hoping it was a learning experience for all.

The girls were upset 33-32 at CTK in league quarterfinal action to the St. Maurice Patriots, which put them into the Consolation side of the playoff draw. The girls battled the Holy Cross Saints all game, were down 25-18 with 2:10 remaining, and made a huge and valiant comeback, only to fall short by a 28 -27 score. I am so proud of the girls, who never gave up (when they could have after that Holy Ghost blow -out) and played to the bitter end. Congrats to all of the girls on a fantastic season as well.

The RoyalDome recently held the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competitions for grades 4-8

students. The top three students in each grade received either a gold, silver or bronze medal courtesy of our sponsor, the Knights of Columbus. The following are the medalists (in order of gold, silver and bronze): Grade 4 girls: Jade, Hailey, Elizabeth Grade 4 boys: Jeremiah, Alex, Tianjai Grade 5 girls: Addison, Madeline, Ashley Grade 5 boys: Liam, Declan, Koen Grade 6 girls: Marissa, McKenna, Ashley Grade 6 boys: Drew, Nico, Lukas

Grade 7 girls: Gabriela, Mafalda, Diya

Grade 7 boys: Liam

Grade 8 girls: Jillian, Samantha, Julia Grade 8 boys: Brett, Jacob, Jonah

Our next league sport will be badminton, which consists of a three day tournament at the end of April. This year I am hoping to open it up to grade 6 students, as well as grades 7 and 8.

Plans are being finalized for a grade 7/8 outdoor soccer tournament towards the end of May or early June. I hope to have one girls' and one boy's team. If any parents want to volunteer and coach one of the teams, please send me an email at dkalichak@ctkschool.ca.

After Spring Break, classes will also focus on track and field. Our Divisional Meet is in June for grades 4-8 students.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED for Developmental (Grade 6/7) and Competitive volleyball Grades 7/8), basketball, badminton, soccer and track and field. Commitment would be games once or twice a week (Developmental-Tuesday and Thursday) and Competitive (Monday and Wednesday). Teams should be practicing at least once a week either before school or after school. Mr. Kalichak would step in, if possible, if you are unable to attend a practice or game. Teacher supervisors are required by the league and would be provided for the teams.

If you are interested, please send an email to <u>dkalichak@ctkschool.ca</u>, or see me in the school.

Have a great Spring Break!

Mr. Kalichak Physical Education Specialist

I LOVE TO READ MONTH



We popped open a book on Friday February 2nd, to kick start our "I love to read month". Each student got to eat a bag of popcorn, while reading their favourite book!

As a school we travelled by book across Canada and made it all the way to British Columbia!! That's 25,000km! We got that far by keeping track of

every classroom and how many pages we read, each tally mark equaled to 1km! Way to Go CTK!!

We got together with some Winnipeg celebrities who did a great job reading to every grade—Ace Burpee from Virgin Radio 103, Eva Kovacs from Global, Colleen Mayer, the MLA for St. Vital.

The kids loved "Flashlight Friday" and thought it was so cool that they got to read in the dark with their form of light! Our bookworm had so many awesome book cover suggestions to place on our "Hey I JUSt Met you, and this is crazzy, but here is My cover, so read Me Maybe..? bulletin board.

Finally we finished "I Love to Read" month by getting together in our house teams and playing many different Word games, like Jeopardy, Pictionary, Scrabble and Word Searches! It was so much fun watching Kindergarten to grade 8's having so much fun!

Thank you for celebrating "I love to read" month with Christ the King school! Thanks to the Committee for working so hard to make this a great month!

'I Love To Read' Committee— Ms. Danakas, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Render, Mrs. Malo

BOOK FAIR





We were pleased to reach our goal of \$3000 allowing us to purchase new books for our library! Thank you to Ms. Danakas and her committee for all their great work!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Twin Day



Celebrating Catholic Schools!

During the months of January and February and especially during Catholic Schools Week Feb. 12—16, we celebrated in many ways— NET Retreat, Glow Bowling, Pancake Lunch on Shrove Tuesday, Sock Hop, Mass with the School on Ash Wednesday, Twin Day, 100th Day of School ... just to name a few.

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INSERVICE DAYCARE



Students attending the Inservice Daycare have fun baking cookies and creating beautiful artwork!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Running Club will take place on Tuesday & Thursday starting May 29th. Keep your eyes open for more information!



Please join His Grace Archbishop Albert Legatt for the annual

Celebration of Catholic Education

at St. Gerard School 40 Foster street Thursday April 26 at 7:00 pm

Wine and cheese reception Fellowship Open discussion on Catholic Education— Open to staff, board members, parents, pastors



Craft Club will take place on Wednesdays in the Grade 2 room starting April 11 until May 2. Spaces are limited. Please be sure to send in your permission slip if you'd like to participate!



come and join us for family movie night in the gym. When : Thursday, April 26th

Details: Admission is FREE Popcorn_y snacks and drinks are available in the canteen for a small fee

TIME : 6 PM

PARENTS: PLEASE BRING SMALL CHANGE AS MOST ITEMS ARE LESS THAN &T AND WE RUN OUT OF CHANGE QUICKLY IF YOU BRING LARGE BILLS, THANKS!

PLASE BOT THAT THIS IS A FAMILY EVERT, ALL ARE WELCOME, BUT PARENTS ARE ENTERING TO STAFF AND SUPERVISE THERE CHARMER, WE ARE STAFF TO SUPERVISE MOVEMENT AND A THE INFORMATION OF THE TOTAL HARM ARE SCILLED.



The **Lost and Found** was emptied on March 23rd . All unclaimed items were donated to charity.