



Christ the King School



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Winter Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our first term is over and we are looking forward to starting our next one when we return from Christmas break.

Our students and staff worked hard preparing for our Christmas concert that took place last week, "Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night" directed by Mr. Gawron. Both the matinee and evening performances were well attended. Special thanks to our concert committee: Mr. Gawron, Ms. Proulx and Mme. Kist. This concert was an amazing moment for us to ponder on the birth of Jesus to build community.

One of Christ the King School's pillars is outreach both locally and globally. In November, several bags of outerwear were collected and donated to Koats for Kids program. Globally, we continued to sponsor our foster child **Goodluck John Haul** from Tanzania by raising money through a candy sale on Halloween.

A special thanks to our staff and parents who helped to supervise our games and coached our volleyball teams. Our teams did well and we are looking forward to the next round of sports.

It is that time of the year, when schools are organizing their Open Houses. Christ the King School Open House will take place on

Feb 5 (Thursday) 2026 at 6:30pm in the school gym. If you know anyone interested in our school, kindly encourage them to attend our open house.

Re-registration packages for the 2026-2027 school year will go home January 7th with the deadline for re-registration being January 21st, 2026. If you have any children at home ready to start JK or K, please download the application from the school's website or pick up a copy from our office and submit it and all the required documentation as soon as possible. All **new** applications are due to our office **no later than February 12th, 2026**. All applicants will attend an interview process and acceptance letters will be mailed home by Spring Break. Late applications will only be accepted if space is available!

I would like to thank all our families for your support and commitment to our school. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and joy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Carreiro

Principal



Message from the School Board

Dear CTK Families,

As we celebrate the Advent season, the CTK Board of Directors sends warm wishes to you and your loved ones. We are very grateful for the kindness and community spirit that define CTK.

We are especially thankful for the many volunteers who helped with PAC's successful popcorn and cookie fundraisers, transformed the gym for our Christmas concert, and supported countless school activities. We are also grateful for the continued support of the Lennox Club, made possible through the dedicated efforts of our Bingo volunteers. Your continued time and energy really do make a difference.

A special thank-you as well to fellow School Board members for their continued leadership and service and to our incredible teachers and staff, whose care and commitment shape the heart of the CTK experience every day.

During our annual planning, the Board approved a 2.7% tuition increase for kindergarten and a 4.8% increase for Grades 1 to 8 for the 2026/27 school year, with minor adjustments to class fees. Fees for before-and-after care, bus services, and the bingo surcharge will stay the same.

This modest increase reflects rising costs, particularly related to staffing as salaries make up 85% of our budget. While CTK receives a provincial grant, it covers only 50% of what public schools receive per student. Ensuring we can offer fair, sustainable compensation helps us retain the dedicated teachers and staff who make CTK a nurturing and inspiring place for our children to learn and grow.

Wishing you and your family a joyful Christmas, a restful holiday, and a bright New Year!

Sincerely,

Teresa Phillips
Chair, CTK School Board



As the year comes to a close, we wanted to extend our warmest wishes to all our students, families, and staff.

We appreciate all those who participated in the Kernels fundraiser, cookie sale, & concert raffle! A special thank you to all of you have volunteered so much of your time to PAC and the school! Thank you for your continued support, involvement, and community spirit.

We hope this season brings rest, joy, and meaningful moments with those you love.

Wishing you a wonderful winter break and a bright start to the new year!

Sincerely,
The Parent Advisory Council



Halloween Fun



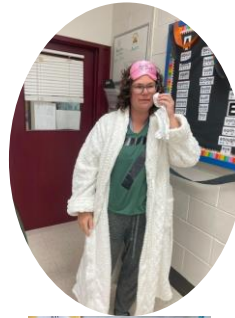
On October 31st:

*our students traded their school uniforms for Halloween costumes and enjoyed individual class parties.

*SMAC (Students Making A Change) did a candy sale to raise money (total of \$435.95 collected) to continue our support of our sponsor child Goodluck John Haul in Tanzania.

*It was also a Fun Lunch Day with Boston Pizza.

What a day!



Remembrance Day Service

Our students took part in a Remembrance Day Service on November 6th. They listened to our special guest, Retired Captain James Rolfe, speak about many things but especially how special it was throughout all the wars to receive letters and any communication from family members and friends, sending their thoughts and prayers to the soldiers for their safe return. The service ended with a very powerful moment of silence from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and a very moving powerpoint presentation reinforcing the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by those who fought to defend our country.



Gr. 1 & 2 Remembrance Day Artwork



Grade 6 Planet Projects



CTK Outreach

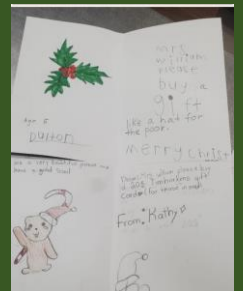


The CTK community came through again with donations of winter gear for the Koats for Kids program. In a few short weeks in the month of November we collected 6 large bags of parkas, mitts, scarves and hats. Thank you to all who generously donated to this very important cause!



INSERVICE CARE WISHES

This Christmas, the in-service care children wrote the sweetest, most heartfelt messages—full of kindness, hope, and the true spirit of the season. Instead of asking for gifts for themselves, they wished for something special to be given to children who are less fortunate. Their innocent compassion reminds us what Christmas is really about, sharing love, spreading joy, and lighting up someone else's world. May their beautiful hearts inspire us to give generously and make this Christmas a little brighter for those who need it most.



Mary Angels

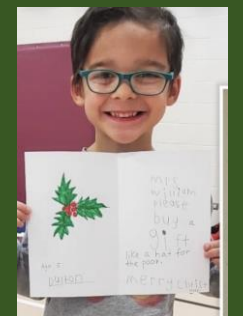
Mary Angels were sold in the month of November. The proceeds went towards the cost of Gr. 6 camp as well as the Marian Hour (Radio Rosary on CKJS). Thank you for your support!

Ongoing Outreach

Our outreach also includes help to those in our own city. In December our classes and staff collected money and food to make five nice hampers for families selected by the Christmas Cheer Board. Thank you for your generosity and to our volunteers for delivering them!



INSERVICE CARE ARTWORK



Grade 1 & 2 Carolling

On December 15, our grade 1 and 2 classrooms went to Seine River Retirement Residence to sing carols for the residents.



From Nov. 5 – Dec. 17, Mrs. Edwards, our Grade 6 teacher, ran a Chess Club for our Grade 4-8 students. Approximately 20 students arrived at 8:15am every Wednesday morning to learn/play chess. We commend our students for their early morning enthusiasm and thank Mrs. Edwards for organizing this opportunity for students to enhance their love of chess.

Chess Club



SPORTS DAY



Famous Structure Research

The Grade 3 class has learned all about structures in our Science unit "Materials and Structures." Near the end of the unit, each student chose a famous structure they wanted to research. We watched many videos about famous structures to pick one - because they were all very interesting to learn about. We had the opportunity to have the Grade 7 class mentor the Grade 3's in helping them research their famous structure. Thank you, Grade 7 class for mentoring the Grade 3's. They could not stop talking about how much fun it was working with you.

- Mrs. Pol

GRADE 5 TRIBAL PROJECTS





Grade 5 & 6 Moose Game

On November 25th, the Grade 5 & 6 students took part in Project 11 Moose Game. Many of our Catholic schools attended and an exciting time was had by all.

Check them out on the Jumbotron!

Roots of Empathy

For the second session of *Roots of Empathy* in October, the grade 2 class welcomed baby Inayat back to their classroom. The class learned about crying and why babies cry. They understood that there is no such thing as a bad baby. Crying is a way for the baby to communicate that they need something. The baby's caregiver works to figure out the baby's need. We also sang baby Inayat her favourite song, the Coco melon version of, *The Wheels on the Bus*. We will welcome Inayat back in December, possibly virtually to learn about how to care for baby.

Ms. Proulx
Resource Teacher
Christ the King School

JK Fun



Enjoying
the
outdoors

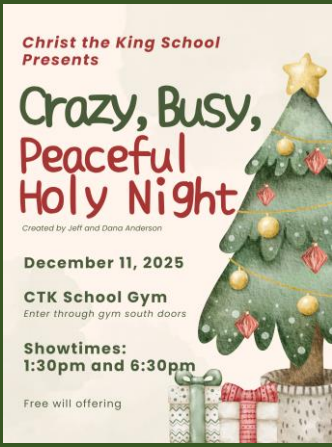
KINDERGARTEN FUN!

We had so much fun in kindergarten decorating Christmas cookies with Aria's and Salina's mom. The children enjoyed every bit of it!



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert took place on December 11th, 2025. Our students practised and practised to bring parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends the very best production possible. We could even hear them rehearsing their songs in the hallways the week before the concert! Thank you to our Concert team, Mr. Gawron, Mme. Kist and Ms. Proulx for their hard work preparing our students and to all the other staff and parents who helped get everything ready.



Crazy, Busy, Peaceful Holy Night



Physical Education News and Royals Sports

Royals Sports and Physical Education News...

Volleyball season has concluded, and it was a very successful season for all teams, regardless of wins and defeats. As Physical Education Director, seeing the improvements of court play, and the great improvements in skill level and ability, is what it's all about in the end.

Our Tier 2 boys captured the MCSAA Tier 2 Championship by beating SJB Bobcats November 20th. It went three sets, and after dropping the opening set, our boys rallied to stun St John Brebeuf Bobcats. Awesome performances all season long by graduating players Richard, Joba, Liam, James, Maxim, Lee, Noah, Michael, Andre, and Ben. As well, great efforts by Finley, who will lead the team next year. Another huge thank you and bouquet goes to Ms. Ratcliffe and our student teacher, Mr. Federowich, who coached the boys through thick and thin.

The boys took home tournament finalist honours at the St Alphonsus Tournament, as the tournament hosts defeated our boys in the final. But another great accomplishment. Our Tier 2 girls improved at the right time but unfortunately still couldn't get past the opening round of league playoffs. The team showed great improvements since game one in September, and as their coach for next season, I cannot wait. Congratulations on a good season, I noticed great improvement in skill level, court sense, and ability. Hats off to Evangeline, Olivia, Oma, Samantha, Keeva, Casidy, Teni, Tenna and Ure. Thank you to Ms. Castro, Mr. Torres, and a big bouquet to former student now alumni, Nyah, for their coaching expertise.

Our Tier 1 Girls captured Tier 1 third place standing by defeating the St Maurice Patriots in straight sets, this after being upset by the St Emile Huskies in the semi -finals, losing the final set by an extremely intense and tight 18-16 score. It was a bittersweet defeat indeed, but the girls rallied the next day, to end their season on a very high note.

The girls had many accomplishments, they were crowned tournament champions at IHMS tournament, were unfortunately defeated in the final of the St Alphonsus tournament, losing the final set by another 18-16 score. The girls also were in two very tough tournaments, and finished a very respectable 4th at St. Mary's and Linden Christian. Congrats on a fantastic season to captains Emily and Eleni, Sabrina, Alexa, Selena, Quinn, Rylenn, Julia's K and E, Audrianna, Mackenzie, Dara, Daria and Maëlle. Thank you and a huge bouquet goes out to former student and now alumni in coaching, Madison, and thank you to coach Mark. I also coached these graduating girls!

Basketball season starts in the third week of January with three teams competing in league action, 2 competitive (Tier 1 and Tier 2), and a developmental grade 6 team. If you are still interested in helping coach or being a team manager, please let me know.

The Tier 1 team is already in a tournament at the end of January at St Ignatius, as well as the St Paul's SPORT tournament in February.

I am also looking for parent volunteers for our Learn to Skate Program, our Catholic School's week bowling for all grades in February, and anyone interested in running a track program in January, February or March.

Have a great holiday season and see you all in January. Stay fit, healthy and active, that is my Christmas message to all of you.

Mr. Kalichak
Physical Education Director



As the volleyball season comes to a close, we want to acknowledge the players of the developmental girls' team, coached by Mme Laird and Mrs. Malo: Mariah, Austyn, Summer, Rebekah, Sophie, Semilore, Aisosa, Seraphina, Aoife, Elena, Jada, Lyza & Maddie. We also want to celebrate the journey our team has taken together. From the first serve to the final game, this season has been about more than just wins and losses—it's been about growth, resilience, and teamwork.

Throughout the season, players demonstrated remarkable improvement in their skills, from building confidence with serving to strengthening passing skills. The progress was evident in every game. These achievements reflect the hard work and dedication each player brought to practices and games. Equally important was the sense of unity and the way in which players supported one another.

Thank you to our families for cheering us on, for driving the girls and for supporting us every step of the way. We're proud of what this team accomplished and were happy to have coached a great group of girls!

Mme Laird & Mrs. Malo

Upcoming Events

Winter Intramurals Are Here! We're excited to announce that **Winter Intramurals** are starting in January for our **Kindergarten and Grade 1 students!** This season, we're introducing something new and exciting: **Fun Zumba sessions**—once per cycle for each grade for about 4 weeks. Zumba is a lively, music-filled activity that combines simple dance moves with energetic rhythms. It's not just fun—it's incredibly beneficial for young children!



We can't wait to see our students moving, grooving, and having a blast this winter!

Mme Laird/Mrs. Malo



JK Dance Party



HOMWORK CLUB

WHAT:

Wednesdays from Jan. 14-Feb. 25, 2026
During Lunch Recess

WHO:

Open to students in Grades 4 through 8
With
Mme Proulx and Mme Laird

WHERE:

Grade 8 classroom



*May the peace
& blessings
of Christmas
be yours;
and the coming
year be filled
with happiness.*



Origami Club will be on January 6, 13, 20, 27 from
8:15-8:45am for grade 2 and 3 students.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 5 6:30 PM

- Junior Kindergarten To Grade 8
- Full-time Junior Kindergarten & Kindergarten
- Before & After Care (7:00am-8:30am / 3:30pm-6:00pm)
- In-service Day Childcare
- Private Bus Service
- Private Music Lessons
- Band Program (Gr. 5-8)
- Basic French (K-8)
- 'Smart' Technology In All Classrooms
- Skating Program (Gr. 2-3)

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2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

NEW REGISTRATION

If you have younger siblings at home, the 2026-2027 NEW STUDENT online application will be live on CTK website Dec 1st.

Re-Registration for Current Students

Packages will go home January 7th 2026.

Afterschool Private Music Lessons at CTK

Christ the King School offers private music lessons after school through the Academy of Music. Instruction is available on the piano, guitar, voice and ukulele! Tuition is \$30 per 30-minute lesson.

The Academy of Music also offers a piano rent-to-own program. To register or for more information, please visit www.academymusic.ca or email academymusic@shaw.ca.

Christ the King Parish

Christmas Mass Times:

*Christmas Eve – 4pm, 8pm and 12 midnight

*Christmas Day – 10am

*New Year's Eve – 4pm

January

- * Classes resume - Jan. 5
- * Hot Dog Day—Jan. 9
- * Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal 1:55pm - Jan. 12
- * School Board meeting— Jan. 14
- * PAC meeting – Jan. 21
- * Fun Lunch (Boston Pizza) —Jan. 23
- * Gr. 7 & 8 Exams —Jan. 27-29
- * **CTK Open House—Feb. 5 —6:30pm**



- * Second Semester starts—Feb. 3
- * **CTK Open House—Feb. 5—6:30pm**
- * Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal – Feb. 9
- * Fun Lunch – Feb. 12
- * Catholic Schools Week Feb/ 9-12
- * Catholic Schools Day—Feb. 13—NO CLASSES
- * Louis Riel Day—NO SCHOOL – Feb. 16
- * Shrove Tuesday—Feb. 17
- * Ash Wednesday—Feb. 18



MARCH

- * Staff Meeting/Early Dismissal— Mar. 2
- * Report Card Writing—NO CLASSES—Mar. 6
- * School Board meeting— Mar. 11
- * Fun Lunch —Mar. 17
- * PAC Virtual Mtg – Mar. 18
- * Early Dismissal—1:55pm-Parent Confer.—Mar. 19
- * Parent Confer.—NO CLASSES—Mar. 20
- * Book Fair – Mar. 19 & 20
- * Early Dismissal – Mar. 27
- * **Spring Break—Mar. 30 –Apr. 3**
- * Good Friday – Apr. 3 * Easter Monday – Apr. 6
- * **Classes resume—Apr. 7**



From the staff of Christ the King School