

# Christ the King Newsletter

August/September

Welcome to the new school year...

## **Christ the King belief statements**

We believe that we provide community service to promote stronger Christian values.

We believe we create a safe environment where we embrace the uniqueness of individual students.

We believe in instilling an acceptance and respect for all individuals and their learning needs.

We believe that an important element of education is respect. Our students learn to respect others and have self-respect.

We believe our students receive an exceptional education to prepare them to be globally competitive and prepare them for dedicated citizenship.

We believe that by having Gospel values woven into the curriculum and the whole school experience, that our students and staff actively live their faith.

We believe that staff development. Broadens and updates the skills, knowledge and attitudes of our staff. It is an important element of ongoing school improvement.

We believe ongoing collaboration and communication between home and school facilitates a stronger learning community.

## **We exhibit a commitment to excellence by**

Providing exemplary instruction and assessment

Stressing character development and faith formation

Promoting and embracing parent support and involvement.

Selecting, training, and retaining staff that show compassion, care, fun, discipline, and excellent knowledge of instructional practices.

Sustaining a strong relationship with our parishes.

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## **New staff and new families...**

We look forward to seeing our new and returning families and staff. Everyone is important. Welcome to Christ the King School. Please contact us at any time if you have questions or need assistance. The start of school is a busy and exciting time. We are committed to your child's success, comfort, and joy in attending school.

Those new to the Christ the King community include:

New staff: Mrs. Kathleen Kunkel (grade 1), Miss Mary Lenards (grade 4), Mrs. Emily Smith (Music), Mrs. Ruth Scherschligt (Academic Services), Mr. Dave Widman (custodian)

New families: Logan and Mitchell Mueller, Lucy Faini, Brooklynn Winkels, Aidan, Teagan, and Cael Lynch, Logan and Lundy Carter, Lily Smith.

Each family is paired with a veteran CKS family. This connection provides the new family an additional contact for questions and to help with clarification. The veteran family will contact you within the first month of school and will check in with you throughout the school year. If you would like to opt out of this program, please contact the school office.

## **Welcome Back Picnic and Open House August 18th**

5:00-5:30 New Family Orientation Art Room

5:30-6:00 Dinner Gym

6:00-6:30 SFO Presentation

6:30-7:00 Students and parents go to meet teachers and see the classrooms

## **August 20th -21st**

1<sup>st</sup> day of school we will gather on the lower playground at 7:55

Dismissal will be at 11:30 both days

## **Picture Day**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> more information as the date gets closer**

## **Walk-a-Thon September 19th**

This is the biggest fundraiser at CKS. The funds collected allow the SFO to do the events for the school throughout the year.

A packet of information is sent home at the end of August or beginning of September with all of the information. It can be overwhelming. Call if you have any questions. Students take pledges for the

Walk-a Thon. They turn in their packets each week (money is only turned in the last week) and two students per class earn a prize for that week.

Each classroom has a set goal, if they meet it each week, then the class gets to participate in the special activity that week. There are also individual goals. Bringing in certain amounts of money (designated in the packet) can earn them a spot for the parties (Bingo/PJ, Bowling and the Mystery Prize Party). The student that brings in the most money gets to be the "Principal for the Day".

The actual event is Saturday morning September 19th. We meet at the CKS gym for a light breakfast and a prayer, then walk the designated route and return to the gym for more food. If you cannot come the day of the event, you can still collect donations and walk the number of miles at a different time.

## **Drop-Off**

Students are to be dropped off at the playground entrance (on West Avenue, off of 26<sup>th</sup> Street) between 7:40-7:55am. Please do not drop students off prior to that time because there will be no supervision. If you need to drop students off earlier, you will have to sign up for STRETCH

## **Pick-Up**

Students Kindergarten - 6th grade are dismissed to the exits on Lake Avenue at 3:00pm. Students should be picked up no later than 3:15. After school STRETCH is available to those that cannot pick students up before 3:15pm. Again, this is when there is adult supervision. Pre-School students are dismissed to the exit by the preschool room; parents park on West Avenue.

## **Cancellation, late Starts and Emergency Closings**

Cancellations (Typically due to snow accumulation or wind-chill) of the school must be authorized by the SFCS President. Closing announcements on radio and television and SchoolReach notifications will in most cases be made by 6:00am on the day of such closing.

In the event of a **late start**, SchoolReach will be activated and the media will usually be notified prior to 6:00am for public release. **A one-hour late start** moves all normal school start procedures back by one hour from regular start time. All PK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, as well as afternoon preschool classes, then resume a normal school day schedule and dismiss at the regular time. **A two-hour late start** delays the start of school by two hours and cancels morning preschool classes; however, students registered in Extended Learning programs may report to school two hours late and finish the school day. Afternoon preschool classes will run at normal times and are not affected by the late start.

Should school be closed after students arrive, parents will be notified by SchoolReach and media. After school care (STRETCH) will be cancelled. Students will be supervised and released to their parents or legal guardian unless the school is notified by said persons as to other dismissal

arrangements. Students will be dismissed per emergency card information (Parents are responsible to keep this current).

**If your child will be absent from school (illness, doctor appointments, funerals, etc), please contact the school by 7:30am. Your child's safety is important to us and we want to make sure all students are accounted for.**

## **Lunch Accounts**

Parents can view their child's lunch account on **myschoolbucks.com**. You can make a payment of up to 120.00 per student online please know that there is a small fee for each online transaction. Checks can still be sent to the school.

## **Uniform and School Store**

**Shorts-** Need to be walking short length. Items should be no shorter than mid-thigh and preferably longer. Shorts can be worn from the beginning of school until October 15 as the weather dictates. Shorts can be purchased from local retail stores or Dennis Uniform.

**Pants-** Navy blue pants generally purchased from local retail stores. Please take care that there is NO COLORED stitching or embellishments on pants. Leggings may be worn under skirts and can be any color.

**Shirts-** White shirts of any style and sleeve length with a collar or turtleneck may be worn. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. No decorations, logos, contrasting colors, t-shirts, undershirts or tank tops.

**Skirts/Jumpers/Skorts-** Optional uniform plaid skirts or jumpers for individual school or navy blue skorts are available only through Dennis Uniform Company. They must be no shorter in length than just above the knee.

**PE Uniforms-** Required for grades 4-6 Gray t-shirt with system logo and blue shorts – only available at the SFCS Knight Locker (OGHS Lobby).

Gently used uniform items are for sale during office hours for \$1.00 unless otherwise marked

## **STRETCH Club**

### **Before School**

Place: Christ the King gym

The before and after school program is available to all CKS students for an additional fee. Students must be registered to attend STRETCH prior to them actually attending. Forms can be

found in the school office. If your child is in STRETCH and you need to contact them, their phone number is **(605)201-4672**.

### **After School**

Hours of Operation 3:00-6:00 A late pick up fee will be charged if your child(ren) is not picked up by 6:00 p.m.

Activities: Student will be given a snack and outside play time. Once inside, students with homework are encouraged to complete their work and then join in the scheduled activity (which varies from day to day). Pick-Up Procedure: please park on West Avenue (by the gate of the playground). To gain entrance to the gym, please press the button on the right of the double gym doors. Someone from Stretch will then open the door to the facility for you. There is a sign- out sheet that you will need to complete each day. If someone other than the parent is going to pick your child up, please let the the Stretch staff know at **201-4672**.

### **SFCS Certificates**

SFCS Certificates can be purchased year-round after weekend Masses (at any Sioux Falls Catholic parish) or during the school day at the office (they are not available Monday morning or after 3:30pm. on Fridays). During the summer, until the first day of school, certificates can be purchased at Parish Office during their normal operating hours. There is a wide range of stores that have gift certificates available. The more certificates you purchase, the more money you and SFCS accumulate. At the end of the calendar year, the central office will send you a statement indicating how much money you earned by using the certificate program. On that form you will designate where you would like your percentage to go- such as " Tuition for Sally Smith ". Neighbors, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. can purchase certificates and at the end of the year designate the money to go toward your child's tuition.