
Christ the King School December Newsletter



Peer Mentors Program

Christ the King School is excited to announce the start of our Mentoring Program. We currently have eight Mentors assigned to students in our school. This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference in a child's life by helping them build relationships, confidence and life skills such as becoming responsible. We can always use more help if you are interested please call Tali Paulson, Christ the King Counselor at 605-338-5103

Peer Relations Survey Results

In October, the students in 4th-6th grade took the Peer Relations Survey. This is a survey given district-wide to gauge how students are getting along with their peers and to identify areas of improvement in promoting positive peer relations.

When asked if students feel safe from physical harm at school, 88.4% of students stated they felt safe at Christ the King. The SFCS district average for elementary is 94.1%. When asked if they feel safe from emotional harm at school, 69.8% stated they feel safe at Christ the King. The SFCS district average for elementary is 76.5%.

We are working to increase those numbers in several ways. Classroom counseling lessons are conducted every other week in each classroom and lessons have been focusing on respect, empathy, and building resilience in students. In addition, in the upper grades we are working to teach the difference between rude, mean, and bullying. Our definitions are:

Rude: When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once.

Mean: When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once.

Bullying: When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions regarding peer relations at Christ the King please contact Mrs. Kolbeck or Mrs. Paulson, counselor.

Hoop Shoot

The Annual Marquette Council Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship contest will be on January 5th in the Christ the King gym during the students regular PE classes. Boys and girls from 9 - 14 years of age as of January 1st, 2018 can participate. The first place winners in each category and age group will qualify for districts. We hope the students enjoy the fun and competition.

Congratulations

Ellianna Dengler has passed 75 lessons in Math and Reading on I Ready.

Micah Benjamin has passed 100 lessons in Math and Reading on I Ready. Micah will also receive 1st communion at our Immaculate Conception Mass on December 8th

Congrats to the **Dengler** family on the birth on their son Jase Michael

We had four students chosen to represent Christ the King at the Elementary **Honor Choir Festival** up at SDSU in February!!

Aubrun Dexter

Bria Donahue

Ella Junck

Alisha Mueller

All Saints costume winners

Boys

1st - David Jirik

2nd - Dominic Dobbs

3rd - Elijah Loecker

Girls

1st - Josephine Wurtz

2nd - Alexandra Tinklepaugh

3rd - Rayna Cox

Group winners:

Hunter Cox

Robbie Sealey

Jonah Crowe

Lucy Winter

Hayden Sealey

**Christ the King School
Christmas Programs 2017
Presenting...**

Sing With Us a Christmas Story

Who: All students in grades K-6

When: Tuesday, December 12th, 7:00pm. *Drop your child off at the O'Gorman High School Gym at 6:30pm, no earlier.

Where: O'Gorman High School Tom and Penny Lorang Theatre

What to wear: All students dressy clothing. (Some 5th and 6th graders have additional costumes.)

Preschool Program will have their concert on Wednesday December 13th, 10:15am in the CTK gym. All preschool students are to wear dressy clothing.

Thank you!!!

Thank you to all the amazing parents that bring special treats and lunches to the staff. YOU ARE AMAZING!!!

Thank you to all who donated items for the Food Pantry. Area families are very grateful for your generosity.

Thank you to all the special Friends and Grandparents who joined us for Grandparents Day!!! We had over 130 in attendance our largest group ever. You are so special to all of our students, Thank you for taking the time to come.

Staff Christmas gifts

The SFO is excited to announce the Christ the King School Christmas gift program. Its main purpose is to provide a convenient way for families to remember the staff at Christ the King School this Christmas season. Participation in this program is completely optional and the amount contributed is confidential. The letter went home last week with the Student Directory

Drop off and Pick up

Please continue to follow safe practices for students in and around the school. I remind you that at no time during the school day is parking allowed on the playground/parking lot or the cut-in on West Ave. during drop off.

Outdoor supervision is only provided 15 min. before (7:40a.m.) and 15 min. after school (until 3:15). Students will be sent to Before School Care if they arrive before or stay after designed supervision times. School starts promptly at 7:55 a.m. Please help your child's day begin well by getting them to school on time. Remember **Be a Smarty don't be Tardy!!!**

December

4- Graham Kotten
8- Amelia Mueller
9 - Mrs. Dow
14- Natalie Benjamin
15- Peyton Dethleusay
18 -Jonathan Eastman
21- Colby Dengler
23- Teagan Lynch
30- RJ Cook

Band Concert

The band students have been working very hard this year and are excited to perform in the upcoming Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00pm. Band students will need to come to the O'Gorman High School Gym at 6:30 that evening to warm-up and tune. The students are asked to dress in their "Sunday best" (no jeans please) They will have time to change for the vocal concert if needed.

Before and After School Care

Vacation Care will be offered on full vacation days (7:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.) at the Holy Spirit Site for all SFCS families. The cost for the vacation day is \$25.00 per child. Transportation to/from the site is your responsibility. Your child(ren) will need to bring his/her own lunch and drink on these days. On vacation days, no breakfast will be provided, but a morning and an afternoon snack will be provided. Please contact the office if interested in signing up for any of the vacation days.

January Newsletter

I will be sending out a January newsletter when we return from Christmas break on the 4th.

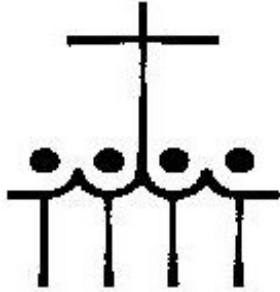
Happy Birthday

January

4- Lana White
10- Alaric Hillman
13- Elijah Loecker
13- Luis Marquez
13- Phillip Preciado
19- Norah Barnett
23- Jose Mena Deleon
27- Alisha Mueller
28- Parker Clem
29- Hadley Geiken

Book Fair!!!

Thank you to all the families who visited Book Fair during conferences. Every purchase benefits the school library. Thanks to the families who donated books to classrooms and the library. A special thanks to Beth Loecker, April Woody, Denice Dengler, Becky Schmitz, Lisa Jorgenson, Nancy Schulte, and Sharon Ulin who donated treats for teacher sneak peek and candy for sales dates. Thank you to the set-up crew of Eric and Kendra Dexter and April Barnett for making it fast and fun! Thank you to the Woody Family for helping with tear-down. A special thank you to CTK alums, Hannah Woody and Lily Berthelsen, for joining the tear-down crew. And, finally, a HUGE thank you to Michelle Weisensee who handled all the Financial reports.



School Certificates

As Christmas shopping season approaches, we encourage you to utilize our SFCS certificates. Vendors include-Applebee's, Bagel Boy, Barnes and Noble, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Century Theaters, Cherry Creek, Culver's, Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic, Get N Go, Great Bear, Hurley's, Hy-Vee, JC Penny, Juice Stop, Kohl's, Lewis, Look's, Qdoba, Scheel's Shopko, Starbuck's, Sunshine, The Gas Stop (Holiday), Walmart, Target, West Mall 7. You get full value for these gift cards and 1.5% of your annual total can be used toward your tuition (3.5% goes toward the SFCS operation fund which helps to hold tuition costs down.

Preschool and Kindergarten Open House A Knight to Remember

Please mark your calendars and tell your friends! Preschool and Kindergarten open house "A Knight to Remember" will be January 25th from 5:30-7:00pm. Dinner will be served with entertainment in the classrooms to follow. It is a fun way to showcase all that Christ the King has to offer. Look for your invitation in the mail in January.

*Enrollment opens February 16th for existing Families

*Enrollment opens February 26th for new families

Lunch Balances

Please keep your lunch balances positive. We no longer send blue lunch slips home. If you have questions regarding your account, please contact Mrs. Katie Dow between 10:00-12:00 605-338-5103. Please note that "fast food" items are not allowed in the lunchroom. Lunch is a positive time in our school day. We rely on staff, aides, and volunteers to help us make our lunch program even more successful. Please consider helping in our lunchroom. Your extra hands and assistance can help make someone's day all the more special!

Hats, Mittens, Snow Pants, Boots



Please remember to send your child with all the proper snow gear for recess. We will be going outside as long as the temperature is above zero.

We're on the web:

<http://www.sfcss.org/elementary/ctk>
Twitter @CKS_school

Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/cksschool/>

Faith Opportunities

An important part of our school week is our weekly liturgies. The students and staff benefit from the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist together. Please consider joining us for the following:

Friday December 1st 1:00 School Confessions

Friday December 8th Mass planned by 1st grade 11:00 (Immaculate Conception)

Thursday December 14th mass planned by 6th grade (Healing Mass)

Thursday December 21st Mass planned by Kindergarten

Children's Choir

Practice and Performances

- Dec 5th 3:05-3:45
- Dec 8th sing at 11:00am School Mass
- Dec 12th **NO PRACTICE**
- Dec 19th 3:05-3:45
- Dec 23rd Sing at 4:00pm Mass meet in the chapel @ 3:45pm

Saints Wax Museum

Many thanks to all who made a donation to the 5th grade Saints Wax Museum. The students made \$644.88 and were able to purchase two new Chromebooks. The students in Mrs. Martell's class learned a valuable lesson about working hard and felt better knowing they were not given the money it was earned,

Advent Project

December 3rd we will be kicking off Advent in the school. Our theme is Lighting the Way to Bethlehem. Some of the activities will be:

Meeting every Monday Morning around the Advent Wreath to pray and reflect on the reason for the season. Parents are invited to join us at 8:00am every Monday.

Our community project for the school is the Lunch is Served Program which brings sack lunches to people who do not have jobs. Christ the King students will write notes and stamp 600 total bags to be picked up on December 22nd. Pre-school through Kindergarten will stamp each bag in their classrooms. 1st-6th grade will write a special message (pre-written) to put into the bags. The school will also make a donation to purchase items to go into the bag. Our goal is \$600.00. We will be selling Dress Down Coupons **after school only** the week of December 4th through the 8th. The students will be allowed a maximum of three coupons at \$2.00 each.

Preschool and Kindergarten Ornament making fun with Parents

December 22nd at 10:00am all parents or special friends are invited to attend our 1st annual Ornament decorating fun with all of our preschoolers and kindergarten students. Followed by carol singing in the gym at 11:00am. It will be a day of Christmas fun for all. Look for information to be sent home as the day gets closer.



December Events

- 1- School Confessions 1:00pm
- 4-
 - 8:00am Advent Gathering at Wreath all are welcome
 - 3:15 Robotics
- 5- Chess Club 3:00 pm
- 7- No School Mass
- 8- 11:00 Mass Immaculate Conception planned by 1st grade
- 11- Robotics 3:15
- 12- K-6 Christmas Program 7:00 pm O'Gorman High School
- 13- Preschool Program 10:15 CTK gym
- 14- 8:30 Healing Mass planned by 6th grade
- 15- Carson Edwards PE Teacher for the Day Jonah Crowe Principal for the Day
- 18- Robotics 3:15
- 19- Chess Club 3:00pm
- 21- 8:30 Mass planned by Kindergarten
- 22-
 - 11:30 Dismissal
 - Green and Red Dress Down Day
 - 10:00 Ornament Decorating preschool and kindergarten parents invited.
 - 11:00 Christmas Carols in the gym all are welcome

December 23rd -January 3rd Christmas Vacation.