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# Christ the King School

## November 2018 Newsletter



### Grandparent's Day Agenda

On Wednesday November 21st we would like to extend a special invitation to our grandparents/special adult to join us at school. It is a great way for our students to share with the special people in their lives some fun school activities. We will be sending a special invitation to all our grandparent/special friends that will require an RSVP please look for that soon.

- 8:15 - Meet in the classrooms
- 8:25 - Rosary and Mass in the church
- 9:25 - Coffee for the Grandparents
- 9:25 - Recess \* Grandparents may go to recess or check out the classrooms
- 9:45 - Activities in the classrooms
- 10:45 - School-wide BINGO
- 11:30 - Dismissal for all students (PS-6)

We hope you can join us!!

### Many Blessings

As I was walking down the hallway on a recent morning, I could hear each of the classrooms beginning with their morning prayers. What a great way to start the day! The special intentions guide our students to the prayer requests and needs of others. Many times the intentions are for family members (even pets), for safe travels, and even more so recently, we hear prayers for our world leaders.

I am thankful everyday that I work in a school system that allows us the opportunity to incorporate our faith everyday. I have been blessed beyond words to work with an amazing staff, watch students grow in their faith, and have the support of wonderful families who believe in our mission. I wish you all a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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### Calendar Updates

- Nov. 1—All Saint's Mass 11:00am
- Nov. 2 Mystery Party 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Nov. 3—All Saint's Party 5:00pm
- Nov. 4- Daylight savings
- Nov. 5- SFO Meeting 6:30 CTK gym
- Nov. 6- Children's Choir
- Nov. 9 Deadline for After School Care Forms for the half day on the 21st
- Nov. 13 Children's Choir
- Nov. 16 Red Shirt Day
- Nov. 20 Children's Choir/Walking Club form due
- Nov. 21- Grandparents/Special Friend Mid-terms sent home
- Nov. 21 11:30 Dismissal
- Nov. 22- No School
- Nov. 23- No School
- Nov. 27- Walking Club Starts and Children's Choir

### Children's Choir

The CTK Children's choir will sing at the 4:00 pm Mass on November 3rd and at the Grandparents Day Mass November 21st at 8:30 am.

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## Happy Birthday

3-Adelyn Mueller  
4—Christopher Sortino  
5—Deacon Boorman  
5- Eliza Dyer  
6- Mrs. Haffeman  
6- Caroline Lindell  
9- Tristan Elliott  
17- Uriah Moran  
21- Lauren Baldwin  
28- Gabriela Morales

## Food Drive

During the month of November, Christ the King Parish and Christ the King School are partnering up to collect non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Students are encouraged to bring items to school during November. On Grandparents' Day, Wednesday, November 22nd Grandparents and students may bring a non-perishable item to school Mass. If you are able to bring more than one item, please send them to school. This way, if someone is unable to contribute at this time, each student will still be able to bring an item to Mass. Thank you for your past support.

### Suggested items:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned meat
- Cereal
- Boxed Dinners
- Cake Mix
- Paper Goods
- Soup
- Baking Supplies
- Laundry Supplies
- Pasta

## From the Counselor

### Peer Relations Survey Results

The first week of October 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 state they feel safe at Christ the King. This survey identifies 5 students in grades 4-6 not feeling physically safe at school.

When asked if students feel safe from emotional harm at school, 83.7% state they feel safe, a 13.9% increase from last year.

We are working to increase these numbers in several ways. Staff is encouraged to use responsive language and strategies in responding to student behaviors and peer relations. Classroom counseling lessons are conducted every other week focusing on respect, empathy, problem solving, and building resilience in students. In addition, in grades 3-6 we are teaching 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.

To figure out if something is bullying we ask if it fits the "Three O's" which are On purpose, Over & over, and One sided.

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

## Nut & Peanut Allergies

Please notify the office if your child has a specific allergy. In order to ensure the safety of our students, we are striving to be a nut free school. We ask that our parents or guardian(s) not to bring or send any peanut butter, peanuts, tree nuts, or various nut products to the school. Please read all labels carefully. Thanks for your help.

## Christmas Program

Please join us on Tuesday, Dec. 11th for our Pre-6th grade Christmas Concert with the evening performance at 7:00 pm. It will be at O'Gorman High School in the Tom and Penny Lorang Theatre. The students will be heading to O'Gorman High School at 12:00 pm on the 11th to practice for the evening performance.

## Project Stand Up

Project Stand Up for School Safety is a new and innovative way to leverage technology to help keep our schools safe. It will give school officials and law enforcement timely information about potential violent or suspicious behavior within our school system. These tips can come from students, parents, and members of the community. To report suspicious behavior, threats, or violence, anonymously text "SAFE" to 82257 and answer the follow-up questions provided. Once the questions are completed, law enforcement and school officials are immediately notified. Thank you for keeping our schools safe.

## Peer Relations Goals

It is extremely important that students feel comfortable and safe in our school. Promoting positive peer relations will always be an on-going education with the students. We will focus on teaching the students to report issues to trusted adults, and resolve conflicts as the year progresses.

We promote positive peer relations in the following ways:

- ♦ A monthly virtue will provide us a focus for prayer and daily living.
- ♦ Mrs. Paulson, counselor, teaches peer relations lessons.
- ♦ All classes teach "The Circle of Grace"

If incidents do occur, students/parents should report such incidents to a teacher, Administration, and/or the Counselor and we will do our best to thoroughly investigate the matter.

## Walking Club!!

Mrs. Kolbeck will again offer walking club for all students who are interested. It is a way to start their day off with walking and games with the Principal. We have included a **registration sheet that must be filled out and returned no later than November 9th**

Walking club will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. **We will start on November 27th** in our school gym.

## Coats, Hats and Mittens

Please keep in mind with the changing seasons it is so important to send your child in the proper clothing attire. Having a coat or sweatshirt to wear on the playground before school is so important. If there is snow on the ground or the temp is at or below zero boots are to be worn.

If your child is still in need of winter gear the Keep Keloland warm program is available. They are giving FREE Coats and winter gear to all families in need. I have listed the dates times and locations below.

- November 1st 1-3pm The Banquet
- November 16th 4-6 Armory Building at W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
- December 6th 1-3 Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

## Traffic Safety

We have had numerous complaints regarding cars speeding down West Ave. before and after school. I have reported it to our school resource officer, and he is doing what he can to monitor the area. I do however need your assistance when dropping off and picking up students. **Please do not drop off or pick up on the west side of West Ave.** It is very dangerous for our students to be crossing in front of or behind your vehicles. IF you are unable to drop off on the east side of the road you will need to walk your child down to the crosswalk. Keep in mind you can drop off on 26th street (north side of the school) if needed. I appreciate any help in this situation to keep our students safe at Christ the King School.

## PE News

We will have a Fitness Calendar from Oct. through April. If the students want to participate, they can pick up a Calendar from me during class. Participation in the Fitness Calendars is completely optional. The students put a star, check or cross off the activity once it is complete. Please have them do each activity on that day if at all possible. They may double up on a day here or there if they are sick or out of town. Don't forget to look for the extra activity to do on the sheet. If the students do complete the Calendar on each day and have their parents sign it, they will receive a prize. Students need to turn in the Calendar to PE class within the first two weeks of the next month. Starting in Nov. there will be a due date at the bottom of the page.

## SFO Meeting

Our next School Family Organization meeting will be held on **Monday, Nov. 5th at 6:30 pm.** Please join us in the Gym for a short business meeting and a recap of our Walk-a-thon. We are asking everyone to bring a friend to see all the exciting changes taking place at Christ the King School.

Parents who attend the meeting will receive a dress-down coupon for their children to use on a Friday. **Child Care will be provided.** Please remind your child that all school rules apply while they are in the school building.

## Talent Show

We are officially announcing a Talent Show to happen during Catholic Schools Week for all students in **Grades 3-6!** The Talent Show will be at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 31 in the gym!

The Talent Show will feature acts that would normally not be showcased during the school day. Acts include but are not limited to: singing, dancing, gymnastics, skits, dramas, instrumental, recitation, puppetry, etc. Auditions will be on **December 13th and 18th after school in the music room.** In order to audition with your act, permission slips will be sent out before Thanksgiving. Permission slips will be due on **Monday, December 3rd** in order to give the Talent Show Committee time to set up the schedule for auditions.

When students audition for the talent show, you **MUST** have your act ready as if you are going to perform it for the actual talent show. Reason being is to make sure that you are indeed ready for the Talent Show. You may not change your act once you have auditioned with it. **That means not changing songs, altering lyrics, or making any "last minute additions" to your act unless it is approved by the Talent Show Committee.** Acts may not exceed 5 minutes to allow for more acts to audition.

In conjunction with the Talent Show, all students in **Preschool-2nd Grade** will be putting on an Art Show as well as a showcase of the work they have been achieving in school. This will be available for viewing before and after the Talent Show in the gym.

We as a Talent Show committee are so excited to bring this positive school cultural event to Christ the King and hope to continue it for years to come! Thank you for your consistent support of your students!

## Mentor Program

Want to make a difference in a child's life? Christ the King School is excited to start a Mentoring Program this year. Mentors are community members who spend one hour each week, visiting, eating lunch, reading, helping with homework and playing games. They have all completed background checks, the Safe Environment Program and mentor training. We are in the process of recruiting right now. Mentoring a young person each week builds relationships, confidence and life skills such as becoming responsible. If you are interested in your child having a mentor, please call Tali Paulson, Christ the King Counselor, at 605-338-5103

## 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:

- **Thursday November 1st All Saint's Mass planned by 4th Grade 11:00 am**
- **Thursday November 8th Mass—3rd grade 8:30am**
- **Thursday November 15th Mass—2nd grade 8:30am**
- **Wednesday November 21st Mass-5th grade**
- **Thursday November 29th Mass- 1st Grade**

Another way to celebrate our Catholic faith is by praying the Rosary. Please join us every Monday morning at 8:00am in the CTK school gym for the Rosary. What a great way to kick off your work week.

## New Christian Book Store Open

The Mustard Seed-Christian Book Store is NOW OPEN!!! They are located at 3709 S. Grange Ave. Sioux Falls SD 57105. They are open Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm and closed on Sunday. If you need more information you can call 605-271-4055