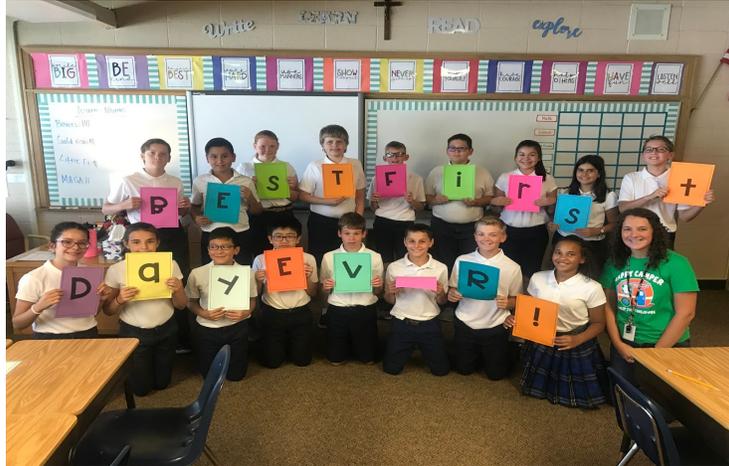


Christ the King School September 2019 Newsletter



Walk a Thon

The 2019 Walk-a-thon will kick off with an assembly Friday afternoon Aug 30th. Packets will be handed out to the students along with a letter explaining the various prize levels.

The Walk-a-thon is scheduled for **Saturday, September 21st**. The goal for this year's WAT is \$15,600.00 which will be used to help fund technology, playground balls, games and field trips.

Count days will be held on Wednesdays, with the final count day on September 25th. **Please don't send any money until the final count day.** We are looking forward to another successful Christ the King School Walk-A-Thon!! contact the office if you would like to help.

SFO Meeting

Our first meeting of the year will be on Monday, Sept. 9th at 6:30 pm in the Christ the King Gym. We will discuss upcoming school events such as the walk-a-thon, and the role of the SFO. Parents will earn a Dress-Down Day coupon for their children by attending the meeting. These coupons may be redeemed on Fridays. **Childcare will be available.**

Picture Day

Picture Day Sept. 4th-PS, K and 1st-6th grade. All students are allowed to dress down or up for their school pictures. If your child happens to be absent on Sept 4th the photographer will be able to do makeup pictures on Sept 5th.

Classroom Parties

Each year classrooms celebrate with three parties. If you have not already done so, please send \$3 to help defray the cost of the parties. Please consider being a room parent!!

Emergency Forms

Please make sure that you have returned your updated emergency form. We want to ensure we have the proper contact information and that you receive all electronic communications from the school. Please check your child's backpack for a note regarding missing information.

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 partnering with us to help maintain the safety and security in our schools.

Blue Shirt Day

With the new school uniforms and rebranding, the SFO has decided to purchase each CTK staff/student a "Blue" shirt to wear on what we used to call "Red Shirt Day". The title of the event will be labeled "Blue Shirt Day" on the calendar and the students are able to wear the designated blue shirt with jeans. If your child loses their blue shirt you will be able to purchase a new one for \$10.00.

Happy Birthday

On the students Birthday, they will be allowed to have a dress down day. However, if it falls on a Mass day they must choose the day before or after. **Due to many allergies/intolerances, No treat can be handed out unless it has an ingredient list on the package.**

1- Henry Christensen

3- Analiyah Hansen

4- Adele Millette

16- Lucille Faini

22- Will Hance

24- Olivia Schmitz

26- Joe Mueller and Blake Wilcox

27—Gabe Rook

29—Eli Nelson

Lunch and Recess Schedules

Lunch is a positive time in our school day. We rely on staff, aides and the principal to help our lunch program to run smoothly. **If you are interested in helping out in the lunchroom daily, weekly, or monthly, please contact the school office 338-5103.**

11:20-11:45 PS, K, 1st and 2nd Eat

11:20-11:45 3rd-6th Outside

11:45-12:05 PS, K, 1st, 2nd Outside

11:45-12:05 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Eat

Recess Schedule

- AM Recess Preschool- 9:15-9:30

Afternoon Recess

- Preschool-2nd grade 1:30-1:45
- Grades 3rd-5th-2:00-2:15

Hot Lunch News

Bishop O'Gorman Catholic schools is excited to offer a variety of meals through Lunchtime solutions. **You may** sign up for our online service in order to receive low lunch balance alerts during the school year. This service is an easy and secure way to pay for school meals as well. Sign up for a FREE account today at MySchoolBucks.com. If you would like to join us for lunch on occasion please call Mary Markstrom 338-5103.

- Hot lunch is \$3.00
- Milk is .40
- Adult \$3.90
- Adult Fruit and Veggie Bar \$1.85

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. **Starting Sept. 5th Mass will begin at 8:15 am.** Please consider joining us for the following:

- Thursday, September 5th 4th-grade planning
- Thursday, September 12th 3rd- grade planning
- Thursday, September 19th 2nd-grade planning
- Thursday, September 26th 1st-grade planning

Rosary

We invite you to pray the rosary with us each Monday morning at 8:00 am in our school gym. Please join us as we pray for our school families, students, and staff.

We also encourage our parents and grandparents to sit behind the students so the teacher can maintain a classroom environment while worshipping with their class.

Infinite Campus

Grades for students in first through sixth grade are available on-line through Infinite Campus. Grades will be updated weekly. You'll be able to see if your child has any missing assignments as well as their current grades.

Please contact the office if you have forgotten your username and/or password. If you have any concerns regarding your child's grades please make sure you are contacting their teacher before it is too late. We will be sending home mid-term reports on Sept 20th.

PE News

Students in grades K-3 should dress comfortably on the days they have gym class. If girls wear skirts on gym days, they must have shorts on underneath. Please keep all long hair pulled back as this is a safety concern.

Students in grades 4-6 are required to have a gym uniform. This uniform consists of blue shorts and a gray T-shirt. The uniform is available by order form located in the school office. The P.E. uniforms must be marked with the student's name on both articles. Students who forget their P. E. uniform will still participate, but it will affect their P.E. grade.

If for some reason a student must be excused from gym class, please write a note stating the reason why the student is unable to participate as well as the date. For extended absences from gym class, a doctor's note is required.

Fleece Jackets and Sweatshirts

The deadline is fast approaching for fleece jackets and sweatshirts. **September 6th** the CTK store will be closed. Please remember that this is the only jacket and sweatshirt that can be worn in the classrooms. To order go to https://stores.inksoft.com/christ_the_king_school/shop/home

School Safety

The safety of our students is our primary concern. No one is allowed to drive on the school playground during the day, especially between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:00 pm. If you are dropping your children off for morning Before School Care please park on West Ave and walk them to the door.

When picking your children up after school, please park by the curb and wait for your children. The students have been instructed that they need to cross at the crosswalk and may never get into a car parked in the middle of the street. Thanks for your cooperation.

School Support

Thank you for the many ways you support our school. The following is a list of ideas that won't cost extra money.

Save Box Tops for Education coupons. The school has made \$14,000.00 on Box Tops since we started the program. Thank you for all you do to support this effort. We have included more information regarding changes in the program.

Recycle your aluminum cans. The container is on the playground near the dumpster. Thank you for your past support

The Role of the School Counselor

Christ the King families, I am excited to be back working with your students again! As a reminder, the elementary counseling program attempts to help all children get the most out of school, and it's my hope that parents and students feel free to use these services.

Services Provided

- * Biweekly classroom counseling lessons grades K-6
- * Small group counseling (social skills, family change, grief, etc.)
- * Brief solution-focused counseling
- * Parent consultations
- * Community resource referrals

In addition, I am here to help students with:

- * Working well with others
- * Family changes
- * Adjusting to a new school
- * Managing feelings
- * Setting goals
- * Feeling good about themselves
- * Learning how to make decisions
- * Dealing with peer pressure

Christ the King also has a Mentor Program, where enrolled students meet with an adult from the community once a week during lunch. Students in this program love their special time with their mentor! If you are interested in matching your child with a mentor, please contact me.

For families looking for community counseling services, we utilize the PATH program. The PATH program offers counseling services to children at Christ the King during the school day, designed to make it easier to access care.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to your student, or if you are interested in the Mentor or PATH programs. I look forward to another great year at Christ the King! Thank you.

Mrs. Tali Paulson, School Counselor

Way to Go!

Siouxland Libraries is pleased to announce that the following students completed the *Reading Rocks summer reading program*. Please join us in congratulating them for their reading accomplishments **Jori Poppinga, Amelia Mueller, and Lily Smith!!** To successfully complete the program, the students read for at least 10 hours this summer. Siouxland Libraries knows how important reading is to academic success and encourages kids to read for fun every day.

Share your Talents

We are blessed with so many talented and gifted students. **Please share any successes along the way and I will post it in our monthly newsletter.**

Gift Card Sales

We are in need of Gift Card sales persons after each of the Masses on the weekend. If this is something you would be interested in please contact **JoAnn Cero 605- 339-3376**. What a great way to give back to the school and parish.

Free Student Flu Shots

There will be a 2-day free flu shot clinic for any child ages 3-18 held on the following days:

- Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 11:00am - 6:00pm | OGHS Cafeteria
- Thursday, Oct. 24 from 11:00am - 6:00pm | OGHS Cafeteria

The SD Department of Health is not able to provide the flu vaccine for infants under the age of 36 months.

50 Questions To Ask Your Kids Instead Of Asking "How Was Your Day"

Parenting is the hardest job you will ever have. I get questions all the time about how to engage students in their school day. If they are anything like my own they say "I don't know" or "fine". One of my teachers shared this with me last year and I thought it was great parenting advice to kick off the year.

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at recess?
5. What was the book about that your teacher read?
6. What's the word of the week?
7. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
8. Did anyone cry?
9. What did you do that was creative?
10. What is the most popular game at recess?
11. What was the best thing that happened today?
12. Did you help anyone today?
13. Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
14. Who did you sit with at lunch?
15. What made you laugh?
16. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
17. Who inspired you today?
18. What were the peak and the pit?
19. What was your least favorite part of the day?
20. Was anyone in your class gone today?
21. Did you ever feel unsafe?
22. What is something you heard that surprised you?
23. What is something you saw that made you think?
24. Who did you play with today?
25. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
26. What is something that challenged you?
27. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
28. Did you like your lunch?
29. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
30. Did anyone get in trouble today?
31. How were you brave today?
32. What questions did you ask at school today?
33. Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
34. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
35. What are you reading?
36. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
37. Teach me something I don't know.
38. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
39. (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?" (In my opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
40. Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
41. What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
42. What kind of person were you today?
43. What made you feel happy?
44. What made you feel proud?
45. What made you feel loved?
46. Did you learn any new words today?
47. What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
48. If you could switch seats with anyone in the class, who would it be? And why?
49. What is your least favorite part of the school building? And favorite?
50. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

