

Christ the King

October 2019 Newsletter

Walk a Thon

The final Walk-A-Thon numbers are in...the 2019 Walk-A-Thon raised over **\$29,000.00** WAY TO GO!! There was great student participation which contributed to our success Thank you!! The final numbers will be announced at the final WAT assembly.

Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted with the various aspects of the Walk-A-Thon!

Thank you to all the Christ the King School families and staff. Your dedication and commitment to Christ the King School is vital to the continued success of the Walk-A-Thon!!!

The money will be used for technology, academic support, field trips, Teacher Appreciation, and other school needs.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences for Preschool through sixth grade will be held Thursday, October 24th from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. **There are NO classes on October 23rd, 24th or 25th.** Please remember to return the attached conference sign-up sheets to school! You will be assigned and notified of your time prior to conferences. If the indicated date and time does not work for you, please let your child's teacher know so she can contact you to arrange another time. Our goal is to have 100% attendance.

Scholastic Book Fair

Store hours will be Tuesday, October 22nd, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm and Thursday, Oct 24th (conference day) 8:00 am—5:30 pm.

We always have a wonderful selection of books. It is never too early to think about Christmas gifts. It is also a great way to give back to your child's classroom by purchasing a book for his/her teacher. All proceeds go back to our school library.

Before and After School Care

There is no school on October 23rd-25th, 2019. If you are looking for care on those three days, there is care available at Holy Spirit School from 7:00 am-6:00 pm. The registration form was sent with the September newsletter for you to fill out and return to Miss Johnson or Mary Markstrom. The "extra day" deadline is Oct 2nd. If you have any questions, or need an extra form, please contact Miss Johnson at mjohnson@ogknight.org

As a safety reminder please do not drive up onto the playground before or after school. We have students using the playground at all times of the day.

We do have homework tables offered during After School Care, however not all the students utilize this service. Please encourage your child to get work done at the study table in After School Care.

Pop Tab Pandemonium

Save those pop tabs! Once again Christ the King will be participating in the Pop Tab Pandemonium Contest through the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota. Each classroom will have a collection container for your aluminum tabs, or they can be turned in to Miss Lenards. We will be collecting all year long. Last year we collected over 11lbs!!

Flu Shots

The Bishop O'Gorman Catholic School volunteer nurses program will be giving free Flu Shots to all students in the system.

- October 23rd, 7:00 am-1:00 pm O'Gorman High School in the Cafeteria.
- October 24th, 12:00 pm-7:00 pm at O'Gorman High School in the Cafeteria.

What a great way to protect our students during the cold and flu season. The flu mist will NOT be offered at this year's clinic. We strongly encourage you to make an appointment with your family doctor to get your flu shot this season if you are not able to make the clinic.

Lunchroom Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our new lunch program. If you are willing to give up one hour to help please sign up with the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4cada62da2fd0-lunchroom>

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:

Every Monday morning at 8:00 am please join us in the gym for the Rosary

- **Thursday, October 3rd**, No School Mass Clergy Days
- **Thursday, October 10th**, 8:15 am Mass lead by Kindergarten
- **Thursday, October 17th**, 8:15 am Mass lead by 5th grade
- **Thursday, October 24th**, No School Mass Conferences
- **Thursday, October 31st**, No School Mass
- **Friday, November 1st**, All Saints Day Mass Lead by 3rd grade

Children's Choir Practice and Performances

- Oct 4th, 11th, 18th and 30th Practice 3:05 pm-4:00 pm
- Oct 13th, 10:00 am Mass Please arrive at 9:20 am

When the students sing at mass we ask that they wear their choir shirts and school pants.

All Saint's Day Party

The SFO is sponsoring the All Saint's party on Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 5:00-7:00 pm in the school gym. There will be games, food and the Valley of Darkness.

A volunteer sign up form will be sent home as the date approaches. All costumes must be saint related. Please consider helping out, many hands make for light work.

Volunteer Driver Forms

Just a reminder Volunteer Driver forms need to be turned in ASAP. We have numerous trips coming up and not very many drivers.

We are also reminding our parents about the Safe Environment online update which must also be completed. If you are having problems with the Safe Environment program please contact the school office 605-338-5103.

If your current background check has expired this will need to be completed before you can drive for a school event.

Pick up and Drop off

Just a reminder that there is no supervision on the playground until 7:40 am. If you need to drop your child off before that time we have Before School care available in the gym.

It is also important that your child uses the crosswalks to cross the street during drop off and pick-up times. We are seeing students jumping out of cars on the wrong side of the street.

As many of you noticed we are trying to prevent having our students cross West Ave on the west side of the street. It is becoming more and more dangerous with the increasing flow of traffic. I encourage you all to use the east side of West Ave for student drop off or the cut out on 26th street (north side of the school). I realize this can be an inconvenience but we must put the children's safety first.

If your child is going to be late to school for any reason please make sure you call and let the office know 605-338-5103. That way we can order your son or daughter a hot lunch if necessary.

If your child is not picked up by 3:15 pm at the end of the school day we will send them to After School Care for a \$15 drop-in charge.

Jackets and Coats

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 you ordered the fleece jacket or sweatshirt through the system they will be in this week.

Uniform Change

October is the month when we begin to think about snow and colder weather. Students are not allowed to wear shorts to school after Nov 1st. Uniform shorts will be allowed again beginning April 1st.

Policy/Procedure Changes

A few items of note that have changed since last school year that we want to make you aware of as we enter the new school year:

- Shoes: Shoes must have a hard sole and be intended for outdoor wear (no slippers).
- Wearable Devices: Students are not allowed to have on any type of wearable device. This includes Apple Watches, Fitbits, etc.

- Attendance Letters: In order to maintain communication between home and school regarding attendance, a letter and official school documentation will be mailed at five, nine and twelve days of a student being absent during the year.

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, or 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.

Family Matters Program

Youth face many peer pressures in today's world from social media, bullying, to handling risk-taking situations with vaping, alcohol, and other substances. The **Family Matters Program** will give caregivers and youth, ages 10-14 the tools to deal with tough situations. Family Matters Program is held for 7 weeks, starting October 15th and consecutive Tuesday evenings. We start each night with a meal (5:30-6:00 pm) and have youth, parent and family sessions (6-8 pm) following.

- Parents learn how to show love while setting limits.
- Youth develop skills to handle peer pressure.
- Families learn skills to communicate more openly.
- Families grow and have fun together.

Starting October 15th at St. Michael Parish

Picture Retake Day

October 10th, 8:00- 10:00 AM if you had your picture taken and you were disappointed with it you must return the picture packet you received on this day. If your child is retaking their pictures it is a dress down day.

Halloween Parties

Our classroom Halloween parties will be held on Thursday, October 31st. This will be an Orange/Black dress down day. No Halloween costumes, or colored hair. If you signed up to be a room parent and have not heard from the classroom teacher let me know.

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Email/Phone/Addresses

Please keep all email, phone numbers (home and cell) and addresses up to date in the office. Otherwise, you may not be receiving school information or system messages.

Be a Smarty Don't Be Tardy

As a system, we are trying to improve our overall attendance and tardies. We are giving our students daily reminders about the importance of being in school and on time every day. So much of what a classroom teacher does the first 15 minutes of each day sets the tone for the entire day.

October Birthday's

10/1 James Danh

10/4 Liam Murtha

10/8 Caiden Hermanson

10/11 Molly Lewison

10/11 Slava Makin

10/12 Harper Dorman

10/15 Keagan Thornton

10/18 Greg Berens

10/28 Christopher Van Bochove

