

Christ the King School

November 2019 Newsletter

Blessings

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." - Denis Waitley

Dear Christ the King Families,

Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. No presents, no stress and no running around to find that perfect gift. Making a delicious turkey for my family and friends is so fulfilling. All one has to do is a random act of kindness to identify what they are grateful for. My family and friends know that before the big dinner each one must share their grateful list.

I want to take this time to say thank our families. Without your kindness, compassion, courage, and confidence for what I do and who I am, my life would not be as bountiful as it is today. Thank you for being the wonderful parents that you are and for all you do to help your children succeed.

Grandparents Day

On Wednesday, November 27th 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.

- 8:00 am - Meet in the classrooms
- 8:10 am Rosary and Mass in the church
- 9:15 am Coffee for the Grandparents
- 9:15 am - Grandparents may go to recess or check out the classrooms
- 9:30 am - Activities in the classrooms
- 10:45 am - School-wide BINGO
- 11:30 am - Dismissal for all students (PS-6)

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 27th 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, soup, and pasta**

SFO Parent Meeting

Our next School Family Organization meeting will be held on **Monday, Nov. 4th at 6:30 pm**. Please join us Officer Todd Runyan will be presenting on Internet Safety.

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.

Mentor Program

Want to make a difference in a child's life? Christ the King School is excited about our Mentoring Program. 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 always in the process of recruiting if you are interested. 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

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, 95.6% of students state they feel safe at Christ the King, an increase of 7.2% from last year. When asked if students feel safe from emotional harm at school, 84.4% state they feel safe, a .7% increase from last year.

We are working to continue to increase these numbers in several ways. Staff is encouraged to use responsive language and strategies in responding to student behaviors and peer relations. The cohesive school expectations and discipline plan will increase students showing respect for all. 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.

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 3rd Grade 8:15 am
- Thursday November 7th Mass- 2nd grade 8:15 am
- Thursday, November 14th Mass-1st grade 8:15 am
- Thursday November 21st Mass- Kindergarten 8:15 am
- Wednesday, November 27th Mass- 5th Grade 8:15 am

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

Christmas Program

Please join us on Tuesday, Dec. 10th 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 10th to practice for the evening performance.

Traffic Safety

We have had numerous complaints regarding cars speeding down West Ave. I have reported it to our school resource officer, and he is doing what he can to monitor the area. We now have no parking signs located in the pickup and drop off zones on West Ave. To the greatest extent possible please drop your child off on the correct side of the road. 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.

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.

Walking Club!!

Mrs. Kolbeck will again offer a 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 25th** Walking club will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am. **We will start on December 3rd** in our school gym.

Discipline

Creating a positive school culture and climate in which teaching and learning can safely take place requires a partnership between parents, teachers, and the community. At CTK, we want every student to have a clear understanding of what is, and what is not acceptable behavior. School rules and expectations are clearly posted in classrooms and throughout the building. Students are expected to adhere to school rules and guidelines as well as display leadership qualities on a daily basis. If school rules are broken and disciplinary action must be taken, the disciplinary action will serve as a learning experience through which a student can grow in terms of character, values, self-control, self-understanding, respect, and appreciation of others. Fix-it Tickets will be sent home for all 1st -6th-grade students. On the ticket, the student will write the reason for the Fix- it Ticket and ways to correct the error. 4th -6th-grade students that receive a Fix-it Ticket will need to serve a 15 min detention after school the following day. If the Fix it Ticket is not returned signed the following day the student will call home.

Take-Home Folders

Please take the time to go through your child's take-home folder and planners **daily**. It is a great way to stay connected to school activities as well as classroom assignments. If you have any questions regarding the content of the folders please feel free to contact the classroom teachers or the school office 605-338-5103.

Happy Birthday

3-Adelyn Mueller

4—Christopher Sortino

5—Deacon Boorman

5- Eliza Dyer

6- Caroline Lindell and Elise Buffington

9- Tristan Elliott

26- Tommy Pribyl

28- Gabriela Morales



Staff Change

CTK Parents-

I wanted to let you know that as of December 13th, 2019 I will be resigning from my position with the Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools. My wife Kelsey has accepted a position with Phoenix Children’s Hospital in (you guessed it) Phoenix, AZ. Many of you have inquired about us selling our home and I apologize I haven’t been as honest as I wanted to be. Yes, we are moving south of town, just a little bit further south than most of you probably thought.

This isn't easy for me, but it is an amazing opportunity for my wife and I believe it will be great for our family. The hardest part will be saying goodbye to your children. I grew up in this community and I have been lucky enough to work in the system for 10 years. I have watched many of your children grow up and had the privilege to be a fun part of their education and in some cases athletics. Sending your kids to Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools is a choice and I want to thank you for sharing your kids with not only me but the rest of the community. I am going to miss it!

Mr. Isaacson

Miss Erika Farr will be taking over for Mr. Isaacson until the end of the year. We will do a formal search for a replacement at the end of the school year. We wish Mr. Isaacson and his family all the best on their new journey.

