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GOOD NEWS

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL  WHITEHALL - COPLAY

Dear Christ the King Families,

Our 2009 – 2010 school year has gotten off to a great start. The work of the consolidation volunteers has really paid off and it is as though we have always been together. We are working on making our Liturgical celebrations very special and I now have the opportunity to greet the students as they arrive for school each day. The children are working diligently in their new grades and seem to be enjoying the new challenges they are facing in a new grade. On September 25th, as I watched and listened to the speeches of the eighth grade students who ran for Student Council I couldn't help but look back nine years ago they arrived for their first day in Kindergarten at Christ the King School. Even though they entered with some fear and trepidation, and maybe a few tears, they have certainly grown beautifully and become very fine young men and women. I look forward to working with them throughout the year.

As we look ahead to the October calendar there are many exciting activities planned. Picture Day will be held this month. Once again, Lifetouch will be providing the Smile Safe Program and each child will receive a card with this year's photo and an individual ID number for parents to use in the event a child is lost. We pray that no one will ever need this service, but it is a good thing to have in any event. Students will once again be receiving School ID cards.

One of our biggest events this month is the Twelfth Annual Race for Education which will take place on Friday October 9th. Students will be dismissed at 1:00 PM after the many activities of the day and a free lunch! Many people have been working very hard to make sure that the Race will be a very successful event once again. I look forward to seeing many of you the day of the Race. It's a great day to cheer the children on and show our support of Christ the King School!

Many of you have attended a Protecting God's Children Program at Holy Trinity, Christ the King School or other venues throughout the Diocese over the past few years. Even though it is a topic that is sometimes difficult to think about, most of the parents I have spoken with have found the presentation to be very enlightening. **You only need to attend the program once – not every year – the way the current mandate is written.** There is some discussion currently in the Diocese regarding background checks and the frequency with which they need to be done. I will keep you posted on that. During the month of October, auditors will be visiting some sites in the Diocese to check on our compliance with the directives from the Catholic Bishops' Conference so we need to have all documentation in place. If you had Diocesan clearances done by another Diocesan agency – your Parish, etc., please let me know so that I can update that on our Data Base. If you attended Protecting God's Children at another Diocesan facility, and have not already done so, please send a copy of your certificate to the Office. If you have not yet attended a session and wish to do so, please go to the Diocesan website (www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on the Protection of Youth link. You can find a list of upcoming sessions that may fit your schedule. Thank you for your cooperation.

God Bless you,
Irene M. Quigley M.Ed.
Principal



CLASSROOM NEWS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS

Any parent/volunteer who is reasonably expected to come into contact with children MUST have received Diocesan Clearance, participated in a Protecting God's Children Workshop and signed a Code of Conduct form. For the protection of all of our children, volunteers who have not taken care of these three activities will not be permitted to participate in:


- Lunch supervision (all parents are required to sign the sheet in the office – not just go to the recess yard)
- Classroom parties (Halloween, Christmas, etc.)
- Chaperones on field trips
- Chaperones for dances
- ANY ACTIVITY IN WHICH YOU WILL COME INTO CONTACT WITH STUDENTS

Forms for Diocesan Clearances are available in each Office. The cost per person for clearances is \$10.


Protecting God's Children Workshops are held at various times and locations throughout the Diocese. You can log onto the Diocesan Website to check for and register for upcoming workshops.

www.allentowndiocese.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grade 8 will be traveling to Allentown Central Catholic on Thursday, Oct. 15. The students will witness high school in action and learn the courses, programs, and activities available at Central. We also will be able to say hello to many of our CTK alumni. Representatives from Central will be coming to CTK on Thursday, Oct. 29 to speak with grades 5 – 8. 

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

In compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) an inspection for asbestos containing building materials was performed at each of our schools within the Diocese of Allentown. A copy of the inspection report is on file in the School Office for your review anytime during normal school hours. In the event you have any questions, please contact Miss Quigley or the Diocese Asbestos Coordinator. 

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SHARE IN OUR PRIDE OF OUR STUDENTS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT CTK.

John Hopkins University offers a nationally recognized program of academic enrichment. To qualify, students must score a 95 or above in designated areas of the IOWA Test. At CTK, 47% of our 8th grade, 43% of our 7th grade, and 36% of our 6th grade qualify and have been invited to test into summer programs offered on college campuses all over the country. Their success is a testament to CTK's high academic standard and commitment to excellence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6
Joseph Asbury	Courtney Brodeur	Jane Barned
Ryan Craig	Andrew Homlish	Quentin Bet
Katrina Iobst	Libby Molnar	Hannah Geczi
Dan Lloyd	Joseph Rasbold	Jillian Kreglow
Kelsey Micklas	Roberto Recchia	Jonathan Rappold
Morgan Reiss	Geri Stanus	
Kathleen Stanus		

FUNDRAISER UPDATES

Thank you to Lisa Yandrasitz for chairing the Kidstuff Coupon Book Fundraiser. CTK realized a profit total of \$1,750. The top seller was the Gallina Family.


We would also like to thank Erich and Stephanie Luizer for chairing the Fall Mum Sale that realized a profit of \$1,042.50 The Adams Family was the top seller.

A big “thank you” to all who participated.


REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

We would like to remind all parents to be keenly aware of the due dates associated with each fundraiser. If you miss the due date, we will not accept your order. Late orders will be returned!! We also want to remind you that the only form of payment is CHECKS for all fundraisers. CASH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. THIS HELPS TO INSURE PROPER RECORD KEEPING FOR ALL FUNDRAISERS.*****

All orders must be received in the office by 12:00 Noon on the day they are due - no exceptions!!


Also, please make sure that the amount of money you are sending in matches what the total on your order sheet reads. Please complete ALL information on the order sheets. Please keep this in mind for the upcoming fundraisers. 

BOOK FAIR


The Book Fair to support our school libraries will take place during the month of November. More information will follow at a later date. 

RACE FOR EDUCATION


The 12th Annual Race for Education will be held on Friday, Oct. 9, on the school grounds. A free lunch will be provided for the students by the Race for Education Committee. Dismissal will take place at 1:00 P.M.

Students can wear their gym uniforms or Race for Education t-shirts the day of the race with gym shorts or sweats. 

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, and Thursday, Nov. 18 and 19. More information will follow in the november newsletter. We will be dismissing at 12:00 noon for these two days. 

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

All volunteers and visitors to our school must sign in. Sign in sheets for the Lunch Room Volunteers are available in the Lunch Room. If a child/ren are to be picked up due to illness, doctor appointment, or personal reasons, please pick them up in the school office and sign the sign out sheet. 

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday

Oct. 13 “winter dress code” will be in effect. Please see that your child/ren are in compliance with the dress code.

Tuesday

Oct. 6 The photographer will be at Christ the King. Make-up photographs will be taken at a later date. Money for the photos will be collected only on Picture Day Only. Do not send in money before Oct. 6. ALL MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED ON PICTURE DAY.

Wednesday

Oct. 14 HCA Conference at St. John/Holy Trinity Religious Education Center. Christ The King 7th and 8th grade students will be singing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday

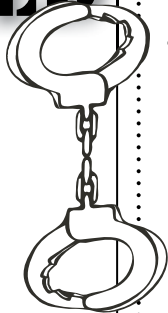
Oct. 30 no hot lunch will be served—Subway will be offered. Black & orange dress down day – 1:00 parade

Thursday

Nov. 18 & 19 Parent Teacher Conferences

WANTED

**A WARRANT
HAS BEEN
ISSUED FOR
MS. QUIGLEY'S
ARREST!**



As one of the area's "Most Wanted" she is going to be "Locked Up" on Oct. 28, 2009 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association – Jerry's Kids! With your help they may even let her out on good behavior!

More information will be sent home as the date to serve the warrant approaches!

"I was used to being the one to serve the warrant! This is a real twist for me! I hope I can raise the bail to get back to my Christ the King School family."

– Ms. Quigley

WEATHER-RELATED DISMISSALS


School closing or late starts will be announced on the following TV and radio stations:

- WFMZ-FM..... Channel 69 (www.wfmz.com)
- WLEV-FM..... 100.7
- WCTO CAT COUNTRY 96.1
- WAEB-AM..... 790
- WAEB-FM..... B104
- WZZO-FM..... 95.1

In the event of inclement weather, Christ the King School will follow the same procedure as the Whitehall/Coplay School District.


******Please, we ask you to refrain from calling the school office - school district officials need to notify the school and if the lines are busy, are unable to do so. As soon as there is any change in schedule, this information is posted on the ctk web site (www.ctk-wc.org). We ask your cooperation in this matter and thank you in advance for the same.***

******As always we ask you please to inform your child/ren of the procedure you want them to follow in the event school is closed early for an emergency and you are not at home.***

We ask you also to notify anyone other than yourself (grandparents, caregivers, etc.) who will need to be informed of the above information. 

MEDICATION POLICY

With cold and flu season fast approaching, a reminder to parents that CTK's medication policy states that parents are to administer medication to their children at home. Most prescription medication can be taken at home before school, after school, and at bedtime. Optional non-prescription medicine such as Tylenol, etc. cannot be distributed to your children. If a parent feels it necessary to administer a medication during the school day, you or your designee can come to school to administer such medications.

******For your child's health and the health and safety of all the children, faculty, and staff, please note that students must be fever free 24 hours without the use of Tylenol before returning to school. If your child is sent home from school with a fever, they are not to return to school the next day. We thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter. ***



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