

The

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GOOD NEWS

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL  WHITEHALL-COPLAY

Dear Christ the King Families,

On Sunday November 29th, the Church begins a new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent. With Christmas falling on a Friday this year, we have almost four full weeks in Advent. This is a season of preparation to celebrate once again the Birth of the Baby Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem. It should also be a time to prepare for Jesus' rebirth in our hearts during the Christmas season. St. John the Baptist is always a prominent figure in our Scripture readings during Advent due to his vocation described in Matthew's Gospel, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." (Mt 3:3) However, even before John began his preaching there was another key figure in Salvation History who had received her calling and responded joyfully to all that God had planned for her – Mary! She gave witness everyday to her faith beginning with her response to the angel, "Be it done to me according to Your word." (Lk 1:38) She continued with her preparations for the birth of her Child in much the same way we all prepared, with a few twists thrown in. She went to help her cousin and then traveled far from her home with her husband because of the census. She welcomed her Baby in a stable with animals for company. There was no tree, no lights and no presents, but every painting we see depicting the Holy Family in the stable shows a very happy and serene family.

When we look at the preparations we make for Christmas we need to imitate Mary. Of course she needed to make physical preparations, but the spiritual preparations were the most important to her. In our lives, the commercialism of Christmas can sometimes drown out the real meaning of Christmas. The gifts and decorations are important and create the festive atmosphere in which to celebrate the coming of Jesus, but the Advent Wreath lit throughout the season and the Jesse Tree to help us to prepare are equally, if not more, important. We will never eliminate the K-Mart Blue Light Specials, the Chia Pets and all of the other advertisements that will be all over our TV sets over the next few weeks, but we can make sure that we are also preparing our hearts and minds to once again welcome Jesus into our hearts, lives and homes this Christmas.

I hope and pray that you and your families will have a fruitful Advent and a happy and blessed Christmas and that we will be able to join in the prayer of the early Christians "Maranatha!" – "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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




CLASSROOM NEWS

We congratulate Zachary Brodeur, Grade 4, who won First Place Overall in the Whitehall Township Fire/Burn Prevention Essay Contest. Winners are chosen from the 4th Grade students in the five elementary schools in Whitehall – Steckel School, Seventh-Day Adventist School, St. Elizabeth Regional School and Lehigh Valley Lutheran School. Zachary received a trophy and a savings bond at a ceremony held on November 9, 2009 at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building.

On Tuesday, November 10, the Kindergarten and First Grade classes visited the Wildlands Conservancy

in Emmaus. The students learned about life as pilgrim children and participated in a nature walk, candle making, butter making, and cracking corn. This trip was an exciting extension to our lessons about the season of Thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the food drive. The Coplay Food Bank coordinators are most grateful for our support.

Parents please make sure your children are properly dressed for the outdoors. Students do go outside for morning and lunch recess, weather permitting. Jackets/coats are a requirement. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. 

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 11—ECUMENICAL SOUP KITCHEN

Personal Care Items. You can ask people who travel. They may have hotel brand toiletries. **Make sure the products will fit in a gallon-size freezer bag.**

GRADE

K – 2..... liquid soap, shampoo

3 - 4..... deodorant

5 – 8..... toothbrush, tooth paste, mouthwash, floss

Teachers body lotion


Coats, hats, gloves, blankets (new or very good condition).

Please place these items in foyer. 




FUNDRAISER UPDATES

Strudel Sale Profit: \$ 3237 - Top Seller – Haas Family. Thank you to Barry Strohl for chairing this successful fundraiser another year.


We will be having our “Lil Shopper’s Shoppe” on Wednesday, December 16th . Information flyers will be sent home. If you are available to help with this fun activity, please contact Kelly Powell at kelpowel@ptd.net. 

SHOPPER CERTIFICATES

Shopper Certificates will be sold on Monday, December 21st and Wednesday December 23rd . Certificates will be available during the holiday break on Monday, December 28th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. only. Regular sales will resume on Monday, January 4th. 

RACE FOR EDUCATION

As of Tuesday, November 10th , the total received for the Race for Education stands at \$26,936 before expenses.

Your sponsor sheets and the “thank you” cards will be mailed during early December. Your fundraising profit is 90% of the total amount of sponsor donations. 


BOOK FAIR

Our CTK libraries are growing thanks to the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy to assist at our annual Book Fair. Because of you, the Book Fair was a big success.

Another thank you goes out to the many families who attended the fair. Classroom libraries have also grown, thanks to the generosity of the many families who participated in our Fair’s Wishlist Program.

We are truly blessed here at Christ the King School! 

PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK

Please send any photos to be considered for publication in the 2009-2010 yearbook to Mrs. Siebler . Pictures of Fall/beginning of the year events (Race for Education, parties, field trips, special events, Fall sports) should be received by the first week of December, 2009, (although I will accept pictures after this date). ALL pictures must be received by FEBRUARY 15, 2010, in order to meet the publisher’s deadline. Parents and those involved in CYO, please coordinate your efforts to ensure that all team pictures are submitted by the February deadline. ALL photographs need to be digital and received on disk. They will be returned. Thank you for your cooperation! 

Yearbook Staff

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday

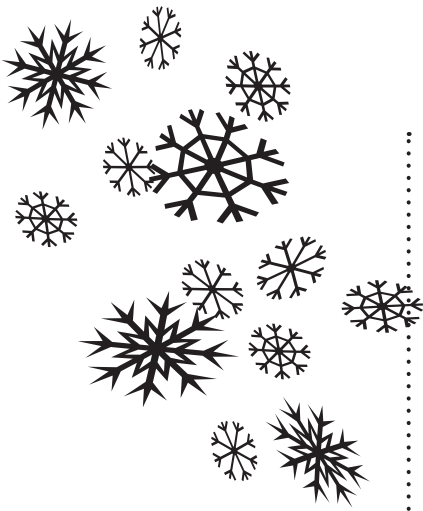
Dec.15..... Instrumental Band
Concert – St. Joseph,
Orefield

Wednesday

Dec. 16 K – Grade 4 Christmas
Show-7:00 P.M. -
St. Peter’s Hall

Wednesday

Dec. 23 11:30 A.M. dismissal
***W/C BUS
STUDENTS ONLY
WILL BE DISMISSED
AT 11:15 A.M. DUE
TO BUS CONFLICTS



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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