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GOOD NEWS

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL  WHITEHALL - COPLAY

Dear Christ the King Families,

The First Semester is in the books and we've begun a new academic quarter. Everyone was happy to say "Good-Bye" to exams (including the teachers and parents!) and ready to move on to the next challenge. During the first week of this short but eventful month we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with the theme – Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life – Morals, Discipline, Knowledge, Faith! As we celebrate our Catholic School we are reminded of the responsibility we have as parents, teachers and administrators to help our children to learn and live the faith that has been passed on to us from Jesus and to take that moral compass into their place in a world that sorely needs young people who can stand up for what they believe. We are also very proud of the academic accomplishments of our children. Our test results continue to show that our students are succeeding in academics here and as they progress into high school and beyond. The students are also growing stronger in their understanding of and love for our Faith. We continue to register new students in our Kindergarten program and in other grades each year because parents, like you, are looking for the best academic education for their children, but they are also looking for much more - instruction based in our Catholic Faith. This is an awesome responsibility that you, as parents, take on and we appreciate the confidence you place in us to help you as the primary educators of your children. As we continue through the remainder of year, I know that we will all continue to work with the same enthusiasm that is displayed during Catholic Schools Week.

On February 17, we enter the holy season of Lent. The students will attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:00 AM at St. Peter Church. The Church gives us these six weeks to prepare ourselves to celebrate more fully the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent is a time of renewal and a time of penance. New members prepare to enter the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism as we recall our initiation into the Church through our own Baptism. Through special Lenten practices, we seek forgiveness for our sins, reconcile ourselves with God, the Church and members of our community and strengthen our faith. Practices such as praying more often, participating in Mass an extra day each week, attending Stations of the Cross, giving the money we saved by not eating candy to a favorite charity, helping an elderly neighbor or relative or just brightening others' lives by being kinder, more cooperative and cheerful can help us to be prepared to add our Alleluia more fervently to that of the entire Church on Easter Sunday. Help your children to set realistic goals and choose sacrifices that are meaningful and helpful to them and to others. Perhaps trying to give up something for all of Lent is not practical for a young child and giving up candy or a favorite toy or game for a week may be more reasonable. Help them to examine their attitudes and be positive. Lastly, and most importantly, observe Lent as a family. Pray together and attend Church activities together during Lent so that you can rejoice together as a family and fully experience the joy of Easter.

I thank you, again, for the sacrifices you continue to make to give your children a Catholic education and ask that you continue to pray for the staff and me as we assist you in your role as the primary educators of your children. I pray daily for all of our students, parents and staff and ask God's continued blessings on Christ the King School!

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

DEAR CHRIST THE KING FAMILIES,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, good wishes and very generous Christmas remembrances. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

God Bless your generosity,

Msgr. Handges

Msgr. Dan

Father Campion


Ms. Quigley

Faculty & Staff of CTK


PARENTS' CORNER

Any changes in your address, home phone number, or work phone need to be reported to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Also, please note that if you arrive at school late due to inclement weather, doctor appointments, etc., and you want to buy lunch that day, you must call the school office with your order. The school lunch orders must be phoned in no later than 9:00 A.M. If you forget to call, it will be necessary for you to pack your lunch that day.


Parents, also please note that in the event Christ the King School is in session, but Northampton school district is closed, there will be no hot lunch – you will need to pack. 

DIOCESAN ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

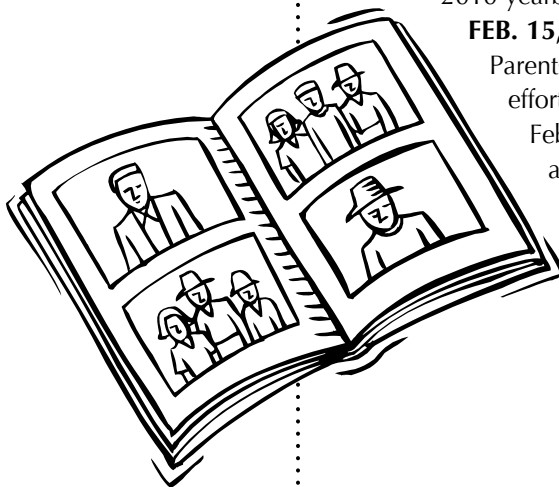
Congratulations – to Katrina Iobst, one of our eighth grade students, who received honorable mention in the recent Stand Up for Life Essay Contest sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown and the Knights of Columbus. Katrina's essay was chosen as one of two written by seventh and eighth grade students in Lehigh County. It was then submitted for the five-county Diocesan final judging of over 600 entries. Congratulations, Katrina! 

PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK

Please send any photos to be considered for publication in the 2009-2010 yearbook to Mrs. Siebler. ALL pictures must be received by **FEB. 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



FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Please keep in mind the following important dates:

JOE CORBI ORDERS DUE MONDAY, FEB. 1 – 12:00 NOON

Delivery – Thursday, Feb. 18 – 2:00-6:00 PM – Ruffenach Hall

Joe Corbi will be delivered at 8:00 AM. Any and all help unloading the truck is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call Kelly.


HOAGIE ORDERS DUE TUESDAY, FEB. 2 – 12:00 NOON

Hoagie Pick Up – Wednesday, Feb. 10 – 2:00-5:00 PM – St. Peter Church Basement

Any questions call Denise.


Please remember that you are not obligated to participate in each fundraiser. We offer this wide variety of fundraisers to accommodate different families' tastes. Do what works best for you!

BOX TOPS

Box top collecting is coming to a close for the 2009-2010 school year. Please search your drawers and cupboards for any last box tops you may have and send them to the school office by FRIDAY, FEB. 12. Any box tops received after this date will be applied to next year's fundraiser. We have already received almost \$1000.00 from this fundraiser. Thank you to Susie Molnar for coordinating this fundraiser and also to all the families who continue to send in box tops. 

RACE FOR EDUCATION UPDATE


We have received a total of \$29,405.77 in donations for the 2009 Race for Education. After current expenses of \$2,331.27 our profit stands at \$27,074.50.

The winning classes of 2nd, 6th, and 7th Grades will be enjoying a Pizza Party in the upcoming weeks! 

Alumni News

Kyle Sandberg, Christ the King School Class of 2004, Allentown Central Catholic Class of 2008, has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's college of Engineering for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2009 semester. Students who achieve Dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

We at Christ the King are all very proud of Kyle.

If you have great news about your child or any member of the Christ the King School Alumni, please let us know so that we can share it with the rest of the "family" and join you in bragging!! 

Mark Your Calendar

Friday

Feb. 5..... 12:00 Noon Dismissal

Monday

Feb. 15..... President's Holiday –
NO SCHOOL

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 upon us, remember 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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