

The GOOD NEWS

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL  WHITEHALL-COPLAY



Dear Christ the King Families,

As we begin our last full month of school we see that it is a very full month indeed. Our second grade students from Holy Trinity Parish have all received our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time in their Parish and the students from St. Peter and St. John the Baptist Parish will receive First Communion of the first weekend in May. We have scheduled our school celebration of this event for Monday May 3rd at our school liturgy which will begin at 10:30 a.m. We invite you to join us as we celebrate with them and congratulate all of these children and their families. I know you join with me in praying that they will always be as close to Jesus as they are on this special day. As a community of faith we encourage them and their families to attend Mass and receive our Lord as often as possible, but at least every weekend. During this month we also celebrate Mother's Day and our special devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. I am sure that the children are planning to do something special to show their appreciation to their Moms, and hopefully all families will devote some extra time to special prayers to Mary, Jesus' Mother and our Mother, too. We have some exciting news about our Academic Bowl Team – for the second year in a row they have taken first place in District 2. They will be competing in the Diocesan finals on Sunday May 16th at St. Joseph Regional Academy in Jim Thorpe. We are so proud of all that Joseph, Ryan, Katrina, Kelsey, Kathleen and Geri have accomplished and wish them the best of luck as they represent our school in the Diocesan event. Great things are happening academically at Christ the King – spread the word! Thank you for all of the sacrifices you continue to make to give your children a Catholic education and for allowing us to assist you in your role as the primary educator of your children. May our Blessed Mother continue to intercede with her Son to bless you and your families throughout the remainder of this school year and for many years to come.

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





CLASSROOM NEWS

Congratulations to the **second grade** students from Holy Trinity Parish who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 10 and to the second grade students from St. Peter Parish who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1 and the second grade students from St. John the Baptist Parish who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2. Their innocent love of Jesus and the Sacrament is truly inspiring. Each child has and is looking forward to celebrating their special day with love, enthusiasm, and excitement.

The First Communion Mass for the Second Grade will be on Monday, May 3 at 10:30 A.M.

Kindergarten spent the month of April taking care of our Earth in the best way we could. We planted tomato seeds and watched them grow into plants. We measured and recorded their growth and looked forward to taking them home to plant in our own gardens! We did several Earth Day activities which helped us realize that Earth Day should be everyday, not just one day of the year. We collected litter found around our school buildings. We read several stories, sang songs, and spent Earth Day involved



in other activities, including making promises about how we can make the Earth a better place for all.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

If you see a first grader, be sure to ask him or her to tell you all about Holy Week, solid figures, proper nouns, observation with the five senses, and making text-to-self connections. We had lots of fun learning about these and so many other topics over the past several weeks!

We are excited to learn about the signs of new life that come with the Easter season. Our pencils have been very busy - we have started writers' workshop to assemble descriptive pieces for our writing folders and we are "rockin' around the clock" in math to tell time to the hour and half hour.

Also, congratulations to Hana Schimeneck, who receives her First Holy Communion this month!

Finally, March marked the end of the Book It program for this school year. Congratulations to the following first grade students, who completed each month of this reading program: Michael Abel, Victor Baran, Francesca Greco, Luke Gutman, Marcus Loch, Madeline Motsko and Katelyn Strohl. You are fantastic readers!

Earth Day was celebrated during the month of April. The children in **Grade 2** had brainstorming sessions on how to reduce litter, made posters, crafts and learned about recycling and conserving natural

resources. Each student was able to take home a small White Pine Tree. The trees were donated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

During Holy Week, the **third graders** used the 3 days to truly appreciate the meaning of the week. We focused on the Triduum and its biblical events, as well as the beauty and tradition of the services in church. We made triptychs to depict everything we learned. Each afternoon we watched part of the video "The Greatest Story Ever Told." We left for Easter break with a better understanding of what Holy Week is all about.

Fourth grade has been very busy lately. We have a student teacher (and former CTK graduate) Mrs. Toni Buchta. Mrs. Buchta will be with us for 12 weeks. It's been great for us to welcome her back and to work with her.

Students are currently working on poetry. They recently submitted original poetry samples to be considered for publication. With the recent successes of Zachary Brodeur in the Whitehall/Coplay Fire prevention Essay contest, Samuel Cadman and Emma LaFaver winning for their Short stories at Central Catholic, we are confident more of our talented students will get their well-deserved recognition. We'll keep you posted.

The **5th grade** class recently covered a chapter on making good and bad choices in Religion. In groups, they created collages with both pictures and headlines from

magazines and newspapers that show examples of both. Some of their good choices were eating healthy, teachers being dedicated to their students' success, being a good friend, exercising, and attending Catholic school. Some of their bad choices were eating junk food, crime, stealing, cheating, and fighting. The class enjoyed searching for examples and coming together in cooperative groups to create these collages.

Are you up for a challenge? The **7th & 8th grade** gym classes are! They are going the distance (the Mile) and stretching for that extra inch in the President's Fitness Challenge. The students compete against their own personal best, as well as, national percentages in curl-ups, shuttle run, v-sit reach, and the one mile run. This is an ongoing challenge and the students will be working on different components over the next few weeks.

6TH GRADE

Language Arts

The 6th grade has recently completed their first RESEARCH PROJECT! The students used the MLA Format to create a title page, outline, report, and Works Cited page. The report topics for sixth grade related to their study of contagious diseases in Science. The project spanned their Language Arts, Computer, Science and Library classes.

Literature

The 6th grade is voraciously digging into Historical Fiction! We have truly enjoyed reading Lois Lowry's *Number the Stars*. This book is based on the amazing effort of the people of Denmark to rescue 7,000 Danish Jews from the atrocities of the Holocaust. The students are using literary *skills such as*

character mapping and illustrations to expand the literary experience.

7TH GRADE

Language Arts

The 7th grade has completed their RESEARCH PROJECTS on the Holocaust and World War II. Using the MLA Format the 7th grade went into more detailed search criteria and outlines. The 7th grade projects included the title page, outline, report, Works Cited page, and optional endnotes and images pages.

A field trip to Muhlenberg College's Youth & Prejudice Conference provided an opportunity to meet a survivor of the Holocaust in a small group discussion, see a theatrical production of *THE LIBRARY: The Story of a Jewish Girl in Nazi Germany*, view a slide show of concentration camps and listen to an inspirational speaker, Mrs. Jeanette Eichenwald.

Literature

The 7th grade is currently reading a work of fantasy, Natalie Babbitt's, *Tuck Everlasting*. The story is providing the 7th grade the opportunity to differentiate between fantasy and reality. It also has the class thinking about secrets and why people have them. The 7th grade will have plenty to discuss as they read *Tuck Everlasting*!

8TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

The 8th grade did a fabulous job of research and organization with their 1860s history topics for the RESEARCH REPORTS. The students used the library and computer lab to refine their sources and organize their information in an outline. MLA Format was used throughout the report .

Sixth graders are testing out Newton's Third Law of Motion with

balloon races. Lots of brainstorming is happening when the balloons are not quite performing as expected. Very creative solutions are being tested, and results are exciting and lots of fun. Science class continues to be challenging and creative with the construction of cantilever bridges using magazines. Some of the cantilevers have held 9 boxes over a span of 50 centimeters. To celebrate the new life in Jesus at Easter, the sixth graders have been very artistic, making beautiful Alleluia banners, Alleluia crosses, and stunning butterflies. Stop by to see their fabulous work.

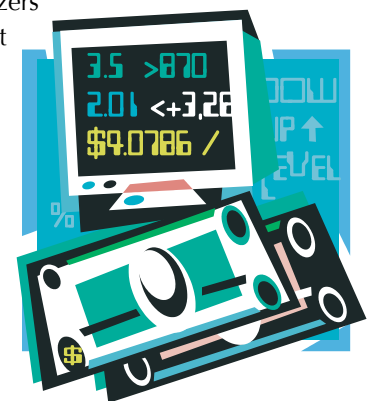
ART CLASS NEWS

The **2nd grade** students have been busy creating paper mache chalices in honor of their first Holy Communion. Cream cheese containers and plastic cups were used to make the form, and then they were covered with paper mache strips. After the drying process, the students painted them with gold tempera paint and used glitter and sequins to add beautiful details. The students will carry them to the altar at the school Mass on May 3. Nice work 2nd grade!

COMPUTER CLASS NEWS

Students in **7th grade** researched stock market investments. They selected various stocks for purchase consideration and used graphic organizers to chart the last trade and day's range numbers of each.

Awesome job 7th grade! Look out wall street! 🏰



Mark Your Calendar

Monday
May 32nd Grade Communion
Mass 10:30 am.

Monday
May 102010-2011 Fundraising
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday
May 24Spring Show
7:00 p.m.
St. Peter Church hall
.....**LAST DAY** to purchase
five (5) day lunch tickets at
the price of \$10.50. The
last day that lunches will
be served is Friday, June
4. You may continue to buy
hot lunch on a daily basis
at a student price of \$2.10.
**5-Day tickets do not
carry over to next year.**

Wednesday
May 26Instrumental Band Concert
7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph, Orefield


Friday
May 28Early Dismissal
12:00 noon dismissal

Tuesday
June 88th Grade Graduation
7:00 p.m.
St. John


Wednesday
June 9Track & Field Day
12:00 noon dismissal
(information to follow at a
later date)

Friday
June 11Last Day Of School
11:30 a.m. Dismissal
Closing Mass - 10:30 a.m.

FINAL EXAMS


Teachers will be sending home their individual exam schedules. Be on the lookout. 

SOCIAL EVENTS

CTK day at Dorney Park will be held on Monday, June 14th. These coupons can be used any day during the regular season (Memorial Day thru Labor Day). These coupons offer a significant savings over regular ticket prices. 

CHRIST THE KING SCOUTS

Congratulations to Michael Adams, Owen Burg and Steven Marth of our Fifth Grade who “crossed over” into Boy Scouts on February 27, 2010. All three boys received the *Heavy Shoulder Award* for completing all 20 of their requirements. They also received the *Arrow of Light* which is the highest award in Cub Scouts. Great job, boys!

Boy Scout Troop 79 Community Yard Sale will be held on the grounds of St. John the Baptist Church, Stiles, on Saturday, June 5th from 8 am - 1 pm. Tables \$10. Dealers and vendors welcome, no food vendors. Food & refreshments will be for sale by the Boy Scouts. Call Robin (610-440-1619) for information or to reserve your table. 

ALUMNI NEWS

We congratulate Brandon Marth, Class of 2008, who became an Eagle Scout on January 26, 2010. One of the requirements for this rank is the completion of a project that will help the community. Brandon chose to help Christ the King School for his project and took on the conversion of the former Pre-School Building to the current Kindergarten facility. He organized the cleaning, painting and moving and set up of the furniture to be ready for the opening of school. We thank him for remembering Christ the King for his project. His Court of Honor will be held on May 23, 2010. We are very proud of Brandon’s accomplishments.

If you have information about any alums of Christ the King School, please forward the information to msquigley@ctk-wc.org for publication in our Good News. It is wonderful for our current students to see where our graduates go and what they accomplish with a Christ the King School background.

Share in our pride of our students’ accomplishments and spread the Good News about CTK.