

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN

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Dear School Families,

This week's gospel is about the wedding feast at Cana. St. John tells of a sign that shows us who Jesus is. Jesus directs the servants to bring the jars filled with water. When they then take this to the headwaiter, he discovers that the taste is a very good wine. The water has become a fine wine. This is the sign of the cup of wine that Jesus will share at the Last Supper. At the Eucharist, we take that wine and we take the bread to enjoy everlasting joy. Where do we find signs of Jesus in our lives? Sometimes, it is in the smallest child, the quiet whisper or in nature. Let us seek the Lord in all that we do. Gospel value for the week is: HOPE.

Our WCEA/WASC (Western Catholic Educational Association/ Western Association of Schools and Colleges) self study is off to the printers. This has been a year long process. The next step is to have the Visiting team come for an initial visit on January 22. They meet the faculty and staff on that day and prepare for their 3 day visit in March. Our chairperson is Ann Kalajian from St. Isabella's in San Rafael. Our Leadership team consists of Mrs. Bucci, Mrs. Maffeo, Mrs. Massi, Mrs. Krutilla and myself. The entire faculty and staff have worked on this process and now we prepare for the visit. Please keep us all in your prayers.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Your prayers are requested for the following individuals and their families: Continued prayers Mrs. Gannon-Briggs who will be undergoing Interferon treatments during the month of January (she has been coming to school every day). Continue to pray for the Plant Family (Kelly, Grade 4), whose uncles underwent kidney transplant surgeries last week. The surgery was a success; your continued prayers are appreciated.

CALENDAR CHANGE REMINDER: **Friday, February 26**, was originally scheduled as a minimum day. All teachers will be attending in-services in three diocesan locations. We are hosting all the 6th, 7th and 8th grade diocesan teachers (200 teachers) at our school. The diocese has asked us to have our classrooms available for small group meetings, so we will not have school that day. **Friday, February 26th is a day off for students.**

DIRECTORY CHANGE: Please make the following correction to your school directory. New e-mail address for Sue Miller is: suehmiller@gmail.com.

2nd GRADE PARENT INFORMATION -SIGN UPS FOR EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS: The following are the dates and times for all parents to come and sign up for their child's First Eucharist celebration. **All sign-ups are on a first-come basis.** There will be three Eucharist celebrations on **April 17th (9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:15 PM)** and two Eucharist celebrations on **April 24th (9:30 AM and 11:00 AM).**

SIGN UPS FOR EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS:

- **January 19th – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Room D (facing Gregory Lane)**
- **January 20th – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – R.E. Conference Room (R.E. Office)**
- **January 21st – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – R.E. Conference Room (R.E. Office)**

One parent must come and sign up during the above times-no telephone requests will be accepted. It is a first come, first serve basis in selecting your day and Mass time. Each Mass has a limited number of space. If you do not come in and sign up for a Mass by January 21st, your child will be assigned a Mass and date wherever there are openings. You will be called and given your date during the second week of February.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN: If you wish to apply for openings in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade for a sibling of a student currently enrolled in our school, please request, in writing, an application packet from the School Office. You will receive the application packet earlier than the general public. An **Information Meeting for the Parents of Prospective Students** will be held on Monday, February 1st, at 7 p.m. in Msgr. Wade Hall. This will be the first time that applications will be handed out for the next school year to the general public. Parents with students currently enrolled in CTK School do not need to attend this meeting. **Applications for the 2010-2011 school year will be distributed to school families through the Family Envelope on January 19th and are due by February 5th.** Incoming Kindergarten students will be assessed in February on the 8th-12th. All other students applying for admission in grades 1-8 will be assessed on Monday, March 15th.

FAMILY SERVICE HOURS: Included in today's envelope is a summary of the Family Service Hours recorded to date for your family. The totals reflect hours reported through the Family Service Hours Sheets and the Family Service Hours Binder (kept in the school office) up to the morning of December 18, 2009. Hours submitted after 8 a.m., December 18 are NOT included in the total. If you have questions about your totals, please contact the Family Service Hours coordinator assigned to you by the first letter of your last name:

A-L Mary Beth Mockler marybethmockler@comcast.net

M-Z Darlene Ohrman darleng0@comcast.net

Please note, Garden Café hours count as personal hours. Additionally, in recording your hours please include them in the lobby book or on a recording sheet. Those of you looking for fundraising hours, please watch the Family Envelope as the Auction and Festival committees begin asking for help.

A couple of notes about family service hours reporting:

- We have received a few tally sheets without names. Please be sure you complete the top section fully so we can credit your hours accurately.
- If you have already completed your commitment, please continue to submit your service hours. This is the best way for us to capture the needs of various programs so that we can plan family service staffing requirements for future years.

CTK NEWSPAPER LINK: The school newspaper will be added to the Wiki today. The website is: <http://wiki.ctkschool.org/groups/ctktimes/>.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD UPDATE: The Christmas Program DVDs will be sent home in next week's family envelope (January 19th). The DVD will include video footage of the Christmas Program plus still shots taken by parents and teachers during the rehearsals and before the Christmas program. Some of these photos are posted on the school's website (on the home page at ctkschool.org).

If you did not have time to order a copy of the DVD before Christmas, you may send a \$15 check (made payable to CTK School) in an envelope marked "Christmas Program DVD". Please include your name, and the name and grade of your oldest child on the envelope. All orders received by the end of the day tomorrow (January 13th) will be delivered via the family envelope on January 19th. Proceeds from the sale of the DVDs will be retained by the PTG and most likely used to give classroom teachers additional funds for 2010-2011 school supplies.

CTK SCHOOL YEARBOOK: The Yearbook will be in color again this year. An order form was included in the last week's family envelope. Orders will be taken the month of January only. This will be your only opportunity to purchase the 2009-2010 Yearbook. We encourage new families who may be undecided about ordering a yearbook to speak with other families or to call the School Office before making a final decision. We often hear parents say that they were unaware how much their child would have enjoyed having a yearbook at the end of the school year. The price per yearbook is \$20. **Please make your checks payable to Christ the King School, not Lifetouch, and return to the school office.**

SCRIP INFORMATION: Enclosed is a current tally of any scrip purchased from May 4, 2009 through December 18, 2009 through the family envelope or in the parking lot. This does **NOT** include Escrip, United Way, corporate contributions, Nob Hill or Target. The School Fund Obligation (SFO) is

\$250 per family per school year. Should you have any questions, please email Rosana Gastello at rsagastello@sbcglobal.net.

SCRIP NEWS: *DON'T MISS ALL OF OUR NEW OFFERINGS! Pasta Pomodoro \$25 @ 10%, Rubio's \$10 @ 16.5% and Whole Foods \$25 @ 4%. Thanks for a great Christmas season. Numbers were up from last year!! Your continued support is always appreciated and helps to keep our tuition down. Happy New Year from your scrip crew.*

FESTIVAL FOOD COMMITTEE: The Food Committee for the Festival is having a meeting on January 27th in the Parish Ministry Center at 7:00 p.m. Wine, tea, and coffee will be served. Anyone interested who wants to have fun organizing the food for the Festival, please come and join us. Any questions, please contact us at festivalfood@comcast.net.

THE GARDEN CAFÉ: The Cafe will honor Martin Luther King by serving some Soul Food at the Cafe. Look forward to some foods that will just warm your soul! We will have all our usual staples, Fresh coffee, tea, fresh fruit, cereals, and cinnamon rolls. Thank you for last weeks contributions of \$160.

GARDEN OF BLESSINGS: Please help continue the progress on the CTK garden's so that our wonderful teachers and students can have full use of its benefits! Please mark your calendar for the following dates: ***January 13th Garden Committee Meeting 7-8:30 Rm #222*** and ***January 16 & 23rd for a work party 1-5 p.m.*** Thank You. gardenofblessings@gmail.com or 925-934-3610.

CLUB CTK: Join us in CLUB on Friday, January 15th. We will be walking to 7-11, please send your child with \$1.20 to cover the cost of a small Slurpee.

CTK CYO CRAB FEED: Tickets are still available for the 33rd Annual CYO Crab Feed on Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 6 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a table of 10. Make checks payable to CTK CYO. For tickets call (925) 370-6668 or email cirellihomes@gmail.com.

CYO TRACK INFORMATION: **CYO Track & Field sign-ups** will take place on Thursday, January 21st and **Monday**, January 25th from 6:30 to 8pm in the 6th grade classroom. The program is open to athletes in 2nd through 8th grade. See www.ctltrack.org or contact Carl Godkin (280-9748) for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

Tuesday, January 12:	PTG Meeting 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, January 14:	Hot Lunch – Pizza Midpoint 2 nd Trimester Performing Arts 3:05-4:15 p.m. Festival Meeting 7 p.m. – Room 222
Friday, January 15:	Liturgy – Grades 1 & 2 Garden Café 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 16:	Garden Work Party 1-5 p.m.
Monday, January 18:	Martin Luther King Holiday – Enjoy!

Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs