

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN

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Dear School Families,

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOYCE: As you know, on December 8th I reported Kathy Gannon-Briggs' decision to continue as our principal into the future. I expressed my delight with her decision and my intention to renew her contract in March of this year. At the same time I took the opportunity to seek feedback and assessment from parish staff, school advisory board members, school faculty and staff. I invited them to fill out and return an assessment instrument by January 15th. For all parish employees I gave the option of submitting the evaluation anonymously. To this date I have received 21 assessments. They are overwhelmingly positive and complimentary. Some expressed suggestions and criticism which I will share with Kathy for the purpose of growth and improvement. I end by confirming my desire to rehire Kathy Gannon-Briggs for the future and ask your continued prayer that her health improves and that after her current treatment she returns in her full force and vigor that we have come to know and appreciate.

St. Paul writes about being a part of Christ's body. We are part of the whole church and each part has a significant role to play. There is no small role as each role makes the whole stronger. What part does your family play at Christ the King? What are your children learning from your active participation in the faith life of the church? With the tragic news of the earthquake in Haiti, how do we respond as a faith community? Each person's gift is important to the whole. How do we see ourselves giving?

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Your prayers are requested for the following individuals and their families: Continued prayers for Mrs. Gannon-Briggs who will be undergoing Interferon treatments during the month of January (she has been coming to school every day). And for the Grandfather of Jack (Grade 7) and Kate (Grade 5) Madigan who went to Heaven. May he be at peace.

HOPE FOR HAITI: Earn \$5 and provide Hope for Haiti: All students are encouraged to earn \$5 at home and donate the money to our Hope for Haiti fund. Please bring the money to your homeroom teacher this Wednesday-Friday. We will be sending the money through Catholic Charities to help with the earthquake relief.

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.

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.**

SCRIP NEWS: Reminder: Due to the short week scrip will be filled on Thursday, available Thursday afternoon and delivered on Friday.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Your children's 2nd Trimester Progress Reports will be coming home next Monday, January 25th instead of Friday, January 22nd. This report marks the half-way point for the school year. Please take the time to review them with your children and celebrate their hard work, noting strengths and areas for growth. This is the perfect time to set goals for improvement before the end of the trimester on March 5th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD COMING HOME: If you ordered a Christmas Program DVD, it will be included in today's Family Envelope. Please review the DVD immediately to make sure that it works properly. If you didn't receive it, or it doesn't work properly in your DVD player, please contact the school office. Special thanks to all those involved in the production and selling of the DVD, especially Julie Sasaki, Anna Massi, Craig Cannon, and Fernando Peralta.

LOST AND STILL NOT FOUND: There are still a number of school sweatshirts and miscellaneous items in our Lost and Found cabinet. Please come to the front of the school office tomorrow, Wednesday, January 20th to see if you can claim your child's missing sweatshirt/items. Any unclaimed non-school uniform items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Unclaimed school clothing will be placed in our Uniform Bank and will be available to any family in need of uniform items.

THE GARDEN CAFÉ: The Garden Cafe: Next week: "Its Snowing Somewhere"... Think of coming to the cafe and having: Hot Chocolate with mini marshmallows. Anything with winter squash, breakfast casseroles pomegranates, persimmons, blueberries and pineapples.

Come on in and have some warm good food to start your day off right. Enjoy each other's company in our all round community meeting place. 'Tis the season of meetings. If you would like to have a meeting at the Cafe, we can reserve a table or small quiet room for you and set it up with coffee, tea and homemade breakfast. Or if you just want to get together as a class or group send us an e-mail and we will set up a separate area with breakfast. Contact Rachel at sooners@comcast.net. Thank you for the contributions last week \$130.

Garden Cafe note: Please do not drop your children off at the Cafe before school. A parent must be present with the children if they are to come to cafe.

GARDEN OF BLESSINGS AND PRAYER GARDEN: : It's time to roll up those sleeves again. Please mark your calendars for the Garden Of Blessings work party dates: January 23rd. Please help complete the Prayer Garden which can be used for Stations of the Cross for the children. We have a scheduled work party on **January 23rd 1-5 p.m.** There is approximately 160 man hours to complete this project. This is a great opportunity for family service right here in your very own back yard. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the garden please contact us at gardenofblessings@gmail.com or 925- 934-3610. We appreciate everyone's efforts and involvement and look forward to working side by side with you!

AUCTION MEETING AND NEWS: The Auction Committee will be holding its monthly meeting tomorrow evening, Wednesday, January 20th at 7 p.m. in the 6th grade classroom. Come join the fun in planning Auction 2010!

It's a new year and CTK Auction 2010 is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for, Saturday, May 1st, for this great evening of fundraising, fellowship and, new this year, dancing after the auction. Tickets go on sale Sunday, March 7th, after the 9:15 Mass. Individual tickets are \$65, but organize your friends and family now and buy a table of ten for \$550. The auction would not happen without your generosity. Have a vacation home you would offer for a weekend or week? Sports tickets? Services? Donation forms are available in the school office or the back of the church. Don't know what to give? Buy scrip

for the auction. Watch your Tuesday envelope for our scrip drive info. Your scrip purchases allow the Auction Committee to buy items for bidding. Need fundraising hours? The auction needs volunteers, please contact Rachel Cheshareck at chezzr@yahoo.com or 370-7375.

FESTIVAL FOOD COMMITTEE: The Food Committee for the Festival is having a meeting next Wednesday, January 27th in the 7th grade classroom 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

STARBOOKS NEWS: STARBOOKS for Festival 2010: Cleaning up after the holidays? Getting a fresh start for 2010? Please remember now is the time to start collecting your gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and other media for the Starbooks booth. Please keep them AT HOME for now, and we will let you know when the drop-off period will begin. Collect those books in sturdy cardboard boxes with lids, such as banker's boxes or copy paper boxes. We look forward to another great year with Starbooks! Questions? Elizabeth Nuti e_nuti@yahoo.com

3rd GRADE OUTREACH: The mom's of the 3rd grade girls would like to introduce the "3rd Grade CTK Angels"! Our girls don't have a Girl Scout Troop but they still get together to give to those in need and less fortunate. For Thanksgiving, the girls made placemats for "Meals on Wheels" so the recipients of the meals would enjoy holiday good wishes and at Christmas, some of the girls were able to join the 1st grade Daisies and sing Christmas Carols at the Chateau. Next, we would like to support a couple of the bay area animal shelters by supplying pet food, toys, blankets, towels or anything that would help in the care of the cats and dogs. Depending on the amount of items collected, we would like to donate to The Milo Foundation in San Rafael, the Martinez Animal Shelter and Arf in Walnut Creek. The girls will be collecting items now through Friday January 22. There will be boxes in the office to drop off donations. Our goal is to continue to have the girls do charitable deeds in our community.

CYO TRACK INFORMATION: **CYO Track & Field sign-ups** will take place this 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.ctktrack.org or contact Carl Godkin (280-9748) for more information.

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

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

Wednesday, January 20:	2 nd Grade 1 st Communion sing-ups 10 – 5:00 p.m. Auction Meeting 7 p.m. Room 222
Thursday, January 21:	2 nd Grade 1 st Communion sing-ups 10 a.m. Hot Lunch – Chicken Caesar Salad Performing Arts: 3:05 – 4:15 p.m. School Board Meeting 7:15 p.m.
Friday, January 22:	8:00 a.m. Liturgy - Grades 3 & 4 Garden Café 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Peace and Justice Prayer Service 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 23:	Garden Work Party 1-5 p.m.
Monday, January 25:	Progress Reports go home Performing Arts 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, January 26:	8 th Grade Graduation Pictures

Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs