

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN

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Dear School Families,

This Sunday we will join all other Catholic schools educating students across the country in the opening day of Catholic Schools Week. Please plan to join us for our Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:15 a.m. this Sunday, followed by our Open House until noon. This is a wonderful time to visit your children's classrooms and see samples of their terrific work!

As you know, I am entering my last week of treatments. I have had to take a few days off for extra rest so that the treatments can be as successful as possible. The school is in perfect hands with Jeanne Bucci and the leadership team. The WASC pre-visit was very successful thanks to everyone's hard work. Thank you for your outpouring of prayers and support.

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). Your prayers are also requested for Sam Clancey's (Grade 7) grandmother who is currently undergoing weekly chemo treatments, and for the Grandfather of Ali (Grade 6) and Annie (2005-2006) Nielsen who went to Heaven. May he be at peace.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the following students for placing in the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District's 21st Annual Holiday Coloring Contest and for all who participated in the contest. Great job!

- Nicole Abudayeh – Kindergarten
- Leander Legaspi - 1st Grade
- Christine Abudayeh – 3rd Grade
- Jack Feliciano – 3rd Grade
- Anya Sabandal – Grade 3

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Please see the enclosed flyer that details the events scheduled for Catholic Schools Week which begins with our 9:15 a.m. Mass this Sunday, January 31st (**Students are to wear their dress uniform to Mass**) followed by our Open House until noon. There are many activities and Free Dress days continuing throughout the week. **Review and post the flyer so that you are aware of the special days ahead as we celebrate the gift of Catholic education in our parish school!**

CALENDAR NOTES:

- Looking ahead to **Ash Wednesday, February 17th**, school will begin at **9:30 a.m. for all students in Grades 1-8**. All **Kindergartners** will have a **Special K Day, Session II (10:45 – 3:00 p.m.)**. The Ash Wednesday Prayer Service for the students, will begin at 11:00 am.
- This year Lenten 8:00 masses will be on Fridays, beginning February 19th. All students in Grades 1-8 and Session I Kindergarten will attend Friday Lenten masses.
- Reminder: **Friday, February 26th is a day off for students.**

FESTIVAL FOOD COMMITTEE: The Food Committee for the Festival is having a meeting tomorrow evening, Wednesday, January 27th in the 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

AUCTION NEWS: It's been a week have you gotten your table organized? Have you come up with an item to donate? The CTK Parish Auction is May 1st. Get ready for this great evening of bidding, dining, fellowship, fundraising, and now, dancing... Ticket go on sale Sunday March 7 — Individual tickets are \$65, but organize your friends and family now and buy a table of ten for \$550—a \$100 savings!!! And of course... the Auction would not happen with your generosity. Have a vacation home you would offer for

a weekend or week? Sports Tickets? Collectibles? Trinkets, treasures, trust funds? (Ok, maybe not). But stretch your imagination and donate to the auction. Donation forms are available in the school office. Check out www.ctkauction.org. regularly for more auction info, or become a fan or our new

CTK Auction Facebook page. Don't know what to give? Buy scrip for the auction. Watch your Tuesday Envelope for our scrip drive info. Scrip sales for the auction will take place, Jan 19, Feb 16, and Mar, 16. Your scrip purchases allow the Auction Committee to buy items for bidding. Need fundraising hours? The auction needs volunteers, please contact...

THE GARDEN CAFÉ: We are featuring breakfast "fresh from the griddle" this week. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs. Enjoy a delicious and healthy start to your day while enjoying breakfast with your kids or come after drop off and enjoy coffee, tea, juice, fresh fruit, and home cooked breakfast with other CTK parents. Coffee is a Rwandan blend from Costco, freshly ground and brewed in the morning. See you there. If you are looking for a place to have a meeting, look no further than the Cafe. Instead of having those cold nightly meeting, have a morning meeting. We will set aside a room or a table for you and for bigger meeting we can set up breakfast. If you want to get together as a group or Class just give us a call or email and we can set up an area. Rachel Becker at scooners@comcast.net or call.

APPLICATON INFORMATION: Application Packets for siblings were sent home last Tuesday for all families with siblings who requested them. If you haven't requested a sibling application for Kindergarten or any other grade, please send in your request tomorrow, that way we will have a fairly accurate account of how many new Kindergarten families we can accept. Testing and interview appointments must be made in person with your application at the school office. Application Packets will be distributed to prospective parents Monday evening, February 1st. **The deadline to return all applications is Friday, February 5th.**

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION: There are three different types of financial aid available for families with children at CTK:

1. Families may apply for diocesan assistance through F.A.C.E. Applications can be requested from the School Office and are due no later than March 29th.
2. The BASIC Fund offers tuition assistance to families with **newly entering students** in grades K-8. Applications will be available from the School Office after February 15th and must be postmarked by April 9th. Current siblings enrolled can qualify if the new student is accepted.
3. A limited amount of financial aid is available for tuition assistance from the Christ the King School Children's Fund. Applications must be requested from the School Office and returned by April 8th.

CLUB CTK: Join us in CLUB on Friday, January 29th as we celebrate all of our January birthdays.

BLOOD DRIVE: The California Cancer and Research Institute will be hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 28th from 11am – 3pm. Help save 3 lives by donating a pint of blood. All blood types are welcome!! Please see the enclosed brochure for details or contact Lora Sanders at 925-826-1904 or lsanders@calimaging.com.

THIRD GRADE ANIMAL SHELTER OUTREACH: Our 3rd grade class is collecting much needed items for the county Animal Shelter in Martinez. Please remember the homeless dogs and cats by sending a donation. The following suggestion list will be helpful in contributing to our "Paws for the Cause" outreach effort through March 5th. Items needed are: blankets; towels; unopened bags of dog and cat food—preferably Purina Pro-Plan brand; KMR for kittens and puppies; canned dog food—puppy and adult, any brand; canned cat food-kitten and adult, any brand; dog treats, unopened; dog and cat toys, new; peanut butter for Kong Stuffing; and cat litter.

FITNESS TESTING AND ATHLETIC SHOES: The next round of Fitness Testing for our students will take place on PE days, this Wednesday and Thursday for 4th -8th graders. Students **may bring** appropriate shoes **to change into** on those days with no color restrictions.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

Wednesday, January 27:	7 th and 8 th Loaves and Fishes Festival Food Committee Meeting – 7 p.m. Ministry Center
Thursday, January 28:	Hot Lunch–Chinese–Pork Fried Rice & Chicken Chow Mein Performing Arts 3:05 – 4:15 p.m.
Friday, January 29:	Liturgy – Student Council – 7 th & 8 th attending Garden Café 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 30:	CYO Crab Feed 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 31:	Catholic Schools Week Begins School Mass 9:15 a.m. – Dress Uniform Open House 10:15 – Noon

Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs