

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN
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Dear School Families,

Tomorrow we begin our journey through the Season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. It is during this very special liturgical season of the year that we prepare ourselves to be worthy of the sacrifices Jesus made for us. During this season of Lent, it is a time for us to look into our own hearts, take a look at our lives and listen to the spirit within us as focus on the penitential season and prepare our hearts for Jesus at Easter and the Easter season.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: We ask the CTK school community to join with us in prayers for the following individual and their families:

- For Mrs. Gannon-Briggs who is regaining her strength in anticipation of returning to school. Your continued prayers and well wishes are greatly appreciated by her and give her energy, inspiration and HOPE. She can feel the power of prayer from everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAYNE APPEL: To our CTK alumni, Jayne Appel, (junior center for Stanford Women's Basketball) who came to visit our students last week, was named the U.S. Bank Pac-10 Women's Basketball Player of the Week for Feb. 10-16. Congratulations, Jayne.

ASH WEDNESDAY REMINDER: Please make sure to note the start time for school tomorrow, Wednesday, February 17th is **9:30 a.m. for Grades 1-8. All Kindergarten students will attend Session II (10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**. Due to the large number of parishioners who attend the 8 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass, and that this Mass runs until almost 9 a.m. we decided that a late start time was much safer. CLUB CTK will still be available starting at 7 a.m. for those families who need to bring their children earlier in the morning in order to get to work. **There will be no charge for CLUB CTK from 8-9:30 a.m. in order to accommodate our families with the later start time. Our 7 a.m. Math for 8th graders will not be held this Wednesday.**

KINDERGARTEN SPECIAL K DAY: In order to have all of our Kindergartners present for our Ash Wednesday Prayer Service tomorrow at 11 a.m. we have called a **Special K Day** for all **students to attend Session II. For tomorrow only**, due to the late start time stated above, the day will be from 10:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Thank you!

FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT: Starting this Friday, February 19th our school community will be attending Mass every **Friday** during Lent at 8 a.m. Our students will be participating in the masses on these Fridays (note the change of day this year, will be Fridays) as altar servers, cantors, and lectors. These will be Dress Uniform Days for all students. The children will line up at their classroom lines, rather than morning assembly lines, to drop off their backpacks at the 7:55 a.m. bell and then proceed directly to church. Please make sure to have your children to school on time for these special Mass days. **Session II** parents who wish to have their children attend these Friday masses are welcome to bring them in the morning themselves or drop them at

CLUB who will escort them. **Attendance is optional for Session II Kindergartners.**

INTENT TO RETURN FORMS: Intent to Return Forms were sent home in last week's envelope and are due tomorrow, Wednesday, February 17th. If you have not returned yours yet, please do so by tomorrow. Registration fees for the 2010-2011 school year is \$300 per student, based on budget recommendations from last year. **No fees are due at this time. Re-registration packets for all families who return the Intent to Return Form will be sent home on March 2nd in the Family Envelope.**

ANIMALS ON CAMPUS: Pets are not allowed on campus, **AT ANYTIME**, with the exception of the Blessing of the Animals around the feast of St. Francis.

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER: Student Council will be selling Smencils this Wednesday-Friday, after school, near the parking lot. Smencils are gourmet scented pencils made from 100% recyclable newspapers. They come in the following scents: bubble gum, cinnamon, tropical blast, grape, cotton candy, black cherry, watermelon, orange, very berry, and root beer. We will be selling Smencils for \$1 each and all proceeds will go to the WaterHope charity.

SCRIP NEWS: *Due to the Monday holiday, Scrip orders will be filled Thursday this week and available for PICK UP on Thursday afternoon and delivered to classroom on Friday.*

Still need PASTA POMODORO Scrip for this Thursday's Fundraiser? It's not too late. Just be sure to designate "Office Pick-Up" rather than "Classroom Delivery" and it will be waiting for you in the office at 3:00PM on Thursday.

THURSDAY NIGHT OUT - PTG FUNDRAISER: Please join your CTK friends at the Night out Promotions: **This Thursday, February 18th** at Pasta Pomodoro, a flyer is enclosed in today's family envelope. You must present flyer to get the donation for CTK School.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: Please see the enclosed flyer regarding the Knights of Columbus' St. Patrick's Day Celebration which will be held on Saturday, March 13th in the CTK gym. Enjoy live music and Irish Dancers as you enjoy a full Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal!

FOOD FESTIVAL COMMITTEE: Our annual wine tasting meeting will be Tuesday, February 23rd at Pleasant Hill Wine Merchant from 7.00-8.30 p.m. Please come taste the wine we are going to offer at the festival and discuss our options. Light Hors D 'Oeuvres will be served.

CLUB CTK: Please join us on Friday, February 19th as we celebrate all of our February birthdays.

GARDEN CAFÉ: Going SMOOTHIE crazy. We will have a healthy day at the Cafe with Bagels, cereal, lots of fruit, juices, and two yummy types of breakfast smoothies. Coffee is always fresh and tea brewed. Come enjoy breakfast with the family of CTK.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

- Wednesday, February 17: School Begins at 9:30 a.m. for Grades 1-8
Special K Day Session II – 10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 11:00 a.m.
Dress Uniform Day
- Thursday, February 18: Hot Lunch: Pizza
School Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- Friday, February 19: Lent Liturgy – 8:00 a.m.
Grades 1-8 – Session I
Dress Uniform
Garden Café 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
7th Grade Dance at CTK 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, February 20: Prayer Garden Work Party 1-5 p.m.
- Sunday, February 21: Prayer Garden Work Party 1-5 p.m.
- Monday, February 22: Choir 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs