

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA

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Dear School Families,

Thank you for all your prayers, happy thoughts and good wishes while I was gone. The Interferon treatment was 4 hours a day for 20 days and the fatigue factor grew more each week. I was expecting to be perfectly healthy right after the treatment but it took me a few weeks to get back the energy. I am feeling much better and am so happy to be back!

As you know, our WCEA/WASC visit is this week and we are all ready for the team to be here. The visit involves the team visiting the classrooms, observing our routine and life here, reading the report we submitted to them (copy is available in the office) and talking to members of the parent, parish and faculty communities. They will submit a report to Father Brian and our faculty and staff on Friday and we will report back to you next week. We will not hear anything official about the term that they recommend until July. They are principals and teachers from other schools in the Diocese of Oakland. The chairperson is Mrs. Ann Kalayjian from St. Isabella School in San Rafael. Please keep the team in your prayers.

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

- For Mollie Page (Grade 1) who will undergo kidney surgery tomorrow.

FRIDAY MASSES DURING LENT: On Fridays during Lent our school community will be attending Mass every **Friday** 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.**

*****Please note that this Friday, March 5th is both First Friday and Lent Liturgy. All students will attend 8:00 a.m. Liturgy. All Kindergartners will attend Special K Day Session I, 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm. this Friday, March 5th.***

UNIFORM REMINDER: You are strongly encouraged to purchase uniforms from Classic Designs at 1551 Taraval Street in San Francisco, 94116. Call toll free at (888) 770-4700 or call their regular line at (415) 661-4700. You can also visit their website at www.eclassicdesigns.com. Items not purchased from the uniform company (shirts, shorts, and pants) must comply with the same style and shade of color: No gathered sleeves or nubby fabric on shirts, and no cargo style pockets on pants. Skirts, jumpers, skorts, and hunter green polo shirts must be purchased from the uniform company. The administration has final judgment on the appropriateness or wearability of all student clothing.

REPORT CARDS: The 2nd Trimester will end this Friday and teachers will be completing grade books this week. Your children's Report Cards will be coming home Tuesday, March 16th.

RE-REGISTRATION FORMS ENCLOSED: Enclosed in today's Family Envelope is the Re-Registration Form for the 2010-2011 school year. Please complete and return to the School Office with the \$300 per student Re-Registration Fee. **The form and all or half of the non-refundable Re-Registration Fee is due on Wednesday, March 10th.** If paying in two installments the 2nd payment is due by Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

The registration fee secures your child's spot for the next school year and is non-refundable. In addition to securing your child's spot, the registration fee also includes textbooks, workbooks, paper, supplies, Diocesan fees (technology fee, student accident fee, health fee, accreditation fee, school department fee, CTN, ITBS Testing, student insurance fee). Fifty dollars of the registration fee is allocated for each child as a classroom fee, \$10 of which is used for the auction quilt project, and the remaining for classroom items, such as Weekly Reader, novels, some field trips, and project items, etc.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION: There are four 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 22nd
2. The BASIC Fund offers tuition assistance to families with **newly entering students** in grades K-8. Applications are now available in the School Office and must be postmarked by April 17th. 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.

MENTORS NEEDED: Families are needed to help welcome and mentor the new incoming Christ the King School families for the 2010-2011 school year. As a mentor, you will help answer questions and guide new families in the right direction when help is needed. It is a great time of the year to invite the new parents to attend meetings with you, so they can get a feel for all the fun and work our families put in to make our school community so successful. This is also a great opportunity for your current student to provide leadership, by writing letters and communicating with the new student about all the wonderful activities they can participate in such as: Faith Families, Buddy Classes, community outreach projects, Choir, Performing Arts, and more. Join the fun! Please contact Susan Cannon at ratti@comcast.net or call at 335-9071.

AUCTION 2010: Did you receive your invitation for the auction? Now that you know the plans for the night, be sure to get your table together for an evening of dinner, dancing and philanthropy. Ticket sales are Sunday, March 7th after 9:15 Mass. Buy a table for ten at \$550 or \$65 for single ticket purchases.

If you are unable to be at the ticket sale or if you do not have a group of 10, you can still get the discounted pricing. How do you do this? Go to the school office and sign up there. Like last year, you can use the sign up form in the office to purchase tickets and even request to sit with certain people. The auction committee will do their best to fulfill every request. Last year every request was fulfilled, however we cannot guarantee all requests. The only way to choose your table and people you sit with is to purchase a table on Sunday, March 7th after 9:15 Mass.

The month of March is all about procuring items! Have a vacation home you would offer for a weekend get-away? Sports tickets? Services to offer? Donation forms are available in the school office, back of the church, RE office, Parish House or on the auction website. New to the website... make cash donations!

Volunteers are needed; please contact Rachel Cheshareck at chezzr@yahoo.com or 370-7375. Visit our website for more information www.ctkauction.org and go to Facebook and become a fan of Christ the King Auction www.facebook.com/CTKauction

FESTIVAL 2010: Families are invited to Sign-Up now for Festival 2010. See the enclosed flyer for more detailed information!

CLUB CTK: Kindergarten families: This Friday, March 5th is a Special K day. All Kindergarten children will attend AM session so they can participate in First Friday Mass. CLUB care will be available starting at 12:15. Please return the green reservation form that was sent home in your Child's Bear Binder by tomorrow. Thanks!

GARDEN CAFÉ: The Garden Cafe will continue our healthy eating with a big pot of oatmeal, scrambled eggs, bagels, cereal, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. Cinnamon rolls will be available for those who have not given them up! ***Please NOTE our Cafe will be in the Parish Hall this week only, FRIDAY, March 5th*** from 7.30-9.30. Please give what you can, when you can and only if you can. All proceeds go to nurturing and building the school Garden.

QUILTING OPPORTUNITY AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH: Do you love to quilt? Or would you like to learn? Are you interested in joining a quilting group, meeting weekly at CTK, beginning in May? Please call Audrey for more information at 925-934-6707.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

Tuesday, March 2:	2010-2011 Re-Registration Forms go home
Wednesday, March 3:	WCEA/WASC
Thursday, March 4:	WCEA/WASC Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs Field Trip Gr. 7 & 8 De La Salle play
Friday, March 5:	WCEA/WASC Liturgy 8 a.m. – All Students K-8 Special K Day Session I 8:00-12:15 p.m. Dress Uniform End of 2 nd Trimester Garden Café 7:30 – 9:30 am IN THE PARISH HALL TODAY
Saturday, March 6:	2 nd Grade Retreat 12:30 p.m. Garden Work Party 1-5 p.m.
Sunday, March 7:	Auction Ticket Pre-sale after 9:15 Mass
Monday, March 8:	Tuition Late Choir 3:03 – 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10:	Student Council Meeting – 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. PTG Meeting - 7:15 p.m.

Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs