

# CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA

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Dear School Families,

Our Gospel value for last week was UNDERSTANDING. With the WCEA/WASC team here for 3 days, they really understand the commitment of the pastor, priests, parents, faculty, staff and students "To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference". It was a terrific experience and we heard the final report on Friday after school. We received 9 out of 10 Highly Effective marks in the 10 categories that are studied. And we received an effective in the one area that we will be addressing. We appreciate all the time and work the team put into being here for 3 days and away from their own schools. The team met with our pastor, Father Brian, a group of students, parent representatives and visited the classroom. They observed classroom instruction and reviewed items in the evidence boxes the teachers all had prepared. The final report is about 16 pages. A copy of our self study book is available in the office for you to review at any time. This self-study was so worthwhile as it gives us a blueprint of what to work on for the future. The team loved the students and were so impressed with the high level of commitment of the parents. Thank you to the School Leadership Team: Mrs. Bucci, Mrs. Krutilla, Mrs. Maffeo, Mrs. Massi and myself. Thank you to Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Thornbury for the extra support they gave the WCEA/WASC team during their visit.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** We want to thank PTG Hospitality members, the many parents who cooked and prepared the food for the team, room parents, for the outstanding meals that were provided for the WCEA/WASC team last week. The food, hospitality and help were greatly appreciated.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU:** From JoAnne Creamer to all CTK families who donated goodies for our Marines: Mrs. Stephanie Brasher, along with her family, rallied CTK into a donation extravaganza like we never expected! The Brashers brought us boxes of wonderful goodies everything on the Marines wish list; more than we ever could have hoped for. All from the generous donations from your awesome school! Stephanie and her family are very special people. She is a "difference maker". I want your students and parents to know that your items were packed with care into 13 boxes for our Marines' platoon. I enclosed your letters in every box, and sealed every seam to make sure the Afghanistan sand didn't spoil the great goodies you sent. The additional supplies are being delivered to Operation Care and Comfort. Operation Care and Comfort is sponsored by the Red Cross. They ship to our soldiers every month, supporting more than 200 different military units. They will see to it that your donations are packed with care and delivered to our soldiers. Again, thank you. Your generosity made my heart so happy. It was a pleasure to pack your items and send them to our troops. CTK is truly a special family.

**RE-REGISTRATION FORMS:** Re-Registration Forms for the 2010-2011 school year were sent home in your Family Envelope last week. **The form and all or half of the non-refundable Re-Registration Fee is due tomorrow, Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** All unpaid first installments are due by tomorrow Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> or we will move to the first family on our waiting list. If you need an extension, please contact the school office. If paying in two installments the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>
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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:ratti@comcast.net) or call at 335-9071.

**CJSF NEWS:** This year, the CSF/CJSF State Board (Mr. DeGennaro serves on this board as a regional vice president) is awarding \$115,000 in scholarships to both senior and junior high students. Five junior high Huhn scholarship winners from our region will receive \$250 each. (Senior High scholarships are either \$2,000, or \$5,000.) This year it was Mr. Degennaro's privilege to nominate two eighth graders for Huhn scholarship consideration: Colleen Noland, and Jacob Nye. They, along with other seventh and eighth students and their parents from Christ the King, along with several hundred other junior and senior high students, and their parents, will be attending the regional CSF/CJSF conference at the San Francisco Zoological Society headquarters in San Francisco on Saturday, April 24. While at this conference, they will meet other Huhn Scholarship applicants as well as attend several exciting behind the scenes workshops at the Zoo. Finally, in the early afternoon, five Huhn scholarship winners will be announced. Let's wish Colleen and Jacob good luck in this competition!

**SCRIP NEWS:** Don't forget this month's fundraiser, CHUCK E CHEESE on March 25th. Get your scrip early to avoid backorders.

**CLUB CTK:** Join us on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate all of our March birthdays. Looking Ahead: Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, All Fired Up Ceramics will be on campus with spring themed articles to paint. Look for the sign up flyer in next week's Family Envelope.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** Next Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day. We will celebrate with a "Wear Green Day". Follow the free dress guidelines in the Student Handbook. Jeans and a green top are acceptable.

**GARDEN CAFÉ:** Celebrates St Patrick- All things Irish and Green. We will have Potatoes, Breads, scones and of course some Irish Tea to cheer up your morning. Come enjoy an Irish morning with your friends and say "La Fheile Padraig", Saying-"la ale-lah pwad-rig". Thank you for last weeks contributions of \$240.

**AUCTION NEWS:** Christ the King Parish Auction 2010- Need tickets? 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. For questions call Patti Ruff at 925-939-6407 or [Patricia.Ruff@kiewit.com](mailto:Patricia.Ruff@kiewit.com) .

The month of March is all about procuring items! Have a vacation home you would offer for a weekend get-away? Sports tickets? Services? 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](mailto:chezzr@yahoo.com) or 370-7375. Visit our website for more information [www.ctkauction.org](http://www.ctkauction.org) and go to Facebook and become a fan of Christ the King Auction [www.facebook.com/CTKauction](http://www.facebook.com/CTKauction).

**FESTIVAL T-SHIRT ORDERS:** Remember to order your Festival 2009 T-Shirt by tomorrow, Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the last day to pre-order your T-shirt. After tomorrow you can purchase T-shirts after mass, beginning April 17-18.

**8 TH GRADE AUCTION PROJECT** - This year's auction project will be made out of recycled material. Please let us know if you have an old **wooden** bed-frame - head board and foot board - either twin or full, a sheet of ply-wood approximately 3 feet x 5 feet and any type hard wood - 1 in x 6 inches pieces. Secondly we are looking of old tiles, glass cups, glass plates and colored bottles. Please do NOT bring anything to the school. Please email Judy Olvera - [judymolvera@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judymolvera@sbcglobal.net) with any materials that might be on the list and we will pick them up if needed. THANK YOU!

**LOST BUT NOT FOUND:** Lost items will be out in front of the school office tomorrow, Wednesday from 8:00 – 3:00 p.m. Come check out the lost items. Anything not claimed will be going to St. Vincent de Paul.

**PTG DINE OUT FUNDRAISER:** Dining out at Pasta Pomodoro was a great success! Over 39 orders were filled and we will be receiving over \$300. Thank you for your participation. Mark your calendars for the next Dine Out dates and watch for the fliers.

- March 25<sup>th</sup> - Check E. Cheese
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - Rubio's and Yogurtland
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Sweet Tomatoes

**IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:**

Wednesday, March 10: Registration Forms and Fees (all of ½) due  
Lifetouch yearbook candids starting 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 11:  
Gr. 5 Field trip 10:15 – 1:45 p.m.  
Hot Lunch: Pizza  
Performing Arts 3:05 – 4:15 p.m.  
Festival Meeting 7:00 p.m. Room 222

Friday, March 12:  
Liturgy 8 a.m. – All Students 1-8: K Session I  
Garden Café 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Garden Blessing after 8:00 a.m. Liturgy

Saturday, March 13:  
CTK Parish St. Patrick's Celebration 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 14:  
Daylight Savings – Spring Forward

Monday, March 15:  
Winter Nights Begins through March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Choir 3:05 – 4:15 p.m.  
Testing - New Students Gr. 1-7 at 3:30 p.m.

Peace ,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs