

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA

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Dear School Families,

In the scripture readings for Sunday, we see how much love Jesus had for his disciples. Jesus did not turn his back on Peter, even though he denied him three times. Despite everything, Jesus loves Peter and sends him out to lead all the disciples through the hardships that would come to the followers of Jesus. It is Jesus' love that makes Peter's faith so strong. How does this translate for us in our life, in our world today? How do we share this story with our children so they understand forgiveness and faith? Our gospel value for next week is prudence. Let us continue to be people of Easter joy and hope.

Thank you for all your support for the tuition increase for next year. Everyone who worked on this budget was very aware of the struggle and hardships of these times. We, as a school, are watching our expenses as we want to also provide the best education possible. As you know, our faculty and staff salaries are frozen for next year so everyone is pitching in to keep costs down and catholic education affordable.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Your prayers are requested for the following individuals and their families:

- For the Grandfather of Steven (Grade 8) and Michael (Class of 2006) Olvera who went to Heaven last week. May he be at peace.
- For the Uncle of Samantha (Grade 8) and Charlie (Grade 4) Miller who went to Heaven last week. May he be at peace.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SURVEY ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Survey participants will contribute to the strategic planning process by answering questions about the Catholic identity, academics, finances, leadership, and the mission of Catholic schools in the diocese. To participate in the survey, please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/dioceseofoaklandcatholicschools. The survey must be completed by April 30, 2010.

EARTH DAY-WEAR GREEN AND BLUE DAY: Help us celebrate Earth Day this Thursday, April 22nd by donating your plastic bottles and aluminum cans to our CTK School Student Council. Students are invited to wear green and blue, symbolizing the colors of our earth for this special day. Please follow the Free Dress guidelines listed in our handbook. Students who do not wish to wear green or blue may wear their school uniform. There will be designated containers near the upper parking lot at 7:45 a.m. for collection. Drop off your recyclables when you bring your children to school and help our Student Council raise funds for our Garden of Blessings!

AUCTION NEWS:

- The Auction Committee needs your shoeboxes and any baskets you may have for help in displaying items. Boxes and baskets can be dropped off at the school office.
- **Tickets are still available!** To purchase tickets, email Patti Ruff at Patricia.Ruff@Kiewit.com or call her at 939-6407. You can also stop by the school office.
- There are many fabulous items waiting for you as well as the annual Fund a Need! **Auction is just 12 days away so make sure to read all about it go to www.ctkauction.org to learn more!**

FESTIVAL NEWS: Festival Hours: Please remember that each family is required to work six hours at the Festival during the hours of operation on either **Friday 6-10 p.m.; Saturday 2-10 p.m.; or Sunday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Pre-Festival hours do not count towards these mandatory hours, but may be used to fulfill a family's requirement of 15 Fundraising Hours for the year as well as your 10 Personal Choice Hours.

- **Festival Games:** It's that time of year again and the Games Committee needs your help! We have **130 SHIFTS LEFT TO FILL FOR GAMES!** Please consider signing up for another shift or two.
- Enclosed in today's envelope is the Festival Presale Ticket order form. Take advantage of this early bird special; also place your order for Kinder's Saturday night BBQ dinner. Order deadline is May 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations and good luck to William Thornbury ('08) who has won the Contra Costa County Science Fair Senior Division Grand Award for his project "Passive Solar Air Cooling/Heating Using Geological Insulation". William will be representing Contra Costa County and De La Salle High School at both the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair and the California State Science Fair in May. William joins last year's winner Thomas Houser ('07) as CTK alumni science award winners. Go CTK!

STUDENT COUNCIL 2010-2011: Students interested in serving our CTK School community as **members of the Student Council for the 2010-2011 school year need to be aware of two important Mandatory Meetings** coming up at the end of this month:

1. Tuesday, April 27th: Students currently in grades 5-7 interested in running for any position on the Students Council must attend a Mandatory Meeting from 12:10-12:40 p.m. in the 7th grade classroom.
2. Wednesday, April 28th: Students currently in grades 3-4 who would like to serve on the Student Council as a Class Representative must attend a Mandatory Meeting from 12:40-1:10 p.m. in the 7th Grade Classroom.

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER: Student Council will be selling smencils and water bottles on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before school near the office. Smencils are \$1 and water bottles are \$10. All proceeds will benefit WaterHope.

CLUB CTK: Join us on Friday, April 23rd as we celebrate all April Birthdays! **ART ENRICHMENT CLASS:** There is still space available in the art Enrichment Program being offered by Creative Creations. Please stop by CLUB for information and sign up forms. The program will meet April 21st and 28th at 3:00 p.m. and May 5th at 12:30 p.m.

GARDEN CAFÉ: Celebrate the earth, eat environmentally friendly. We will celebrate Earth Day at the Cafe, with locally grown fruit and vegetables, local coffee and a healthy yummy breakfast. So come join us to celebrate everything grown around us and our healthy children. Thanks for last weeks donations of \$190.

POP TOP CAN TABS: Please bring in can tabs so they can be sent to the Ronald McDonald House for their continuing fundraiser. Bring your tabs to the office ongoing through the end of May.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITYS:

- College for Kids. Brochures are available in the school office for the Summer School Session 2010 for students in Grades 3-8.
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- **PLEASANT HILL RECREATION SUMMER SCHOOL 2010:** Please review the enclosed flyer regarding the Recreation Summer School being offered by the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District from June 22nd -July 29th, Tuesday-Thursday. Registrations begin immediately and close on June 18th or as soon as classes are filled (whichever comes first).
- **SIGN-UP FOR FREE BOWLING:** Summertime fun at Paddock Bowl; 2 free games a day all summer long, check out enclosed card to sign-up.

FAMILY SERVICE HOUR TALLY: Enclosed is your family service tally as of Easter break. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Mockler at: marybethmockler@comcast.net

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

Wednesday, April 21: Lawrence Hall of Science on campus Gr. K-8
Auction Meeting 7:00 p.m. Room 222

Thursday, April 22: **Earth Day: Wear Green and Blue Day** - Aluminum cans or plastic bottles donated for recycling
Hot Lunch – Chicken Tacos
Day without Paper Challenge
Performing Arts 3:05-4:15 p.m.
School Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 23: Liturgy 8 a.m. – Grades 4 & 3
Garden Café – 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 24: 2nd Grade 1st Communions: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Auction Preview: Class quilts and projects after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school hallway

Sunday, April 25: Auction Preview: Class quilts and projects following the 9:15, 10:45 and 12:15 Masses in the school hallway

Monday, April 26: Choir 3:05-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27: Mandatory Meeting for all **5th-7th grade** students interested in serving on Student Council for the 2010-2011 school year in the 7th grade classroom from 12:10-12:40 p.m.
Auction Catalogs go home

Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs