

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN

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Dear School Families,

We are in the third week of Advent and we focus on what is ahead. It is a time of darkness, cooler weather and very excited children. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was in great anticipation at this time. She remained calm, and brought forth a sense of peace. It is important to focus on the time with family. As it was stated in the parish bulletin, take back the dinner table time. Enjoy the moments around the table where the children share their day and their thoughts about Jesus. Enjoy their laughter and excitement about all that is about to happen. Pray with them. Use this time to remind them how great it is to be able to give to programs like St. Boniface, St. Vincent de Paul, etc. What will the family do during these weeks of Christmas for others? What is God calling us to respond to at this time? We pray for each of our families to have a very blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Parish Directories - are available in the school hall if any families would like to have one – *free!*

St. Boniface Gift: Thank you for such an outpouring of gifts for others. Fr. Tommy, pastor of St. Boniface, will be so touched and he knows how hard these times are for families. The San Francisco police department delivers the gifts right to St. Boniface Church. This is right next to St. Anthony's dining room in the Tenderloin. Thank you to everyone for completing such a huge project!

Family Envelope: This is the last family envelope of 2011. The next Family Envelope will be on January 10, 2012.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PREVIEW INVITATION: Christ the King's School PTG cordially invite all grandparents, seniors, young siblings, and those who would miss the evening performance to the 2011 Christmas Program Rehearsal. The rehearsal will be held on Thursday, December 15th at Christ the King Church from 1:15-2:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please remember this is a rehearsal.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS: **When: Thursday, December 15, 2011. Where: Christ the King Church. Time:** *All students should be in their classrooms at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.* Show begins at 7:00 p.m., and runs for about one hour. This year the students of Christ the King School will present an original musical: "**Aloha, Christmas!**" You may have been hearing your students practicing this, and other songs for this year's Christmas program: We are bringing Hawaii to CTK School for the day, and I'd like to give you some suggestions for attire for the students.

- **For all grades K-8** -think "Hawaii!" - Bermuda shorts (even school uniform shorts would work) with island shirts (or tee-shirts that have an appropriate graphic.)
- They may wear sandals, flip-flops, or sneakers.
- **No hats**, please.
- Flowers in the hair, shell necklaces, sunglasses, or anything that goes with the theme are fine. Each class will be given leis, and some will have "specialty" items that will be created at school.

We are looking forward to seeing you on, Thursday, December 15th. Thank you all! "Mele Kalikimaka" means "Merry Christmas" to you!

Christmas Play Seating: In order for you to find your children after the program, Students in Grades 1,3,5, will be sitting on the right side of the church. Students in Grades 2, 4, 6, on the other side, 7th grade will be seated along the aisles and **8th grade is acting.** The 8th graders are very excited to present this gift to you. **Kindergarten is in the first rows of center pews.** Kindergarten will remain on the steps for parents to come and pick them up after the play. Under the masterful direction of Mrs. Alonso, each child adds their own special contribution. The play is a little over an hour long.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD: The PTG has arranged to have the Christmas Program videotaped and made available for purchase. Two CTK parent volunteers will record the program with high quality

cameras, and Mr. Dreyfus, our school technology specialist will edit and produce the DVD. The cost of the DVD is \$15.00. Order forms can be picked up in the back of the church after the Christmas Program, or found on line in the Family Envelope. Please submit your order to the school office by Friday, December 16th. The DVDs will be sent home via the Family Envelope no later than Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012.

FRIDAY 7 A.M. MATH CLASS CANCELLED: Due to the Christmas Program Thursday evening, there will be no 7 a.m. class for this Friday only, December 16th.

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

- For the Mother of Caesar Torres and the Grandmother of Ian (Gr. 6) and Isabella Torres (Gr. 4) who went to heaven last week.
- For those who are fighting cancer, those who are hungry and homeless.
- For Father Declan who went to heaven one year ago. Our students fondly remember him and his red book. We are all grateful for the many gifts he brought to us and now we pray to him. May he rest in peace.

CHOICE LUNCH PAST DUE ACCOUNTS: Several families have used Choice Lunch for Emergency lunch requests. Your child was able to receive a lunch on the particular day they came to school without lunch. Please respond to Choice Lunch with payment immediately. E-mails have been sent to those families who have used Choice Lunch in this situation. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU: Congratulations to our Second Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday along with many children from our Religious Education Program. A big thank you to Sister Maureen, Mrs. Joan Smits, Mrs. Katie Klinger, and Mrs. Diane Carroll, our parish and visiting priests, and all of the other volunteer catechists who helped to prepare the students so well for this beautiful sacrament and the meaningful Prayer Service. The second graders are so fortunate to be surrounded by so many caring faith filled adults in their lives.

SPECIAL THANKS: We are very grateful to our school families for their generous reindeer donations to our annual St. Vincent de Paul food collection drive. We were able to put together 36 dinner boxes in our Faith Families last week and thanks to your kindness, we were able to place additional items in each one. Every box provides a full Christmas dinner, complete with cards from the students and a Safeway Gift Card for the turkey. We know that these dinners will help to provide many needy families with a delicious meal at Christmas. Thank you!

CJSF TRAIN RAFFLE: Seventh and eighth grade CJSF Chapter is raising funds to use toward community service activities. See the beautiful wooden train set (on display at the office), made by Mr. DeGennaro in his home workshop. . Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. Send in your money with your name to the office. Drawing will take place on Thursday, December 15th.

A REQUEST FROM THE LITGURY COMMITTEE: Help is needed! We need lots of red poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. Please bring flowers to church anytime between 1:15 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th. Also, if you are available and want to sign up to help out on Christmas Day, there are several openings for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. Please sign up in the Vestibule in the Church. Thank you!

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVENT GOODIES: Running late, **rain or shine**, and don't have time to fix breakfast? Our Student Council and parent volunteers will be selling breakfast goodies on **Wednesday, December 14th** as an Advent Outreach Project to raise funds to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society Holiday Food Drive. Items include bagels, muffins, donuts, hot chocolate, and hot apple cider all served at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast goodies range from \$1 to \$3 per item.

THE GARDEN CAFÉ: The Garden Cafe will be on **THURSDAY** morning this week, December

15th. No Friday café. Come celebrate Christmas with everyone **in the Parish Hall** from 7:30 -9:30 a.m. We wish you a Merry Christmas!

WEAR GREEN, RED, OR WHITE DAY: Students are invited to wear Christmas colors on Friday, December 16th. **Friday, December 16th is a Minimum Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.**

TUITION REMINDER: January tuition payments and (second installment payments for those who chose the two payment plan) are due on January 1st and late on January 8th. In order to avoid late fees, checks must be in the office by Saturday, January 7, 2012.

SCRIP NEWS: Congratulations to the Moore family (Sydney 7th & Erin 5th)! They had the mystery word ‘SANTA CLAUS’ and WON \$25 Scrip card of their choice! Look for the *Secret Holiday Word* in this week’s bulletin for our final Christmas Scrip Raffle. Must purchase Scrip to enter raffle and write the correct answer and family name in the upper right corner of your order form.

NOW IN-STOCK New items: **DEVINO’S PIZZA \$25 @ 10%, KINDERS MEATS \$25 @ 10%.** Don’t miss **NIKE \$25 @ 12%** and **TACO BELL \$10 @ 5%** in the Special Order section. Last week’s Backorders from last week will be ready for pickup with Mrs. Wilson by 3:00 P.M. Tuesday (today) if needed right away. If you’ve selected “Deliver to Classroom” expect them to come home Thursday.

BACKORDERS THIS WEEK: If an item you order this week gets backordered, all is not lost! You can still get it in time for Christmas. We expect these to come in Tuesday, December 20th and can be picked up from Krista or Juliette. We will contact you via email or cell to make arrangements. It is IMPERATIVE that you fill out your order form completely and include the best phone # so that we can ensure you get any backordered items.

We would like to Thank ALL of the numerous folks that make up our Scrip crews as well as ALL that participate to make our program an overall success. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a Happy New Year!

CTK AUCTION NEWS 2011-2012:

*****HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD*****

The Christ the King Parish Auction 2012

The CTK Auction will be held another whole month earlier on **Saturday, MARCH 10, 2012, from 5:30-12:00p.m. at The Hilton, in Concord.** Celebrate the magic of Hollywood. Stroll the red carpet. Pose for the paparazzi. Reflect the glamour of Hollywood past or the casual style of today's celebs. It's all for a star-studded cause... the CTK community!

Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, January 22, 2012. Keep up with all the happenings of the Auction by checking out the star-studded, award winning Website at www.ctkauction.org or by “Liking” us on FACEBOOK at Christ the King – Auction.

WE NEED SPONSORS

Sponsorship is a great way to achieve widespread visibility, demonstrate support for the community, and attract potential customers. Sponsor businesses will be recognized through signage, print advertising in the auction catalog, parish and school bulletins, and on our auction and festival websites. See the FLYER with all the details about Sponsorship Opportunities included in today’s Family Folder.

DONATIONS!! DONATIONS!!

We need everyone’s help to procure donations! The Procurement Drive is going on NOW! Do you know of a business that might want to make a donation? Do you have friends/relatives who can donate?
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK!

DONATION FORMS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE in the School Office, the Rectory, the RE Office, the Back of the Church and on the School's Website.

Keep some donation forms with you as you do your holiday shopping and errand running. Keep a few donation forms in your car, in your purse or backpack and offer them to the vendors you frequent everyday. ***ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK!***

Are ***YOU*** able to donate an experience, a service, event tickets, a vacation home, a collectible item or anything that will be a hit? Questions? Please contact Kasey Curran at rob.kasey@sbcglobal.net or Julie Mullane at julie@mullane.org.

Donations must be received/available for pick-up by February 1, 2012.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

It's the people behind the scenes that make it a great blockbuster! If you'd like to volunteer, contact Rachel Cheshareck at 925-330-1867 or chezzr@yahoo.com

CLUB CTK: Friday, December 16th is our last day of school before vacation and also a minimum day. There is ***no after school CLUB CTK*** on this day!! We will be open before school only! **Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from the staff at CLUB CTK.**

CRAB FEED NEWS: Pre-sale Table Reservation Forms are available in the download of envelope today. Make sure and plan to attend the CYO Crab Feed on **Saturday, January 28th from 5:30 p.m.- 11:30 p.m.** The cost is \$50 per person or a table for 10 is \$500. Please return all completed reservation forms to Vince Cirelli or to CTK office. If you have any questions, please call Vince Cirelli (925) 305-6668 or e-mail cirellihomes@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD:

Wednesday, December 14:
Advent Breakfast Goodies 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 15:
Special K Day – Session II
Garden Café 7:30 -9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall
Dress Rehearsal 1:30 p.m.
Christmas Program 7:00 pm

Friday, December 16:
Liturgy – Full School 8:00 a.m. Gr. 4 prepares
Minimum School Day 12:15 p.m. dismissal for K-8
Wear Red & Green Day
Extended Day Care AM ONLY – No after school care today

Tuesday, January 3:
Teachers and Staff Meeting/In-Service, No School

Tuesday, January 4:
School resumes for all students



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year









Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL








January 2012 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!!  •Tuition Due Encouragement	2 •School Holiday	3 •Staff Day •School Holiday	4 •School Resumes	5 •Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs •School Board Meeting Media Center 7:00 p.m.	6 •Liturgy Gr. K thru 8 •Special K Day Session I 8:00 a.m. SC prepares •Dress Uniform Day •Garden Café 7:30-9:30 a.m. 	7 •High School Placement Exams
8 •Tuition Late Respect Fr. Brian's Birthday 	9	10 •Graduation Pictures •Student Leadership 3:05-4:00 p.m.	11 •Auction Meeting Room 222 7:00 p.m.	12 •Hot Lunch - Burritos	13 •Liturgy Gr. 7 & 8	14
15 Martin Luther King Day  Hope	16 •School Holiday	17 •Student Leadership 12:15 p.m.	18 •Scoliosis Testing Gr. 5,7,8 •Festival Meeting Room 222 7:00 p.m.	19 •In-house Field Trip Gr.1 Assistance League Play •Hot Lunch – Pizza/Salad	20 •Liturgy Gr. 6 & 5 •Midpoint of 2 nd Trimester •Garden Café 7:30-9:30 a.m.	21
22 Honesty	23	24 •Student Leadership 12:15 p.m. •Deacons Cottage - SC •Progress Reports go home •2012-2013 New Student Applications go home to School Families •First Eucharist Sign-ups R.E. Office 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	25 •Loaves and Fishes Gr. 7 & 8 •First Eucharist Sign-ups R.E. Office 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	26 •Hot Lunch – Pasta Marinara •First Eucharist Sign-ups R.E. Office 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	27 •Liturgy Gr. 8 & 7 •Garden Café 7:30-9:30 a.m.	28 CYO Crab-Feed  5:30 p.m.
29 •Catholic Schools Week •School Mass 9:15 a.m. SC prepares •Dress Uniform •Open House 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. •Parent Information Meeting Application Process 2012-13 Parish Hall 11:15 a.m. Generosity	30 •Catholic Schools Week •Kindergarten Open House 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. 	31 •Catholic Schools Week •Kindergarten Open House 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. •Student Leadership 12:15 p.m. •PTG Meeting Media Center 7:00 p.m.	1 •Tuition Due	2 •Hot Lunch – Hamburgers •School Board Meeting Media Center 7:00 p.m.	3 •Liturgy Gr. K thru 8 •Special K Day Session I 8:00 a.m. Gr.3 prepares •Dress Uniform Day •Garden Café 7:30-9:30 a.m.	4
Catholic Schools Week 2012: Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference!						

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CLUB CTK

January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 School Holiday	3 School Holiday	4 Welcome Back!	5 	6 Special K Session I Dress Uniform	7
8 Fr. Joyce's Birthday	9 	10 Day Care Bills Go Home	11	12	13	14 
15	16 Martin Luther King Day School Holiday	17	18 Day Care Bills Due	19	20 Happy January Birthdays 	21
22	23 	24	25	26 	27	28
29 Mass 9:15 Open House 10:15-12:00	30	31	1	2	3 Special K Session I Dress Uniform	4
 Catholic Schools Week!						

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD ORDER FORM

To purchase a Christmas Program DVD, please complete the order form below and return it to the School Office by Thursday, December 15th. Orders will be sent home in your Family Envelope by Tuesday, January 17, 2012

FAMILY NAME: _____

OLDEST CHILD _____ GRADE _____

<u>Quantity Ordered</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Amount Due</u>
_____	X \$15 each	_____

Please:

- Make checks payable to Christ the King School
- Staple check to the order form or place in an envelope
- Return to School Office by Thursday, December 15, 2011.

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2011 CYO Crab Feed
@Christ the King
Saturday, January 28, 2012
6:00 PM to 11:30



Ticket(s) \$50.00 each

Presale Ticket Reservations Form

Table coordinator name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Table Guest Name(s)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Please list table number preference (see reverse for table layout). Tables are assigned on a first come – first serve basis. We will attempt to honor your request; however, this may not always be possible. Tables only seat 10 people.

Table Preference:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

Checks should be made **payable to CTK CYO** and mailed to:

Vince Cirelli
2231 Bryce Dr
Martinez Ca 94553

If you have any questions, please call us at (925) 997-1273
Or email cirellihomes@gmail.com

FAMILY ENVELOPE SCRIP ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to: **Christ The King School**

Secret Word:

Family Name:

Date 12/14/2011

Family Receiving Credit: _____ **Grade:** _____

Family Purchasing : _____ **Grade:** _____ ******Circle Denomination where choice is given******

LOOK FOR NEW ITEMS & CHANGES IN BOLD! SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS AT THE END

Item	\$	%	Quantity	Amount
Ace Hardware	\$25	4%		
Amazon	\$25 / \$100	4%		
American Eagle	\$25	9%		
Applebees	\$25	10%		
Arco	\$50 / \$100	2%		
Back Forty BBQ	\$25	13%		
Baja Fresh	\$25	7%		
Barnes & Noble	\$10	9%		
Baskin Robbins	\$2	9%		
Bath & Body Works	\$10	18%		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25	7%		
Best Buy	\$25 / \$100	3%		
Big 5	\$25	8%		
Black Angus	\$25	12%		
Boston Market	\$10	12%		
Build-A-Bear	\$25	10%		
Burger King	\$10	5%		
Ca Pizza Kitchen	\$10	4%		
Carl's Jr.	\$10	9%		
Carrow's	\$10	8%		
Cheesecake Factory	\$25	5%		
Chevron	\$50 / \$100	1.5%		
Chili's	\$25	11%		
Chipotle	\$10	10%		
Chuck E Cheese	\$10	8%		
Cinemark/Century Theatres	\$25	4%		
Claim Jumper-Back on!!	\$25	8%		
Classic Design Uniforms	\$100	10%		
Cold Stone	\$10	8%		
Crate & Barrel	\$25 / \$100	8%		
CVS	\$25	6%		
Denny's	\$10	7%		
DeVino's	\$25	10%		
El Pollo Loco	\$10	6%		
GameStop	\$25	3%		
Gap / Old Navy	\$25	9%		
Home Depot	\$25 / \$100 / \$500	4%		
Honey Baked Hams	\$10	12%		
Hyatt Hotels	\$50 / \$100	9%		
iTunes	\$15	5%		
In-N-Out Burger	\$10	10%		
Jack in the Box	\$10	4%		
Jamba Juice	\$10	7%		
JC Penney	\$25 / \$100	5%		
Jo-Ann's Fabrics	\$20	6%		
Kinders	\$25	10%		
KFC	\$5	9%		
K-Mart	\$25	10%		
Kohl's	\$25	4%		
Lowe's	\$25 / \$100	4%		
Lunardi's	\$25	6%		
Macy's	\$25 / \$100	10%		

Item	\$	%	Quantity	Amount
Marriott Hotels	\$50 / \$100 / \$500	8%		
McDonald's	\$5	5%		
Michael's	\$25	4%		
Outback/Flemings/Roy's	\$25	5%		
Panera Bread	\$10	9%		
Pasta Pomodoro	\$25	10%		
Payless Shoes	\$20	13%		
Peet's Coffee	\$20	8%		
PetSmart	\$25	4%		
PF Changs	\$25	8%		
Pottery Barn/Williams Sonoma	\$25 / \$100	8%		
Red Robin	\$25	9%		
Rite Aid	\$25	4%		
Ross Dress For Less	\$25	8%		
Safeway	\$25 / \$100	4%		
Save Mart/Luckys/Food Maxx	\$25 / \$100	2%		
Sears/OSH/LandsEnd	\$25 / \$100 / \$250	4%		
See's Candies (might be on backorder)	\$13.50	3.90%		
Sephora	\$20	4%		
Shell Gas Card	\$25 / \$50 / \$100	2.5%		
Smart & Final	\$25	3%		
Sports Authority	\$25	8%		
Staples	\$25	5%		
Starbuck's	\$10	\$10	7%	
Starbuck's	\$25	\$25	7%	
Subway	\$10	3%		
Sweet Tomato	\$25	8%		
TJ Maxx/Marshall's/HomeGoods	\$25	7%		
TARGET	\$25 / \$100	2%		
Toys-R-Us	\$20	1.5%		
Walgreens	\$25	6%		
Wal-Mart/Sam's Club	\$25 / \$100	2%		
Wendy's	\$10	4%		
Whole Foods	\$50	4%		
Yogurtland	\$10	5%		

SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS (Allow 1 Week for Delivery)

Aeropostale	\$25	7%		
Claire's	\$10	9%		
Container Store	\$25 / \$100	9%		
Disney	\$25 / \$100 / \$1000	2%		
Express	\$25	10%		
Mimi's Café	\$25	8%		
Nike	\$25	12%		
Office Depot	\$25	4%		
Office Max	\$25	5%		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	\$25	9%		
Pier One	\$25	9%		
Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory	\$10	11%		
Ruth's Chris	\$50	10%		
Taco Bell	\$10	10%		
The Children's Place	\$25	12%		

GRAND TOTAL

*****Percentages may vary*****

Delivery Instructions

_____ I will pick up at the School Office
 _____ I authorize the following person to pick up at School Office
 _____ Please deliver to my child's classroom

My Friend/Family Member _____
My child _____ **Grade** _____

Signature _____ **Daytime Phone** _____ **Check #** _____

Orders delivered on Thursdays. Please call Angela Stich @ 930-7276 with large and special orders (total dollars or quantity of cards). Special order or backordered items will take one week

*****PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FILL IN ALL INFO AND TOTAL CORRECTLY. THANKS!!**