

Smith Scoop

A Journey of Hope



Christ the King

SCHOOL

Life Changing Education

April 2010

MISSION STATEMENT: Christ the King School is a Catholic faith community serving students in grades K-8. Guided by Gospel values, we provide a positive and safe environment where children are nurtured in their spiritual, moral, academic, and physical growth.

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that Lent is almost over. Although the 40 days of Lent are not easy ones, these days do afford us the time to look at ourselves and how we interact with others. This time also allows us an opportunity for reflection and better self-awareness.

This year during Lent we have tried to bring the students and ourselves closer to God. We have looked at the Mass and refocused on the importance of the event, we have taken time to say the Rosary, and we have made sacrifices and prayed. All of the students and staff have devoted more time to our faith and to Christ. And although Lent will be coming to an end this Sunday, this is just the beginning of our journey.

I encourage you to participate as a family in as many Holy Week services as your schedule allows and continue on our journey to meet Christ:

Holy Thursday —

No 6:30 AM or Noon Mass
7:00 PM — Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday —

No confessions — No 4:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM — Easter Vigil

Good Friday —

No Masses
3:00 PM — Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM — Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion and Death

Easter Sunday —

Mass at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 AM
No 7:30 PM Mass

With spring now upon us and with only 9 weeks of school left, I ask that you visit with your child to make sure that they are still focused and attending to their "job." Here at Christ the King, we will continue to help students reach high levels of success until the very last day of school.

The teachers and I met last week during our professional development day to discuss writing objectives, the development of student portfolios and goals for next year. The teachers are committed to helping each student strive and attain success in all areas. Don't forget that we have parent/teacher conferences scheduled this week. This is a great time to "check in" with your child's teacher and see where your child is in regards to their academics, behavior, and overall growth.

Thank you so much for partnering with us as we educate your children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Scanlon-Smith
Principal

April Christskill= COMMON SENSE

Holy Week

We want to remind everyone that as we enter Holy Week, we will not have any extra-curricular activities this week in order to focus our minds and hearts on the services of the week.

Report Cards & Parent/Teacher Conferences

Your child should have come home last Thursday with their 3rd Quarter report card. Please make sure that their envelope is signed and returned to school. This Thursday, April 1, we will host our spring conferences. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call or email them at school so you can arrange a time to meet to discuss your child.

Registration Packets

School Registration Packets for the upcoming school year are now due. The next deadline is this Wednesday, March 31. If you plan on re-enrolling for next year but cannot meet this deadline, please contact the school office to let them know of your intentions. We are beginning to look at class size and have many interested families.

New Family Registration

If you know of any families that are considering registering at Christ the King for the 2010/2011 school year, please have them call the school office for more information. If you refer a family to Christ the King and they register for the 2011-2012 school year, you will receive a \$500 Visa Gift Card.

ITBS Scores

We hope to receive the ITBS scores for students in grades 4 – 8 by next Monday. Look for scores to come home by April 9.

Theater for the Imagination

The boys in grades 5 – 8 have been working with The Theater for the Imagination to put on a western play about bullying. An all-school production will be presented tomorrow, Tuesday, March 30, at 2:00 PM in the gym. We invite everyone to join us for this show.

Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their impressive work in the city's science fair:

Margaret Maschler and Aly Ruffini won Silver Medals

Pablo Guzman won a Bronze Medal

Ariel Utter won a Gold Medal and was also the Division Winner!

We also want to thank Mrs. O'Dowd for working so hard with all of the students in this year's fair. It is truly amazing that we had so many winners with this being our first year competing in the fair.

Principal for the Day

Margaret Mashler is preparing for her day that she will step into the principal's shoes. Look for Miss Maschler's plans for Friday, April 9.

Website Photos

We are looking for photos for both the yearbook and the website. If you have any photos from the St. Patrick's Day Parade, auction, or the science fair, we would love to get a copy. Please send these photos to Mrs. Kenagy at dkenagy@ctkckcmo.org and we will get the photos put into the yearbook and forwarded for the website.

Technology Improvements

Today we will be installing a SMART Board in Mrs. O'Dowd's classroom. This equipment was purchased through the Pendergast-Weyer Foundation from a grant that was written this past fall. We are very excited to get this hardware put in so that we can begin using it to benefit our students and our instruction.

Earth Day is April 22

April 22 celebrates the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This year to celebrate this anniversary we are partnering with the Parish for a variety of Earth Day activities. At school, the 7th grade students will be organizing our activities. For the month of April we are going to have an old-fashioned paper drive. We are trying to collect more paper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, etc. than we did last April. If we bring in more paper than we brought in last April, we will double our earnings for April. The individual classrooms will be challenging each other during the week of April 19 - 23. So start saving that paper and look for upcoming posters. The winning class will receive a pizza party.

Watch for more information about a Bake Sale and other fundraising events. We hope to add some planters to our West entrance and work on some other beautification projects during this month.

Student Chess League

Friday Night Scholastic Chess League is open to kids from all schools. The league gives the students practice and the opportunity to play against lots of kids, and it's a fun and easy-going environment. Beginners are welcome! The cost is very reasonable - \$39 for six weeks. This league will be held at Visitation School.

The league will be run by Ken Fee (owner of Kansas City Chess Club). He currently runs the chess club at Visitation School. If you are interested, check out the link below with all the details. You may register online at <http://www.kcchess.org/VisitationChessLeague/tabid/245/Default.aspx>

Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent we have asked each family to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. The Rice Bowls will be collected and offered up at Wednesday's All School Mass. Please send your child to school with their bowl either tomorrow or Wednesday.

CPTO Events

The Well/Lew's Fish Fundraiser

This is the last week for The Well Bar Grill & Rooftop and Lew's Grill & Bar Fish Fundraiser. As of last week, we were in the lead. Don't forget you still have some time to purchase fish items at both restaurants. They will give our school a \$1.00 rebate for each meal purchase.

Spirit Night at The Well

This Thursday is our CTK Spirit Night at The Well. 10% of all sales (this includes all alcohol & food sales) for anyone who mentions Christ the King will come back to our community. Go out and support Christ the King!!!

Easter Egg Hunt

We want to thank everyone who donated eggs and candy for the hunt yesterday. The bunny thanks you for all your help.

Rock the Parkway Race

Thank you all for coming out this past Saturday and braving the elements on behalf of Christ the King to help kick off the inaugural "Rock the Parkway" marathon. The rain (and hail) did not stop us from showing our Christ the King spirit and our support for the thousands of runners who participated in this exciting event. We had no doubt in our minds about Christ the King rocking the parkway!

Next year's event is set for Saturday, April 2. Hopefully, we can participate again and have a larger Christ the King showing.

Crusader Club Athletics

No track practices this week due to Holy Week. Track will resume practice on Monday, April 5, at 5:30 PM at Center Middle School track. The first meet for all participants is Saturday, April 10, at O'Hara High School.

Basketball intramurals ended yesterday with many good shots and signs of sportsmanship and teamwork. Intramurals introduces the sport to each student in a fun, relaxed way. Next year's 3rd graders will have a chance to transition to the Parochial League. Please turn in your laundered team t-shirt to the office with your name. Big thanks go out to Pat Manning, Toby Todd and Thomas Leggio for helping with the games. Huge thanks for our coaches' service! Look for information on volleyball intramurals soon. E-mail Mr. Seeger if your child hasn't signed up yet. Volleyball will begin after Easter.

Week of the Young Child

April 12 – 16 is the *Week of the Young Child*. Week of the Young Child is held each year to honor young children and thank teachers and all those who make a difference in young children's lives. Students in grades K – 8 will be supporting the ECLC students in a variety of events. Please join us for the preschool's annual Trike-A-Thon to support St. Jude's Hospitals.

School Parent Input Desired for an Important Diocesan Survey

As a parent of a student enrolled in a Catholic early childhood program or an elementary or high school in the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph, the diocese would like you to participate in a survey.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes and will provide valuable information to the diocese for strategic planning purposes. The survey does not capture personal information and is anonymous. Please let your voice be heard. The link to the survey will be open through Thursday, April 8.

Web Address for the Survey

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2t26whsg6y4vfrf/start>

Catholic Soccer Camps

The soccer camps combine high-level soccer training with Catholicism. The camps are designed for male and female youth soccer players from the ages of 7 to 17. The camp features two professional-level coaches and scouts from Verona, Italy – Massimo Carli and Luigi "Gigi" Dusatti. The camps will take place at the Overland Park Soccer Complex from July 26 – 30. For further information please call (913) 549-4871, or visit www.CatholicSoccerCamps.com.

Matching Gifts

Many employers have a charitable matching gift program in place where they will match, double or even triple gifts their employees make to non-profit organizations such as Christ the King School.

There are also companies who will make a gift on their employee's behalf to Christ the King School if the employee completes a minimal number of volunteer hours for the school.

Please check with your employer to see if they offer this type of program or contact us at (816) 363-1113 for more information.

Do you know how many great things we have accomplished in 131 days? Our students and parents have been very busy this year:

We held the annual Easter Egg Hunt, had 4 students place in the city science fair, worked with Theater for the Imagination and held a "Play in a Day" here at school, held Monday Morning Rosaries for the community, field trip to the Liberty Memorial and the KC Star, participated in the annual Brookside St. Patrick's Day Parade, Friday Stations of the Cross during Lent, took the ITBS in grades 3 – 8, 7th and 8th grades began working on the yearbook, the 4th grade held a recorder concert, painted a large park mural in the lunchroom, participated in McTeacher Night at McDonald's, poetry recitals, publishing parties, Joel Nichols, the weatherman from Channel 9 visited, saw Frog and Toad at the Lyric Opera, made rosaries for the First Communion candidates, grades 5 – 8 attended Respect for Life Day, held a "Safety Night" for the Waldo neighborhood with the KCMO Police Department, 3rd grade traveled to Earthworks, sang and played games with the residents of Carondelet Manor, held special manners luncheons at Applebee's, visited the Don Bosco Senior Center, held a school auction, participated in Operation Rice Bowl, the teachers went to Catechetical Day at O'Hara High School, 6/7th grade boys won 1st place in the City Championship for basketball, held Catholic Schools Week, Bible Trivia, held a science fair, CTK Spelling Bee, Fight for Life Games, volunteered for the Salvation Army, held a Scholastic Book Fair, 1st grade baptized their baby dolls, Kindergarten Roundup for 2010-2011, held three gift gathering parties for our school auction, participated in the Elks writing contest, held a canned soup drive for our food pantry and brought in over 1200 cans, New Year's Eve party for the community, participated in Jump for Heart for the American Heart Society, partnered with the ECLC on the Christmas program and ornament decorating, visited the Planetarium, held Mad Science classes, toured the Bishop Sullivan Center, 7/8th graders went to their 1st dance at O'Hara, ECLC went through accreditation, sold discount cards, had the "Gossip Girls" play 2nd graders collected socks and mittens for the needy, basketball season, hosted the "Fruit for our Fathers" Gathering, went to Science Pioneers Science Day, took the ACRE Test, K – 1 watched Mr. Stinkyfeet, held Trunk or Treat, sold trash bags, Student Council participated in the ECLC's Thankful Feast, was awarded a Pendergast-Weyer Grant, participated in the International Walk to School Day, went to the Nature Center, watched the Fire & Ice Show from Mad Science, toured an ambulance and fire truck, Ice cream social, volleyball season started, 8th grade visited Conception Abbey, Major Dan from the KCMO Police Department visited and taught us how to be safe, held Student Council elections, students watched a Wizards match against the Ringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey Clowns and were on TV attended 8 school masses, started a flag football team, started an enrichment group for students, JoHo the storyteller visited the Kindergartners and preschoolers, students went to the Bayer Corporation to learn about medical scientists, enrolled in the Scripps Spelling Bee Program, held a First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, conducted health assessments for the students, Carnival, started karate classes, Grandparents' Day mass and activities, Crazy Sock Day, assessed each student in reading and gave them their current reading level, Howler, the Wolf, came and read to the students, renewed our lunchroom recycling program, participated in service projects, the teachers are starting to develop Professional Learning Communities, began preparing the 2nd graders for First Reconciliation.

Upcoming April Events:

- Thursday, April 1 Students may begin wearing appropriate school shorts
Noon Dismissal – Spirit Dress Down Day
- Sunday, April 18 First Communion at 11:30 AM Mass
- Sunday, April 25 Pastor Day
- Friday, April 30 DQ Day