

Christ the King School News

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May 6, 2008

Dear Parents,

The last month of school! I am sure that many of our students and our staff are counting down the days. The beautiful weather of the last couple of days certainly makes one long for a break from the every day life of school. However, there is still a great deal of teaching and learning that needs to take place. Please continue to encourage your children to do their very best each day. I have said this many times, but I believe that ending a school year with good grades sets the stage for a good beginning to the next school year. I know how hard it can be to keep on top of children's school work, checking to be sure that they have done all of their work, helping them study for tests, and being sure that long range assignments are not completed at the last minute. However, there is a wonderful pay off to all of that hard work - a good report card on May 30 and a wonderful, well-earned, relaxing summer. Thank you for continuing to help us as we work to provide your children with the best education possible. Our children are most successful when school and home work together.

As you know, during the last week of school, May 27-30, our students will be out of uniform. It is important that all students dress appropriately. For the most part, this does happen; but last year, we had girls come to school in clothes that were too short, too tight, and too revealing. In order to eliminate that problem and to keep the number of phone calls home for appropriate dress to a minimum, all girls must wear either knee-length shorts or capris. For safety reasons, no sandals, crocs, or flip-flops are allowed. If you are concerned about whether something is appropriate or not, it probably isn't appropriate for school.

Beginning on Monday, May 12, a student who has a negative balance in his/her lunch account will only be given a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk, if the student would like to eat lunch. Mrs. Martin sends low balance letters every day to each student who has a balance of \$5.00 or less in his/her lunch account. Please add money to your child's account when you receive one of these letters. Any unused lunch account money at the end of the school year will be rolled over to the next school year. If your child has money in an account and that child is either graduating or not returning to our school, you will be reimbursed for that amount.

With the warmer weather, we will be having some of our PE classes outside, as well as teachers may have a class outside for part of the afternoon. If the cones are up, you will not be able to get on the lot until 2:30 PM. In this warmer weather, when you are parked on the lot waiting for dismissal, please consider turning off your car. According to clean air experts, idling consumes one-half to one gallon of fuel per hour and wastes more fuel than turning off and on your car engine. Additionally, one vehicle dropping off and picking up a student puts three pounds of pollution into the air each month. Stopping or decreasing the amount of time that a vehicle is idling, is one easy way to improve air quality and that improves the respiratory health of all of us.

Congratulations to the music students who participated in the state IGSMA District Solo and Ensemble contest in Troy, Illinois, this past Saturday. The following students received Division First Superiors: Sadie Hamilton, Grace Luker, Mary Regan, Keelin Valenti, Jason Kokkat, the sixth grade ensemble (Bailey Clark, Mary Beth Tapocik, Ted Luker, Christina Beedie, Carmen Giacomini, Julie Conrad, Meg Shudrowitz, and Emma Hylin), and the eighth grade ensemble (Keelin Valenti, Grace Luker, Mary Regan, Rebecca Marshall, Audrey Giacomini, Cassidy Gietl, Abby Hose, Aubrey Urbanek, and Sadie Hamilton). These students received a Division 1 rating: Darbey Gaffigan, Grace Luker, Sean Maher, Ben Yoswig, Abby Iocca, and the fifth grade ensemble (Libby Roth, Jennifer Marshall, Emma Hardy, Madeline

Reavy, Erin Cetindag, Danielle Schmitt, Lauren Carter, and Alicia Windisch). Congratulations, also to our music staff, Mrs. Younkin, Mrs. Hose and Miss Winson.

Mrs. Snow will be sponsoring the "Buy One, Get One Free" Scholastic Book Fair at the end of May. Here is a chance to purchase some good books for summer reading at a bargain price. There will be more information about the book fair in the coming weeks.

Last Saturday, our track team participated in the IESA sectional. Congratulations to the following students who qualified to participate in the IESA State Tournament on Friday and Saturday in Peoria: Matt Janes and Darbey Gaffigan (shot put), Sarah Sepanski (long jump), Sara Treat (400 M and 100 M), and the sixth grade boys 4x400 relay team of Dominic Aiello, Ryan Held, Joe Hoyle, Michael Purser and alternate Alex Simko. We will have a pep rally to recognize the entire track team and to wish our state qualifiers good luck on Thursday at 2:00 PM in our school gym. A thank you to Coach Willoughby and all of the track parents who did so much to make this season a successful one for the students.

Thanks so much to the Student Council officers and representatives for all of your hard work at the school talent show. The last meeting of the council is Monday, May 12, from 3:00-3:45 PM.

A reminder to our AWP parents that all fees for the month of May are now due. Some of our families are past due and we ask you to take care of this as soon as possible. Remember that there is **NO PM AWP** on Friday, May 23.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 7, we will honor our eighth graders by presenting them with ribbons at the 8:30 AM school mass. Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration for our soon-to-be graduates. That same afternoon, the eighth graders will participate in our annual May Crowning at 1:45 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to share this special event that honors Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Available in the rack across from the office -

- 2008 SH-G Coed Soccer Camp
- Membership forms for the Knights of Columbus pool

Going home with students today -

- A copy of The Bridgebuilder

Congratulations to the following students whose names were placed in the Good News Jar: Sarah Treat (twice), Alison Israel (twice), Nick Miller, Jack Sandberg, Louis Yockey, Adam Skowronski (three times), Andrew Gaffigan, Drew Thomas, Tommy Maiocco, Drew Fox (twice), Nick Brahler (twice), Marcus Midden, Jake Fahey (three times), Mikaila Salvo (twice), Nathan Zanger (twice), Mary Beth Tapocik, David Bova, Annie Burns, Ellie Brown, Anna Carter, Dominic Aiello, Ryan Held, Drake Reents, Luke Healey, Sarah Foster, Carissa Reedy, Maggie Deckard, Anna Lucas (twice), Madison Johannes, Emma Nottingham, Darby Moore (twice), Chris Foster, Jade Mock (twice), Mary Beth Tapocik, Alex Simko, Ian Handley, Ted Luker, Aili Eggleston, Zach Scott, Edward Donathan, Cole Daily, Julia Call, Tyler Scott, Riley Hulligan, Natalie Enlow, Nick Sepanski (twice), Tori Faulkner, Ryan Fleischli, Gino Serra, Payton Nicoud, Ellie Scott, Sam Sweetland, Connor Londrigan, Alex Herter, Sophia Roth, Ashley Eastman, Olivia McNamara, Brett Fox, Austin Plumb, Peter Salvo, Kailey Johannes, Shelby Craven, Ellie Brandt, Gabby Madonia, Katie Beyer, Mitch Madonia, Erin Crabtree, Megan Bauman, Anna Thoele, Catherine Ward, Jessica Ryan, Jack Staten, Claire Conlon, Claire Fuchs, Thomas Crain (twice), Charlie Hamilton (twice), Meghan Rupnik, and Matt Moseley.

Our caring message for this week is "Be a team player!" We have talked about teamwork and how teams are not just sports teams but families, classes and communities. We will talk about setting realistic personal and team goals and that we all need one another. On Friday, we will talk about being supportive and understanding of our teammates because we will all have bad games.

God's blessings,

Next Tuesday, May13, is a 1:45 PM dismissal with NO PM AWP.

