

Principal's Report

January 2, 2018

I. Enrollment updates

- 367 students for 2017-18.
- PreK 3 has 45 enrolled.
- PreK 4 has 41 students.
- K-8 has 281 enrolled.
- We have 243 families enrolled.

II. Good News About School

- We enjoyed lighting the Advent Candles together as a school on Mondays in the Gym with a short prayer service and continued the new tradition of filling the wooden manger with hay for the Baby Jesus, or yellow strips of paper for each act of devotion, good work, act of kindness or sacrifice performed.
- Our 2nd grade students and PSR students made their First Reconciliation.
- Our school choirs sang at the KofC Breakfast to benefit Catholic education Dec. 10th.
- Our teachers enjoyed a Science FOSS kit training at CTK to help them navigate the new kits we are using in grades 1st thru 3rd. Other school science teachers observed the training for insight.
- Our 3rd thru 7th grade students went to Reconciliation before Christmas.
- We had a successful Jeans Day for March for Life.
- Our Mission Club collected hats, gloves & scarves for the Caroling at St. John's Breadline on Saturday, December 16th.
- Barnes & Noble sponsored CTK on Sunday December 17th at their store.
- CTK School was re-inspected by the fire marshal and we passed the new inspection. A new strobe light was added to the preschool bathroom area as well as emergency lights replaced, exit signs working, and chemicals labeled in Science labs. We also were told to clean up our storage rooms, which are all neat and orderly now.
- The Nativity Program was very well received with all preschool through 8th grade students participating in the reason for the season. We had a packed gym!! Children from The Hope School attended our dress rehearsal and also enjoyed the performance.
- We collected items for the Pregnancy Care Center the night of our Nativity Program.
- Santa and Mrs. Claus were in attendance for our annual Sing-A-Long. We had a Facebook LIVE event during this that included drawing for our Bonus Raffle!
- Our Mission Club visited the homebound of the parish and brought them poinsettia plants and songs of the season.
- Invest in Kids Scholarship donations began today. There are three steps to donating: There are three steps in donating. 1. Register with mytax.illinois.gov 2. Reserve your Tax Credit with the Illinois Department of Revenue 3. Then Donate. This is the step with Empower Illinois where you designate CTK school. Go to empowerillinois.org

III. Curriculum Updates

- SHG students will begin tutoring students as part of a service learning class. These students will come to CTK as part of their class on 3 days a week at 2:20pm until 3:00pm and work with students who need help.
- Science Curriculum is being explored by all the City Catholic Schools. We love using FOSS kits and Discovery Education!
- Mary Sheila Tracy has offered to help Teachers with Google Training.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Coffee with the Principal - Preschool 4's to discuss enrolling in CTK/Scholarship possibilities with Invest in Kids thru Empower Illinois.
- Katie Price will be in the classrooms presenting Stewardship lessons January 10th.
- "SHREK!" Auditions in a few weeks.
- March for Life!
- Catholic Schools Week!! Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed!
- Open House for Preschool.
- Auction February 24th, 5:30pm. Brat Pack is the Live Band playing.

V. Staff

- The Parish hired Nikki Bull-Eguez as our new Business Manager.
- I begin formal observations in the classroom next week for teacher evaluations.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- We are getting prices for new lockers for students in 7th & 8th grade students, making this our Fund-A-Project this year.
- We replaced two water fixtures where lead was found during our water testing.
- Our water heater was replaced in the preschool area. Ryan Link donated the equipment and Dan Krajec did the installation.

Staff Vision Statement

With God as our guide, we the staff of Christ the King strive to welcome and support one another, conscious always of respecting individual contributions, while collaborating positively to form a Catholic community of faith and friendship.

As followers of Christ, we use our wisdom, knowledge and experience to promote respectful, open-minded communication at all times. We especially recognize the importance of confidentiality, thereby protecting even the quietest voice among us.

As lifelong learners and believers in the power of a positive mindset, we encourage one another to grow as professionals, investigating and embracing best practices as deemed appropriate.

Ever mindful that together we are stronger; we recognize the importance of our spiritual, mental, emotional and physical well-being, achieved, in part, by nurturing friendships and camaraderie in and out of our school environment. Simply put, the staff that prays and plays together stays together!