



Principal's Post: March 13, 2017

Dear CKRS Families and Friends,

Happy Saint Snow Day! It looks like we are definitely in the path of some troublesome weather so I have decided we will be safe rather than sorry and call for a **snow emergency day tomorrow, Tuesday March 14th**. We will see if Snowmeggadon is as bad as they predict and if so, we will adjust our schedule for Wednesday if necessary. Please check your email and iPhones for our One-Call updates or check on our CKRS webpage. Our best hope is that storm comes and goes and we all remain safe and warm!

Luckily the pending snowy tsunami wasn't a factor impeding last Friday night's wonderfully successful King's Ball a knight in Denim and Diamonds. It was a very special night for our school community not just as a very fun and not too fancy evening of fundraising but moreover, it was a special opportunity for our CKRS to come together and recognize one of our own, Jerry Silvi as our Knight of the Night, for his long-standing loyalty, generosity and service to our school. Many thanks to Jerry, his wife, Jane, his family, and his friends for making the evening such a memorable occasion celebrating him and the best of all things CKRS. A King's share of gratitude to King's Ball Committee Ann Tufano, Loretta Ravelli, Shannon Hall, Linda Farnoly, Meghan Faiola, Chris Sparks, Anjanette Foster and Vanessa Hawkins-Crump and all others who helped them by getting sponsors, donations or lending a hand in making this evening sure success. You are simply the BEST!



As most of you are aware, this past week the children from 3rd to 7th grade inclusive were going through our annual standard academic assessment, the IOWA test. Thank you to Mr. Brayshaw, Mrs. Flem and Mrs. G. Grisi who organized the proctoring of the IOWA Test this year. Having witnessed the teachers and students working diligently throughout the school year, I feel confident that mastery of all the necessary benchmark skills at each grade level were taught and learned. I am sure their good efforts will show, even shine, when the test results come back later this Spring.

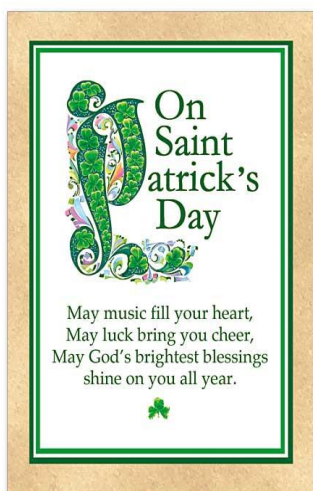
With just about two weeks into our Lenten journey, our school community is surefooted on a path paved with good works and prayers as we move closer to Holy Week. This week, some of the children will be graced with the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Confirmation as Bishop Sullivan comes to CKRS this evening to confirm some members of our Eighth Grade Class whose home parish is Christ the King. Others in the Class will be called forth to step up as Soldiers of Christ, Knights if you will, later this month, when they too will be confirmed at ceremonies at their respective home parishes. Blessings abound.

Fr. Jim, Fr. Joe, Mr. Mc Cullough and the teachers are all collaborating to ensure that all the children across all grade levels personally and meaningfully experience the many important and impacting Lenten traditions, including the Stations of the Cross. Talk to your children about their Lenten journey and offer them support as they search for understanding of the Paschal Mystery and begin to grasp a deeper meaning and appreciation of Easter that goes beyond jellybeans and egg hunts. As always thank you for being their first and best teachers of faith and partnering with us in the academic and as well as religious education of your child. Additional opportunities of almsgiving, prayer and service opportunities are planned and will be happening here at school during the remaining weeks of Lent and as always, we thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

A Royal Congratulations to our Varsity Girls' Basketball Team, and their coaches, Mr. Schooley and Mr. Hatch for having an undefeated season and winning the All Saints League Championship tournament last weekend. As I often say to the children, they have brought honor to themselves, to their families and most importantly glory to God and our school that bears His name. The same is true for our JV Boys who won their League Championship last week as well. The boys and their coaches, Mr. Wixted and Mr. Nugent were over the moon to end their season on such a high note. Congratulations KNIGHTS! Our Varsity Boys' Basketball Team plays this evening at Paul VI in a tournament Playoff game and we wish them our best with a few prayers tossed to play valiantly and bring home yet another win to CKRS.

Track and Field is well underway under the direction of Coach Heigler. Practice is currently being held for our 50 + team roster on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 at CKRS until the Spring weather settles in. I am sure practice might be affected this week due to the predicted weather for Wednesday. We wish these athletes good weather and health as they prepare for their first race later this Spring.

With the King's Ball successfully behind us, in order to fully secure the full financial amount we budgeted from fundraising, we are getting ready to plant the 3rd and final leg of our fundraising stool into our CKRS School Community. The last few years as many of you know, we have held a car raffle in the Spring. This year after listening to suggestions and the PTA getting input from the school community, it was decided to run a **Mega "Sand Dollars" 50/50 instead of a Car Raffle**. As we know "Cash is King" and we hope to create a Jackpot of over \$25,000 which will be divided between the school 50% and three luck winners, 30%, 15%, and 5% to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners respectively. If we reach our goal of each family selling 12 \$10 tickets, **someone, hopefully one of you, is going to win \$7500 and two others are going to win \$3750 and \$1250!!!** I think the Jackpot could even be bigger if we all get behind this very easy to sell raffle effort. Please do all you can to support this important fundraiser and try your best to sell all 12 tickets that will be sent home on or about April 1st! The raffle will be pulled on June 7th at the State of the School Final PTA Meeting of the year. Thank you in advance for help and support in this fundraiser.



This Thursday we will be holding early celebrations of Saint Patrick's Day and Saint Joseph's Day. Children are encouraged to dress up in their Irish Green or Carpenter Brown to mark this day. We are having a special Irish Band come to CKRS to give a Concert at 10:00 a.m. and March Birthdays will be celebrated during snack time. Just a reminder that Thursday is scheduled as an early dismissal and Faculty meeting and Friday is a Diocesan in-service for the teachers and no school for children. Between the snow day and the end-of-week calendar, there will be plenty of opportunity for some significant extra family fun and bonding time! Good Luck and God bless with that!

*On this feast day,
may you know
the compassion and caring,
the faith and obedience,
the love for Jesus
shown to us through Joseph.*



In the King's service,

Mrs. Hartman