



Dear CKRS Family and Friends,

Easter Greetings and Blessing to you all. As the good Sisters of Saint Joseph would say, “Christ is Risen. Spring is Eternal.” I hope you all enjoyed a rejoicing, restorative Easter vacation with your children and that the many special blessings of this holy season are lingering in your heart and home. With signs of Spring everywhere, it is easy to be believe and echo the words of Saint Augustine, “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!” There is so much life and so many good things happening in and around CKRS, how can we be or say anything else?

Our CKRS Track team is having a fantastic season so far and has great promise for further success as the season progresses. Both of our Penn Relay Teams finished first in the regional qualifying races and will advance to compete in this classic Track and Field event later this Spring. Head Track & Field Coach, Tiffany Heigler has expressed her pride and joy in all of her athletes’ performance and invites you to come see and cheer them on to victory in one of the remaining local meets. Times, dates and locations are posted on the bottom of this post and also can be found on the CKRS athletic link on our website.

You may also have heard some chatter about the blooming success of our **newly-formed Drama Club** and its planned **debut performances of “Fractured Fairy Tales** later this Spring. Under the direction of Mrs. Lauren Picerno, our young aspiring actors are going to be putting on our first shows on May 17th & 18th. The entire week of May 14th to the 18th will be celebrated as Fine and Performing Arts Weeks here at CKRS, with a school wide **Art Show organized by Mrs. Jill Palacki, our Advanced Band Spring Concert conducted by Mrs. Jennifer Blair on Wednesday April 16th** and some special individual field trips and assemblies that focus on the Arts and the important contribution they make not just to our formal education but as an enrichment and source of enjoyment to our entire life experience. Under the direction of **Mrs. Patty Davison, many of our 5th Grade students** along with a few 4th and 6th graders are preparing a choral repertoire to perform in **American Young Voice Concert along with over a thousand other area children in Philadelphia on June 4th** as well. We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students to bring the Arts alive in our school. **Special Kudos to Maria Fantozzi** for earning a chair as a flutist in the All-Area Philadelphia Concert Band.

Another point of pride for our school each Spring that validates our consistent academic achievement and educational rigor is our IOWA Test School report. CKRS IOWA Test results for 2018 have just been electronically released to the schools who participated in this year's battery of tests. The teachers and I are in the process of reviewing both individual student performance as well as class summary profiles however overall we as school continue to have an overwhelming majority of our student population scoring above the national and state average in all core academic areas, with many scoring in a superior range. With further review, we as a faculty will further analyze the scores and then discuss and discern the best ways to design and deliver any curriculum or core content areas that might need more attention in terms of future mastery for each grade level. For you as a parent, the important thing for you to do is to look at your own child's progress and mastery in the academic areas being tested. Their purpose does not lie in comparing your child's results to classmates' or siblings' scores but in identifying academic areas of strength and weakness that your child as a developing learner may enhance, reinforce and remediate. We will send home your child's results as soon as we receive the individual paper forms for distribution.

Tickets for our Sand Dollars 50/50 Raffle went home last week. We really need each and every CKRS family to help with this critical fundraising effort. Our hope is to realize a significant profit from this raffle in order to finance some much needed improvements to our school plant that were budget for this school year. Last year, with the help of a generous grant from the Hocker Foundation, we were able to install upgraded security doors throughout our school. Presently we are in the final stages of installing a panic alarm system to allow an automatic lockdown of our building and further insuring the greater safety of all our children if ever a true crisis situation presented itself here at CKRS. We are only able to do these types of important impacting improvements because of fundraising efforts such as this. This year we are targeting cafeteria window replacement with new window units with bulletproof glass. This is an expensive expenditure that again only due to the generosity of an alumni benefactor whose \$10,000 gift is being used to supplement the NJ State security grant we received, puts this important safety upgrade project within our financial reach if each of us do our part to bring our projected profit from this fundraiser into fruition. We have a little over a month left to meet our goal of the needed \$10,000 that will enable us to fully finance this window replacement project using revenue from this year's budgeted money. I have great faith and hope in your resolve to make this a fundraising a success and our school safer for all our CKRS children. Only a few will win a prize from the raffle however all of us will win greater peace of mind knowing we have contributed to making our school a safer place for all our CKRS children. **Thank you in advance for your support in selling all 12 of yours or more raffle tickets.**

May this Easter season reaffirm our commitment to do and be out best for all the children entrusted to our care here at CKRS and grow in Faith in our Risen Lord, Christ the King.

In the King's Service,
Mrs. Hartman

A Few important upcoming dates to mark on your calendar

CKRS Track & Field League Meet Dates:

Meet #3: Saturday, April 21st @ Pennsauken H.S.

Meet #4: Saturday, April 28th @ Sterling H.S.

Meet #5: Saturday, May 5th @ Maple Shade H.S.

Meet #6: Saturday, May 12th @ Haddon Heights H.S.

Championship Meet: Saturday, May 19th @ Paul VI H.S.

April 23rd: Open House and Story Hour for perspective Pre-K and Kindergarten 6:00 p.m.

Earth Week **April 23rd-27th**

April 30th Walking Field Trip to the Philadelphia Orchestra Soloist Concert Series in Haddonfield at 12:30

Ascension Thursday: **May 10th** Noon Mass at Christ the King Church

May 16th Art Show & Spring Concert: 7:00 p.m.

May 17th & 18th 7:00 p.m. CKRS Players present their rendition of "Fractured FairyTales"

May 25th Field Day with an Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

May 28th Memorial Day No School!!!