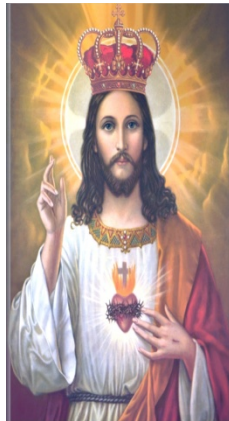


Principal's Post: February 20, 2018

Dear CKRS Families and Friends:

As most of you are aware, last week held a very sad day for all of us who hold the safety and sanctity of our school children dear to our hearts. Whenever a school shooting occurs and children's lives are lost to this world, it gives us all pause to be reflective and responsive to the potential danger of such an event happening in our community, even our school and fuels a heightened sense of our responsibility to prevent such a tragedy and protect our children as very best we can from it ever happening to them. Please be assured that each and every day we truly do all that is humanly possible with the given physical structures we have here at CKRS to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all our children. Many significant security improvements have been made in the last few years and more are in the making as I type this to you. This topic will be the main focus of my Principal's Report at our PTA Meeting next Wednesday Night Feb, 28th when I share all the various procedures, protocols, practice, means and methods we have in place and /or are planning in the near future here at CKRS. For those unable to attend, a written summary of my report will be sent via email for you to read so that you all can be informed of what was shared at the meeting and learn what you as a parent can do to help CKRS be a safer, more secure school environment. Obviously, this is not an easy topic to discuss or fully address, but one it is one that must be reflected upon and responded to with Faith, with Hope, and with Love in all the forms of good works and actions those virtues call us to do and be about as a caring, concerned adult members of this Catholic School Community.

Lenten observance began here with our celebration of Ash Wednesday Mass. Throughout the Lenten Season, the children at CKRS will be made more aware of the religious significance and the various Catholic traditions including but limited to fasting, praying, doing works of mercy and participating in the Stations of the Cross, and the sacrament of Penance that mark the forty days prior to the celebration of Easter. During Lent, as a daily reminder to the children, we will be holding our annual "**Coin Crusade**" to help children worldwide who lack the bare essentials of life. We hope these little coin sacrifices make for big change in the hearts of our students and the lives of those children it helps. Each day in the morning, we at CKRS pray that "**Christ the King rule my heart to learn, to love, to serve.**" This Lent, let us all more deeply embrace the words of this simple child's prayer and work as humble servants of the Lord. Together let us make our school worthy to bear His holy name and in doing so help to build up His Kingdom here on earth. We are using Pope Francis' Reflection on "Fasting" as our spiritual compass to help us navigate through this Lenten Season as a school community. I have attached a copy so you better understand our communal journey as a school to becoming a more hopeful, helpful, holy Easter people in the next 36 days or so. Please pray for us as we pray for you each day.



As the calendar would have it, we were able to squeeze in a bit of pre-Lenten fun on February 8th at Our Red White and Bubbly fun and fantastic evening of BINGO and so much more. All who attended had a fabulous night with friends while raising thousands of dollars to support to our school's enrichment programs. **A King's share of gratitude to Loretta Ravelli** for once again chairing this successful event and a special thank you to Paul Ravelli and all the Father's Club members for being our Shining Knights once again offering their help and good humor to ensure a fun night out for the Ladies of the Kingdom. Our next big school community event is ***The King's Ball, A Knight of Luck on March 16th*** at the Tavistock Country Club. There's a wee bit more information about this special night of Shenanigans on our web page. Please do whatever you can to help this be the successful evening our school needs it to be!

As always, thanks for your support and help in all things CKRS. As the Irish say, "There is only one thing better than being lucky; It's being Blessed!" ...and blessed we are my friends, and blessed we are. **Be sure to hug those little blessings in your life a little bit tighter this week....they need to know they are all so very loved and so do you.**

In the King's Service,
Mrs. Hartman

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS about Fasting this Lent....

Fast from hurting words and
say kind words.

Fast from sadness and
be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and
be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and
be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and
contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.



A FEW IMPORTANT CKRS REMINDERS

Thank you for your cooperation in re-registering your child at CKRS.

If you still have not re-registered your child(ren) please do so as soon as possible so we can include them in our count and next year's planning. We still need PreK and Kindergarten Students for 2018-2019 to keep our enrollment numbers high! Please let your friends, family and neighbors know how about school and all we have to offer their child. We strongly encourage you to be an ambassador for our school and encourage friends and neighbors to make an invest that will last a lifetime and pursue an education for their child at CKRS. As a reward for your efforts on our behalf, if you recommend a new family to CKRS and they register one of their children for the 2018-2019 school year, you will get your re-registration fee returned or it can be applied to your next year's tuition payment. If you recruit more than one child in the same or in different families and they register in our school, you will have your next year's family fee waived! Be sure they tell us, you sent them!

BUS FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED ASAP. Securing adequate bussing is a critical issue for our entire school community as it has direct impact on current and future enrollment. Please **respond to email alerts and other correspondence regarding public money funding for this** and other areas of government grants that support programs and service at CKRS. Everyone needs to return these forms if you live in New Jersey and your district provides bus transportation to other children who reside in your area to your local public schools. Mrs. Stiltz is waiting to cross your name off her list!

Please be courteous in the Morning and Afternoon Car Pick-up line. No cars should be turning and entering from Hopkins Avenue. It is very upsetting and disrespectful to those people who abide by the rules and wait in line and I hear concerns and complaints almost every single day and try to address the culprits. **Everyone's time is valuable. Please be considerate.**

NO ONE SHOULD BE PARKING IN THE BUS LOOP AND WALKING CHILDREN up to THE SCHOOL BUILDING in the morning. ! If you need to or want to escort a child to the school door, please come in the regular driveway drop line and park in a space below.

THE BUS LOOP IS STRICTLY A MORNING KISS and GO ZONE!! Pull Up... Kiss... Go!

Children K-8 should not arrive to school before 7:50. Those arriving earlier than 7:50 will be put into morning care and you will be charged for the service. The earliest Pre-K drop off is 8:00 and is only meant for those that have an older sibling. Regular Pre-K drop is at 8:20-8:30 to ensure that adequate adult supervision is available.

Pre-K dismissal and pickup begins at 2:45 p.m.. Please don't join the carline before then so as to avoid delays and the resulting difficulty for all concerned in the 100+ car dismissal process. It is best in terms of safety and convenience for all concerned if your arrive at school at 2:45p.m..

Children can be picked up out back in carline until 3:00 p.m. on regular dismissal days and 1:00p.m. on early dismissal days. Those still waiting after those times will be put into after-care and you will be charged a drop-in fee. A phone call will be made to parent/guardians that has been delayed or in route to inform them that the waiting child is safe and in our care.

We ask that any and **all changes in transportation mode be reported as early in the day as possible and made in writing via a note and/or email to both the Front Office at www.frontoffice@ckrs.org and to the homeroom teacher to avoid any miscommunication regarding your child's mode or means of transportation.** Phone messages unfortunately are sometimes lost in the system or forgotten in the rush of the day's events and we hope having it sent in writing to two places might prevent this going forward. True emergency of course is always an exception and should be noted and handled as such. Thanks for your cooperation.