

Principal's Post: September 15, 2017

A big "Thank you" to all the parents, teachers, staff and students for making our first week back at school such a successful, productive and joyful week. The many helping hands and steadfast support did not go unnoticed or unappreciated by me or by the teachers in this important week of transition from summer to school mode. Except for a few minor hiccups, all went exceedingly well. We are so very fortunate to be in a place of God's good grace and providence and to contribute and continue its mission of being a school where Faith and Knowledge meet.

"Back to School" night is next **Thursday night, September 21st**. I look forward to seeing you there. It is very important night for us all to connect with one another and to celebrate our community, share information and discuss the expectations we all hold for the children and for our school. This is an evening for parents and teachers only, so please plan accordingly. Child care will be provided for those who cannot make other arrangements.

Here are a just few reminders and bits of important information I think best to share now. I'm saving all the big (mostly very good) news for "Back to School" night!

- **THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN THIS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH. Teachers are in a Diocesan In-Service.**
- For matters of a medical nature or to speak with the school nurse about anything related to your child's health, please use the direct line to the Nurse 856 216 7799 or email nurse@ckrs.org.
- To report an absence, make changes in transportation arrangements, or request for early dismissal, please contact the Front Office through the CKRS main number 856 429 2084. Or email frontoffice@ckrs.org.
- The Christ the King School Handbook has been updated and is in process of being posted online. Please be sure to read the handbook as a few changes have been made. You will be asked to sign a paper asking you to acknowledge by your signature that you have read the handbook and will comply with its policies and procedures on Back to School Night. Please know that the Parent Directory is also in process and once it is completed will be made available to you.
- The carline for the most part is great however we still have a few rogue interlopers who try to **turn in from Hopkins line or who cut across the lower parking lot into oncoming sometime heavy traffic in the morning. Neither practice is permitted.** Please respect everyone's time and take your rightful place in the carline a block down from school.
- **Pre-School Parents please remember your designated time to arrive at CKRS is 2:45p.m.** Coming earlier makes the dismissal process more difficult for you as well as everyone else in line. Kindergarten students come out with the all the other children. **All drivers are asked to please pull as forward as you far as you can and close to the next car as you form two lines at the bottom of the parking lot near the playground. All drivers are to stand by their car. The children are released as a group when all cars have stopped moving and it is safe for them to greet you. Also please do not breach the yellow curb barrier.** It serves as a designated safeguard for your children so that we and they are the ones who identify who is picking up a child and prevents a stranger from encroaching upon them.
- The school doors open with the arrival of the first school bus which is **approximately 7: 50 each day.** Early morning care is available to those needing supervision for their child before the school day begins. School officially begins with first bell at 8:15 in the morning. Our day begins with few brief but usually important announcements and then we pray together and recite the pledge of allegiance. This morning routine helps to set the tone for the entire school day and all students are expected to be a part of it. Once the gym doors are closed, **late arriving students before 8:25 are to go to the cafeteria door to be admitted** and will be marked late. Lateness upsets your child and our school day. Please do your best to be here on time.

- Usually once a Month, CKRS children have a dollar dress down day (the money is used by the student council for student's activities like Saint Nick's Day, Red/White/Blue Day etc.) On these days we will have our famous children's dance party in the morning from 8:00 until 8:30. You are welcomed to come join us and dance to if your schedule permits. A communal Birthday Celebration in the cafeteria at snack time will also be held on this day. All the children who are celebrating a Birthday during that month will be recognized through song and receiving a small bouquet of dum dum lollipops which are an allergen- free candy. All the children in the cafeteria will receive a free Birthday Cookie. **Our first Fun Friday will be Friday, September 29th, we will be celebrating August and September Birthdays.**

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement in my role as your Principal. I am always humbled by the depth of genuine generosity that abounds in our school community. High on my gratitude list is the Father's Club for shouldering the responsible and ensuring the success of our Football Pool again this year. A king size thank you to Mike Mac Kenzie and his band of merry men who stepped up and helped out last week on this effort. I encourage everyone to find a way to get involved in the many opportunities that help carry our school forward. The many improvements, renovations and innovations we have made and continue to make here at CKRS are only possible because of all those of us willing to come together in big and small ways that benefit our school and children. I am confident that with all of us working, praying, playing and staying bound by God's grace, our humble school named to bring Him honor will continue to do that throughout this coming school year.

In the King's Service,

Mrs. Hartman



TOGETHER
We can do something beautiful
FOR GOD. *Mother Teresa*
