Dear CKRS Family and Friends,

Thank you to all who came out for our Back to School Night last Thursday Evening.

After meeting your child’s teacher, I am sure that you can better understand why your children are so happy to come to school each morning and excited to embark on new academic adventures every day in and beyond the classroom. I was around in a few of the classrooms this morning just peeking in to see what was going in lower grades and left each room smiling at the enthusiasm and engagement that was flowing back and forth between the children and their teachers as they took various academic tasks with a palpable joy and sense of purpose. It’s hard sometimes to qualify or quantify what makes CKRS so special, but you know it when you see, and I certainly got an eyeful today and was witness to God’s abundant goodness and grace at work here in our school. I hope you make the opportunity to come see for yourself.

“To whom much is given, much is expected”. This Gospel quote was seared into my consciousness and conscience as a child by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. They would be gratified to know that it has held its potency and echoes in my ears some forty years later when I am called to reconcile the terrible tragedies and disasters that are befalling some of God’s children near and far away and yet, I, we, my family, my CKRS family remains safe, secure, empowered in our lives to have so much and enjoy the privilege of not only having but providing for our children, physical safety from war and the scourge of poverty, shelter from the elements of nature, security of food, clean water, medical care, and a good education imbued with Christian values and anchored in a higher purpose. That is not to say that many if not most of us adults have not already been humbled in life by personal challenges and crisis but all in all, here we stand, a mighty, educated, powerful, loved and beloved, rich beyond measure group of individuals who together form this school community and as such, as the good Sister would say, much is expected and owed to our merciful and just God for the blessings upon blessings we receive. Tomorrow, September 27th marks the day all Catholics are being called by their respective Bishops and the Pope to “share the journey” with the less fortunate, to help the migrant, welcome the immigrant, comfort the displaced and despairing, to be our brother’s keeper. CKRS will take its first step on this year long journey this Friday when we have a Hurricane Help and Hope Day. After our Dance Party @8:45, all the children will be creating a prayer circle wearing yellow, gold, orange, red shirts creating a bright round ball of sunshine and we will pray together out on the Blacktop for those in need and in gratitude for all we have to share those who need our help. The children in addition to wearing a yellow, gold, orange, or red shirt are asked to donate $5 a child or $10 a family which will be donated to Hurricane Relief efforts in Texas, Florida and now especially to the devastated island of Puerto Rico. We plan to take a picture and send it along some sunshine and warmth of God’s love and human kindness with our pledge of continued prayers and the money collected for each area affected by the Hurricanes. It will be only be a small step we take with them on what is sure to be long and hard journey of recovery, but one set in motion by true Christian concern and charity.
In terms of regular school business, not much has transpired since last Thursday’s back to School Night. Lots going on as usual here at CKRS, (Oktoberfest, King’s Run, Field Hockey Games, Cross Country Meets, Golf Tournament, Family Fun Night/Book Fair to name just a few) just nothing all that new to share over the weekend except for a big Field Hockey first win and their upcoming Haddonfield JV and Varsity Match up tomorrow, Wednesday so feel free to come and cheer them on! Please take time to read the E-Envelope messages/attachments and check out the official CKRS website with our rolling calendar for more complete details on upcoming social events, activities, fundraisers and school happenings and sporting events. Our yearly calendar is the first link under the parent tab for those of you who like to plan ahead. Special reminder, that next Friday, October 6th, is our monthly School Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. Immediately after Mass in the Church, our 2017-2018 Student Council will be installed. Refreshments will follow for all Student Council member, parents and guests in attendance.

As always, many thanks for many things and many more to come. I look forward to seeing you and sharing the journey with you throughout the year as we partner together in the important work God has called us each to undertake this journey together as stewards of His Kingdom here at our school, in our community and in our world.

In the King’s Service,

Mrs. Hartman

Luke 12:48