

# Principal Post: Summer 2017



Dear CKRS Families and Friends,

Well it's officially Summer! I hope that you are finding some time to enjoy some summer fun and sun. The last month of school is always a hectic time but it also the time when I most realize how blessed I am... how we all are, to be part of such an extraordinarily excellent and sometimes exhausting school community. All of the children worked hard and smart and have much to celebrate and be proud of in terms of the 2016-2017 academic year. Seeing a child grow as learner and person is by far the greatest joy experienced as parent and educator as well. It's why it feels so very special when we wish our eighth grade students all the best as they journey on to new places and celebrate their young lives as prepared well-educated emerging adults or when we gaze at our youngest learners in Kindergarten and are struck by the light in their bright eyes and fleckless souls as they step up on the stage and off into the big new adventure of elementary school. Thank you for sharing your pride, your joy, your child and these wonder years with us. Together we really do make something beautiful for God as we make our school such an amazing place to learn, to love and to serve Christ the King.

School life goes on here at CKRS but at a different and certainly quieter pace without the children. Without them, our beloved school is just an old building that needs repairs and renovations and the daily joy of school life becomes more of school business as budgets are closed, finances are reviewed, curriculums are revamped and teachers prepare their classrooms and courses for the new school year to begin in September. If things go as planned, we will have some very exciting plant improvements and academic innovations for our school community to enjoy and educationally engage with when school reopens. I'll keep you posted as summer progresses and our planned hopes turn into actual realities.

I wish all the children of Christ the King and their dedicated teachers a well deserved happy, safe and enjoyable summer break. Over the summer months, please be sure to take or make some time as a family to talk, play, and pray together. Perhaps for the brave of heart, even try to having a no tech/low tech day a week and help your children discover the wonder that can be encounter in the beauty of nature and the wisdom that can be shared in a non-text conversation. Be sure to encourage your children to work on the summer packets, and suggest some on or above grade level reading. You might also remind them to access any or all of our on-line academic supports or enrichment sites on those rainy or *too hot for humans and other living things* Jersey days.

As for me, I look forward with hopeful anticipation to September to see what God has planned to gloriously unfold here at CKRS. Be well. Be rested. Be blessed.

In the King's Service,

Mrs. Hartman

# A Day at the Beach A Knight at the Shore!

Save the date &  
Come join your CKRS  
family and friends  
July 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
in Ocean City NJ  
for a fun CKRS family  
summer get together!  
Come early! Stay Late.



Beachgoers can start to gather on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Street beach @ 11:00a.m.

Others can join them throughout the day.



A CKRS gathering spot has  
been arranged for those  
coming off the beach or  
coming onto the Boardwalk  
from 5:00 to 7:00p.m. at the  
Ocean City Tabernacle  
550 Wesley Ave.

Free Parking after 3p.m.  
Light refreshments 5-7p.m!

Hope to see you there!

## **IMPORTANT BITS AND PIECES!!!!**

**Summer is a busy time here at CKRS. Almost every day some of us are here cleaning, repairing, preparing and planning for CKRS2017-2018**

**The CKRS Office is open 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m. M-Thurs. in the summer. We are closed on Fridays. Feel free to email [frontoffice@ckrs.org](mailto:frontoffice@ckrs.org) with questions or concerns throughout the summer. In the case of true emergency, email Mrs. Hartman [ahartman@ckrs.org](mailto:ahartman@ckrs.org)**

**The school building is shut down during the week from July 3-July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

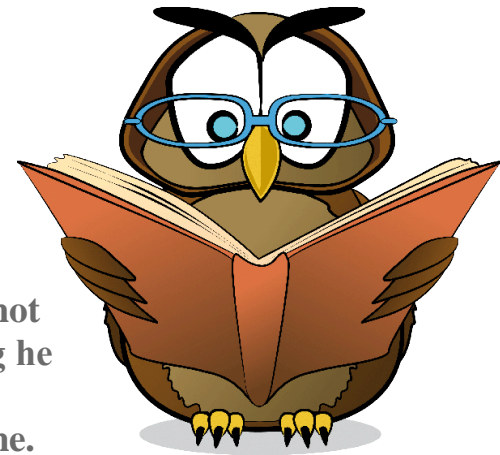
**We are hosting a Day at the Beach, a Knight at the shore on July 26<sup>th</sup> in Ocean City. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Hope you can join us for some fun in the sun!**

**If you wish to meet with the Principal, please call for an appointment. Mrs. Hartman is available by email all summer long. [ahartman@ckrs.org](mailto:ahartman@ckrs.org)**

- Class Roster and a finalized academic calendar will be sent in late August.**
- School begins for Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> .**
- Kindergarten's first day is on Thursday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**
- PreK starts on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**An orientation event will be held for PreK and K prior to the first school day for each. More information will follow regarding dates and times for the orientation.**

## A note of understanding



Due to innate fairness as well as the complex educational factors that go into forging viable class groupings at each grade level, personal class placement/teacher requests cannot be honored. Please don't ask for a teacher to do something he or she just simply cannot do or ask me for a favor that my administrative integrity will not permit me to give to anyone.

**Additional, please know that there will be some shifts in teacher's assignments that are necessitated by our enrollment growth and personnel changes.**

This year's sending teachers know your child well as an individual and as learner and know all their classmates as well. Each grade level pair of teachers have painstakingly discussed and discerned your child's best placement for next year's class grouping and placed them with their academic style of learning and personal qualities in mind.

Please know, most children are placed in groupings first and then assigned to a particular teacher. This is done in consultation with me and with input as needed from our child-study team. **It is only in rare cases, a child due to a specific learning difference or disability might be re-assigned to a particular teacher. This happens only when dictated by the written parameters of a service plan.** Having professionally observed all the teachers here at CKRS, I feel confident in each one's ability to provide your child with a competitive and comprehensive grade level education. Although you might like or think someone better, all are good competent and caring teachers.

Please respect the delicate and deliberate balance of academic ability, gender, positive and negative social paring of peers, learning styles & service plan needs that are the contributing factors to your child's overall placement. If you truly have an over-riding, consuming concern that trumps these aforementioned parameters, please call me or email to make an appointment to discuss the matter.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.

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