

## Principal Post: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear CKRS Families and Friends!

Happy Advent! Saint Nicholas Day, a CKRS favorite Holiday is this Wednesday and once again we will be using this celebration to remind us of the virtue and grace that comes with being a cheerful giver. Many thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers for their prayerful preparation of our Mass that day and to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Grisi who are planning to welcome Saint Nick for his spirited special delivery of candy and joy to all the children. Heart and shoes are sure to be filled with good cheer this week! Our Advent Angel is back and busy flying room to room and the children are truly striving to be messengers of God Love, hope, peace and joy as we wing our way through this Holy Season of Advent. There's much to be done to prepare for a King!

Things are already merry and bright around here! Our children shine in so many ways! Our CKRS Thanksgiving outreach was truly inspiring providing both hope and food to those in need. Gratitude and generosity tempered by God's grace blessed we who gave and those who received. Thanks to all for your kindness in providing food, money, coats, toiletries and candy from your bounty to benefit others. You're children truly are learning by your good example and generosity.

We also know its December because of the bouncing basketballs and juggling activities in the CKRS gym! Good Luck to our Basketball Teams who are playing the first games of their season and a King's share of thanks to the volunteer coaches for giving their time and talent to our student athletes.

Also on behalf of the school community, I offer a special note of thanks to the King's Run and Christmas Bazaar Committees for kicking off the season with such successful fundraising events.

Don't miss out on chance to put some jingle in your pockets too! Someone besides Santa is going to be very merry this year!!!! **Please help CKRS by loading up Santa's Sack with lots of cash** for a three lucky winners this Christmas Season. **Tickets are \$10 each for this Ho Ho Ho Holiday 50/50** and all the cold cash prizes will be awarded the night of the Christmas Pageant. The pot is growing everyday !!!



**Now until December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas Pageant, CKRS is sponsoring an Advent Giving Tree for Children in need this Christmas Season.** Like last year, we ask that you perhaps buy one less toy, a basketball or football, a doll, a game or a gift card for your own child and buy what more than likely will be **the one and only gift for a poor child who will come to the Soup Kitchen or shelter on Christmas Eve.** This is something you can do as a family to help instill the spiritual gifts and virtues of compassion, generosity and kindness in your children and enable them to experience the true Spirit of Christmas. **Simply buy something new that you would buy for your own child. Same gender, same age, same interest! We have children from birth through teens in the Soup Kitchen line each Christmas Eve seeking food and expecting nothing more.** I will tell you from my own experience doing hospitality ministry for over 30 years, **there is nothing more wonderful than to see the pure joy of a child receiving a gift that they had not dared to hope for even on Christmas.** Gifts of warmth are also welcomed, **sleeping bags, warm pajamas or sleepers, socks & underwear, or a warm winter outfit or sweat suit. All sizes are needed from Tots to Teens. All items must be new and unwrapped. Please ask your children about this project and read the Twice Blessed Giving Flyer they will be given this Wednesday on Saint Nicholas day. If you need more information or ideas please email me. Thanks so much because it means so much!**



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### Some Special Days to mark on your calendar!

Wednesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Saint Nicholas Day. Mass at 9:00 a.m. /St. Nick visit @1:30p.m.

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, The Feast of Immaculate Conception NO SCHOOL!!!!

Monday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Secret Santa Shop: more information will be coming home.



Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>: Morning Pageant Performance 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Pageant Performance 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 to drop off children, no adults are admitted before 6:30! Please arrive and be seated by 6:50 p.m. we plan to have 400 chairs and the front bleachers opened for ample seating. Please no standing or chatting in the back of the gym during the performance. Thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation.

Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> : 8:00-9:00 or 1:00 to 2:15 Sign in and Stroll the School! All are invited to come stroll the School and enjoy the CKRS Hallways. We decked the CKRS Halls with our Advent school work and also some special projects reflecting the true spirit of Christmas. Come see and vote for your favorite beautifully Decorated Door(s). All Christmas Parties will also be held on this day.

Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> Servants of Saint Francis: 2: 45-@3:45 p.m. (parents welcomed and needed) Older Children Sorting Toys, clothes and wrapping / Younger Children: Care Package packing

Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> : Morning Prayer Service at 10:15 in Church. Those who would like to and are able are encouraged to arrive at 10:00 and wait out front of school to join our silent Posada Procession as we walk with Mary and Joseph as they look for a resting place for Jesus to be born.

Friday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. Cookies and Caroling in the Gym. Come sing and help ring in the Christmas Season here at CKRS. Enjoy some good old fashion Christmas Cheer! All are welcomed! Please enter by the Gym Doors and sit in the section marking your Child's Grade. At the conclusion of caroling and our final prayers and placing Baby Jesus in the Manger at @ 12:00, Children may leave early with parents in attendance if they have used the optional early release form attached to this document. All Children are certainly welcomed to stay and enjoy a pizza lunch and an afternoon Christmas movie which will end by until our regular 2:30 dismissal. Pizza Lunch cost \$3.00

We hope you come to our Posada Prayer Service at 10:00 & stay for the Cookies and Caroling at 11:00! If you can attend both that would be great! If your time is more measured and you are only planning to come for Caroling, you can then take your child home with you @12:00 noon on Friday. To do this, you must download and fill out and sign the Early Dismissal Release paper attached to this Memo and return it to school by Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> . A copy will also be posted on the webpage. This is being done to avoid confusion for us and as a convenience for you. Please comply with this important procedural request if you want to take your child home after Caroling at noon. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. This worked quite well at Halloween and we hope everyone will again cooperate with the early release procedure for this special day as well.

With each passing day may this Advent Season bring the simple beauty and profound wonder of Christmas closer to your hearts and homes as we wait to welcome Christ the new born King!

In the King's Service,  
Mrs. Hartman



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I, \_\_\_\_\_ or the adult identified below, will be attending the CKRS School Caroling Event on Friday December 23, 2016 and I request that my child(ren)

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be dismissed early with me or the **designated adult** named here \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name of Escorting Adult

I understand that I or the escorting adult must come into the gym through the back door and see/greet the homeroom teacher(s), and get the child(ren) to take him/her/them home. Caroling begins at 11:15! **This EARLY DISMISSAL will happen @ 12:00 or a wee bit later when the Caroling ends.** It is expected that once you have your child /child(ren) , you will leave promptly from the gym so the children remaining in the gym can enjoy the rest of the afternoon program. Any one using this option must be off school grounds by 12:30. **NO CHILD MAY LEAVE EARLY FROM THE GYM WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION AND an accompanying ADULT ESCORTING THEM FROM THE SCHOOL. NO EXCEPTIONS! THIS IS A MATTER OF SAFETY FOR YOUR CHILDREN!**

**There are ONLY TWO CHOICES!** There will be no random or rogue pick-up times or special arrangements, no lone walkers. Either your child has an **ESCORTED DEPRATURE @ Noon** after caroling or a **REGULAR Dismissal at 2:30** with lunch and a Christmas movie with their classmates.

**Please check your option for Friday December 22, 2017**

\_\_\_\_\_ Optional Early Dimissal between 12-12:30 : Get the children in the Gym @noon

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Dismissal at 2:30p.m. Those staying will either need to brown bag lunch or can buy a Pizza Lunch for \$3.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here for Pizza Lunch and add \$3 per child with the signed form.

**There is NO Aftercare!**

**Busses may arrive home earlier due to fewer passenger stops. Please plan for this.**

Parent Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For planning purposes, **THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED no later than Thursday DEC. 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning.**

Please send it in to the HOMEROOM TEACHER who will forward it to the Front Office to make a Master List.

