

## From the desk of the Principal:

It's been a very busy week with all the Catholic Schools Week activities and as always, Catholic Schools Week was a huge success! The theme this year was "**Faith, Academics, and Service**" and students, teachers, and parents really enjoyed the various activities throughout the week. We began on Monday with our opening Mass and "**Teacher Switch Day**" for virtually the entire CTK staff. I even joined in and conducted a very exciting science lab activity with one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes...what a fun day it was for all of us!

Tuesday morning we had a very special guest speaker... **Teresa Monaghan** from Pro-Sanctity Center, who led a very spiritual and moving presentation. The presentation focused on the saints and how there's a potential saint in all of us! Special thanks to CTK parent **Lyn Sledge** for coordinating this very powerful and uplifting presentation! On Tuesday afternoon, we had our talent show and what a spectacular show it was! There was even a **surprise Flash Mob performance during the show by many of our CTK teachers and staff** wearing cool sunglasses as they performed fancy footwork to a popular Justin Bieber song!!! Thanks to all students, teachers, and staff members who worked so hard preparing for and performing during the talent show. Thanks also to music teacher **Mrs. Fasano** for organizing the talent show. There's truly so much outstanding talent at CTK!



## CTK TEACHERS FLASH MOB PERFORMANCE DURING THE TALENT SHOW ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Wednesday's big event was the Spelling Bee and as in the past, it was very competitive. Congratulations to the following students who participated: 4<sup>th</sup> grade...**Mary Drews, Abigail Erftmier, Emma Schartz, and Matthew Lenz**; 5<sup>th</sup> grade...**Luke Hearn, Rylee Roberts, Eric Allbery, and Patrick Fayad**; 6<sup>th</sup> grade...**Bobby Lawton, Olivia Youngblood, John Lighthart, and Jillian Timperley**; 7<sup>th</sup> grade...**Tom Ernatt, Clare Kendall, Noah Doue, and Mary Kubat**; and 8<sup>th</sup> grade...**Mike Flinn, Christa Holland, Claire Wilson, and Olivia Langenberg**. Special congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher **Patrick Fayad** who spelled 134 words correctly! Congratulations also to 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher **Clare Kendall**! Both Patrick and Clare will represent CTK in the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Spelling Bee on February 11<sup>th</sup> at St Stephen the Martyr Catholic School. Thanks to **Mrs. Heithoff** for organizing the Spelling Bee and to **Mrs. Gronewold** and **Miss Douglas** for helping to judge it. This year's winning word was "**giddily**".

Thursday morning was the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mass at Saint Cecilia's Cathedral and Father Stillmunks, Father Hall, and Deacon Fulcher all joined us for this very special mass. During Catholic Schools Week we collected over 3,150 food items for the Food Bank of the Heartland and when we were about 400 items short on Wednesday afternoon, students responded big by bringing in over 550 items the next morning to help push us to and beyond our goal...what an awesome job!!! Students temporarily used the food items to transform the cafeteria into a 9-hole miniature golf course and students played through many of the holes throughout the afternoon. Special thanks **Mr. Hartigan, Mr. Eckerman, and Mrs. McIntyre** for directing the golfing activity and to Charity Committee member **Laura Speer** and Student Council members **Eric Allbery, Mary Drews, Christa Holland, Caitlyn Kovash, Anna Matuella, Jackie Petersen, Matthew Sutej, and Claire Wilson** for assisting students as they played through the golf course. Special thanks also to **Mrs. Hearn's kindergarten class** for doing such an incredible job keeping track of the food barrel count, for making all the beautiful food drive posters, and for helping to clean up after the golfing activity! It was a super effort by so many outstanding helpers!!!

Friday was our closing Mass and as a special treat after Mass, a representative from each middle school "House" dressed up as the saint their House is named after and shared details about that saint with everyone. Special thanks to **Mrs. Bentley** for working with students on this. The final event of the week was the ever popular annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. faculty volleyball game which was loud, exciting, and fun for all! Thanks to **Mr. Hartigan** for organizing our teacher team of volleyball all-stars. Also, thanks to all of our Catholic Schools Week Committee members...to CTK parent: **Lyn Sledge**, to teachers: **Mrs. Karnes, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Heithoff, Mrs. Powers, and Mrs. Wenberg**, and to the **CTK Student Council** for planning all the wonderful activities and events during Catholic Schools Week!!!

Thanks for all your support and for making CTK the best Catholic schools in Omaha! Enjoy the weekend and God Bless...Chris Segrell

## Calendar at a Glance

<p><b>Monday, February 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 3-5 (3A)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday, February 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 6-8 (6AB)</li> <li>7 PM Sports Club Mtg. —KC Room</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, Feb. 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. K-2 (1B)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, February 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30 AM Battle of Books practice</li> <li>3:30-4:15 PM Choir practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday, February 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM All School Mass (2B)</li> <li>Book Bowl Competition-SVDP</li> </ul>
<p><b>Monday, February 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 3-5 (4A)</li> <li>3:20-4 PM Chat 'n Chew Gr. K-4</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday, February 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Valentine's Day!</li> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 6-8 (7AB)</li> <li>Valentine's Parties Gr. K-5 2:15-3 PM Gr. 6-8 2:30-3:15 PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, Feb. 15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. K-2 (1A)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, February 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30 AM Battle of Books practice</li> <li>3:30-4:15 PM Choir practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday, February 17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NO SCHOOL KDGN only</b></li> <li>8:15 AM All School Mass (3B)</li> <li>Kindergarten Round-up 9:30-11AM or 1-2:30 PM</li> </ul>

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FAMILY DIRECTORY UPDATE

E-mail address: **Olsen Family(Steve/Tricia):** pmolsen1@gmail.com  
**McMullen Family:** ritamcmullen@gmail.com

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION—2012-13

We will be mailing out registrations to all school families on Thursday, Feb. 23 and each child will require a \$200 registration fee. If you know of someone interested in Christ the King, please have them contact the school office—we'd be happy to give them a tour! Registrations will be due back on Thursday, March 8.

## FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU & CALENDAR

Both the menu & calendar have been uploaded to the CTK website.

## ALLADIN, JUNIOR—THE MUSICAL!

Students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in Christ the King's first-ever musical, **Aladdin Junior!** This will be a combined effort of both the music teacher, Mrs. Fasano (musical director and choreography) and art teacher, Mrs. Conway (technical/artistic director). The Rose Theater will also be assisting by providing two directors who will help with the drama/acting portions of the musical. All 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be provided details and practice some audition songs in class this week. If they are interested in participating, they will take home an information packet and audition form.

**Auditions:** Audition times are 3:30-4pm, 4-4:30pm, 4:30-5pm, and 5-5:30pm on both Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the music room. Students will sign up for 30-minute slots in groups of around 10, but no less than 5. Sign-up sheets are outside of the music room door.

**Performance Dates:** **Both** April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the CTK gym

**Rehearsals:** These will be after school 3:30- 5:30pm on Tues, Wed, and Thurs beginning Feb 28<sup>th</sup> (around 8 weeks of rehearsal outside of our school breaks). How many days your child will need to attend rehearsal and which days of the week will depend on the part assigned. Students may wish to be considered for a larger part or may ask to be considered for a smaller part with fewer rehearsals. Please discuss this choice with your child and fill out the audition form with their choice.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA TEAM \*Fun\*Creative\*Convenient\*Free\*

Speech season is here! And, your middle school student is invited to join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in Miss Douglas's room during social hour/lunch. Speech and Drama Club meetings will be held on Tuesday and Wednesdays during social hour/lunch in Miss Douglas's room starting February 15<sup>th</sup>. Since the meetings are during school, it won't interfere with your child's sports team practices. Students should plan to bring a sack lunch for each meeting. During the practices, the team will have fun with drama and theatre exercises and choose a piece to practice for contest entries. The team plans to attend 4-5 tournaments in April and May at various Catholic High Schools. Your child will experience friendly competition in a creative environment. Tournaments are Friday evenings or Saturday morning and last four or more hours. Attendance at all tournaments is not required but encouraged.

Parents, you can be involved too. You can help by being a judge, chaperone, or provide transportation to the tournaments. Meals are provided at the tournaments and there is no charge to be a member of the Speech and Drama Team, courtesy of the Parents Club. The sign-up sheet is in Miss Douglas's room. The speech team will be limited to 20 students so, sign-up today!

Questions? Contact Kathy Kemler at [kakemler@cox.net](mailto:kakemler@cox.net) or 402-955-2909 or Mrs. Douglas [douglasm@ctkomaha.org](mailto:douglasm@ctkomaha.org)

## BROCHURES AVAILABLE

Arts for All OSA—Baseball Winter Clinic Skutt Kiddy/Jr. Pom Clinic-2/11 Midwest Tae Kwon Do  
Westgate/Westside Athletic Association-Baseball, Softball and Little Slugger Tee-ball Registration forms  
OSAA-Baseball, Softball & Tee-ball

# PARENTS CLUB

## PARENTS CLUB OFFICERS

President: Beth Wilson  
Vice-Pres: Jennifer Slattery  
Treasurer: Pat Elliott  
Secretary: Kathy Kemler

## VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

If you are in charge of a classroom party, please be sure to fill out a party form and ensure the teacher has approved of your plans. A form needs to be turned in to the office so that we know something is planned for each classroom. Forms can be picked up in the school office, or can be downloaded from the CTK website—[www.ctkomaha.org](http://www.ctkomaha.org) under the Parent Information tab under Parents Club. These should be turned into the office by Thursday, Feb. 9. Thank you!

## PARENTS CLUB ALLOCATION FORMS

It is that time of year again when the Parents Club seeks out ideas and suggestions from the CTK community – Parents, Teachers, Staff and Students – on how to spend the money earned through the efforts of the Parents Club. At the bottom of the update is the Allocation Form that you can use to submit your ideas to Mr. Segrell. Please send him your ideas and suggestions by Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. All ideas are appreciated, and highly encouraged!

## CTK SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Christ The King Social Committee brings you **The Pancake Man** on Thursday March 1, 2012. The cost is \$4 per person. Breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 am in the school cafeteria. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Join your classmates and their families for all the fun. If you have questions please contact Kerri Kubat ([kmkubat@msn.com](mailto:kmkubat@msn.com)) or Tricia Olsen ([pmolsen1@gmail.com](mailto:pmolsen1@gmail.com)).

## GARAGE SALE

Start saving your items... Our annual garage sale will be held on March 30 & 31! We will be announcing pick-up and drop off dates very soon. Want to help? Contact Rebecca Hazel at 402-344-0773 or [rebeccapietramale@cox.net](mailto:rebeccapietramale@cox.net).

## CTK APPAREL & CTK BLING APPAREL

Contact Rebecca Hazel at 402-344-0773 / rebeccapietramale@cox.net.  
CTK Bling-contact Holly Sullivan at 402-496-7662 / hssullivan@cox.net

## USED UNIFORMS

If you have used uniforms that you no longer need, you may send them to the school office to be placed in the drop-off box. Questions or need an item? Contact Kelly Steier at 331-0965 or kellysteier4@gmail.com.



## BOX TOPS

The Winter Blitz is going well. Seventh grader, Claire Finken brought in 339 box tops! WOW!

Below are the top five classes.

Below are the top five classes. The Winter Blitz will end on February 17<sup>th</sup>. A Big Thank You to the Songster Family for donating the prizes.

1. Mr. Menks with 784 box tops
2. Mrs. Keenan with 513 box tops
3. Mrs. Wenberg with 510 box tops
4. Ms. Ridder with 475 box tops
5. Ms. Connelly with 470 box tops

Keep clipping and sending in your box tops. Please send your box tops in a on a collection sheet or in a Ziploc or an envelope and **clearly labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, and number of box tops** included (i.e. - Max Peterson, Mrs. Keenan, 2A, 50 box tops.) Watch for expired box tops. They do not count in the total.

Each student who brings in 20 box tops during the Blitz will receive a prize. The class with the most box tops during the Blitz will receive treats for their class and a casual day.

## LAND O' LAKES

We're collecting milk and orange juice caps from Land O' Lakes! Send them to the office in a Ziploc bag!

## BOOKWORM RECEIPTS

Save your Bookworm receipts and turn them into the CTK Office to the Attention: Brenda Langenberg. These receipts are returned to the Bookworm and the "Chat N Chew Book Clubs" receive a 10% credit of the sales totals.

## CHAT 'N CHEW

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 13 from 3:30-4 PM. Our February selections are as follows:

**K-1st** I Want to be a Police Officer by D. Liebman      **2nd** The Paint Brush Kid by C. R. Bulla  
**3rd** Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World by M. P. Walter      **4th** Chocolate Fever by R.K. Smith.

Thanks to all the parents who make this wonderful program possible. Questions?? Peggy Sutej at [dsutej@cox.net](mailto:dsutej@cox.net)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAT 'N CHEW

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at noon. Lunch will be served, but you must RSVP to Beth Denman at [bdenman@hotmail.com](mailto:bdenman@hotmail.com). February book: Avi-Crispin: the Cross of Lead

## ATHLETIC NEWS by RAY JANSEN 392-1052

### BASEBALL

We have scheduled our baseball try-out for Saturday, Feb. 4th from 6:30-8 PM in the CTK gym. We are very excited that Mr. Hartigan wants to coach our 7th & 8th grade team. Mr. Hartigan has a ton of baseball coaching experience and also played at Creighton University in the mid-20's with Honas Wagner. ; ) After the February 4th try-out, Mr. Hartigan will decide if he can select the team or we need an additional day to select the team. Sixth graders may also try-out; however, parents must realize their 6th grader will be competing against 7th and 8th graders at practice and games.

Parents, please return your registration forms ASAP so that we know we have enough kids for a team. The baseball registration fee will be \$120 and we are not promising equal playing time. If you have any questions, call Ray Jansen at 392-1052.

### BASKETBALL

Our season-ending tournaments begin this weekend. Both of our 5th grade PAL teams will start tournament play on Saturday. The PAL 4th grade and 6th grade teams will begin tournament play next weekend. If the pending snowfall causes the leagues to cancel weekend games, about 200 games will be cancelled. There is not enough available gym time to play next weeks schedule, and perhaps reschedule additional games. I don't know which games will rescheduled, but there is not enough gym time to play all the games. Below is a list of basketball coaches...thanks for coaching our CTK kids!

Tim Braun	Tom Arndorfer	Paul Ernatt	Tom Huerter	John Huerter	Terry Slattery
Dan Fishburn	Brian Allbery	Paul LaFave	Nick Bowden	Tim Mausbach	Mark Bertolini
Judy Howard	Amy Doue	Dan Thies	Bob Woltemath	Tod Kellen	Kent Speer
Jordan Ramsey	Pat O'Bryan	Chris Huerter	Paul Andrews	Hank Sakowski	

### SOCCER

I have submitted our 16 soccer teams to the league for spring play. Our spring coaches meeting will be on Saturday, March 10th, and schedules will be available on the website on or about the same date. At this time, I believe the 7th & 8th grade girls will be split into two smaller teams. It looks like there are 24 girls who want to play. If your daughter is not going to play, it is very important that you let me know before I split the teams rather than afterwards.

### SPORTS CLUB BANQUET

Our annual banquet will be Monday, February 20 at the CTK Parish Center. Our guest speaker is Coach Pat Shurmur, head coach of the Cleveland Browns. Invitations were mailed this week. There are always a lot of parents who offer help with our athletic programs, but say they don't want to coach. Helping with our banquet clean-up is your opportunity to help. If you can help with clean-up, please let me know. If we have 15 helpers, it will only take about 1 hour to do. Call me.

January, 2012

To: CTK Teachers, Staff and Parents, Students

From: Pat Elliott, Parent Club Treasurer

Re: Parent Club Allocations 2011-2012

As a result of our successful Fall Festival and other fund raising efforts, the Parents Club anticipates there will be a surplus of funds available to allocate at the end of the 2011/2012 school year.

At this time, we are looking to the Christ the King school community - parents, teachers, staff and students - to come up with suggestions and ideas for possible areas or items that could be funded or should be funded! All allocation ideas are welcomed and encouraged. NO ITEM IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL!

Please complete the form below and leave it in the school office for Mr. Segrell.

Forms must be received by Friday, February 10th. The Parent Club Finance Committee will review the suggestions and make recommendations at the Parent Club meeting on Tuesday, March 27th. A final vote on the allocations will take place at the Parent Club meeting in April.

Each suggestion must be accompanied by an approximate cost of the item you are suggesting and other supporting documentation. If possible, please attach pictures and/or price quotes.

Suggested Item:	Estimated Purchase Price:
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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(This information is necessary if the Finance Committee and/or Mr. Segrell requests additional information.)

If you have any questions, please call or email Pat Elliott at [402-659-5052](tel:402-659-5052) or [pat@bhecpa.com](mailto:pat@bhecpa.com)

**PARISH / AREA EVENTS**

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES-LAST CALL!**  
Christ the King Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after masses this weekend in the north hallway. Cookies are \$3.50 per box and will be on hand to take home with you! Cookies are also available from individual Girl Scouts in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Enjoy these time-honored favorite cookies and purchase a box (or several) to support the Christ the King Girl Scouts!

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**  
The Stewardship Committee of Christ the King Parish is sponsoring the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* every Wednesday afternoon at the church from 3:00-3:15 PM. Join us for this inspiring devotional as music by Donna Cori Gibson fills our beautiful church. All are welcome! Questions..contact Juli Kaftan at [kaftan6@msn.com](mailto:kaftan6@msn.com).

**Upcoming Sacrament News**

[FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING](#)  
(Parents only)  
[Feb. 29th, Wednesday \(Parish Center\)](#)  
[Gathering at 6:15 PM Meeting 6:30 PM](#)