



# CTK Weekly Update

Preparing Christian leaders through academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment

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## From the Principal

It's hard to believe that summer vacation is over already, but I'm so happy to see everyone back in school again! We have many new students and families this year...welcome to our CTK community and we're glad you're here!

The staff and I were very sad to see first grade teacher **Mrs. Brown** leave this summer. She will be missed very much! Mrs. Brown's husband was unexpectedly transferred to the St. Louis area in July. Please keep middle school Religion teacher **Mrs. Bentley** in your prayers. Mrs. Bentley had hip replacement surgery this summer and will be out of school until mid-September. We're very happy to have two new staff members on the CTK team this year...**Mrs. Hearn** (Kindergarten), and **Mrs. Wenberg** (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)!



**CTK FALL FESTIVAL**  
 CTK'S annual Fall Festival is planned for Sunday, September 26!  
 The adult-only Silent Auction will take place on Friday, September 24!

As we begin the 2010 – 2011 school year, the teachers and I are committed to providing the best Catholic education to every student, to challenge each student in reaching their full spiritual and academic potential, and to provide each student with the solid skills necessary for success in the future! Below are just a few of the exciting improvements we'll be implemented this school year:

## Middle School Improvements

Our middle school population has really grown over the years and we're now up to 140 students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. To help meet student storage needs, 100 new full-sized lockers were installed this summer. Now, middle school students will easily be able to store their books & supplies, coat, and backpack. Other improvements this year in the middle school include a daily social period, a "Focus Room" to assist students with organization, note-taking, & study skills, and a revised middle school discipline plan.

## Shurley English

We'll be piloting a new program in several classes this year called Shurley English. This dynamic program is designed to strengthen student grammar skills and enable students to apply these skills to their daily writing. Both 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes and one 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will use Shurley English as we test out this program. If successful, we'll consider expanding Shurley English into other grade levels next year.

## Differentiated Instruction in all Classrooms

All CTK teachers will be integrating a proven teaching method called "**Differentiated Instruction**" into their classrooms this year. The differentiated classroom provides a setting where each student can succeed and excel. It takes into consideration the personal strengths, interests, and learning preferences of each student and provides an environment where students can become confident learners, make connections with others, and become more independent. Differentiation provides a challenging academic environment that focuses on high expectations and high standards for all. Differentiated Instruction will enable CTK teachers to enrich every student in each subject area, taking them to the highest level possible!

Other areas will continue to grow this year at CTK, too. Middle school language arts teachers in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin using **Sitton Spelling**, joining 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers who use this currently; we'll continue our focus in all grade levels on improving student **writing, higher level thinking, and application of concepts**; and teachers will continue to meet in **Professional Conversation Teams** on a monthly basis to discuss and explore ways to keep all CTK programs strong and improving. This year is going to be exciting and productive!

On behalf of all the CTK teachers and staff, it's great to be back and we're very excited to be working with your children. We're off to a great start...it's going to be a fantastic school year! God Bless and thanks for all your fantastic support...Chris Segrell

# Calendar at a Glance

<p><b>Monday, Aug. 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 3-5 (5A)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday, Aug. 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 6-8 (8AD)</li> <li>7 PM Parents Club Mtg.—PC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, Aug. 25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 1-2 (2A)</li> <li>3:30 PM Music in Catholic Schools Band Registration-Library</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, Aug. 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPIRIT DAY!</li> <li>Wear casual clothes (no shorts) and your purple/gold or any CTK Apparel!!</li> <li>3:20-4:30 PM Choir auditions (Gr. 4-8)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday, Aug. 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM All School Mass (8BC)</li> <li>1 PM Fall Festival Raffle Kick-off</li> <li>1:30 PM FUN RUN!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Monday, Aug. 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 3-5 (4A)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday, Aug. 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 6-8 (7AD)</li> <li>6:30 PM Cub Scout Ice Cream Social-Cafeteria (for interested 1-5th gr. boys)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, Sept. 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Mass Gr. 1-2 (2B)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday, Sept. 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:30-4:15 PM Choir practice</li> <li>6:30 PM Parent &amp; Curriculum Mtg.—Cafeteria</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday, Sept. 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM All School Mass (5B)</li> </ul>

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CTK WEEKLY UPDATE

The CTK Weekly Update is our school newsletter that is produced on a weekly basis AND contains important information as it relates to the happenings of our school. An e-mail notice will be sent home advising that the update has been uploaded to the CTK Website along with the link. If it is a shortened school-week, no update will be produced. If you have any questions regarding information that is contained in this newsletter, please contact the school office. Weekly updates can always be found on our CTK website at [www.ctkomaha.org](http://www.ctkomaha.org).

If you are interested in having something published in the update (school related only), items can be sent to Mrs. Andrews at [andrewsc@ctkomaha.org](mailto:andrewsc@ctkomaha.org) by Thursday at noon. All requests will be pre-approved by the principal prior to being added.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

If you are planning to assist in any volunteer capacity at the school or parish, including coaching or attending field trips, you **MUST** take the Safe Environment training class. The Archdiocese mandates that any person working with children have this training. Cost is \$10. For volunteers new to CTK, the initial class is 3 hours and classes can be found at [www.archomaha.com](http://www.archomaha.com) under *Safe Environment*. Certifications last 5 years. If you have had training previously and would like to know when your certification expires, please contact the school office.

### CTK FAMILY DIRECTORY

The directory is currently being worked on and we are planning on having it ready for distribution on Curriculum Night which is Thursday, September 2. All families will get one; however, if you need extras, they will be available for purchase for \$3 each. PS-it's great to have one both at home and in the car!

### MEDICINE FOR SCHOOL

If your child has a condition requiring medicine to be kept at school, please send these items as soon as possible. This would include inhalers and Epi-pens. Please also be sure to include a doctor's note.

### LUNCH MENU & AUGUST CALENDAR

These can both be found on the CTK website.

### SPIRIT DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Spirit Day is Christ the King's dress down day. Students may wear jeans or capri-pants below the knee (no holes or tears) along with their CTK apparel! As a reminder, no shorts are allowed on Spirit days. If you don't have any CTK apparel, purple or gold shirts, CTK soccer jersey's or anything with purple/gold on it will work. Check out your Family / Student Handbook for guidelines. Middle school students will alternate House colors and CTK apparel., and that information will be shared with those students directly. If you want to purchase CTK apparel, contact John Mullen at 343-0995 or [jpmullen2@novia.net](mailto:jpmullen2@novia.net).

### DIBELS TESTING

The DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) test will be administered to all students in grades K-3 during the first month of school. More information regarding these measures and student scores will come home after testing. Information about these measures can also be found on <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/>. Questions can be directed to our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Heithoff at [heithoffj@ctkomaha.org](mailto:heithoffj@ctkomaha.org).

### MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (MCS)

An informal meeting / open house / registration will be held on Wednesday, August 25 from 3:30-4:30pm in the Library. It is open to parents and their children in grades 5-8 who are interested in the band program offered at CTK.

### 2010 CHOIR GROUP

The CTK choir group is comprised of students in 4-8th grades who perform at all-school Masses, some grade-level Masses, the Advent Festival and the Spring Concert. In addition, there may be other performance opportunities that may arise throughout the year. The weekly time commitment is one 45-minute practice after school (Thursday's from 3:30-4:15PM) as well as arriving at the church at 7:45 AM on mass days to warm-up and rehearse.

Grades 4-8: Choir auditions for **new members** and **vocal placements for returning members** will take place on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> after school from 3:20-4:30pm. Choir forms have been distributed to all interested students in these grades. If your child did not take one, but you would like a copy please e-mail Mrs. Fasano at [fasanom@ctkomaha.org](mailto:fasanom@ctkomaha.org) and one will be sent to you. The choir's first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and their first mass will be on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### MUSIC PROGRAM CHANGES

There has been a slight change to the music program this year that will affect middle school students as well as choir members. **For the Spring Program on Tuesday, April 19th, only students in grades K-5 as well as the choir members will perform.** This change is curriculum-based and will allow me to cover more material with middle school students. If students in grades 6-8 want to be involved in the spring program they will need to be a part of the CTK choir at the beginning of the year. More information about this change will be available as part of the music handout for curriculum night. Thanks in advance for encouraging your children to be involved in the arts!

### LOST 'N FOUND

We have a table set up near the office area for items that are left in and around the school. You may check this table any time. Once per quarter, any items left unclaimed will be donated to a charitable organization. We do have a pair of sunglasses and a car key that was found following Final Registration. If you believe one or both to be yours, please contact the school office.

### CUB SCOUTS: ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Pack 370 will be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 31 from 6:30-7:30pm in the school cafeteria for *any interested future scouts and their parents*. The social and scout opportunity is available for all boys in grades 1-5. Questions? Paul LaFave at 390-9752 or [pjloma@cox.net](mailto:pjloma@cox.net).

### CUB SCOUTS PACK 370

Meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM in the CTK Cafeteria. Mark your calendar for September 29 as we will be going to Vala's Pumpkin Patch!

## PARENTS CLUB

### PARENTS CLUB OFFICERS

President: Kathy Neary  
Vice-Pres: Beth Wilson  
Treasurer: Janelle Kupka  
Secretary: Joanne Cawley

### CTK PARENTS CLUB

Join us on Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center for our first meeting of the year! The agenda, minutes and budget were e-mailed to all families earlier this week. Please take time to review this information and plan to attend the meeting as we will vote on this years budget. Your input is welcome and needed. We look forward to seeing you!

### CTK APPAREL-SALE!

All CTK Apparel will be available for only \$10 per item while supplies last. If you're interested, please contact John Mullen at 343-0995 or [jpmullen2@novia.net](mailto:jpmullen2@novia.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 [kellysteier@cox.net](mailto:kellysteier@cox.net).

### 2010 FUN RUN FACTS

What: Parent Club Fundraiser to benefit our children, our school, and our teachers

When: August 27, 2010 beginning at 1:30 PM

Where: CTK Track

Why: Because it is fun, healthy, and an effective way to raise money!

What Do You Need to Do?:

- \* Read the attachment for details regarding the event
- \* Send your child with running clothes/shoes on August 27 (*Make sure your child has the right color t-shirt!*)
- \* Submit your personal donation to the Fun Run
- \* Send requests for donations to your family and friends
- \* Show up for the Fun Run and enjoy the afternoon!

It's that easy! Please read the attached Fun Run schedule and event details document for specific information regarding the Fun Run. If you have any questions, contact Peggy Sutej at [dsutej@cox.net](mailto:dsutej@cox.net) or Kristi Kellen [kristi.kellen@cox.net](mailto:kristi.kellen@cox.net).

### CHAT 'N CHEW

Want a cool after school activity for grades K-5???? Join CHAT 'n CHEW Book Club! Students who participate have to:

- Read an exciting book once a month
- Participate in the discussion
- Show respect to others

The CHAT 'n CHEW Book Club will meet the 3rd Monday of each month from 3:20-4pm, beginning on Monday, September 20th. Parent volunteers will select the books and facilitate the meetings.

Limited copies of the books will be available in the CTK library. Student participation is voluntary and requires a parent to enroll the student. Please e-mail Peggy Sutej at [dsutej@cox.net](mailto:dsutej@cox.net) or call 393-4029 to sign up for this fun activity. Be sure to call or e-mail your child/rens enrollment by Sept. 3rd. September book selections will be posted next week in the CTK update.



## ATHLETIC NEWS by RAY JANSEN 392-1052

Welcome back for another school year at Christ the King! This year, we will have 10 volleyball teams and 19 soccer teams, plus a kindergarten soccer group. I will be very busy making sure all of these team members have uniforms and schedules.

### SOCCER

If your child needs a soccer uniform, I will try to meet with kids and parents everyday after school to hand out uniforms. If your child needs a larger jersey, shorts or socks, have them see me after school AND have them bring the item to be exchanged with them.

We need some Jr. high students to be referees for 1st and 2nd grade soccer games. These games would be on Mondays and Saturdays. Let me know if you are interested.

### KINDERGARTEN SOCCER

Our kindergarten soccer practices will be on Tuesday's from 3:45-4:45 PM starting on September 7th. Registration forms will go home with kindergarteners on Friday or Monday. So be sure to dig into those backpacks to find the form. We need a parent who would be willing to coordinate a treat schedule for the Tuesday practices—call me if you can help.

### VOLLEYBALL

This past week, we have been forming A & B volleyball teams in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade age groups. Our intention when we form A & B teams is to place players on teams where they can play other players of similar talent. Volleyball schedules will come out next weekend. Some teams might have a game as early as Labor Day weekend. I will be attending volleyball practices for the next couple of weeks to hand out uniforms.

### BASEBALL

Congratulations to our CTK baseball team! This past season, they were the PAL League and tournament champions in the 7th and 8th grade division.

## PARISH NEWS

### CTK LADIES GUILD: BIBLE STUDY

Beginning in **mid-September**, the Ladies Guild will be presenting two separate bible study programs by Jeff Cavins: **The Book of Revelation** and **The Great Adventure Timeline**. Registration forms are available in the Parish office. Look for these forms, along with all the information on dates, times and fees. *Start the fall off on an exciting journey of history, tradition and faith!* For more information, please contact Maya Fayad at [mayajr@hotmail.com](mailto:mayajr@hotmail.com) or Joanne Cawley at [joanne@cawley.net](mailto:joanne@cawley.net).

### MOMS: MINISTRY OF MOMS SHARING

Calling all Moms! Christ the King will be hosting an 8 week session of Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) on Monday evenings beginning in September 27th. MOMS is a ministry focused on your sacred self and your journey as a mother. This is a wonderful way to recharge your spiritual life and form a network of supportive "moms". Registration forms are located in the parish hallway and school office. Call Sharon Brown at 393-0971 for more information.