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Christ The King Catholic School

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NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL
Please phone the school if your child is going to be absent from school. You may leave a message on the school voice mail if this is more convenient

LOOKING AHEAD
Feb. 2—UCC Gr. 8 Open House
Feb. 3—PD DAY
Feb. 13—Bingo
Feb. 13—17 Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 16—Report Cards
Feb. 21—Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday—mass 11 a.m. at OLHC
Feb. 23—Parent Teacher Interviews

SCHOOL HOURS
9:10 - 10:50 a.m.
First Instructional Block
10:50-11:10
Snack and Activity Break
11:55-12:45
Lunch and Activity Break
2:25-2:40
Snack and Activity Break
3:35
Dismissal

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11
Diocesan Pastoral Plan Goal #1 As living signs of Christ's presence, we will respond to the call to personal holiness given to all by committing ourselves to opportunities for ongoing conversion and spiritual renewal.

Principal Message

January has blown right by us and I for one am happy to welcome February—not only the shortest month of the year but the one that focuses on empathy and love for our neighbor!

February is going to be a very busy month with Valentines, basketball in full swing, Family Day, as well as report cards and 3 way family interviews.

Remember if you have any concerns about your child's progress please contact your child's teacher.

Family Day 2012



February 20th is Family Day. This is an annual provincial holiday for the purpose of celebrating the importance of families.

All St. Clair Catholic District Schools and the Catholic Education Centre will be closed on this day.

Enjoy the Day!

Mrs. Churchill

Full Time Kindergarten Registration 2012

Registration for Full Time Kindergarten at CTK will take place the week of February 13th. The office is open from 8:30—4:00 p.m. daily. If these times do not work for you please do not hesitate to contact the school to make other arrangements.

Good News Award

Every month, students from each class are recognized for living out a specific Catholic virtue. In January our focus was on the virtue of Responsibility.

Congratulations to this months recipients!

Miss. Murru: Calleigh C., Parker L., Melody W.

Mrs. Kearns: Ty M., Ian P., Maddy W.

Mr. Shymanski: Sarah B., Brianna D., Samuel D.

Mrs. Baertsoen: Haley D., Matthew G., Mellissa L.

Mrs. Fischer: Jenna C., Chris D., Haillee S.

Our focus for February will be: EMPATHY.

Please note that the Newsletter is available on line at www.st-clair.net (schools)

BREAKFAST CLUB
Monday to Friday
8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
in the School Gym
WE NEED YOUR
HELP!

Please help by donating to the breakfast club.

Items needed:
Milk 2%, Margarine,
Cereal: Cheerios,
Corn Flakes, whole
wheat bread, bagels,
McCain Juices: apple,
grape, orange

**NO PEANUTS OR
NUTS**

We have students at our school that are very allergic to peanuts and nuts (these items are life threatening to them). Please avoid sending any snacks or food that may contain nuts or peanuts to the school.

In case of inclement weather listen to announcements by the Transportation Depart. on the radio.

Christ The King School is in ZONE 5

If busses are cancelled, due to fog, busses **will run** in the afternoon.

If busses are cancelled due to snow and the school is open, busses **will not run** at the end of the day.

Listen to:
CKSY FM 94.3
CFCO AM 630
CKXS FM 99.1

Websites:

For bus cancellations and delays and information about school bus transportation, log on to:

www.schoolbusinfo.com
St. Clair Catholic District School Board
www.st-clair.net
Christ the King
<http://www.st-clair.net/schools/ctk/>

PARISH NEWS



**Wednesday, February 22—Ash
Wednesday Mass at OLHC at
11:00 a.m.**

EVERYONE WELCOME

**Lifeteen Mass—OLHC each Sun-
day at 6:00 p.m.**

Lent Begins Feb. 26th.

**Ursuline College – The Pines
Tours, Meetings and Open
House**

Many decisions have to be made by our Grade 8 students and their parents over the next few months.

To help you make informed decisions, UCC has organized the following sessions:

February 2, 2012

Open House for students during the day and for students and parents from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

We encourage all of our students to continue their Catholic Education by attending UCC.

Council Corner

**Next School Council Meeting
Monday, February 27 @ 5:30 p.m.
Hope to see you there!**



KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Christ the King is a bucket filling school and we are challenging the students for the week of Feb. 13—16 to get caught doing random acts of kindness.

If the entire school collects 200 tickets a school wide perk will be given on that Friday!!!!

BINGO

We are very fortunate to have bingos here at our school.

Monies generated from our bingos are used to supplement the cost of field trips, authors visit, and equipment!

Don't forget the \$5.00 Bingo Bucks that can be used by your child for food days or field trips.

FUTURE BINGO DATES

Our 7:00 pm bingos for the upcoming months are as follows:

February 13—Gr. 2/3
April 18—JK/SK Class (A DAY)
May 2—JK/SK Class (B DAY)
June 12—Parent Council

We are in danger of losing our Bingos if we cannot generate the volunteers needed each month to help run them!

**Please sign up!
We need your help !!**

10 Tips for Helping Children in Grades 4 to 6 with Math.

Source: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/>

1. **Connect math to daily life.** Let your kids know the importance of math in day-to-day living. Talk about the ways you use math in your job and around the house. Show them a tax form or how you pay the bills. Ask them how they used math during the day.
2. **Practise mental math using coins.** For example, show that a certain item costs a certain amount and ask what coins are needed to pay for it.
3. **Play games together.** Show them math can be fun and exciting. Play family games to add excitement to math activities, like chess or checkers or games in the car such as math bingo or adding licence plate numbers. Lots of board games need math such as *Junior Monopoly*® or play card games such as *Uno*®.
4. **Cooking can be counting fun!** Get older children involved in helping out at dinner time and let them help measure ingredients for dishes or estimate the number of potatoes that are needed to feed everyone.
5. **Play the estimating game.** Ask your kids to estimate measurements, distances, time and grocery bills. Be sure to compare the estimate with actual. Or get them to guess how much the apples you are going to buy will weigh and then take them to the scale in the grocery store and find out.
6. **Perform time calculations.** For example, make up a sentence and ask your child to recite it as many times as possible in 15 seconds. Then ask how many times it could be repeated in 1 minute, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, etc.
7. **Use common toys to understand math concepts.** Build a tower from blocks. Count the blocks. Then talk about the need for a base of the right size and the stability it creates.
8. **Sports and math.** There is a lot of math used in sports: batting averages, points per game, save percentages – these are math terms that a sports enthusiast will love. If you watch a game with your child, read the newspaper report together sometime the next day and talk about the math concepts.
9. **Computers + math = fun.** There are great computer games available for math—ask your librarian or check out your local computer store. Make sure they are "parent approved". There are also super websites that have fun math games, so do an Internet search for sites and bookmark them for future use.

Measuring made easy. Estimate and measure the area of different shapes. For example, use small square objects (plastic tiles, dice, etc.) to estimate then measure how many are needed to fill the area of various flat surfaces such as a magazine cover.

Helping Your Child to Succeed at School

The Ottawa Catholic District School Board has developed these **50 Ideas for Your Family to Flourish**. I believe they are excellent ways to start a new year. Read them over with your child and decide to make them part of your family's routine.
Paul Wubben,
Director of Education

1. Laugh together. A sense of humour is important.
2. Turn off the TV and go for a walk.
3. Pray together. Play together.
4. Eat together. Make meal times sacred – don't answer the phone.
5. **Say grace before meals.**
6. **Be generous with affirming signs of affection.**
7. Spend time together volunteering as a family.
8. Support your children by attending as many of their activities as possible.
9. Plan your holiday together.
10. **Bless each other before bedtime.**
11. **Respect your bodies; exercise together.**
12. Say a kind word. Do something nice.
13. Plan a date with your spouse.
14. Allow for quiet time in your day.
15. Say "I love you!" and sometimes use words.
16. **Forgive each other.**
17. Balance work and play.
18. **Be honest.**
19. Value the uniqueness of each family member.
20. Watch and learn from each other.
21. **Love everyone unconditionally.**
22. Celebrate special occasions. Celebrate for no reason at all.
23. Have a family game night.
24. Develop family traditions.
25. **Be patient.**
26. **Let go and let God!**
27. Set goals together.
28. **Be excited about your child's interests.**
29. Go visit an elderly person together.
30. Read together.
31. **Meet your children's friends and parents.**
32. **As a family, make a change during Lent.**
33. Find joy each day.
34. **Compliment each other.**
35. Ask for help when you need it.
36. Try to stand in the other's shoes.
37. **Attend church together.**
38. Ask for your child's opinion.
39. Accept that you do not have to be perfect. Admit you made a mistake and apologize.
40. **Say 'please' and 'thank you'.**
41. **Share what you know about your favourite saint.**
42. Spend one-on-one time together.
43. **Tell your children how wonderful they are.**
44. **Mark the liturgical calendar (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost).**
45. Take care of yourself first, and then you will take better care of others.
46. **Make communication a priority. Listen to each other. Share your thoughts and feelings.**
47. Listen to your child without giving advice or opinions.
48. Talk to your children the way you want them to talk to you.
49. **Spend time outdoors enjoying God's Creation!**
50. Slow down and enjoy the moment.