



Lighting the Way ~ Rejoicing in Our Journey

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Family Math Fun Night!!

We are hosting a family event this Thursday, January 11 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm here at Christ the King Catholic School. Please ensure that you are registered, we require a minimum of 20 families to run our event. Sign up today to have a chance to power down and play math games for an hour with your child.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

kinderSTART is a special one day registration event in each school, for parents and children who are beginning Junior Kindergarten in September 2018. It is an opportunity to visit the school to meet the staff and engage in activities in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten; and a chance to bring younger siblings (18 months to three years) to participate in the *Ages and Stages* developmental questionnaire. *kinderSTART* is also a fun and informative opportunity to get tips on healthy living and immunization for your children.

At Christ the King Catholic School, *kinderSTART* will be held on Thursday, February 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you then!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year to all of our school families! I hope everyone had a chance to relax and enjoy the love of family and friends over the Christmas Holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during the Fall and Advent seasons. Thank you for the gifts, cards and Christmas wishes. Thank you for attending our Christmas Concert, and supporting our Penny Sale, both were so successful! You are a generous community, thank you!

Our Christmas Luncheon was a delicious feast! Special thanks to so many Moms and Dads who helped set up and serve the meal as well as those who took down and cleaned up. Special thanks to the Black Goose for catering our meal at such a low cost. It was a wonderful event and very appreciated!

Christmas in Muskoka was also another amazing event! Thanks to our School Council for purchasing our tree and to Mrs. Myslik for setting up our tree as well as all those who donated items for our tree. Winners are published on page 4 in the newsletter.

January and February are key months for your child's learning to accelerate. The students know the routines and are usually ready to get down to business after the Christmas holidays. Please keep reading with your child(ren) at home nightly and encourage him/her to give 100% effort in school work, building relationships, and being respectful and responsible at all times.

I look forward to a fantastic 2018! I'm so happy to be your principal! If ever you have any concerns, great ideas, or you feel I can assist you, please contact me.

Sincerely, Mrs. R. Culverwell



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FOCUS ON CATHOLICITY



Students on our Announcement Team lead wonderful Advent Liturgies each week before the Christmas Holidays. Well done!

We also enjoyed going to OLHC church for a wonderful Advent Mass celebrated with Father Gerard, Father Chris and St. Elizabeth School. We appreciate Father Chris, Father Gerard, Dorothy Debakker, and the ministerial team for their Spiritual Guidance throughout the whole year.

We will be celebrating our New Year Mass at school **Wednesday, January 24th at 9:45 a.m. in our gym.** All are welcome to attend.

Parish News:

ROBBIE BURNS CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER In support of Fr. Chris's house building mission trip Homes for Hope – El Salvador, Roast Beef Dinner and Canadian Haggis Saturday, January 20th at the Knight of Columbus Hall Cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Music and games to follow \$35 per person/ \$65 per couple Tickets can be purchased at the HRPC Office.

DECEMBER AWARDS

In December at our Good News Assembly, students were recognized for demonstrating outstanding qualities and exceptional effort. Congratulations to those students who brought joy to others:

JOY

Charlotte H. Kinleigh F.	Diovani D. Xzenia R.	Mya V.	Brooke V.	Kallie H.	Bree E.	Ayden C.
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Best effort and positive attitude were qualities teachers looked for in the subject of the Arts. Congratulations to the following recipients:

THE ARTS

Music:

Kyla B.	Silvanus C.	Ian B.	Colton F.	Mya V.	Daniel L.
Emmalee S.	Hayden L.	Ashley J.	Madison M.	Ian P.	

Visual Arts or Drama or Dance:

Leighton L.	Ian B.	Azalynn C.	Feliciya D.	Antonio C.	Katie P.
Ariel O.	Victoria B-L	Lynnea N.			

Our next Good News Assembly will take place **Monday, January 29th** at 10:00am.

All parents are always welcome to attend these celebrations.

ANAPHYLAXIS REMINDER

We have several students with severe nut allergies. Please help us to provide a safe environment for these children by not sending any lunch and/or snack items that may contain nuts to school. Please do not send any peanut butter substitutes since we cannot tell the difference. Thank you for helping us keep all our students safe.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

January has arrived and the winter season can have an affect on bussing and school closures. In the event of inclement weather, please stay tuned to our local radio stations for school bus cancellations and/or school closure. Bussing information can also be found online by visiting www.schoolbusinfo.com.

If buses are cancelled and your child(ren) **does not** ride the bus and you grant permission for them to stay home, you must call the secretary to confirm their absence. *Also note that when buses are cancelled in the morning due to inclement weather they will **NOT RUN** in the afternoon. Parents who drive their children to school must make arrangements to pick them up at dismissal time. Please have your child enter the front door on these days please.*



If inclement weather occurs during school hours, parents will be notified by telephone of all details that will affect early release and/or early bus dismissal of their child(ren). Please ensure that all contact information that we have on record at school is accurate and up to date.

Our sign out policy for students is crucial on days when there is inclement weather. Please pick up your child at the back door as usual so that our JK and SK students can be handed off to you as normal. If you collect your child early please come to the office and ring the door bell. Under no circumstance should a student leave the school without notifying their teacher and signing out at the office. If for any reason alternate arrangements must be made, please notify your child's teacher or the secretary by calling the school.

WINTER DRESS

Winter is here! Is your child dressed for the weather? It is that time of year when students need to be reminded of the necessity of dressing properly for the weather. Mittens/Gloves, hats, boots, and snow pants need to be worn.

Labeling items would be helpful, as many boots and mittens look very similar. Often items make their way to the "Lost and Found" and are not claimed. Students **must have indoor running shoes** to wear in the school after boots are taken off and for Physical Education in the gym.

Students go outside for recess breaks. Research indicates that fresh air allows students to refocus on their studies. Please note that children who are too ill to go outside should remain at home since indoor supervision is not available during recesses.

Weather conditions are monitored daily and decisions to send students out on extremely cold days are based upon our local weather conditions and School Board Policy. When extreme cold days occur, the outdoor period of recesses will be adjusted according to the actual outdoor temperature and conditions.

SNOW THROWING POLICY



In the interest of student safety, there is perhaps no other activity that has potential to cause serious injury than throwing snow or snowballs. Particles of ice, grit, or stones can be embedded in the snow without a person's knowledge and could result in head injuries or eye injuries.

Snow/Snowball throwing is **NOT** permitted at Christ the King School. Students have also been reminded that there will be no kicking of snow or taking off students' hats. Please take this opportunity to discuss these behaviours with your child(ren). Students are aware of the consequences and in repeated instances a suspension may be considered. Thank you for helping to keep all of our students safe and assisting us in making students understand the importance of this policy.

Christmas In Muskoka - 2017 - Tree Raffle Winners

The Ursuline College Graduating Class – ***K. Schram***
Christ the King Catholic School, Wallaceburg – ***N. Feddes***
Good Shepherd Catholic School, Thamesville – ***R. Bellamy & K. Tricker***
Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association – ***M. Ball***
Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp – ***A. Lambkin-Hoskins***
99.1 CKXS (Your Music Variety) – ***C. Johanson***
The Catholic Education Centre – ***D. Keikens***
St. Joseph Catholic School, Chatham – ***G. Lucio***
Rural Roots Landscape & Design – ***E. Vaskamp***
St. Agnes Catholic School, Chatham – ***J. Nydam***
St. Joseph Catholic School, Tilbury – ***S. Delyzer***
St. Michael Catholic School, Ridgetown – ***K. Fernandes***
The Chatham Kent Police Association – ***K. Graves***
St. Vincent Catholic School, Chatham – ***C. Leclair***
Waddick Fuels – ***K. Loma***
Preferred Building Products – ***L. Laliberte***
TekSavvy Solutions – ***A. Dumais***
The Giving Tree/The Rotary Clubs of Chatham-Kent – ***C. Konc***
Glasshouse Nursery & Garden Centre – ***L. Jubenville***
The Catholic Trustees & Diocese of London – ***D. Dewar***
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School, Chatham – ***B. Phillips***
Anjema Eye Institute – ***C. Archer***
St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim – ***L. Ellis***
St. Elizabeth Catholic School, Wallaceburg – ***S. Sutton***
McDonald's Restaurant, Wallaceburg & Chatham – ***S. McLean***
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Chatham – ***G. VanHooren***
Gagner Chiropractic Health Centre – ***N. Coutts***
Matties & Gordon Mortgages – ***M. Authier***
St. Ursula Catholic School, Chatham – ***S. Ulch***
PAWS – Pet & Animal Rescue – ***T. Suitor***
Catholic Principals Council of Ontario – ***C. Walton***
Holy Family Catholic School, Wallaceburg – ***S. Kucharski***

PARENT CORNER

Our School Christmas Lunch was a great event. Thank you to all of the parents who set up, served and cleaned. What a wonderful gift you gave our family.

Many thanks to our Bingo Team for their continued efforts in working Bingos for our school! Our next School Council Meeting is Monday, January 22 @ 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Many Thanks For Your Generosity!

Our Penny Sale was such a great success, we raised \$2536.00. Thanks to Melissa Knight, Monica Massa, Mrs. Cudney and so many generous people.

Canned Food Drive:

Many thanks for your generosity with our canned Food Drive. Our local St. Vincent de Paul was very happy to pick up our much needed donations.

Cash On-Line:

To all families who have not joined our Cash on Line this new year brings a great opportunity to do so. Please go to ww.st-clair.net to sign up for Cash On-Line, letting you pay for all school activities and food days on-line.

Please Note: when an item is placed on-line for payment there is a deadline attached to each item. We have been advised by the Board to no longer go into Cash On-Line and change the deadline date for those who have missed it. Please adhere to the deadlines.

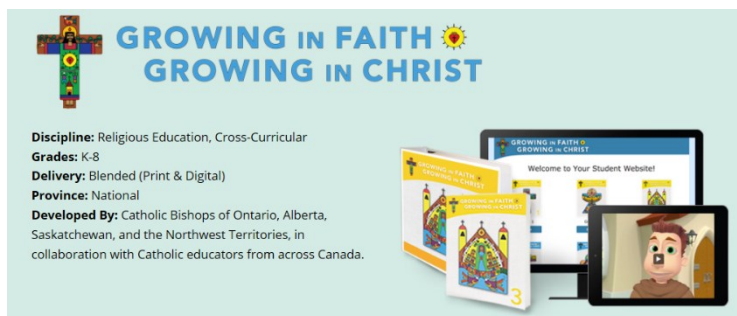
Happy New Year everyone. I trust the Christmas HOLYdays were good to you and I pray that this year will bring renewed faith, hope and love to your families. I am always strengthened by the Christmas season. Just knowing the story of Jesus' birth into a humble family bolsters my hope for my family. Knowing that Jesus came among the chaos -of unexpected pregnancy, last minute travel, birth in a manger and no room at the inn- helps me to trust that Christ is with me now no matter what circumstance the new year will bring.

It is my delight to keep you updated on the faith formation tools in our schools. The Elementary Curriculum Consultant at our board (currently Kim Fitzmorris) has been working hard to familiarize our system with new Religious Education resources.

Pearson Publishing is creating a new program. This resource is being developed with Canadian Catholic educators and the Bishops of Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. Our school board has been purchasing these yearly and will continue until we have all of them. We currently have purchased kindergarten – grade 4.

The benefits of this resource are immeasurable. This short-term target of the Board's Strategic Plan* will help to bring our Board's Mission alive.

- Implement and support the grade 4 Religious Education program and the digital resources for grades 1-3



<http://www.pearsoncanada.ca/school/growinginfaith/student-home/>

Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ has textbooks as well as separate online resources for teachers, parishes and students/parents (currently available up to grade 3). This resource is interactive and engaging. Together, we can teach our students about our faith; having a common resource, at our finger tips, will be quite helpful.

- Our Catholic faith, sacramental life, and commitment to social justice will be taught, learned and lived in partnership with parishes and homes. Not only do these resources help us to educate the children in our homes, parishes and schools, they also have faith formation modules to keep the teachers informed on the basics of our faith.
- We provide adult faith formation for our staff. We feature these resources in meetings with teachers, parents and parish workers. At the request of Bishop Fabbro, this resource will be one topic at our annual Great Family of our Church Gathering when we gather principals, parents, parish workers, high school students and community partners (i.e. Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus members and local politicians
- The community will be well-informed about the Catholic programs, services and choices that we offer. Should you have any questions about how to access the online resource with your student, the classroom teacher will be your best contact. Our plan is to continue buying the resources each year; next year, we will purchase the grade 5 textbooks and grade 4 online resources (as Pearson makes them available).

Have a lovely year bearing witness to your children becoming the wonder-filled people God intends them to be. We are so blessed to partner with you as they grow in faith.

Margaret Palmer, System Chaplaincy Leader.

*The bullets listed above have come directly out of our Board's Strategic plan. For more info, click here.

<https://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/1/media/public/Curriculum/BIPSA.pdf>