



Dear Parents,

The upcoming PTP/tuition paperwork event on Monday, May 15 is mandatory for parents of students enrolled for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 in order to pick up your enrollment packets and have a chance to learn about various volunteer opportunities. The actual meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. will be brief.

If your family qualifies for the Choice Scholarship, we must have a copy of the first two pages of your 1040 from your 2016 taxes. You may submit those to Mrs. Guenin at any time. Mrs. Sinkovic has started processing these applications. For questions about this process, you may reach Jessica Sinkovic at tuition@stchrisindy.org or you may leave a voicemail message at [317-241-6314, Ext. 155](tel:317-241-6314).

Thank you to those who have completed the parent surveys. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to voice your opinions, please take a few minutes to complete BOTH surveys. They will close next Friday, May 12.

Parent Survey: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/9386956>

Catholic Identity Defining Characteristics Parent and Community Survey: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4124014>

We appreciate your feedback!

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

5th Grade News

We send off our clinical intern Ms. Anna Huntine after 2 months of work with the 5th grade. She will be graduating on Saturday from Marian University.

Math: We will be working with a few projects with our limited time that we have left in our school year. We have been working with a project using our knowledge of mean, median, mode, graphing, decimals, and

computation. Students were required to choose animals to put in a zoo. They had to then keep track of the animal's cost, age, weight, and gestation time. Using this information, students had to calculate the mean, median, and mode of the numbers, as well as graph the information. This culminated with a presentation of their information using a slide show.

Social Studies: With our last chapter of the year upon us, we will be learning about the events leading up to, the causes of, and the events of the American Revolution. We will be doing the best we can with the large amount of information we have.

Science: 5th graders will be learning about weather patterns, fronts, precipitation, clouds, and hazardous weather.

Language Arts: We will be spending the last few weeks doing quite a bit of writing. Students will be working with the correct conflicts, moods, settings, and themes of different stories.

ART NEWS

We have exciting news for St. Christopher! Two of our students were chosen to move forward in the Poppy Art Contest for the American Legion. Congrats to Ella Kappel (6th grader) and Julie Rocca (5th grader). We wish you luck and hope your works win Nationals! Woohoo!!

4th and 5th graders are creating their own personal representations of the Mid-Summer Festival. We discussed what we liked about the festival and then we did research of pictures to draw from. I am one to teach the kids to draw from what they see versus what they know. This works on drawing skills as well as hand and eye development. These works will be graded and then they will be displayed for this year's Festival in the cafeteria so that the patrons can see all the works while in line for the food. Mr. Ploughe thought this would be a great idea and I couldn't agree more. This way we can show off our student's talent.

6th graders are finishing their magazine cross sculptures. They are turning out lovely and hopefully you might frame them so you can enjoy them in your homes. They will also be doing the festival drawings as well. They are to be doing their research at home for picture ideas.

The Kinders are learning about Sharks so I teamed up with Mrs. Rigler and the kiddos are creating their own sharks. We started out by doing a technique called dry brushing with the paints to make our waves. The kids drew their sharks and then cut out their waves. Using scissors is a great way for the kids to work on fine motor skills. Looking forward to finishing these so they can hang up in the hallway with the shark reports.

1st-3rd graders learned all about Jacques Cousteau and his love of the ocean. I told them about how I loved watching his show when I was about their age. Therefore, we based our projects on Ocean life.

1st grade-Drew a sea horse, they are decorating it with sequins. The next step is creating the background so we used oil pastels to create seaweed then went over that with watercolors and a salt technique. They will then cut out their sea horse and paste to the background. I am excited to get these finished because they are looking fabulous!

2nd grade-Drew sea Turtles and we created a pattern shell for our turtles. They used oil pastels for the pattern then are going in and using watercolor to fill in the rest. These are turning out great. Each one is so unique.

3rd grade started out creating their backdrop of the deep dark sea. We did a dry brush technique using blue, white, black and purple paint. Then we did a bit of splatter painting on top to create bubbles. After that, they are using Chalk pastels to create their jellyfishes and oil pastels to create the seaweed. I just loved how these are turning out. They are so fun and I think the kids enjoyed them as well. Some of these are displayed outside of the school office. Be sure to check them out!

It has been a fun art year and I am blessed to have such talented students.

Looking forward to next year's creations!

Mrs. Zore

Charity Kickball

Each year, our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students are divided into four teams for a tournament style game of kickball. All students may be out of uniform that day with a minimum of a \$1.00 donation. Our Student Council discusses and then makes the final decision on the charity that will receive the donations. In past years, we have donated to many organizations for many great causes. This year's council decided to donate the money toward our own Tuition Assistance Fund to help future students enjoy the opportunity to attend St. Christopher School. This year's Charity Kickball event will take place starting at 12:30 on Friday, May 19.

Senior Mass

Each year, graduating Seniors (in high school) are invited back to St. Christopher for a special Mass. After Communion, Fr. Paul or Fr. Matt will invite the Seniors to come up to the altar to talk about their memories at St. Christopher and what their future plans are. This Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18. Please help spread the word!

Important Dates

May 9 – National Teacher Appreciation Day

May 12 – 4th grade field trip to the One Room School House

May 15 – Day at the Track with Father Paul for the students who purchased it as an auction item

May 15-17 – Spring Book Fair in Emmaus Way in the church

May 16 – Spring Concert, 6:00 p.m. in the church, grades 1, 3, 5 and Kindergarten performing

May 17 – Kindergarten field trip to St. Mark, Pep Rally at 2:30 p.m. in the gym

May 18 – Muffins with Mom in the Cafeteria, High School Senior Mass, 9:00 a.m. in church

May 19 – Charity Kickball in the afternoon, Grades 4, 5, 6 play and the rest of the school gets to cheer

May 23 – 6th grade field trip to the Children’s Museum

May 24 – 3rd grade field trip to the zoo

May 25 – Out of Uniform for \$1.00, Race car driver or race team theme

May 26 – **No School** – Carb Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

May 29 – **No School** – Memorial Day

May 30 – 6th grade graduation, 6:30 p.m. in church

June 1 – Field Day, in the afternoon

June 2 – Last day of school, 11:00 a.m. dismissal, no Aftercare