



Saint Christopher School

Newsletter February 7, 2019

Dear Parents,

Teachers at St. Christopher strive to be role models for our students. This week is a great example of how we are all lifelong learners. Many of the students were surprised to know that teachers are students sometimes! Miss Huntine, Miss Gillaspay and Mrs. Barker were all students for a couple of days this week learning more about teaching reading. Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Riley and I are all students today as we learn more about professional learning communities.

As parents, you are your child's greatest role model. What do they witness you doing? Are you a lifelong learner? Do they see that you work hard to solve a problem? One of the greatest ways you can be a role model for your children is through your faith. Do your children witness you being faithful? Do you pray together as a family? Do you make sure going to church is a priority for your family? If so, keep up the great work being a Christian role model.

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

Snow day

Because we did not have school on Wednesday, January 30, **school will be in session on Monday, April 22.** (The only reason this could possibly change is if we have another day in which we have to close.)

Fat Tuesday on a Saturday

We hope you're talking to your friends and inviting them to attend Fat Tuesday on a Saturday, our annual auction event, on **Saturday, March 2.** It is sure to be a fun evening with games, raffles, good food, adult beverages, silent and live auction items, music and a great atmosphere for the Catholic Community of St. Christopher having fun! Tickets will be on sale now!. Tickets will be sold after all Masses during the weekend of February 9/10. Tickets may be purchased online through our Qtego bidding site: <https://stchristopher.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list>

If you can help, here is the link to sign up to volunteer or donate specific items:

Sign Up for Volunteer Time:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445ADAD2BA4FC1-auction>

Sign Up for Donated Items from Amazon and Sam's Club:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445ADAD2BA4FC1-auction1>



Registration for the 2019 - 2020 school year

Please click this link to begin: [Registration Form for 2019 - 2020](#). Thank you to all who always complete this in a timely manner. It is important that we have enrollment numbers as we begin making decisions for the upcoming school year.

Miss Walker's 4th graders

We have had a great start to the 3rd quarter! In Science class we learned many new things about electricity. Students were able to experiment with insulators and conductors while creating their own series and parallel circuits. They were even able to power things such as fans, musical boxes, and an alarm! I was impressed with their perseverance and investigation skills when circuits did not light up right away. In math we have started our division unit. We are working hard to learn new math vocabulary and strategies to lead up to long division. Many students chose to participate in Charlie's Reading Challenge through Ball State University. The challenge takes place from January 22 to February 22nd. Each student who reads four books and writes four book reports about them will receive two free tickets to attend a mens or womens basketball game. It has been great motivation to get everyone reading!

Kindergarten News

There are so many exciting happenings going on this time of year! Kindergarten has been busy since returning from Christmas break and the learning continues to grow. We have almost mastered every letter name and sound which has led us to reading sentences and short readers. Students have also been busy working on addition. Kindergartners use counters, fingers, and other items to find the sum of problems. One of our most exciting units is just finishing up, penguins! We have been learning, researching, and journaling about many different kinds of penguins. It has been fun to hear students discuss the similarities and differences between the different types and then talk about which one is their favorite based upon different facts we have learned. Finally, we had a great Catholic Schools Week! Although there were delays and we missed out on Wednesday, kindergartners favorite thing about the week was D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) time. We all enjoyed many great books that day in between our learning! We are looking forward to all of the fun for the rest of the year.

- Mrs. Rigler



Kids Heart Challenge



What's the most exciting time of the year? Drum roll, please..... It's the time when our entire school officially kicks off our Kids Heart Challenge program! We used to hold a jump rope for heart event, but the Kids Heart Challenge is a brand-spanking-new, out-of-this-world, more fun than ever program – and we can't wait to participate! For more than 40 years, the American Heart Association has supported schools like ours, and we're thrilled to work together again this year to have fun, raise money and learn how nutrition and being active can help us live longer, healthier

lives. We raised over \$5000 last year thanks to your efforts and generous donations. We hope to be able to match that amount this year. Information for this event should be coming home for all students by then end of the week. If you don't receive it by then ask your student or you can contact Mr. Bruder at sbruder@stchrisindy.org. The final day for donations to this wonderful cause is **March 1st**.

Important Dates

February 7 - PreK to the Art Museum

February 8 - Bingo Team 7

February 13 - Progress reports go home

February 14 - Out of Uniform for \$1.00 - St. Valentine's Day theme

February 15 - No School, Bingo Team 3

February 16 - First Communion Workshop (rescheduled from January 19)

February 18 - No School

February 20 - 4th grade field trip to Southeastway Park

3rd grade field trip to Rhythm Discovery Center

February 22 - Bingo Team 5

February 27 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal, City Barbeque Fundraiser-All day, 9116 Rockville Rd

March 1 - 5th and 6th Grade field trip to JA Biztown

Out of uniform for \$1.00 - Dr. Seuss theme

Bingo Team 6

March 2 - Our annual Auction in the cafeteria and the gym, 6:00 p.m. - Mardi Gras theme, *Fat Tuesday on a Saturday*

March 2 & 3 - Trash bag sale after all masses

March 6 - Ash Wednesday - All school mass at 9:00 a.m.

March 7 - No all school mass

PreK to Art Museum

March 8 - 2nd grade field trip to the Statehouse

Bingo Team 1

March 10 - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 12 - PTP meeting in the Cafeteria, 8:00 p.m.

March 15 - 2nd grade to walk in the St. Patrick's Day Parade

End of 3rd quarter

Bingo Team 2

March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 18 - PreK and K to field trip to the Children's Museum

IREAD test for 3rd grade begins

March 19 - 1:30 p.m. Dismissal

March 21 - 3rd quarter Honors Mass, 9:00 a.m. in Church

March 22 - Bingo Team 7

March 25-29 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

March 29 - Bingo Team 3

St. Christopher School Mission Statement

St. Christopher School, established in 1949 as an educational ministry of St. Christopher parish, serves the West Deanery of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the surrounding community.

St. Christopher School strives to provide an exceptional education permeated with Catholic Christian values, promoting spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical and social growth for our students, preschool through sixth grade.

St. Christopher School seeks to be an extension of our students' homes, challenging them to achieve their potential and helping them to realize their great worth as children of God, capable of making significant contributions at home and throughout the world.