



Saint
Christopher
School

Newsletter

February 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During Lent, we are asked to improve ourselves and our relationship with God by being more prayerful (reading Scripture), by giving [alms](#) (donating money or goods to the poor or performing other acts of charity), and sacrifice self-control by [fasting](#). For a day by day prayer and reflection, please visit the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops page for [Lent](#). We will have an all school Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Ash Wednesday, which is February 14. All are welcome to join us.

Please have conversations with your children about how they can work on prayer, almsgiving and fasting throughout Lent, as well.

We hope you can join us for some special Lenten services in church. Fifth grade will lead us in the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. Fourth grade (and helpers from other classes) will lead us in praying the Living Rosary on Friday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. and 6th grade will lead us in a short paraliturgy on Good Friday, March 30 at 12:30 p.m. (Remember that we dismiss at 1:30 on Good Friday.)

As we continue our focus on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, students are working toward being kind during the month of February. Each morning, students hear a "kind deed." Be sure to ask your children to tell you how they are being kind at school and at home.

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL SPECIAL PUBLICATION

The students in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic schools are doing great things! Please take a moment to review the 2017-2018 Special Publication from the Office of Catholic Schools at <http://www.archindy.org/OCS-Special-Publication-2017-2018/> highlighting our schools' many accomplishments!

Jump Rope for Heart is coming!

We will be kicking off our Jump Rope for Heart event soon and you can get a head start by registering online and sending emails NOW!

1. Go to www.heart.org/jump or www.heart.org/hoops
2. Search for St. Christopher School.
3. Select our school and join team



Be sure to check out some of the new items in your HeadQuarters - we don't want you to miss out on sending Ecards and Emails and check out your My Virtual World where you can unlock cool games and earn points.

These are new and fun ways to challenge yourself and others to be heart healthy and ask friends and family for a donation to save lives.

This year, all of your monsters will come to life! Make sure to take a few seconds to download the FREE Mobile app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) by searching for Jump/Hoops and see your monsters come to life, take selfies with your monsters and fundraise on the go.

More information about this event will come home with your child soon. Thank you so much for supporting our school and the American Heart Association. You are making a big difference in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Steven Bruder

News from Miss Huntine's Class

In Kindergarten, January was the month of penguins! Students have been learning about several types of penguins and recording information in their own penguin journals, just like researchers. We simulated blubber with Crisco and a bucket of ice, and students experienced how penguins stay warm in cold water. On Friday, we will finish our penguin studies by watching the "March of the Penguins."

In February, we will focus on the fruit of the Holy Spirit, kindness, as well as the meaning of persistence. After reading the book *She Persisted* by Chelsea Clinton, each Kindergartener will research a woman in history who persisted when faced with adversity.



Students have now learned all of the short vowels, and we are beginning to work more on sentence writing and punctuation. In Math, we have been practicing addition and skip counting. Once students can skip count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's, they join the Kindergarten Skip Counting Club and receive a special math pencil.

Last week, students enjoyed the many fun Catholic Schools Week activities! Several students dressed as future doctors and veterinarians.

Have a great week, and stay healthy!

Passports, Pints and Prizes

Tickets are now on sale in the school office for our event on Saturday, March 3. Must be 21 and over. \$30 ticket includes admission at 6:30 p.m and 2 drink tickets. The \$50 VIP ticket includes a 6:00 p.m. admission with unlimited beverages from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

If you are not attending the event, we still need some volunteers to help make it a success. If you can help, please follow this link: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/PKXDK>

Thanks to all who have signed up already!

Also, we are always looking for donations for the silent auction. If you know anyone that has a business that could donate, please contact them. We have donation request letters in the office that we can send. We need donations by February 28. Gift cards always sell!

ISTEP and IREAD

As you already know from our school calendar, the second semester includes two rounds of ISTEP for students grades 3 - 6 and IREAD for 3rd grade students. PLEASE do everything in your power to make sure students are on time and present at school for the entire day during these testing periods.

ISTEP, Part 1: February 29 - March 9

IREAD: March 12 - 16

ISTEP, Part 2: April 16 - May 4

Registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year

Registration is now open for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Similar to last year, the registration process for current families is through a Google form: [St. Christopher School Registration Form](#). Please complete this form as soon as possible so that we may begin making plans for next year. Keep in mind that all outstanding fee must be paid in order to secure a spot on next year's roster. Each student who is registered by **February 23** will be entered into a drawing to win a ~~\$20.00~~ gift certificate to our school uniform store, [Schoolbelles](#). In order to be eligible to be entered in the drawing, the registration process must be complete! This means that 1.) The \$50.00 registration fee has been paid, OR, 2.) A copy of your federal 1040 tax paperwork has been submitted to the school office - AND - all current fees are up to date.

*****UPDATE*** Each student who is registered by February 23 will be entered into a drawing to win \$60.00 worth of Schoolbelles gift certificates. FIVE winners will be chosen! Registration must be complete by 3:00 p.m. to be considered eligible.**

Important Dates

February 9 - Bingo Team 1

February 12 - Kindergarten field trip to the Central Library in the afternoon

February 14 - **Ash Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. all school mass**, St. Valentine's Day

February 15 - City Barbecue Fundraiser, in Avon

February 15 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal, Aftercare is open, City BBQ Fundraiser, 9116 Rockville Rd,

February 16 - No School, Bingo Team 2

February 19 - No School, Presidents Day

February 23 - Bingo Team 7

February 26 - Grade 2 field trip to the Indiana Statehouse

March 2 - Bingo Team 3

March 3 - Passports, Pints and Prizes - St. Christopher School Auction-in the gym, 6:30 p.m. Tickets available
Trash bag and scrip sale after 5:30 p.m. Mass

March 4 - Trash bag and scrip sale after all Masses

March 5 - ISTEP testing begins, may be all week

March 9 - Stations of the Cross presented by 5th grade 10:00 a.m. in Church
Bingo Team 5

March 11 - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 12 - Kindergarten Field Trip to the Children's Museum
PTP Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

March 16 - 2nd Grade to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Indianapolis
Living Rosary presented by 4th grade, 2:00 p.m. in Church
Bingo Team 6

March 19 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal

March 22 - 5th & 6th grade field trip to JA Biztown

March 23 - Bingo Team 1

March 30 - Paraliturgy presented by 6th Grade, 12:30 p.m. in Church
1:30 p.m. dismissal - Good Friday - NO AFTERCARE

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.