Dear Parents,

Earlier in the school year, I included ILEARN resources in a school newsletter. Now that we are getting closer to testing time, it is worth repeating for those who have not been using this resource. Please click on ILEARN Assessment Information for Families for access to these resources. The Indiana Department of Education also recently released this 3-minute video on assessing with technology. Please also keep in mind that the testing window for ILEARN is April 22 - May 17. Our third grade students will be taking the IREAD testing the week of March 18 - March 22 and our end of the year NWEA testing window is May 6 - May 17. Although you’ve had these dates already, please keep them in mind when scheduling dental or doctor appointments so that children are not missing school during these times.

We are looking forward to having a lot of fun celebrating Catholic Schools Week next week. Be sure to be attuned to what is happening each day so your children don’t miss out on the fun!

Finally, please be sure to tell your friends to visit our school during Open House this Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. If you know of someone who is interested and cannot be here on Sunday, please have them contact me. Thank you!

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 school year
Please take a few minutes (truly, just a few MINUTES!) to complete the registration form for the upcoming school year. All families who have registered by February 6 will be entered into a drawing to win $60.00 worth of Schoolbelles gift certificates. There will be FIVE winners chosen! Be sure to register for a chance to win. Open registration for new families begins on Sunday, January 27 at our school Open House. 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.

Additional Registration Information
Our annual Open House for new families is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. We know that word of mouth marketing is the best kind of marketing! Be sure to tell your friends whose children are not at St. Christopher to mark their calendars to visit during our Open House.
Please be aware of the following, in order to receive parishioner rate tuition:

**A Parishioner is not simply someone whose name appears on the parish roster. Membership in St. Christopher Parish involves meeting at least two of the following three criteria:**

1. Worship with the community on Sundays and Holy Days.
2. Regularly support the parish through reasonable and identifiable monetary contribution.*
3. Be involved in one or more of the spiritual, educational service or social activities of the Church.

*While regular attendance at Mass is expected, since some donate through automatic deduction once a month, a minimum of 12 donations per year is expected.

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**First Grade News from Mrs. Evans’ Class**

I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful Christmas gifts I received! All thank you notes have been sent home with your children. I am always overwhelmed with your generosity. It is difficult to believe that half of the school year is over! We continue to plug along during this cold winter season though! This week in Phonics we have learned the division rule for the vowel, consonant, vowel pattern with an accent on the first syllable. Our Phonics lessons continue to be more challenging as the year goes on.

WE WILL NOT HAVE A SPELLING TEST THIS WEEK! Our next test will be over List #14 and will be on THURSDAY, Jan. 31st.

We will be reading a book entitled “Snow Day” this week and will be doing a writing activity to go along with this book. Please look for our stories in the hallway during Catholic Schools’ Week. Our reading skills include: digraphs /sh/ and /th/, sequencing the order of events in a story, common nouns, and the vowel “a” sound as in ball.

Our math lessons include: using a ruler to draw a line segment, sorting common objects, and adding two-digit numbers without regrouping using dimes and pennies.

Monday, February 4th is the date for the next mass that my class prepares. We hope you can join us! We are beginning our next chapter in our Religion books that describes how the apostles led and cared for the Church.

Keep warm in these frigid temperatures. Curl up with a good book! **Mrs. Evans**

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**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 in the school office beginning Monday, February 4. Tickets will be sold after all Masses during the weekend of February 9/10. Tickets may be purchased online through our Qtego bidding site. Watch for details on that in next week’s newsletter!
Yearbook Sales
Orders are currently being taken for the St. Christopher School yearbook. The cost of a yearbook is $15.00 and can be ordered online at ybpay.lifetouch.com or with the paper order form brought home by students this week. **The order deadline is February 22, 2019.** Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Bethany Allspaw at: ballspaw@stchrisindy.org.

MyStudentsProgress (MSP)
It seems like every few weeks we hear from parents who didn’t realized they could sign on to MSP to check out their child’s grades. Information regarding this was in the family handbook and has been in numerous newsletters throughout the year. If you need to request a password reset, please contact Mrs. Guenin at dguenin@stchrisindy.org. She will send a password reset. You will have to act on it within 24 hours so it doesn’t expire.

TENTATIVE 2019 - 2020 Calendar
Please see the TENTATIVE 2019 - 2020 school calendar that is attached to this newsletter mailing. Notice the 1:30 dismissal days that are highlighted in green. Testing windows are highlighted in yellow -- please do not schedule appointments for your children during these times.

Catholic Schools Week Schedule
**Sunday, January 27 – Celebrating Your Parish**
- School Open House for New Families 11:00 – 1:30 – Be sure to tell your friends whose children are not already attending St. Christopher School.
- St. Christopher School students will be the gift bearers at all weekend Masses.

**Monday, January 28 - Celebrating Your Community**
- All School Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Students should wear their nicest school uniform.
- Some of our students are meeting with parishioners and local civic and community leaders to show them our school. Attendees will enjoy coffee and donuts prior to taking a tour of the school.

**Tuesday, January 29 – Celebrating Your Students**
- Crazy Day – Out of Uniform to wear your craziest mismatched colors, stripes, patterns or inside out clothing. Pajamas are crazy, too!
- Drop Everything And Read – Students may bring their favorite book(s) to school. Each time the bell rings, everyone drops what they are doing and begins reading until the bell rings again.
- Professor Steve presents “Wild Water & Fantastic Fire Show” to students at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 30 - Celebrating the Nation
- Mass with the Archbishop – Ms. King, Mrs. Riley and Student Council Representatives will attend Mass with the Archbishop at the Cathedral.
- Out of Uniform to dress like a President or other famous person who had an impact on our nation.
Veteran, Bob Resner will be our speaker. 1:00 - PreK - 2nd; 2:00 - 3rd - 6th (church) Thursday, January 31 - Celebrating Vocations

- All School Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Out of Uniform to dress as your future vocation or as your favorite teacher
- Father Jude will speak to students about his vocation as a priest right after Mass.
- Kristin Hinshaw and Kristin Wagner (both school parents) will speak about how they are able to incorporate faith in their everyday lives with their careers.

Friday, February 1 - Celebrating Faculty and Staff

- Teacher Breakfast – Lori Smith is organizing a teacher appreciation breakfast for the faculty.
- Teacher Switch Day – Teachers will switch classrooms to read their favorite book to other classes.
- Regular school uniform for students.
- Students bring items of appreciation for teachers
- World Read Aloud Day – Classrooms will partner with other classrooms for Read Aloud.
- “Guess the Baby Photo” presentation. Teachers will show a presentation of baby photos and 3 fun facts. Students will try to guess which St. Christopher School adult (faculty and staff members) it is. The following slide will show the adult’s current photo.

Important Dates
January 25 - Bingo Team 1
January 27 - Catholic Schools Week begins - School Open House, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

See all the Catholic Schools Week activities on page 3 of the newsletter

February 1 - Bingo Team 2
February 2 - Trash bag sale after 5:30 p.m. mass in the church hallway
February 3 - Trash bag sale after all masses, if you can help contact Chris Cesnik, cez11@aol.com
February 5 - Pep Rally, 2:30 p.m. in the gym, out of uniform wearing Spirit Wear or school colors
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
   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

**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.