



**Reminder: Tomorrow morning is Muffins with Mom in the cafeteria from 6:45 -7:45 p.m.**

**McKee's Message**

What a month we have had. Thank you so much for your prayers. We were able to receive our First Eucharist on April 27th. What an exciting time. We have been working since January to understand the importance of the Eucharist and the parts of the Mass. The students did a wonderful job and continue to enjoy receiving this beautiful sacrament.

In science we have been working to understand the life cycles of plants and animals. In order to really understand these we have been observing real-life life cycles. We planted beans and have following the process of its growth. We watched the seed coat swell and split. We saw roots grow. Now we have seedlings sprouting. However, the most exciting part of life cycles have been the chicks we hatched. We received chicken eggs about 3 weeks ago. We followed their growth with an egg light. Finally, on Monday we began to have eggs hatch. We are up to 16 chicks. What a wonderful time of the year.

The students have also grown tremendously in their reading this year. I am so impressed with what great readers they have become. I see them implement their phonics skills daily to be expressive readers. Now our focus has moved to really work to understand what the author is trying to say to us, not just what the words say. We are working to draw conclusions and look for relationships between characters and among facts.



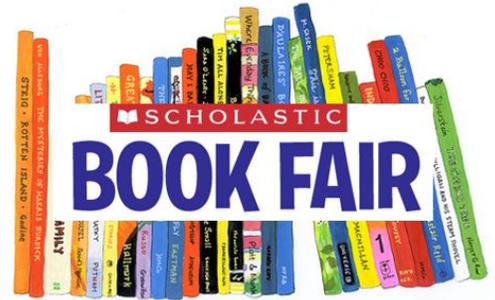
## **Aftercare News**

Now that we have been enjoying nicer weather, aftercare will be extending play time at the park. Starting May 6, we will be out at the park until 4:30pm for the remainder of the school year. Please check the playground before coming to the PAR doors, and also please allow transition time (4:30pm-4:45pm) for the students to get from the park to the classroom.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Harvie

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

The last Scholastic Book Fair of the school year will be held on May 14th-19th in Emmaus Way at church. This is a BOGO sale which means you receive a free book with each book you purchase (of equal or less value). The fair will be open after the Spring Concert on May 14th, during library or technology class and also after every Mass the weekend of May 18th. Thank you for supporting our school library!



## **Spring Pictures**

Please return to school the pictures you do not wish to purchase.

## **Can you help with Field Day, Thursday, May 30?**

Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4EA8A623A3F85-field>

## **Summer Market - June 29**

St. Christopher is beginning a new endeavor and having an outdoor market this summer. This market will consist of locally made products and small businesses. The space will be much more limited than our craft show, but we are still looking to have 25 to 30 vendors. It will take place in the parking lot of St. Christopher on **June 29, 2019, from 10am to 2pm**. The cost will only be \$20 per vendor. No raffle item is required, but you are required to have your own pop up tent and tables. If you are interested, please email Melissa Hedge at [my3blessingsboutique@gmail.com](mailto:my3blessingsboutique@gmail.com). All funds raised will help to offset tuition for the families of St. Christopher Catholic School.

## **St. Christopher Midsummer Festival**

The school is in charge of "Dining Areas Support" for the annual Midsummer Festival. Historically, this job has been handled by 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and their families. Ms. King will be there all three nights, too. Please encourage your children to sign up for a shift with their friends. Click on [Midsummer Festival](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find "Dining Areas Support." Thank you in advance for helping your children learn the importance of volunteerism.

*"One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time."*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fa4ab2fa1fe3-dining>

### **Save the Date - June 15**

Please save the date for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Paul's ordination to the priesthood! The parish will celebrate this milestone on Saturday, June 15, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass with a reception following in the gym.

### **Important Dates for the 2018-2019 School Year**

May 10 - NWEA testing

May 10 - Muffins with Mom, 6:45-7:45 a.m. in the cafeteria  
Day at the Track with Father Paul if purchased at the auction  
Bingo Team 3

May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!

May 13 - 17 - NWEA testing continues

May 13 - Famous Hoosier Wax Museum presented by 4th grade, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Cafeteria

May 14 - Spring Concert, 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Performers are K, Grades 1, 3, 5, Band and Choir  
Book Fair in Emmaus Way in Church, BOGO books only, until May 19

May 17 - Charity Kickball games in the afternoon, players from grades 4, 5, 6, rosters in the hallway  
Bingo team 5

May 20 - Mass with our graduating high school seniors, 9:00 a.m. in church

May 21 - 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, 2019-2020 tuition paperwork

May 22 - New and old Student Council lunch

May 23 - Out of Uniform for \$1.00, theme is Hawaiian Day

May 24 - NO SCHOOL - Carburetion Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

May 27 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

May 28 - 6th grade graduation, 6:00 p.m. pictures, 6:30 p.m. Mass in Church, reception to follow in the school cafeteria

May 30 - Field day in the afternoon

**May 31 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, 11:00 A.M. DISMISSAL, NO AFTERCARE**

9:00 a.m. Mass and Awards in Church

Bingo Team 1

### **Important Dates for the 2019-2020 School Year**

August 7 - New Family Orientation, 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

August 11 - PreK and K classroom visit, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

August 12 - Back to school night - 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

**August 14 - First day of school - 1:30 p.m. dismissal**

### **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.