



# Saint Christopher School

**Newsletter November 15, 2018**

Dear Parents,

You probably have already heard the news. Once again, St. Christopher School earned an “A” rating from the Indiana Department of Education. This score is based on our school’s performance on ISTEP for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Schools earn points in two areas, performance and growth, to come up with an overall percentage. Congratulations to all of our teachers and students for continuously striving to improve!

We know that happy families at a great school are the best source for marketing our school. Will you help us? When you read this, please tell a friend, who doesn’t have children at St. Christopher, about our school! Let them know that we will begin registration for new students for the 2019 - 2020 school year at our Open House on January 27, 2019.

As you know, I am proud of the diversity at St. Christopher School. I believe that our school truly represents the world we live in and I believe that our students are able to learn about various cultures from one another. Sometimes communication can be a challenge when trying to speak with a new family about how great our school is. As we start working to prepare for enrollment for the 2019 - 2020 school year, I’m looking for volunteers who speak another language and who would be willing to be present at our Open House on January 27, 2019. If you can help, please fill out this short (4 question) [Open House volunteer](#) survey in the next few weeks.

Thank you for considering using your talents to help St. Christopher School!

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

## **Canned Food Drive**

This year we are going to continue with our tradition of having a canned food drive. Please bring in non- perishable food items during **November 1st through November 19th**. Some examples of non-perishable items that the parish Food Pantry can always use are spaghetti noodles, peanut butter, cereal, or canned soup. You may also bring in personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, soap, or deodorant. We are going to bring the food items into church on Monday, November 19th before Mass. Please join us!



## **St. Christopher Parish Food Pantry Reminder**

Mrs. Phyllis Farley, coordinator for the St. Christopher Parish Food Pantry, recently contacted me about sharing information with the school families. If your family is in need of assistance, you may reach out to our local food pantry. The Food Pantry is open 9:00 - 10:15 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

This information can be found on the parish website: **Food Pantry:** *The St. Chris Food Pantry is open to the public and serves people from zip codes 46123, 46214, 46222, 46224, 46231, 46234, & 46241. We are open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9 am - 10:15. Clients can come twice a month and need only provide proof of ID and address. If you know someone in need who could benefit from our food pantry please share this information. God Bless.*

Mrs. Farley confirmed that school families may visit the food pantry once a week. For more information about this, please contact the parish office at 317-241-6314, Ext. 100 to leave a message for the food pantry.

## **Dress for outside recess**

As much as possible, students will enjoy running/physical activity throughout the school year during recess. Please make sure your students have appropriate coats, hats, scarves, gloves to keep them warm. Students will stay inside for recess if it is raining, snowing heavily, icy or if the windchill is 15 degrees or lower.

## **Reminder from our Family Handbook:**

### **CLOSING OF SCHOOL:**

Certain emergencies may necessitate the canceling or delaying the start of school. If school will be closed:

- A voice recording will be sent to phones.
- A post will be made on our school Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofSt.ChristopherSchool/>
- WISH-TV, local channel #8 will be notified.

## **2 HOUR DELAY - ALTERNATE SCHEDULE**

*Whenever possible, we will be on a two-hour delay or alternate schedule instead of closing for the day.*

1. ***The doors open at 9:30 a.m. (exactly 2 hours later than a regular school day.)***
2. ***Students must be in their seat in the classroom at 9:55 a.m.***
3. ***The lunch hour will be pushed back to 12:00 (PreK – 2) and 12:30 (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>).***
4. ***PreK- If enrolled all day, class begins at 9:55 a.m. Students who are “morning only” may attend 9:55 - 12:50 - - or parents may choose to keep children at home.***

## **6th Grade News**

The sixth graders are always busy around the school, with working in the cafeteria during lunch, helping out at recess, serving for masses, taking out recycling, or a list of other duties. When we are not helping out around the school, the students have been learning about algebra, and how there can be many different ways to solve the same math problems. Students are designing their own zoo, which includes creating a spreadsheet of finances and research needed

to stock a zoo with animals. This project is a fun way to apply skills of decimals, operations, graphing, and analyzing of data.

Students have been studying the countries and capitals from around the world, most specifically the locations of Eastern and Western Europe. Our focus this year is on world history/geography of Europe and how it affected the timeline of North America.

6th Graders have also be researching different countries of the world to complete their year long country report. Students choose a country in August, research all the aspects of that country, and present the information in a “science-fair-like” setting at the end of the year in May.

Sincerely,

Mr. Buell  
6th Grade

### **Children’s Christmas Eve Liturgy Choir**

Students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to sing in a parish children’s choir at the 4:00 p.m. mass on December 24. More information and a registration form is attached. This is through the parish Music Ministry, not school.

### **Your volunteer hours**

Through our student management system, MyStudentsProgress, you can enter your volunteer hours. Go to [www.mystudentsprogress.com](http://www.mystudentsprogress.com) . If you need to have your password reset, please email [dguenin@stchrisindy.org](mailto:dguenin@stchrisindy.org) and we will send you a link that is good for 24 hours.

### **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.

**Breakfast with Santa**

Our Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. We need your help to make this event successful. Here is the link to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044EABA92DA7FD0-breakfast>



***Saturday, December 1, 2018***

***St. Christopher Cafeteria***

***9 A.M.***

*Please join us for Breakfast With Santa!*

*Hot Breakfast, Cocoa, Games, Crafts, Write A Letter To Santa, Make Reindeer Food, Visit With Friends AND, Of Course, Have Your Photo Taken With Santa & More!*

***Reservations can be made by contacting Stephanie Sauter via text or email.***

***(317) 501-5718 / [stephmarcum@hotmail.com](mailto:stephmarcum@hotmail.com) OR You may RETURN THIS FORM VIA BACKPACK MAIL to Stephanie Sauter, C/O Anabel Sauter.***

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**UNDER 2: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED= \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Please Make Checks Payable To St. Christopher PTP.**

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## **Important Dates**

November 15 - Kindergarten field trip to the Central Library, leave at noon

November 16 - Bingo Team 7

November 19 - Canned Food Drive donations - Procession into Mass

November 20 - Progress Reports go home

Out of uniform for \$1.00 - Theme is Pajama Day

November 21-25 - Thanksgiving break, no school

November 23 - Bingo Team 3

November 30 - Bingo Team 5

December 1 - Breakfast with Santa, 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria

December 2 - 55+ Christmas Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

December 3 - Skating Party at Hot Skates in Avon, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

December 4 - First Reconciliation in church, 6:30 p.m.

December 6 - PreK to Art Museum

December 7 - Lifetouch Photography here for Group Activity photos

Bingot Team 6

December 11 - Christmas Concert in church, 6:00 p.m. Performing-PreK, 2, 4, 6, Choir and Band

December 11-16 - Book Fair

December 14 - Out of uniform for \$1, theme is Ugly Christmas Sweater

Bingo Team 1

**December 21** - 9:00 Mass presented by the First Grade, **1:30 p.m. dismissal, NO AFTERCARE**

Bingo Team 2

**December 24-January 6 - Christmas Break**

December 28 - Bingo Team 7

January 4 - Bingo Team 3

January 7 - Classes resume