



Saint
Christopher
School

Newsletter

November 16, 2017

Dear Parents,

This Sunday's gospel comes from Matthew 25:14-30. At Mass, we will hear the parable of the boss who handed out talents to his workers. We are reminded to use our God-given talents. When we do, they continue to grow! This is a good topic for conversation to have as a family. How do you each use your talents to help yourselves and others?

As always, thank you for making sure going to Mass is a priority for your family. Your children learn the importance of their faith from you as their first teacher.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen A. King".

Karen King, Principal

Math Goal Update

The teachers are still working on using computation and number sense on a daily basis, making it the base of all that we do in math class. The following are a few websites that can be used to help your child with these skills:

Match It Number Sense

https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/math_games/kindergarten-math/number-sense/matchit-number-sense.html

This might be a website geared more toward the middle grades, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade. This website will help with the words that are often used when talking about story problems, or words used by teachers to describe math skills.

Building Number Sense

<https://proudtobepprimary.com/building-number-sense-to-20/>

This website is a blog post about ways to build number sense with your child. Most of the activities are geared toward primary grades, K, 1st, or 2nd. There are quite a lot of hands on activities that can be used to help boost a math skill.

Greetings from the Music Department

It has been a busy fall in the Music Department. We started off the school year preparing for the Grandparent's Day Program. The students learned the songs really well and very confidently let their light shine during the program.

Those of you at the Grandparents Day Program noticed several students singing solos. One of my focuses this year is helping students to find their voice. One part of this is allowing more students to sing solos during the concerts.

Speaking of concerts the second, fourth and sixth grade classes have been hard at work preparing their songs for the Christmas Concert on December 12 at 6:00p.m. in the church. Each grade will sing one song by themselves and then all the grades will sing two songs together.

One of the songs being sung by everyone is Believe from the Polar Express Movie. This song has two solo performances in it. The soloists for this song will be Derenik Asse and Jhoselyn Guevera. I had twenty students try out for these solos. All students who tried out auditioned really well.

The School 3rd - 6th grade choir has started and has seen a lot of growth. We have 32 students in choir this semester. The choir will be performing on December 4 at the Speedway United Methodist Church on 16th street. We will be singing for Old Speedway City Neighborhood Association December meeting. The program is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. I will need all of the choir students there at 6:30 p.m. There is a reception afterwards and then we will take our annual trip to the Starbucks on 10th street. The choir will also be singing two songs at the December 12 Christmas Concert.

The school band has also seen growth. Eleven new students signed up for band this year. With the five returning band students our band is now sixteen members. We have been learning how to play our instruments and working hard on our Christmas music.

The classes that are not performing for Christmas have also been busy. The first grade classes have been working hard on finding songs in the hymnals and are getting really good at it. We have also started learning how to spell words using music notes and performing addition problems using whole, half and quarter notes.

The 3rd grade classes have been reviewing identifying the notes from the treble and bass clefs and started performing multiplication problems using whole, half and quarter notes.

The fifth grade students have also been reviewing note names in treble and bass clef. We are also starting some basic ear training and sight singing exercises.

In all of the music classes I have started what I call the Music Maestro initiative. This is part of the Leader in Me curriculum and allows one student per week to demonstrate their leadership skills by being the assistant teacher. We have also been learning the seven habits of effective leadership. If you want to see some of the progress we have made, ask your student what it means to be proactive which is the first habit.

Sincerely,
Yours for youth in Christ,
Mr. Dutcher

Congratulations to our Spell Bowl Team:

Jayden Nograles, Kate Ploughe, Zita Eke, Evelyn Hinshaw, Olivia Lopez, Jennifer Franco, Franke Perez, Gavin Goodrich, Tyson Worman, Geovanni Guevara.

They will compete on Thursday, January 25, 2018 in the Cardinal Ritter High School Gym at 6:30 p.m.

The Art Show and Math and Theology Competition begin at 6:00 p.m.

Reminder: If it isn't raining, our students will go out for recess. Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather with coats, hats and gloves.

Also, please put your child's name on their belongings...all clothing, lunch boxes, backpacks.

THE CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH FOOD PANTRY, NOW UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20. OUR DONATIONS WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO THE ALTAR AT OUR 9:00 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS ON NOVEMBER 20.

St. Christopher School Yearbook

You are able to order the yearbook online at ybpay.lifetouch.com. Please use code 1925718 when ordering. The cost of a basic yearbook is \$15.00. Your child brought home an order form if you prefer that method. Yearbook sales will continue until February 26, 2018. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Allspaw at ballspaw@stchrisindy.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR CRAFT FAIR, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. IN THE ST. CHRIS GYM

Important Dates

November 17 - Bingo Team 2

November 22-24 - No school for Thanksgiving Break

November 24 - Bingo Team 7

November 25 - Craft Fair in our gym, 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

December 1 - Bingo Team 3

December 2 - Breakfast with Santa

December 3 - 55+ Christmas Luncheon sponsored by PTP

December 5 - Cardinal Ritter Jr/Sr High School information night in the 6th grade room, 6:00 p.m.

December 6 - Fundraiser at Chipotle in Speedway, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

December 8 - Bingo Team 5

December 12 - Christmas Concert, Grds 2,4,6,PreK, Band and Choir performing, 6:00 p.m. in church

December 15 - 3rd grade field trip to the Children's Museum, Bingo Team 6

December 19 - All School mass at 9:00 a.m. in church,

1:30 p.m. dismissal, NO AFTERCARE

December 20 - January 2 - No School, Christmas break

December 22 - Bingo Team 1

December 29 - Bingo Team 2

January 3 - Class resumes

January 5 - Bingo Team 2

January 10 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal, Aftercare is open, possible snow day make up

January 12 - Bingo Team 7

January 15 - No school, Martin Luther King, Jr Day

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.