Dear Parents,

As we continue to help our students develop their understanding of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, we focus this month on **Generosity**. This coincides well with our Canned Food Drive, which is November 1 - November 20. At our all school Mass on November 20, students will offer up the items from our collection at the beginning of Mass. I have suggested to students that they ask their parents for extra chores around the house to earn items to bring. We want our students to learn the act of charity, of giving to others without expect anything in return. Please help your child learn to help others!

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ ~Matthew 25:35-40

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

**Grandparents’ Day Photos**
Happy Thursday Parents!
Please check out the link below to download or print photos from Grandparents' & Special Persons' day. We have lots of great photos thanks to our parent volunteer photographers. If you have any questions or cannot access please feel free to contact me @ cclosser@mcontractors.com.
Have a wonderful and blessed weekend!
-Cindy Cervantes-Closser

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**PTP Elections**
President (aka Leader of the Pack)
We want YOU to be our next PTO president! Our fearless leader’s term expires at the end of the school year. We’re looking for a creative problem-solver who is comfortable delegating and who can help us focus on the agenda instead of talking about our kids or the latest episode of *This Is Us*. A sense of humor is a big plus—and if you know how to say “no” without provoking a tantrum, even better. If you’re ready to play a substantial role in supporting our school, we want to hear from you!
**Miss Gillaspy’s 1st Grade News**

I can’t believe it is already November! I am very happy with how much this class has grown since August. Each day, they come in willing to do their job - learn! We have had an exciting time learning about apples and pumpkins. I think it is safe to say that fall has been our favorite season! We have started to discuss what we are thankful for and why we should thank God for things, rather than just ask him for what we need.

In math, we have been working on writing the date in different ways, telling time to the hour, and subtracting 1 from a number! On Halloween we put our estimating and counting skills to the test. We learned all about pumpkins and counted how many seeds were inside. After estimating and counting, we decided to carve a sweet face.

In Phonics, we have been transferring the skills learned and have been applying them in reading and spelling. Today, we put on our face masks, gloves, and doctor caps and performed Contraction Surgery! The students enjoyed calling each other by their doctor names and cutting words apart to put back together. The apostrophe band-aids were a huge hit!

Next up, prepare for our first Mass!

Miss Gillaspy and class
Pre-K News
The last two weeks of school has been filled with many activities. We attended the IMA where the students took a walk through the Native American Gallery, learned where clay comes from and then worked with clay. Each student molded a bowl out of the clay and then used a wooden utensil to decorate it.

During our letter "H" week, many of our students had the same idea for sharing day. As you can see, a hat was a very popular item!!
Halloween Day was very exciting for us!! The students trick-or-treated throughout the school. We carved a pumpkin also. The students voted on what shape they wanted the eyes, nose, and mouth. They guessed how much the pumpkin weighed and we also counted the seeds. We heard several times that “This is the best day ever!”.

It is hard to believe that the next big project for us will be to learn our song for the Christmas concert.

Blessings,
Mrs. Mertz and Mrs. Scanlon

**Spirit Wear**
Our online spirit wear store is open for just FOUR more days! Shop now!

If you are buying something as a Christmas gift and do not want the order sent home with your child, please notify Chris Hosp at hospkids@gmail.com

**Trunk or Treat Winners**
Decorated Cars
1. Sauter Family - Spider Attack Buffet
2. Snell Family - Zombie Zoo
3. Maggard Family - Lego Haunted City
**Important Dates**

November 1 - November 20 - Canned Food Drive

November 3 - Bingo Team 6

November 4 - Pet Blessing, 11:30 a.m. by the Last Supper Statue

November 6 - PTP Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Cafeteria

**November 9 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal, Aftercare is open**

November 10 - Bingo Team 1

November 16 - PreK field trip to Indianapolis Museum of Art

November 17 - Bingo Team 2

**November 22-24 - No school for Thanksgiving Break**

November 24 - Bingo Team 7

December 1 - Bingo Team 3

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.