



Dear Parents,

If you'll recall, everyone was given access to the "parent portal" of [My Student's Progress](#) earlier this year. When I recently checked to see how frequently parents are signing in, I discovered that not everyone has signed in even one time. You can check your child's grades, missing assignments and even **input your own volunteer hours**. Please contact Mrs. Guenin or me if you need to have a password reset so that you can begin check in on your child(ren) on a regular basis. We want you to be involved in your children's education!

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

Art News:

Wow it is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Your students have been busy in Art learning about new artists and new techniques and even other cultural artworks.

Here's what's happening in ART:

6th Graders-- have learned about the artist Chuck Close and are now working on self portraits using a grid technique and by adding patterns and lots of colors. I am looking forward to these "artsy selfies."

5th Graders--were asked to bring in a picture of St. Nicholas. They will be drawing these pictures and then adding paint to complete them. We will be displaying these just in time to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas Day on Dec. 6th and to prepare us for the Holiday season.

3rd Graders--Students read the book "Old Bear." We talked about the seasons and how Bears get ready to hibernate come winter. We did a step by step drawing of a big brown bear. We will be using oil pastels and watercolors. These Bears are coming out so cute! We can't wait to add the color to them.

2nd Graders--Students in this class learned about the artist Charley Harper who is a graphic artist who focused on nature. The students will be creating a drawing using many techniques like texture, drawing only in oil pastels (so no erasing), paint and cutting

and pasting. Our nature focus is of a baby fawn. Can't wait to see how these turn out.

Kindergarten, 1st grade and 4th graders all had a chance to learn about the month of November and how it is Native American Heritage Month. We looked at many different tribes and how they lived as well as their traditions.

Kinders will be creating a beautiful sunset based on the story of The Legend of the Paintbrush. Then they will be adding their own Teepees with native american symbols.

1st Graders--are learning about foreground, middleground and background. They will be using a warm and cool color scheme to create a landscape using Teepees. They will be using oil pastels to create these works.

4th Graders--learned about the Lokota tribe and how they created the dreamcatcher. Students will create their own dreamcatchers by using a watercolor wash for the background then sharpie and watercolors for the actual dreamcatcher. We will be talking about symmetry and radial balance.

Things that will be happening in the future--I will be pulling works aside to keep as potential works to be placed in the Ritter Art Show in January. We will also be working on the Indianapolis Symphony Violin Competition. This only happens every 4 years and we at St. Chris were very fortunate to have 2 winners 4 years ago. These winners were chosen out of the whole state of Indiana. Very huge honor for our students and our School. So I am looking forward to more winners this year. That will be happening in March.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving--I know I am grateful for being able to teach all these creative students.

Mrs. Zore



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.

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 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

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.