



Saint
Christopher
School

Newsletter October 11, 2018

Dear Parents,

In a recent newsletter, Mrs. Allspaw and I both wrote about monitoring your child's social media. It has recently come to my attention that, across the country, students are participating in a "necking" challenge. I spoke to the entire school about this during announcements (focusing on "keeping your hands to yourself" and using self-control) and spoke specifically to some of our older students who were doing this. Please read this [Newsweek article](#) for more information about this potentially harmful "game." Students at St. Christopher School have been warned that this will not be tolerated.

As always, thank you for partnering with school to help your children be the best they can be.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Karen A. King".

Karen King, Principal



Fall Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair is in Emmaus Way at church. Students will have the opportunity to shop at the book fair during their scheduled library time on October 9th-11th. The book fair will also be open after all Masses the weekend of October 13th-14th.

McKee's Message

Second graders work hard to prepare for two sacraments this year. To understand these sacraments we began with an overview of all of the sacraments. The students made books to show their understanding. We are now working to prepare for our First Reconciliation. Feel free to pray for us as we progress through our preparation.



Second graders recently completed a unit on map skills in social studies. We worked to understand map keys, cardinal directions, and map grids. The children then created maps of their own lands with all of the skills on display.

We work hard to improve our reading in second grade. We want to sound smooth when we read. One way we do this is by practicing with Reader's Theater. The children work hard to read the words correctly and appropriately for the feeling they are trying to portray. Then they are able to share their plays with the rest of the class. It is a fun and productive way to work on our fluency.

Enjoy your fall!

Miss Walker's Class

We have been doing weekly mini-lessons focusing on Growth Mindset thinking. In a growth mindset, people believe that through effort, continuous learning, and hard work they can develop their talents and abilities. The growth mindset approach creates a powerful love of learning and a positive mental attitude that embraces failure as a critical way to improve abilities. Students chose someone they admire and interviewed them. In the interview, students learned about a time that person had failed and how it created pillars towards their success. Students are realizing that failure is just one way for us to learn and grow.



As part of our Catholic outreach we visit the Harrison Retirement home twice a month. During this visit, eight students celebrate mass with the residents and spend a short time socializing. Those who do not attend the mass stay at school and create a craft to offer residents at the next visit. Distributing crafts always brings such a smile to residents' faces!

Students have loved the responsibility of taking care of the class pet, Nahla. Each week one student provides care. This includes feeding her daily, changing her water, cleaning her cage, and getting her out for proper exercise. What a great way to practice our Fruit of the Holy Spirit focus, gentleness.

MealTime Deposits - Cafeteria

Deposits made to MealTime for school lunches are now being deposited on **TUESDAY** each week instead of Monday.

Cardinal Ritter Junior/Senior High School Parent Preview

St. Christopher will host a Parent Preview night for Cardinal Ritter on **Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the 6th grade classroom. Parents of current 5th and 6th grade students are encouraged to attend. Anyone else who would like to learn more about our West Deanery high school is welcome to attend.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences are in the afternoon of **Wednesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 25**. You may go online and schedule the conference with your child's teacher. We are using a new website for scheduling. www.myconferencetime.com Call the school office if you need help.

Fall picture retakes by Lifetouch

If you want your students' picture retaken, please send the picture package with them on **Tuesday, October 16**. Lifetouch will replace that picture package with one with the new photo. Any students absent on August 31 will also have their picture taken. We like to have a photo of everyone for the yearbook. Orders can be placed online at mylifetouch.com, picture day ID HM148048Y1

Chili Cook-Off

Calling all Chili Makers! Now is your chance to shine! Have you been told you have the Best Beef, Best Chicken, Best Veggie/Vegan, or The Spiciest Chili? Sign up to show off your best chili on **Saturday, October 20, 2018 after 5:30 Mass**. Bring a crock pot full! (That will keep it warm, too!) Please click on the link to sign up!



Chili Cook-Off Participant Info

If you have any questions, please contact Summer Stone at stone72702@yahoo.com or 317-902-8359. So you say you don't want to make chili, that's ok too! Come on down to the cafeteria after Mass and for \$5 per person (\$20 max per family) you can be the judge of who has the best chili! Who will take home the trophy for Best in Show? Will it be you? Come and find out!

Important Dates

October 11 - PreK and K field trip to Beasley's Orchard in the morning

Parent Preview night for Cardinal Ritter on **Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the 6th grade classroom.

October 12 - Bingo Team 3

Trash bag order pick up

October 16 - Lifetouch fall photo retakes in the gym

Grade 2 field trip to Conner Prairie

October 17 - Pep Rally, 2:30 p.m. in the gym, out of uniform wearing St. Christopher spirit wear

October 18 - Family Math Night; 5:30 - 7:00 in the school cafeteria

October 19 - End of the 1st quarter

Bingo Team 5

October 20 - Chili Cook-Off after 5:30 p.m. Mass

October 24 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences, Aftercare is open until 6:00 p.m.

October 25 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences, Aftercare is open until 6:00 p.m.

PreK field trip to the Art Museum

October 26 - No School - Fall Break

October 29 - No School - Fall Break

October 30 - No School - Fall Break

October 31 - Out of Uniform for \$1.00 - Halloween shirts

November 1 - 1st Quarter Honors Mass, 9:00 a.m.

November 1 - Canned Food Drive (through November 19)

November 2 - Bingo Team 1

November 3 - Trash bag sale after 5:30 p.m. Mass

November 4 - Daylight Savings Time ends

Trash bag sale after all masses

November 6 - 1:30 p.m. dismissal for Accreditation Meeting for teachers

City Barbecue Fundraiser, 9116 Rockville Rd, All day, 10:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

November 9 - Bingo Team 2

November 13 - PTP Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

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

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

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.