



Saint  
Christopher  
School

**Newsletter September 13, 2018**

Dear Parents,

As you already know, the Department of Education for the state of Indiana has changed the standardized test that our elementary students will take during the 2018 - 2019 school year. Rather than two testing windows, which we had for ISTEP, ILEARN will have one longer window. Please keep this in mind when scheduling doctor/dentist appointments for your children. The testing window is April 23 - May 3. Please see the attached flyer for more information about ILEARN. There are resources available that your child can work on at home. Click on the link in section 4. On the new page, choose "Released Items Repository." You/your child will sign in as guest. No other sign in information is required. Here, you will see a sample of questions that your child can complete. This is a great way to practice! Please note that practice tests are NOT scored. The most effective use of this tool is to have an adult monitor as the child takes the practice test. You can correct or give further explanation as your child works through the tests.

God bless you,

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

Karen King, Principal

### **Help Us to Improve**

At St. Christopher School we are always looking to improve. One goal we are focused on is **all students will accept the grace of the Holy Spirit and use it to influence their actions.** As a school we are working to understand the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and how to use these to help us make good choices. This month's fruit is self-control. As a whole school we focus on an activity of the day that exercises self-control. We discuss the best way to show self-control through words and actions. You can help at home by discussing how we behave, work, and speak in different settings. Here is a link with information regarding the Fruits of the Spirit.

<http://blog.adw.org/2013/01/a-brief-treatise-on-the-fruits-of-the-holy-spirit/>

### **My Student's Progress (MSP)**

MSP is our student management system. We are having some trouble with the Parent Portal for Miss Anderson class, but we are working on it. On MSP, parents can check their students grades (except PreK) and input volunteer hours. If you need a password reset, please email [dguenin@stchrisindy.org](mailto:dguenin@stchrisindy.org) and a link that is good for 24 hours will be sent for the password reset.

## News from Miss Walker's Class

What a great start to the school year! Everyone has quickly caught on to expectations and routines. In math we have been working hard on place value with numbers into the millions, and how to round numbers to any given place value. We are about half-way through our chapter book Wonder. It has been a great way to discuss kindness, compassion, empathy, and acceptance of others. In Science we have designed and tested bridges using the design process, and are currently working with Oreos to make a model of the phases of the moon.



Fourth grade holds the responsibility of putting up and taking down the American flag each day. Mrs. Hinshaw came in to teach us how to properly fold the flag. Students each got a small flag to practice with and take home!

## Grandparents'/Special persons' day 2018

Hi Parents-

Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day is just around the corner on **Monday, October 8th**. Please save the date. A flyer with the details for this event went home in backpack mail this week.

If you would, make sure to send it back to school with your child to give to their teacher, so we know how many kids will be leaving early and how many will need to stay in Aftercare, that would be greatly appreciated.

**REMINDER: AFTERCARE IS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 3:00 PM ON GRANDPARENTS' DAY.**

***We are looking for some volunteers to make this day extra special.*** Please see the link below and sign up as there are many opportunities for you to support this event. You will earn service hours so it is a win - win for everyone! Sadly, this will also be my last year to run this event as my son will graduate this year, so anyone interested in taking the lead on this wonderful event please let me know.

Thanks in advance-

Cindy Cervantes-Closser & Jami Arbut

Grandparents' Day Chairs

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/PTM89>

## **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.

## **Old National Bank**

[www.oldnational.com/toolsforschools](http://www.oldnational.com/toolsforschools)

St. Christopher School Could Win a \$1000 Grant from Old National!

Old National is proud to donate \$17,000 to area schools. Your vote will determine the winners!

- Voting runs September 4 starting at 8:00 am ET and runs through 11:59 pm ET on September 30, 2018.
- To cast a vote in support of St. Christopher school, please visit our voting portal.
- Seventeen (17) - \$1,000 grants will be awarded, one in each Old National region.

Plus, there's a bonus! If we hit 25,000 Facebook Likes by September 30, the school with the most overall votes gets a \$5,000 Tools for Schools Grant!

**Voting ends September 30**, so cast your vote today and once a day, every day until then!

## **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.

## **Important Dates**

September 6 – PreK field trip to Indianapolis Museum of Art

September 7 - Bingo Team 5

September 8 & 9 - Trash Bag sale after all masses

**September 11 – PTP Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria**

September 12 - 5th grade field trip to Southwestway Park

September 15 – Mum order pick up in front of school, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

September 19 – 6th grade field trip to NIFS and NCAA

Progress Reports go home

Parent meeting for students receiving First Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

September 21 - Donuts with Dad in the cafeteria, 6:45 -7:45 a.m.

Bingo Team 1

September 26 - PreK and K trip to Beasley's Orchard

September 28 - Out of Uniform for \$1.00 donation, theme is Mixed Patterns

Bingo Team 2

October 3 - 6th grade shadow day at Ritter

October 4 - PreK field trip to IMA

October 5 - Bingo Team 7

October 6 - Trash bag sale after 5:30 p.m. Mass

October 7 - Trash bag sale after all Masses

October 8 - Grandparents' Day

Book Fair open

1:30 p.m. dismissal, Aftercare open until 3:00 p.m.

Fundraiser dining at Grindstone Charley's and Chipotle in Speedway

October 9 - Indianapolis Colts Big Blue Camp in the morning for Grades 2-5

October 10 - Grade 1 field trip to Children's Museum

October 12 - Bingo Team 3

October 16 - 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 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