

St. Christopher School Newsletter

October 27, 2016

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of this school year, every faculty member received the book "Walking With Jesus" by Pope Francis. Today, I would like to share with you words from the preface of this book.

... so for the pope "All is walking," meaning that every single action of a Christian is to be a step closer and closer to God and to one's neighbor. In Francis's vision, walking involves an image of the Church that goes outside itself, past its inner and outer walls, and reaches out to the people of the Lord and to the world.

We are never alone on this road. God is always ahead of us on the way..."

These are sentiments that we work hard to instill in your children every day at St. Christopher. My prayer for everyone in our community is that we have the strength and wisdom to walk with Christ, to act upon these words and to show others by our words and deeds that we are taking steps to be closer and closer to God.

Peace,

Karen King, Principal

Trunk or Treat

We hope to see you for our annual Trunk or Treat this Saturday, October 29. Be sure to reserve your spot by emailing Lori Smith at summerescape@sbcglobal.net Children may wear their costumes to 5:30 Mass. Festivities will begin immediately following Mass.

Kroger Reminder

Please check to make sure your Kroger rewards card is linked to St. Christopher. Visit krogercommunityrewards.com to support St. Christopher School. Our Community Rewards code is 10251. This is FREE money for our school! If you shop at Kroger, please take a moment to link your card.

Home for the Holidays - Auction

Tickets are currently on sale for our annual auction. Please invite friends and family to attend this awesome event that helps raise funds for our school. Be sure to like our Auction Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Christopher-School-Auction-630191970327545/?ref=ts> for a preview of auction items. The Qtego site, used for bidding, will go live on November 1!

We are still accepting donations for items that will be auctioned off. New items, bottles of wine or alcohol, experiences, services, etc... all are appreciated!

Mark your calendars now to help set up the auction on the morning of November 19! Lots of volunteers are needed to make this happen.

Pre-K News

We are finding it hard to believe that October is almost over and that Halloween is upon us. The children will be dressed up as princesses and super heroes on October 31st. On this day, we get to parade around the school in costume and trick-or-treat.

Our preschoolers have settled into their daily routine here at school and are doing a great job at listening and following directions. We are continuing to work on our alphabet, numbers, and fine motor skills. Last week we completed a worksheet that consisted of coloring, cutting, and gluing. We have some of the best scissors around. The children have also enjoyed making Fall crafts such as apples and pumpkins.

Our field trips to the IMA are still a big hit with the children. The last two visits have consisted of learning where clay comes from and what all we can make with it. The children were then given the opportunity to make their own turtle. We will pick them up tomorrow and can't wait to see how they turned out.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting with all of our parents during conferences discussing their child's progress.

Get those coats ready, there is a chill in the air!!

Happy Fall,

Mrs. Mertz and Mrs. Scanlon

5th Grade News

After completing a book report "Cereal Box" on a nonfiction book early in the year, we are now working on our second book report. This book report is the student's choice, and the assignment is more of a traditional book report. They will then be displayed on the 5th Grade door after they are completed. Also in reading class, we are completing a book study on the book "Maniac Magee". We spend some time discussing characters, setting, and the way the book is written. Students seem to really like this silly, but thoughtful book about a boy who doesn't quite fit in.

We have been hard at work learning about the election process, the requirements for certain public office, and the history behind specific presidential candidates and elections. This will lead up to the school having a mock election run by the third grade next month.

Students have begun a project on an animal of Mr. Buell's choosing. 5th Graders will become quite the expert on certain aspects of their given animal during the next couple weeks. Be on the look-out for these projects in the hallway!

Mr. Buell

Important Dates

October 28 – 4th grade field trip to the Stutz with Mrs. Zore

October 31 - Out of uniform for \$1.00, Halloween shirts

November 3 – Cardinal Ritter High School Open House, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

November 10 - PreK field trip to IMA and a **1:30 p.m. dismissal**

November 19 – Auction at the Columbia Club, *Home for the Holidays*

November 23 – NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 24 – NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 25 – NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK

December 1 - PreK field trip to the IMA

December 3 - Breakfast with Santa

December 4 - 55+ Christmas Luncheon

December 6 - First Reconciliation for our second grade in church at 6:30 p.m.

December 13 - Christmas Concert in the church, 6:00 p.m. Grades 2, 4, 6 and PreK performing

December 15 - PreK field trip to the IMA

December 16 - 9:00 a.m. Mass led by both First Grades, 1:30 p.m. dismissal

December 19 - January 2 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

January 3 - Classes resume