



Saint  
Christopher  
School

Newsletter

October 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

You may have read about the release of the Indiana Department of Education Accountability scores yesterday. As in the past, St. Christopher remains an "A" school. Our "A" rating is based on growth more than it is based on passing rate. It is great that our students are growing! We will continue to strive for improvement in both passing rate and growth. Thank you for your partnership in working with your children, for ensuring that they have a quiet work space for completing their homework and for making school a priority. Part of our success is the support that our parents provide in the home environment. The best success comes when both school and home are working together.

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Accreditation Status: Freeway Accredited

Marion County  
Non-Public School

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**Report Card**

Year: 2016-17 ▾

**2016-2017 Report Card**

**A**  
Letter Grade

**Saint Christopher School**  
Saint Christopher School received an "A" as its final letter grade for school accountability.

God bless you,

Karen King, Principal

**Please come in and sign up for your parent-teacher conference. Sign up sheets are near the office.**

## **News from Miss Huntine's Kindergarten**

It is hard to believe that October is already here! The kindergartners came to school this week shocked to see pumpkins decorating the room. Our thematic unit during September was about apples, and the students enjoyed learning about Johnny Appleseed, doing an apple taste test, and graphing the results. The culmination of our unit was an exciting trip to Beasley's Apple Orchard! Each student got to pick his or her own apple using the proper method "twist, twist, pull." Now, Kindergarten is moving on to bats! Students will learn about the different types of bats, label a bat's anatomy, and discuss echolocation.

I am very excited to share that Kindergarten is ready to read their first Phonics reader! We have been working on blending sounds, and we will begin discussing and practicing fluency. We are also practicing our first sight word, "the." It is exciting to listen to students read and express joy in their first accomplishments toward fluent reading.

In math, we are working on positional words such as in front of, between, behind, and above. We continue to practice numbers 0-10 and 2D shapes. The students enjoy practicing their shapes on StoryBots.com with our new Interactive whiteboard!

We are getting better and better at classroom procedures and following directions. We have grown so much already, and I can't wait to see our growth in the next few months!

Thank you to all of those who have welcomed me with open arms and hearts! St. Christopher is truly a blessing! Have a wonderful week!

Miss Huntine

## **Grandparents' Day, Monday October 9**

Grandparents/Special person day is Monday, October 9. Here is a snap shot agenda:

- 8:00 a.m. Book Fair will be open to students and their guests. Also refreshments in cafeteria and photo opportunity will be available.
- 8:15 a.m. Students will come to the cafeteria and join the grandparents for refreshments
- 9:10 a.m. Students return to the classroom and grandparents make their way to church
- 9:30 a.m. Mass followed by music program performed by students.
- 11:30 a.m. Book Fair will be open and photo opportunity for those who did not get a chance before mass.

Grandparents/Special person welcome to pick up students from classroom and leave.

There will be a St. Christopher School restaurant fundraiser at Grindstone Charley's in Speedway. (We sent home a flyer earlier this week. More are available at the school office.) This is a great way for grandparents/guests to support the school and enjoy a wonderful lunch with their student(s).

## **Book Fair**

The last day is Grandparent's Day, Monday, October 9th. The fair is in the Art/Music Room. The fair will be open on Grandparent's Day before mass and also following mass.

## **Trash Bag Sales Contest**

Congratulations to Miss Huntine's class for winning the Trash Bag Contest. Their class will get to enjoy a special treat!

Congratulations to the top finishers in sales:

- 1st place - Tanner Giesler (kindergarten)

Tie for 2nd place:

- Mary Grace Hawkins (1st grade)

- Emmy White (2nd grade)

Since we achieved our goal and sold more than 640 rolls in all, the entire school gets an "out of uniform" day on Friday, October 13.

**Chris Cesnik needs volunteers to help organize the order. The group will work for about an hour and a half (2:30 - 4:00) on Thursday, October 5, Friday, October 6 and Friday, October 13. Please let Chris know which day(s) you can help. [cez11@aol.com](mailto:cez11@aol.com)**

## **St. Christopher Day at Sunshine Bowl in Clermont**

Dear Parents,

Sunshine Bowling Center has once again generously given us a day for a special pricing bowling date on **Sunday, October 15 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** \$2.00 per person per game and \$2.00 bowling shoe rental. Please bring in a flyer to receive the discounted price. A flyer is attached and one was sent home with your oldest St. Chris student. Looking forward to seeing our St. Christopher's families.

Sunshine Bowl, 10809 US 136, Clermont, IN 46234

Thank you,

Christine Hosp

Any question please feel free to email me: [hospkids@gmail.com](mailto:hospkids@gmail.com)

## **CYO News**

Dear CYO Coaches and AD's,

As we are in the middle of our fall sports seasons, we are all being bombarded through the media with coverage of the NFL teams who are choosing to "take a knee" during the playing of the National Anthem. Although there are issues our country is facing that merit thought, prayer and ongoing discussion, put in its simplest terms, athletes taking a knee during the National Anthem is a polarizing act that creates strong emotions and sentiments on both sides of the debate. It has truly become a divisive issue across the country!

At each of our pre-season coaches' meetings and AD meetings, one of the central themes I have shared is that CYO is different, and that at the core of everything we do, our desire is to bring all involved closer to Christ! In an effort to carry out this quest, we at the CYO Office agree that the expectations in this regard need to be clear, concise, and in the best interest of the entire organization. We have also been in conversation with Archdiocesan leadership, and have their full support in implementing these procedures. Below are the strong expectations of the CYO in regard to players, coaches and officials standing during the playing of the National Anthem, if it is played at a particular site:

1. Players, coaches and officials are expected to stand and maintain a respectful demeanor during the playing of the National Anthem.
2. This is expected at any CYO activity where the Anthem is being played.
3. Additionally, during pre-game prayer, reverent and respectful demeanor is expected by all.
4. It is the responsibility of coaches and AD's at each parish to make sure that all players, coaches and parents/guardians from every sport are aware of these expectations.
5. If a player or coach chooses to take a knee during the Anthem, they are to be suspended from participating in that game. If a player or coach takes a knee, and does participate in the game, the CYO requests that the opposing

coach and officiating crew reports this to the CYO after the game, so that the CYO can implement the suspensions of the player and coach in the next game.

It truly is our desire to do what is best for the entire CYO organization and the youth we serve. Thank you for helping us avoid any type of behavior that might be considered as offensive or polarizing by others. May God bless us all as we continue to do His work! Good luck to all teams!

Sincerely,  
Bruce Scifres  
CYO Executive Director

**Save the Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018 for our fundraising event, “Passports, Pints and Prizes” here at St. Christopher School. This is our new “auction” event! More details coming soon!**

### **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**

October 5 - PreK field trip to Indianapolis Museum of Art

October 6 - Trash bag order pick up, after school

Bingo Team 2

October 9 - **Grandparents' Day, 1:30 p.m. dismissal**, restaurant fundraiser at Grindstone Charley's

October 11 - 6th grade Shadow Day at Cardinal Ritter Junior High

October 12 - 2nd grade field trip to Conner Prairie

4th grade field trip to Eagle Creek Park

Family Math Night, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria

October 13 - Out of uniform for reaching our trash bag sales goal

Trash bag order pick up, after school

Bingo Team 7

October 15 - St. Chris day at Sunshine Bowl, 10809 E U.S. Highway 136, Indianapolis, IN 46234, special pricing all day with the attached flyer, \$2.00 per game and \$2.00 shoe rental

October 17 - Picture retakes in the gym in the morning

October 18 - Parent-Teacher Conferences, **1:30 p.m. dismissal, Aftercare is open**

October 19 - Parent-Teacher Conferences, **1:30 p.m. dismissal, Aftercare is open**

**October 20 - Fall Break, No School      Bingo Team 3**

**October 23 - Fall Break, No School**

October 25 - 5th grade field trip to Southeastway Park

October 26 - PreK field trip to Indianapolis Museum of Art

October 27 - Out of Uniform for Red Ribbon Week - Wear red!

Bingo Team 5

October 28 - Trunk or Treat after 5:30 p.m. Mass in the parking lot, link to sign up:

<https://volunteersignup.org/PDCL4>

October 31 - Kindergarten to the Haunted Hallway at Cardinal Ritter High School

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

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