Dear Parents,

Tomorrow marks the anniversary of a terrible attack on our country. While none of our current students were even born yet on September 11, 2001, we will once again begin the day with a prayer/memorial service in front of the school building. Sixth grade students will lead the school as they raise the flag and have a short prayer service and reflection.

I’m happy to report that our first round of NWEA testing is now complete. The scores received from this test provide us with a basis for each child. Teachers can individualize instruction for students based on results from this test. We are able to track academic growth for each student with mid-year testing (January) and end of the year testing in May. If your child’s teacher has not already sent home a report, please know that you will be receiving it soon.

Thank you to those who are keeping the drop off line moving smoothly in the morning. Please remember, if you are not in the line to drop off, you must walk your child through the traffic. Please do not send a child across the line of moving cars! Your child’s safety is of utmost importance!

If you haven’t already started mapping out your required 20 hours of service for this school year, please start acting on that! Our newest PTP board met recently and have started planning many events for this year. See the PTP section of the newsletter to mark meeting dates on your calendar.

As always, thank you for choosing St. Christopher School for your children!

God Bless,

Karen King, Principal

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**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.
Save the date!
Please come out and show your pride for St. Christopher School by joining us for the Speedway Spectacular! The annual Speedway Spectacular will be held on Saturday, October 3. We are looking for families to represent our school by walking in this annual parade. The parade route starts near 10th & Main and ends at Leonard Park. You are encouraged to bring candy to throw, too! Please RSVP attendance to kking@stchrisindy.org. For more information, check out the Town of Speedway website: http://www.townofspeedway.org/egov/apps/events/calendar.egov?view=detail;id=2060.

PTP
Thank you to our four new PTP board members, Heather Galbreath (President), Kristin Hinshaw (Vice President), Vicki Pipher (Secretary) and Kelly Hartman (Treasurer) for volunteering! We held a board meeting last night and have scheduled the meetings for this year. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

October 5
January 11
March 7
May 16 is already scheduled on your school calendar. Mandatory meeting for registration/FACTS/paperwork.

As parents of students in our school, you are automatically members of the Parent Teacher Partnership.

PE News
Hoosier Outdoor Experience
Parents please save the dates of Saturday, Sept 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20, for the Hoosier Outdoor Experience at Fort Benjamin Harrison on Indy's east side. This is a free day for families to experience things like orienteering, canoeing, fishing, archery, disc golf, horse riding, mountain biking and many more activities that you can do together the event starts at 10:00 am-6 pm. Best advise it to be there once it starts to be able to get a better opportunity to do many things. This is a rain or shine event. Go to Facebook and you can register so you can know where to park and ride the bus into the park.

NFL/Pass, Punt and Kick
NFL/Pass Punt and Kick competition for boys and girls ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13. This competition is to be held at Leonard Park on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 1:00 pm. This is being sponsored by Speedway Parks Department. If you child can throw, punt and kick a real football in a straight line, then this is your event. This is free and you must sign up online. If you go to www.NFL.com/ppk and look for local competition, you will need to register your child and be able to show their date of birth. No cleats are allowed in this competition.

If you have any questions concerning these events please let me know, Mrs. Powell lpowell@stchrisindy.org
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Harding

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**School Goals**

Improvement and growth is always a priority at St. Christopher School. As a school we have three goals we are working to improve:

1. All students will make God known, loved, and served.
2. All students will improve in reading comprehension.
3. All students will improve in math computation.

You can help us achieve these goals at home. Making God known, loved, and served is something you as parents model for your child every day. Continue to show them the way. Children learn what they live.

To help us improve in reading comprehension Comparing one book to another deepens your child’s understanding of his/her reading. Challenge him/her with questions like:

- How is this book different?
- How is this like other books you’ve read?
- Would you recommend this book to someone else? Who? Why?
**Scrip News**
A couple of quick things I forgot from my message last week.

1. I have noticed that we have some older forms coming in that still have Kroger listed as a card that can be purchased. Unfortunately, Kroger ended their Scrip program so we no longer have those cards available. We are trying to get these out of circulation.

2. If you have a Kohl's Charge account you can use Scrip cards to pay the credit card bill. This lets you take advantage of the coupons they send out that you have to use your Kohl's Charge card.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to let me know!
Billy MacLeod  macleod348@att.net

**Swim Lessons**
As the Cardinal Ritter swim coach, I am very pleased to share with you that Ben Davis High School is offering swim lessons. The lessons registration period is officially OPEN! By visiting the website at [www.BenDavisSwimming.com](http://www.BenDavisSwimming.com) you can review the lessons program offerings and select the option that best suits your child's needs.

This process should take less than 5 minutes in total after which, you will be ready to start swim lessons on **September 22nd**! This is a great opportunity to continue working on those swimming skills you learned this summer.

Be sure to register before enrollment closes on **September 11, 2015**.

Thank you for your expressed interest! If you have any questions please contact us at BenDavisSwimming@gmail.com. Melissa Ruble

**Patronize our Parishioners!**

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This business is owned by St. Christopher Parishioner, Doug Ponsler and his son, Andrew, who is a St. Christopher School graduate!
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**Schoolbelles is moving...the uniform company of St. Christopher School**

Exciting things are happening at Schoolbelles, and we want to share some important news with you. As a result of the loyalty from schools and organizations like yours, we have seen continued growth in the Indianapolis area, making it possible to move to a new, bigger location in October! This move will allow us to offer a larger selection of products and services with the same legendary Schoolbelles reputation for quality American made uniforms at an affordable price.

We will continue to offer the same friendly service at our new address 2635 E 62nd Street Suite 2017 & 2018, which is in the same shopping plaza that we are in now. We will be up and around the corner facing Rural Street, behind the Buffalo Wild Wings and next to McNamara Florist.

We will be closed from September 27th through September 30th for the move and we will reopen at the new location on October 1st.
JOIN 4-H
at ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL!

Last school year, Wayne Twp. 4-H started a new 4-H Club at St. Christopher School, called the St. Christopher Crafty Clovers. We are excited to begin a new year at St. Chris. This year we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. One change this year is that we will be meeting in the basement of the church, in Damascus. We will meet right after school, and finish at 4:30 pm. Our adult 4-H leaders will meet the children at school, and escort them over to the church. Parents need to arrange to pick up their children at 4:30 pm on those days or indicate that they will go to AfterCare. If you are picking your child up, please come to Damascus to meet them. All AfterCare children will be escorted to the AfterCare room by an adult.

4-H in Indiana is administered through Purdue University, and they will hold an online statewide enrollment for 4-H. This enrollment is from Oct. 1, 2015 to January 15, 2016. A state wide fee of $15 is charged for each 4-Her in grades 3 -12. For assistance or further questions, please contact Alice Sweeney, Wayne Twp. 4-H Director at waynetwp4h@gmail.com.

Our first meeting for our St. Chris Crafty Clovers 4-Hers will be Tuesday, Sept. 22. Other meeting dates for the year are:  Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 10 & 24, Dec. 8, Jan 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26, and May 10.

Please fill out the form below and return to the school office by Monday, Sept. 21. Thanks!

I give my permission for my student(s) _______________________________ to participate in the St. Christopher Crafty Clovers 4-H Club, and stay after school for meetings on the appropriate Tuesdays. I will arrange for my child to be picked up at school at 4:30 pm on those days or be escorted to AfterCare.

Parent Name _______________________________ Date ______________________________

Phone _______________________________ (best number to call on meeting dates)

E-Mail ________________________________________________________________

Child’s Name and Grade
____________________________________________________     ________
____________________________________________________     ________
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Dear St. Christopher School Parents:

The 4th annual Monument Circle Oktoberfest – Presented by the Columbia Club will take place on Friday September 18th from 4:00 – 10:30 pm. The event will feature German & American Foods; Beers & Wine capped off with a live performance by “POLKABOY” live from Monument Circle. Funds raised from the Oktoberfest will benefit the Indiana War Memorials Foundation, the Soldiers & Sailors Monument and the Columbia Club historic preservation foundation. The Columbia Club, in cooperation with the St. Christopher School Auction committee, has agreed to discount food & beverage costs from our upcoming School Auction this November in exchange for volunteer labor.

We need volunteers to staff two Biergartens that will feature imported, local and domestic beers & wines. Biergarten volunteers must have a valid Indiana Liquor license. If you already are in possession of your license, please note on the form below and please make sure it is on your person the night of the event. If you do not have your license & are willing to work, please fill out the following form and return to school no later than Friday September 11th. The license costs $15 per person. If you are willing and able to cover this expense please return it with your application form. Otherwise, we will cover the cost of it out of auction proceeds, thus slightly reducing the overall profit of the auction. All Biergarten volunteers must have their license on them during the event as the Indiana State Excise Police will be in force!! The license is good for two years.

We also need volunteers to work the food tent that will feature German and American food (Brats, Dogs, Cheeseburgers etc.) Volunteers are needed to take tickets (all tickets are valued at $1.00 each) and handle the food and soda sales in the food tent. A license is not needed for this volunteer opportunity. The event will be held on Monument Circle so please dress according to the weather.

The Columbia Club will provide a staff shirt for each volunteer and would prefer staff to wear black pants if possible. (Be sure to wear comfortable shoes as you will be standing on bricks!) Please note your shirt size on the sign up sheet.

Parking will be limited as the Club is expecting between 12,000 – 15,000 people. We would suggest volunteers carpool & park in the Chase Parking Garage off Pennsylvania Street. The garage entrance is just past the intersection of Pennsylvania and Ohio Streets.

Please like us on Facebook at – Monument Circle Oktoberfest & St. Christopher School Auction for further updates.

Questions – contact ajploughe@sbcglobal.net or (317) 340-9223. Day of event contact will be Katy Ploughe (317) 402-2301
St. Christopher Auction
Oktoberfest Volunteer

Please mark all lines, as needed and return to the school office to the attention of:
Oktoberfest/Ploughe.

Volunteer Name: _____________________________________________________________

Volunteer Cell Phone: _________________________________________________________

Volunteer Email: ___________________________________________________________________________

I would like to help St. Christopher School increase the proceeds amount of the school auction and volunteer my time at Oktoberfest by:

_____ Serving in the Biergarten and I currently possess a valid Indiana Liquor License.
   (You must have your Indiana Liquor License on you at the event!)

_____ Serving in the Biergarten, but need to apply for an Indiana Liquor License.

_____ I am including the $15.00 application fee, along with my completed application

_____ Please cover the fee for my license. I am including my completed application.

_____ Serving in the food tent.

My shirt size is: (circle one)

Small     Medium     Large     X-Large     2X     3X