

December 2017

Dear Parents,

As we begin the Season of Advent, let us pray for the grace to understand what the birth of Christ means for us.

New P.E. Teacher

Please welcome Mr. Bill Hill as our new P.E. teacher. Mr. Hill will be starting at CTKCS on January 3.

Baldwin EMC Grant

Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Mitchell were each a recipient for a grant award from the Baldwin EMC through their Operation Round Up Star Light Award Program.

Outreach - November

Thank you to all who sent in items for the Box of Joy and Santa for Seniors. Thank you for making the kids and seniors Christmas a little brighter by donating these items.

For our December outreach we will collect new - unwrapped toys for delivery to Catholic Social Services in Robertsdale. These toys will allow families who do not have the means to purchase presents for their children to have something to give them for Christmas. We appreciate your help in this outreach for our neighbors in Baldwin County.

Child Protection Training

Please be sure to keep your Child Protection retraining up to date - **you must renew yearly**. Only those who have done this may participate in CTKCS activities. You may update your training at www.mobarch.org/childprotection. St. Lawrence offers the initial training on the second Tuesday of each month.

Christ the King Christmas Choir

Practice will be on Thursday, December 7th and Thursday, December 14th, for our Christ the King Christmas Choir. It is open to all students from 4th – 8th grade. Practice will be from 3:15 to 4:00 in the music room. This choir will be singing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Christmas Program

You are invited to our Christmas program on December 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. This year PreK3 and PreK4 will be performing the play, *“Our First Nativity”*, followed by our 4th graders performing *“A Country Christmas with a Country Twist-mas”*.

Drama Club

This year we are excited to continue with our Drama Club in the second semester of the year. Our spring play will be “Disney’s Aristocrat’s Kids”. We will begin practicing at the end of January. Watch for further announcements about tryouts. It will be open for 4th-8th grades. Just a reminder! You must attend all practices to be able to be part of the play.

School Holidays/Reopening

Please note from your December calendar that CTKCS will dismiss for the Christmas holidays at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 20th**. Extended Day Care will be open that day. There will be a Teacher In-Service on Tuesday, January 2nd (Extended Day Care will be open). Classes will resume for the beginning of the second semester on **Wednesday, January 3rd**.

Take Home Wednesday Folder

The Take Home Wednesday Folders will be sent home on Thursday, January 4th. Reports Cards will be sent home on January 4th in a sealed envelope.

Contributing Rate

*Please note that to receive the contributing rate for **next** year (2018-2019), all parish donations must be made by December 31, 2017.*

***Important:** Beginning with the **2018-2019 school year** the contributing catholic tuition rate for Christ the King Catholic School and St. Michael Catholic High School is given to registered families that are active and regular contributors of at least \$1600 during the 2017 Calendar Year.*

Before School Care

*Please remember that there is no supervision in the morning at school **before 7:00 AM**, students should go to the gym if they arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 AM.* We have a staff member in the gym to supervise students for their safety. Students can be dropped off as early as 7 AM for a small fee. Please look at the handbook for more details.

Geography Bee

Students in grades 4-8 will have an opportunity to compete in the Geography Bee before we close for Christmas vacation. The ten classroom winners will compete in the all-school bee in January. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to classroom winners, and to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the all-school event.

Volunteer Hours

Thank you to all who donated 282 hours of service to our school during the month of November. We appreciate your support!

Scrip News

I want to express a special word of thanks to all who are participating in the Scrip's program. Please consider using this program to purchase your Christmas gifts! **The last Scrip order before Christmas will be accepted on December 8.**

Faculty Appreciation

Thank you to all parents of 6th grade students who sent in snacks for our faculty meeting this month. We appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Let us pray for each other during this Advent Season.

Sincerely in Christ,
Maxwell Crain
Principal