

From the desk of the Principal:

It's hard to believe that it's almost the end of the 2nd quarter already. Next week is a short week with school on only Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. School resumes for students on Wednesday, January 4th, 2012.



As most of you are aware already, we went into a lockdown condition "Yellow" on Thursday afternoon after receiving word of an attempted armed car-jacking in the 90th and Pacific Street area. When police declared the area safe, we quickly traveled over to the church for the Advent Program dress rehearsal, sticking very close together as an entire group. Mr. Hartigan and I carefully searched out our travel route first to ensure that it was safe and then kept a very watchful eye out for anything suspicious along the way. As a precaution, we kept all church doors locked during the dress rehearsal and had teachers man several church doors to control entry. We reversed the travel process for the return trip to school and put every available teacher on outdoor duty during dismissal to ensure the safety of all students. Our number one priority is to keep your child safe and secure at all times!

On Thursday evening, the Advent Festival was held at Christ the King Church. Music teacher Mrs. Fasano and students from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade have worked very hard over the past couple of months preparing for the program and they did a beautiful job! Students led the various lessons and were involved in both singing and instrumental portions of the program that included drums, violin, piano, guitar, bells, and much more. Special thanks to **Mrs. Fasano** for organizing and directing this wonderful event, to 6th grade teacher **Mr. Sullivan** for doing such an amazing job playing the piano throughout the program, to **all CTK teachers** for their outstanding help during the practices, and to **all the students** for providing us with such an awesome performance! Thanks also to **Mrs. Conway** for recording the program. Please let the office know if you'd like to order a DVD copy of the program.

As 2011 quickly comes to a close, I want to thank all of you for your outstanding support, encouragement, prayers, suggestions, and for everything you've done to help the staff and I this school year. We are truly grateful to have such awesome students and parents!

Have a very safe, blessed, and Merry Christmas; a happy New Year; and a relaxing Christmas break...Chris Segrell

LUNCH MENU FOR JANUARY 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday, Jan. 4
 Chicken Patty/Bun
 Baked Beans
 Grapes

Thursday, Jan. 5
 Chicken Drumsticks
 Vegetable Medley
 Kiwi
 Cookie
 Dinner Roll

Friday, Jan. 6
 Chalupa
 Lettuce/Cheese Cup
 Santa Fe Vegetables
 Fruit Medley

Calendar at a Glance

<p><u>Monday, December 19</u> • 8:15 AM Mass Gr. 3-5 (4A)</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, December 20</u> • 8:15 AM Mass Gr. 6-8 (8AD)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, Dec. 21</u> • NO UPDATE! • 8:15 AM All School Mass (7CD) • Christmas Parties Gr. K-5 2:15-3 PM Gr. 6-8 2:30-3:15 PM • 2nd Quarter Ends</p>	<p><u>Thursday, December 22</u> May God bless our school families and provide all with safe travels this Christmas season!</p>	<p><u>Friday, December 23</u> Sunday, Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>
NO SCHOOL ** CHRISTMAS BREAK				
<p><u>Tuesday, December 26</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday, December 27</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday, Dec. 28</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday, December 29</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday, December 30</u></p>
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<p><u>Sunday, January 1</u> HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, January 3</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday, Jan. 4</u> • SCHOOL RESUMES! • 8:15 AM Mass Gr. K-2 (Teachers)</p>	<p><u>Thursday, January 5</u></p>	<p><u>Friday, January 6</u> • 8:15 AM All School Mass (5A)</p>
NO SCHOOL ** CHRISTMAS BREAK				
				<p>Living in His Love</p>

SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY CALENDAR & LUNCH MENU

The calendar will be uploaded to the CTK website the week of December 19. The lunch menu will be uploaded as soon as it's received from Westside Schools.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM DATE: Saturday, January 14

All 8th graders interested in attending a Catholic high school need to take a placement test at the high school where they will attend. All high schools will test on the same date; however, start times differ from school to school. See below for specifics on each high school.

Creighton Prep School Exam Time: 8:00 AM Contact: Josh Luedtke – Director of Admissions jlued@prep.creighton.edu 402.548.3872	Mercy High School Exam Time: 8:00 AM Contact: Anne Zadina – Recruitment Director zadinaa@mercyhigh.org 402.553.9424
Duchesne Academy Exam Time: 8:30 AM Contact: Meg Jones – Recruitment Director mjones@duchesneacademy.org 402.558.3800	Mount Michael Benedictine School Exam Time: 9:00 AM Contact: Eric Crawford – Director of Admissions ecrawford@mountmichael.org 402.253.0946
Gross Catholic High School Exam Time: 8:00 AM Contact: Tim Johnk – Director of Recruitment johnk@grosscatholic.org 402.734.2000 x126	Roncalli Catholic High School Exam Time: 8:00 AM Contact: Paulette Theisen – Director of Admissions ptheisen@roncallicatholic.org 402.571.7670 x103
Marian High School Exam Time: 8:00 AM Contact: Molly Woodman – Recruitment Director mwoodman@omahamarian.org 402.571.2618 x161	Skutt Catholic High School Exam Time: 8:00 AM Contact: Tim Bloomingdale – Director of Admissions tcbloomingdale@schools.archomaha.org 402.333.0818 x5133

HYVEE RECEIPTS

Please turn in any HyVee receipt that is dated from September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. With school being out for Christmas break beginning December 22, receipts may be dropped off in the Parish Center Coat Room in "Pat's Box".

BOOKWORM RECEIPTS

Save your Bookworm receipts and turn them into the CTK Office to the Attention: Brenda Langenberg. These receipts are returned to the Bookworm and the "Chat N Chew Book Clubs" receive a 10% credit of the sales totals.

BROCHURES AVAILABLE

CU Women's Basketball—Dec. 31
Family Spectrum-January

Sports Authority \$10 off Coupon

OSA—Baseball Winter Clinic

Sacrament News

Dates (for sacraments) to put on your 2012 Calendar

Jan. 25th, Wed. 6:30-7:45 p.m.: **Confirmation 2012 Parent/Student (7th graders) Mtg. (Parish center)**

Jan. 29th, Sun. 10:00 a.m.:
Confirmation 2012 Enrollment Mass

Feb. 29th, Wed. 6:30 p.m.:
First Communion Parent Mtg. (Parish center)

May 4th, Fri. 6:00 p.m.:
Rehearsal for First Communion (PC—Church)

May 6th, Sun. 3:00 p.m.:
First Holy Communion

ADVENT TRADITIONS



December 18th -
4th Sunday of Advent
Light all the candles
on your Advent wreath.

Joseph was a good man, and he came up with a good plan that made sense to him: He would divorce Mary quietly, and they could each go their separate ways. But God had another plan for Joseph, so he sent an angel who spoke to Joseph in a dream. How wonderful that Joseph believed what the angel said and took Mary into his home as his wife.

Have you ever heard the voice of an angel? Maybe not, but have you ever changed your mind because you knew God wanted you to do something else? When we open our hearts to God's word, we will find ourselves making choices based on God's wishes rather than our own. And that will be wonderful, not only for ourselves, but for the world.

Dear God, you show us the path for our lives. Lead us closer to you in these last days before Christmas. Amen.

PARENTS CLUB

PARENTS CLUB OFFICERS

President: Beth Wilson
Vice-Pres: Jennifer Slattery
Treasurer: Pat Elliott
Secretary: Kathy Kemler

SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS...A SKATE DATE!

All CTK families are invited to Moylan Ice Rink (12550 West Maple Road) on Thursday, December 29th from 10 AM—1 PM* Get your kids out of the house for some holiday fun with friends. Skate for only \$4 including skate rental (discount by Moylan Ice Rink).

All children should be accompanied by an adult, as supervision will not be provided. A full service snack bar is also available. If you have any question please direct them to Kerri Kubat at mkkubat@msn.com or Tricia Olsen at olsen-zoo@cox.net. **all passes are valid until 5 PM*

CTK APPAREL & CTK BLING APPAREL

Check out the apparel in front of the office area. Contact Rebecca Hazel at 402-344-0773 / rebeccapietramale@cox.net if you are interested in purchasing. The CTK Bling Apparel is also available, but must be pre-ordered. Contact Holly Sullivan at 402-496-7662 / hssullivan@cox.net if interested.

USED UNIFORMS

If you have used uniforms that you no longer need, you may send them to the school office to be placed in the drop-off box. Questions or need an item? Contact Kelly Steier at 331-0965 or kellysteier4@gmail.com.

BOX TOPS

One of the ways CTK can earn Box Tops is through on line shopping at the Box Tops for Education Marketplace. There are over 175 retail stores like Land's End, Lego, Snapfish, Shutterfly, iTunes and Barnes & Noble. Please go to btf.com/marketplace and sign in before you shop.

Keep clipping and saving your box tops. We will have another blitz in January!

LAND O' LAKES

We're collecting milk and orange juice caps from Land O' Lakes! Send them to the office in a Ziploc bag!

CHAT 'N CHEW

There will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Monday Jan. 9, 2012 from 3:20-4 PM. Our January selections are:

K-1 Grades: Henry and Mudge and the Snowman Plan (Rylant)

2nd Grade: The Stories Julian Tells (A Cameron) **3rd Grade:** Aliens for Breakfast (J. Etra)

4th Grade: Fourth Grade Rats (J. Spinelli) **5th Grade:** Flush (C Hiaasen)

Questions... Contact Peggy Sutej at dsutej@cox.net

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAT 'N CHEW

Our next meeting will be January, 17 at 12:05 PM. The January book read is **FLUSH** by Carl Hiaasen. Lunch will be provided, but you must RSVP to Beth Denman at bdenman@hotmail.com if you plan on attending.

ATHLETIC NEWS by RAY JANSEN 392-1052

BASKETBALL

I hope to receive the January and February parts of our CYO schedules on Monday, Dec. 19th. At this time of year, parents and coaches ask me, "How much playing time should my child expect during a game?" Below is our playing time guidelines for both coaches and parents. If your child does not attend practice or is late for games, we have a different chart to follow.

- 3rd and 4th grade players should receive as equal playing time as possible
- 5th grade players should play almost half of the game and should receive almost equal playing time
- 6th and 7th grade players should receive some playing time in each half of each game and are not guaranteed equal playing time
- 8th grade players should receive some playing time in each game and are not guaranteed equal playing time

Players who choose to be on the most competitive teams should play in each game, but are still not guaranteed equal playing time.

Please try to have your child arrive for their basketball game about 10—15 minutes before game-time. If your child's team gets a 10-minute pre-game warm-up, you don't want to miss it. If your child arrives 2 minutes before game-time, they have missed the warm-up and your coach has made a starting line-up based on the kids who are there.

VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS

I am still missing some volleyball uniforms. Please clean and return them as soon as possible. Put your child's name on the sack and drop them at the school office.

BASEBALL

We believe we have enough 6th, 7th & 8th graders to make a baseball team; however, we are in need of a coaching staff. If you can help or know someone who might be interested, please let me know.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
8	Merrick Sapone	—	Amanda Allbery	—
9	Tommy Slattery	—	Katie Speer	—
10	Michael Sakowski	Frank Timperley	Ellie Fangman	Mischa Mountjoy
11	Eric Allbery	Bobby Lawton	Kate Kellen	Jordan Ramsey
12	Phillip Schragar	Sam Johnson	Kaitlyn Schmit	Aubrey Busted
13	Grant Heider	Noah Doue	Allison West	Maria Sakowski
14	Eddie Johnson	Tommy Hillmer, John Woltemath & Mike Flinn	Laura Speer	Jayden Thies