



Christ the King

“Believing, Achieving, Succeeding”

C.T.K. Kids Shine Bright with Spirit!

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We are Zone 4



Christ the King News is a monthly newsletter for parents and friends of Christ the King and is now available on our school website.

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Dear Parents & Friends:

It's hard to believe that September has come and gone already. It has been a very busy and challenging month, as we all took time to adjust to our new school routines, protocols and expectations for COVID safety reasons. I am so very proud to say that our staff and students have done a fabulous job transitioning to our new ways of teaching and learning!! I am also most grateful to our parent community for making our pick up and drop off routines very manageable. As we all work together during these unprecedented times, we are becoming a more attentive, caring, stronger and healthier community.

A huge thank-you to our staff for providing such warm and welcoming classroom environments for all of our students, despite the limitations of doing so. We currently have have plexiglass dividers on collaborative work tables in every classroom, taped off play and working spaces, and individual bins to organize daily manipulatives. A huge thank-you to Mr. John for ensuring that we are maintaining clean high touch surface within our school.

Capsulated in our Board's theme of **“Transforming Our Hearts”** ...we are beginning to establish what this call to action should look like in the hallways, classrooms and playgrounds of our school. As a result, many students have been 'caught being good' and have had a chance to find their names in our **GOTCHA in the GOLDEN BOOK**, where highlights are announced each morning. This past month actually produced over 107 personal announcements of great work, which is simply remarkable!

Each month our community will focus on a particular aspect of being respectful and responsible. Our school focus for the month of October will be around demonstrating respectful and responsible independent work. We encourage parents to reinforce your child (ren) goals around the learning skill criteria for working independently:

- Independently monitors self during work periods
- Independently assesses work produced
- Revises plans to complete tasks and meet goals
- Uses class time appropriately to complete tasks
- Follows instructions with minimal supervision

Finally, given our awesome start to the school year, I know and trust that the rest of the school year will be as successful



OCTOBER 2020



SPIRIT DAY!

Our theme days for this month are:

Oct. 16th: “I’m a little bit COUNTRY”

Oct. 30: “Halloween Costume Day” ;

Show your School Spirit!



ATTENDING SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent. A child who misses a day of school also misses a day of learning that might never be replaced. You can help by making school a top priority. By building the habit of daily attendance and online health assessments, you'll help your child see that school is important.

PHOTO DAY

We are working on arranging a date for school pictures to be taken.. Every student will receive a complimentary class photo. Note that picture ordering is to be done online. Information flyers will be sent home on how to sign up for this very convenient way of ordering and paying very shortly. Please stay tuned!

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE:

Unfortunately, due to COVID protocols, we are unable to host our family Halloween dance this year. :(We will look forward to sharing other ways to celebrate family and our community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Welcome back to all our Christ the King school families from your 2020—21 school council! Our first annual Virtual School council meeting will take place on **Tuesday October 5th at 3:45pm**. Our focus for this school meeting will be to share our school improvement plan for student learning, understanding our COVID protocols and ways parents can assist to support their child(ren)'s learning experience. Please seriously consider giving your time to make a difference at Christ the King. **If you are interested in joining our VIRTUAL meeting please contact Mrs Hanley** and she will gladly send you a TEAMs invite to participate. We welcome your parent voice!

CONCERNS: If you have any concerns regarding your child (ren), please contact your child's teacher by email or phone call to make a virtual appointment in order that these concerns may be discussed. If we have concerns, we will not hesitate to call you and trust that you will discuss them with us. Open communication is essential for the well-being of your child. Given COVID protocols, parents must make a pre-scheduled appointment. Unfortunately simply coming to the office to discuss a concern is not a procedure we can permit any longer– the open door policy is now adjusted to keep everyone safe and healthy. Thank-you for your understanding. Your cooperation with is greatly appreciated.

ABSENTEEISM: FOR SAFETY SAKE....Parents are asked contact and leave a message with our office before 8:30am or the evening before, to notify the school of a child's absence. For COVID reasons, we also ask that you specify why your child is absent, especially if your child(ren) is/are getting a COVID test. Please also note that if your child has a sickness or is presenting with a COVID symptom, they must be required to be 24 hours symptom free before they return back to school.

For students who have doctor, dentist or other appointments which require leaving early, parent must also call and notify our office of these events. Unfortunately, parents may not come into the school to pick up their child. We will have your child ready to leave at the front door, provided we are given advanced notice. It is a good practice to notify your child's teacher of an upcoming absence so that they can post work for them on D2L. Thank-you for your attention to this safety matter.

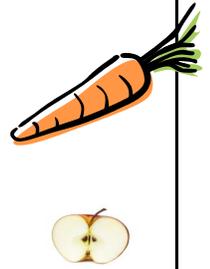
HEALTHY LIVING: Tip of the Month

Keeping your body properly fueled helps you maintain your power of positive thinking. While sugar and caffeine offer a short burst of energy, they don't provide a lasting source of strength.

Try these snacks with an energy-sustaining mix of carbohydrates and protein:

- Cottage cheese mixed with fruit
- Trail mix with dried fruit
- Yogurt with fruit
- Hummus on pita bread or with fresh vegetables
- A cup of bean soup
- Sliced cheese with whole grain crackers
- A slice of turkey on whole wheat bread

Also, be sure to drink plenty of water so dehydration doesn't drag your energy level down.



HALLOWE'EN COSTUMES

In the spirit of building a joyous school community, we will be allowing our students to dress up in their Halloween costumes at school on October 30th. We respectfully ask that parents send their children to school in costumes that are fitting our **Catholic faith and values** (no blood, weapons, promotion of violence or gore). PROPS are also not permitted due to COVID. We request that all masks be left at home as they are an unsafe option as well. We look forward to having a ghoulish time! To ensure that all costumes return home, please look to your child's teacher for specific classroom suggestions.

Strategy of the Month

Reading Strategy: Making Connections

When we make connections to the stories we read, we are relating the events, feelings or ideas in the story to our own life, to another book we have read or to the world around us.

Some suggestions for parents when reading with your child at home:

1. Tell your personal stories after reading a book.
2. Make connections between the story and special things in your house, pets, family members, vacations, etc.
3. Encourage children to talk about their feelings and memories.

Writing Strategy:

A paper with good ideas and content is clear and focused. It holds the reader's attention. Relevant anecdotes and details contribute to and enrich the central theme or story line.

Ideas are the heart of the message in the writing. They are what we have to say and the reason we are writing. To write well, it is important for us to really know about our subject. It is either connected with our own experiences or else we have researched the topic thoroughly.

Some questions parents can suggest their children ask themselves to direct attention to Ideas and Content are:

- Is my message clear?
- Do I know enough about my topic?
- Did I make the topic interesting with details?
- Does my topic have the right focus (not too big or too small)?
- Did I SHOW what was happening rather than just TELL?

Dear New Parents:

Did you know that Christ the King Catholic Elementary School is one of the first in the province to offer the convenience of Online Payments to parents?

For SAFETY and Efficiency reasons, cash & cheques are no longer accepted as a means of payment for most purchases at Christ the King. Since 2011, we have been posting all school related expenses online for parents to make payment.

In October join the school community who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Once you register online at bhncdsb.schoolcashonline.com, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events. Examples of events and items that will be posted are hot lunch days, field trips, fund-raising items.

Here is a one-minute movie clip that will give you a brief overview of the registration and online shopping experience.

<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish>

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Please note:

*With the convenience of credit card payments all pricing will include an **administration fee**.

CHRIST THE KING'S EVENTS TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER:



- Oct 5: Virtual Parent Council Meeting at 3:45pm
- Oct. 12: Thanksgiving—no school
- Oct 16: Spirit Day - Get your Country on! & Swiss Chalet
- Oct. 23: Class Pumpkin Carving/painting Day
- Oct 30: PIZZA DAY **Spirit Day**: Wear your Hallowe'en costumes & Neighbourhood parade

