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September 2024 Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Christ the King Catholic Elementary School community! It is hard to believe that the long days of summer have come to an end. But with every ending of summer, we embark on the beginnings of a new school year. I look forward to meeting new and returning students and their families. A child's Catholic education is a shared responsibility. It is important for us to keep open lines of communication between home and school. We must work as a team to guide your child(ren) toward success! This is accomplished by communicating with your child's teacher, attending school functions and assisting your child in understanding the importance of education and cooperation. You as the parent, are a valuable component of your child's education. We are so blessed to be able to come together as a faith community to learn from one another. Yours in Catholic Education. We will host a number of school masses and liturgical events in-conjunction with St. Francis of Assisi Church, Fr. Damian Ali and Arlene Morgan. The School year schedule will be available in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Andrea Brown

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of hope.

Help us to see you, to know you and to believe in you today and throughout this school year.

May we open our hearts and share our dreams and promises with you Lord.

Help us to always know you are with us, guiding us to hope in our future.

Amen.



VIRTUES PROGRAM - SEPTEMBER ~ FAITH

To begin the new school year, we'll focus our attention on the first of our virtues - **Faith**. Faith is the great virtue of believing in God and trusting that God is with us.

A *faithful* person believes that we are created, guided by and destined to be reunited with God.

A *faithful* person believes that God's plan for us includes the right to be safe, especially at school.

A Faithful person...

- ♦ Prays regularly and reverently
- ♦ Learns from Scripture stories
- ♦ Honours people's God-given names
- ♦ Assumes that there is good in everyone
- ♦ Accepts the God-given worth of themselves and others

All Virtue information can be located in the front pages of your child's agenda.



**Absentee Reporting
Safe Arrival Program**
Web: go.schoolmessenger.ca

App: schoolMessenger
Phone: 1-844-435-3440

Crossing Guard

Please remind your children to wait for and cross with the crossing guard (either at McMaster, the Collegeway, or at Garthwood) at all times to further ensure their safety. Too many students have been crossing in the middle of the road unsupervised. The side parking lot will not be accessible to drop students off. PLEASE USE THE KISS N'RIDE LANES. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our school website. All newsletters, calendars, Catholic School Council official minutes, Treasurer reports, Agendas and other pertinent information is always updated.

Our website address is : <http://dpcdsb.org/CKING>



Christ the King Staff, 2024-25

A. Swatagor	FDK
L. Stolar	SK / Grade 1
K. Karaim-Rudyk	1/2
C. Biturajac	1/2
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M. Davis	3/4
A. Gawronski	4/5
D. Salerno	5/6
M. Evans	6
C. Legacy	7
F. Guinci	8
L. Morra	FSL
N. DaRosa	SERT/SERC/ESL/PT
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L. DiRisio	Library/PT
M. Chiappetta-Trujillo	PT
K. Muffolini	Educational Resource Worker (ERW)
D. Pellegrini	E.R.W
M. Toter	Early Child Educator (D.E.C.E)
J. Vilorio	Student Monitor
S. Marshall	Student Monitor
N. Sheik	Student Monitor
N. Tong	Student Monitor
R. Tem	Student Monitor
M. Lapp	Child Youth Worker
S. Henry	Psychologist
J. Price	Speech and Language
D. Kostyshyn	Social Worker
T. Lingard	Head Custodian (Day)
P. Tagras	Custodian (Night)
M. Mercado	Custodian (Night)
A. Brown	Principal
L. DeAgazio	Secretary

On Friday September 1st each household will begin receiving a call regarding class placement for September 3rd. Re-organization may take place on September 18th.



SCHOOL HOURS

School will begin at **8:45 am**
and conclude at **3:15 pm**

Lunch Hour 11:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

Morning Recess 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Recess 2:10 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

Dismissal 3:15 p.m



Important Medical Information

Please make sure that the school is aware of any important medical information regarding your child(ren) in order that we can be properly prepared to deal with an emergency situation.



Awareness and Training

Individuals who have a severe life-threatening food allergy will be requested to carry their epi-pen on them at all times. Time is crucial for the anaphylactic individual. An anaphylactic shock episode must be treated within 3 minutes by injecting an epi-pen. The epi-pen only provides you with 15-20 minutes before medical aid is required or another epi-pen injection.

Every staff member of Christ the King School will know the name, face, teacher and classroom of the anaphylactic children prior to the school year starting. Steps will be taken to ensure individuals with life-threatening allergies are highlighted and staff are trained to deal with an emergency situation. All students of Christ the King School will be made aware of the precautions to be taken to ensure the safety of students with life threatening allergies. Training for all staff, volunteers, supply teachers, etc. will be given regularly on preventing an anaphylactic reaction, knowing the symptoms, what to do if a reaction occurs and the need for speed.

Life-Threatening Food Allergies

Please be advised that there are students at Christ the King school with allergies, ranging from mild to life threatening. These students, when exposed to certain foods/latex materials could have an anaphylactic reaction.

Anaphylaxis should not be confused with a normal allergy. Anaphylaxis is a rapid, severe and life threatening allergic reaction caused by exposure to a trigger (allergen) that can cause death. Examples of anaphylactic triggers are nuts, eggs, fish, bee bites, and penicillin. An anaphylactic reaction requires an epi-pen and immediate medical attention. An anaphylactic reaction intensifies with each exposure to an allergen.

For these students, we need to ensure their safety by taking proactive steps to reduce the risk of exposure to foods/latex that trigger an anaphylaxis response as well as to be prepared in the event that such a response should occur with a child.

An email will be sent outlining the allergies in each class where there is a severe life-threatening food allergy requesting that parents/guardians avoid sending the specified food or substance

Lunch Hour



All students are requested to stay for lunch and will remain on school property throughout the lunch period. Please inform the child's teacher and office if your child needs to go home for lunch. The student must proceed directly home after signing out in the Office and upon return signing in.

Your co-operation in the mutual concern for the safety of our students is appreciated.

Our first Pizza day will begin on September 10th and will continue every Tuesday. Stay tuned for more information regarding Subway and Lunch Box.



Open House/B.B.Q

You will be given an opportunity to meet your son/daughter's teacher on **September 26, 2024 from 5:00 -**

6:30 p.m. Please keep this date open on your calendar so that you can attend this very important event.



Christ the King Catholic School Council Family B.B.Q Night

A warm welcome is extended to all families to come to the Family B.B.Q night from **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on September 26, 2024.** The Family B.B.Q night will take place before Open House Night. Pre-order forms will be forthcoming.

School Photographs



The school photographer will be Edge Imaging. Picture day is scheduled for September 25th.

Picture re-take day will take place on October 29th.

Entrance into the School/Parking Lot

In order to ensure the safe entry of children onto our school property, students are directed to enter the school grounds by remaining on the sidewalks as they enter. They are **not** to enter through the parking lot with the exception of the intermediate students who will access their entrance/exit by the parking lot. Students walking along Garthwood Rd. will be directed to enter the schoolyard using the sidewalk located around the perimeter of the school grounds. Thank you in advance for your support. Entrance/Exit doors will be clearly marked and you will receive an email as to which door your child(ren) will access to enter/exit the school.

Parents in the School Yard

Before, after and during school hours when teachers are on supervision duty in the school yard, **parents are asked to refrain from being in the school yard.** Teachers will handle any issues that may occur. The intention of this request is not to suggest that parents are not welcome at the school, rather, it is to protect parents and students.

Behavior & Discipline Expectation Assemblies

The expectations around behaviour and discipline will be reviewed with students by school administration in the virtual "Virtue Assemblies". Ongoing announcements will take place to continue to highlight and foster our faith formation and the good work that students do on a daily basis. The Catholic Code of Conduct and academic expectations will be reviewed during this time.



Parents/Visitors to the School

In our continuing concern for the safety of our students, we will be minimizing the amount of traffic in the school and in the yard - both at arrival and dismissal times. We ask that parents meet their child(ren) outside of the school and away from the immediate area of all entrances/exits. Teachers will escort the younger students to and from these doors at all times.

We would also like to ask your co-operation before school and at lunch – to please drop students off and leave the playground area. Please do not wait with your child in the middle of the yard or by the entrance and exit doorways. Staff are on duty from 8:30 am. This allows us to monitor the property and ensure the safety of our students and families.

In order to enter the school, all visitors must make an appointment with the office.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION CHANGES

Each school year start-up often brings some unexpected changes in terms of enrollment and staffing. Our staff work collaboratively to organize your children and the classes effectively. Please be assured that during reorganization the interest of your children are foremost in our minds. All school organizational plans are subject to review in early September, based on actual enrolment. Where we need to adjust class plans due to unanticipated enrolment fluctuations, you will be notified of these changes prior to September 13, 2024.

Christ the King Catholic School Council Monthly Meetings

The Christ the King Catholic School Council meets monthly. All parents of Christ The King School are encouraged and invited to attend these meetings. The final CSC meeting is September 19, 2024. 2024-25 meetings will be confirmed at the final meeting.

Elections and Term of Office

Elections in September ensure that even parents who are new to the school community, such as those with students starting in FDK, or those whose students are entering secondary school for the first time, will be able to participate in the election of their representatives on the school council. This provision also gives them the opportunity to be considered for election as parent members of their school councils.

The term of office continues to be a one-year term. This enables members to consider, on an ongoing basis, their involvement on their school councils. Should they find a change in their personal situations or circumstances, they may find that they are no longer able to continue with the commitment they made. It is important to note, however, that the regulation does not restrict the number of times that a member can be re-elected.

School Council nomination forms will be electronically to all school community. Please submit your nomination form electronically or in the office by September 19, 2024. If needed, the election for parent/guardian representative will take at the first CSC meeting in October.

2024-2025 School Year Calendar

First day of classes Elementary and Secondary Schools	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
First Day of classes Semester Two Secondary	Friday, January 31, 2025
Last instructional day Elementary and Secondary Schools	Friday, June 27, 2025
Number of school days for the 2024-2025 school year	194
Number of Instructional Days in Elementary Schools	187
Number of Instructional Days in Secondary Schools	187
Number of Professional Activity Days in Elementary Schools	7
Number of Professional Activity Days in Secondary Schools	7

► School Holidays for the 2024-2025 School Year

Every Saturday and Sunday

Labour Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Christmas Break	Monday, December 23, 2024, to Friday, January 3, 2025 (inclusive)
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2025
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 10, 2025, to Friday, March 14, 2025 (inclusive)
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Monday, April 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2025

► Elementary Schools, including St. Sofia – Professional Activity Days

1. Monday, September 16, 2024	Principal's Day: Re-organization/Faith Development
2. Friday, October 11, 2024	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
3. Friday, November 22, 2024	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
4. Monday, January 20, 2025	Term 1 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress
5. Friday, February 14, 2025	Reporting to Parents
6. Friday, May 16, 2025	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
7. Monday, June 9, 2025	Term 2 Assessment and Evaluation of Pupil Progress

► Secondary Schools – Professional Activity Days

1. Friday, October 11, 2024	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
2. Friday, November 22, 2024	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
3. Thursday, January 30, 2025	Principal's Day: Semester Turnaround
4. Friday, February 14, 2025	*Principal's Day: Assessment and Evaluation/Faith Development
5. Friday, May 16, 2025	Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context
6. Thursday, June 26, 2025	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities
7. Friday, June 27, 2025	*Principal's Day: Year End Reporting and Activities

**Semester end and year end evaluations and school wide promotion meetings; contact parents with course and summer school recommendations, OSR and report card preparation; inventory management of books, equipment, learning materials; curriculum development for new course outlines; goal setting for the upcoming semester and school year.*

► Secondary Schools – Examination Days

Semester 1: January 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 2025 January 29, 2025 – Instructional Day – Examination Review

<https://www.dpcdsb.org/Schools/School-Year-Calendar>