Christ the King Catholic

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Newsletter 2017

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:
With the spring season officially here, hopefully we can look forward to melting
snow and to seeing the many signs of the new season!

During the month of April, we will be celebrating Easter. On behalf of the
staff of Christ of the King, I would like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a most
blessed and joyous Easter. May your time with family and friends be special and
your spirits renewed.

On April 29, our Grade 2 students will receive their First Reconciliation. We will
continue to pray for these students as they continue along their faith journey.

Sincerely,
Tammy Sica

Easter Prayer
Risen Lord, thank you for your gift
Of a new day,
Of a new life,
Of a new forever.
You give hope to us, and you give meaning to us.
We know that nothing can stop us from loving
you,
from serving you, from following you, from
listening to you.
whatever happens to us, We know you are with
us,
and you will give us your gift
Of a new day,
Of a new life,
Of a new forever.
Thank you for Easter.

Amen

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:
Friday, April 7-Professional Activity Day
Monday, April 10—Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, April 13th– Scholastic Book fair
Friday, April 14– Good Friday-no school
Monday, April 17– Easter Monday
Saturday, April 22-Earth Day!
Monday, April 24-28– CCAT Testing
Thursday, April 27-Spring Mass @ St. Patrick’s Parish 10 am
Saturday, April 29– Reconciliation 11 am
–12pm @ St. Patrick’s Parish
Have you registered your child yet for Kindergarten?

Please call Christ the King School at 519-621-6680 to book an appointment. This also applies to students going into Senior Kindergarten who have not attended Junior Kindergarten. Students Who are presently in JK do not need to register for classes in September. All classes in September are full day and every day for all students.

**Junior Kindergarten: a child born before December 31, 2012**
**Senior Kindergarten: a child born before December 31, 2011**

Please visit https://www.wcdsb.ca/ on the main webpage click Kindergarten Registration and you can now register directly online then call the school to complete the registration process.
SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS:

To ensure the safety and well-being of all students these procedures **MUST** be followed by all who visit our school.

1. Visitors, parents, high-school students, and others must report to the main office and obtain a Visitor’s Identification badge if you wish to proceed beyond the main office area of our school. A pass can be obtained by checking and signing in at the office.
2. During recess and lunch-break parents, visitors or any other adults are **NOT** permitted to be on our school playground. Please report to the office.
3. Any parent who wishes to contact his/her child during the school day must proceed to the main office and inform the Admin Assistant / Principal.
4. Any individuals who do not follow the above requests will be asked to leave school property immediately.

**ATTENDANCE & LATE PROGRAM**

A reminder that school starts **at 8:30am sharp** students are asked to arrive a few minutes before the bell and stay on the school yard till the bell rings. There are supervisors outside at **8:15am** only not any earlier. Students need to be in line outside when the bell rings in the morning or they are considered late. Any students coming into the front doors must check in at the office to pick up a late slip.

Parents if your child is going to be late or absent please call the office 519-621-6680 to let the school know. It is part of our safe school policy that if we do not hear from a parent/guardian with 15 minutes once school starts we are to call the police.

As the season is arriving, it is a great time to do some spring cleaning and donating! The Early Years are looking for any outdoor toys in good condition that families are willing to donate to our students to use in our kindergarten yard. Please bring your donations to the Early Years' staff. Thank you!
Student Achievement

The staff and students of Christ the King continue to do their best toward celebrating and demonstrating student learning. Below are the three tests that will take place this spring:

GRADE 4’s - CANADIAN COGNITIVE ACHIEVEMENT TEST (CCAT) - APRIL 24 – 26, 2017
The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is administering the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) to Grade 4 students throughout the system. This test is a valuable tool for educators and parents and assists us toward further identifying your child’s learning strengths and needs. The test will be spread over 3 days (three subtests ranging from 30 - 60 minutes each) and is composed of a verbal, non-verbal and quantitative battery. This assessment will take place over a 3 day period. The purpose of the CCAT is to:
   a) Identify your child's areas of strength and areas of need,
   b) Provide information about your child's learning style(s),
   c) Provide direction to your child’s teacher on instructional methods, learning materials and the pace of instruction.

GRADE 7—CAT-4 (CANADIAN ACHIEVEMENT TEST) - MAY 8-10, 2017
CAT-4 is a standardized test which measures achievement in the basic skills generally taught in schools across Canada. CAT is a set of tests on reading, mathematics, language, writing and spelling. The results of students tested with CAT are compared with those obtained from large, representative samples of students from across Canada. Their results can also be compared to curriculum expectations. CAT is the only Canadian owned and Canadian designed national test. In addition to its use by schools, part of CAT has been chosen by Statistics Canada as the basis for tracking achievement over time.

EQAO TESTING – GRADES 3 & 6 : MAY 22– JUNE 5, 2017
This year's cohorts of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will participate in the Primary and Junior EQAO testing. The testing is spread over 3 school days and consists of 2 one-hour blocks for a total of 6 hours. The testing is based on the regular grade level curriculum expectations for reading, writing and mathematics. This is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning based on their respective grade level curriculum expectations. The Grade 3s will write the test on May 23—May 25 and the Grade 6s on May 29– May 31, 2017.

Please mark your calendars and avoid booking appointments on these dates, if at all possible, to avoid interruptions during these testing dates.
Literacy and Numeracy Programs offered to all Gr 1 to 6 students in our community!

Summer Boost: July 5-20, 2017
Mon. to Fri. 8:30am - 1:00
Open to students enrolled in Grade 1 to 6 as of September 2017
Register Today and Experience the Difference Summer Boost Makes!

Want to see your child improve his/her math, reading, writing and problem solving skills and be READY for next year? Through our Summer Boost program teachers and students will experience almost three fun-filled weeks of learning and growing together. The goal of Summer Boost is to provide an exciting educational program aimed at improving the numeracy and literacy skills of our students.

Students will...
- Engaged in fun literacy/numeracy activities at school and home with family members as part of the Home Numeracy/Literacy Program;
- Have a variety of opportunities for hands on learning through Scientists in Schools, Aboriginal guest speakers and possibly trips to the Outdoor Education centers.
- Served healthy Nutrition for Learning snacks daily and will be engaged in regular physical activity that emphasizes teamwork, skills and sportsmanship;
- Receive an integrated arts education as cooperative activities will be designed each week to promote creative and thinking and expression through music, drama and visual arts;
- Access technology including chromebooks;
- Make new friends and develop a belief in themselves as learners through the power of perseverance.

Summer Boost is FREE and registration is required.

Kitchener - St. Bernadette, St. John, Monsignor Haller
Waterloo – Sir Edgar Bauer, Our Lady of Lourdes (new location due to summer maintenance at St. Agnes)
Cambridge – Holy Spirit, Christ the King (new location due to summer maintenance at St. Peter)

ONLINE Registration opens March 20
https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs/summer-boost/index.html
For more information contact:
pat.runstedler@wcdsb.ca
We will be wrapping up our Forest of Reading program over the next couple of weeks. I have been reading the 10 nominated Blue Spruce books to JK-gr.2 students. They will be voting for their favorite title in the 1st week of April. In addition, students from grades 3-8 who chose to participate in the Silver Birch and Red Maple reading programs will be voting on April 20th. They will have to have read 5 of the 10 nominated titles in order to vote!

Titles from the reading programs can also be accessed through Overdrive: All you need is to download the free Overdrive software/app and/or compatible browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, & IE10 or better). And your school library ID# & PIN. You can access Overdrive through E-Z Find on the VLC - Look for the OverDrive 'button' or directly at wcdsb.lib.overdrive.com or through the school online catalogue.

This is a unique opportunities where students get to vote for their favorite Canadian author. I am eager to see which titles were the student's favorite's!

Also, a **Scholastic Book Fair** will be coming up in **April**, so please watch for the flyer coming soon for more details!

In order to have a successful Book Fair, both parent and student volunteers are needed! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school or if you are a student, please come and see Mrs. Brunt. I am in the Learning Commons on Mondays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons.

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and Thank you for supporting this great literary fundraiser.
Get a HeadStart to Grade 9

FREE 4-day Summer Program at the end of August 2017 for Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 at Catholic Secondary Schools in September

519.745.1201  http://stlouis.wcdsb.ca
Get a HeadStart to Grade 9 - Summer 2017

Get excited and **BE PREPARED** for those first few weeks/months of Gr. 9 at our Catholic Secondary Schools next September.

- Find what you need to know about your high school
- Meet energetic student leaders and key school staff
- Get your timetable early …and make sense of it!
- Find your locker, find your classes
- Get study skills tips to keep those grades up AND be involved!
- Having trouble? Know what to do / who to talk to
- Make new friends in small and large groups
- Don’t be nervous. Have fun! Bring out your best!

**HEADStart is a FREE WCDSB summer program**

(offered through St. Louis) for 4 mornings leading up to the registration days at ALL 5 WCDSB Catholic Secondary Schools.

This program is delivered by our Catholic Schools’ Ontario Certified Teachers.

**Locations:**
- St. David CSS
- St. Mary’s High School
- Resurrection CSS
- St. Benedict CSS
- Monsignor Doyle CSS

**Dates:** Aug. 24, 25 / 28, 29, 2017
**Times:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS:** March 1, 2017
Visit St. Louis website: [http://stlouis.wcdsb.ca](http://stlouis.wcdsb.ca)

**REGISTRATION CLOSES** June 16, 2017 (while space is available)
HEADStart fills up FAST! Register early!

**HEADStart is an optional 12 hour program offered outside of the regular school year. Once you have committed, attendance on all 4 mornings is required. Due to limited space and resources for this summer program, please be sure your child is able to attend all 4 days. Please make your summer plans accordingly. Late registrations will not be accepted and there are no waiting lists.**
We want to hear your voice! Please complete the survey and tell us how WCDSB is doing!

March Bobcat Bests

Selena. B       Jacob. F
Zoe. B          Selena. B
Sarina. G       Jaden. A/V
Jesse. S        Alex. O
Alex. O         Jesse. S
Nolan. H        Zoe. B
Nathaniel. C    Selena. B Room 5
Emma. G         Nathaniel. C
Ricky. F        Selena. P
Jackson. R      
Isiah. C        
Preston. H.N     

BOBCATS
Attention: Grade 8 Parents/Guardians have you signed up yet for school cash on-line? Sign up now and your son/daughter will have a head start advantage! Once you get to the high school your child will already be registered for on line payments for Activity fees, lockers, agendas and so much more and no more long registration line ups!!

Don’t forget to Sign up on line to purchase pizza one month in advance!! Fast and easy. Also, pay for trips, activities, yearbooks and so much more!

Parents please register!

Here’s how:

Step 1: Go to this website: [https://wcdsb.schoolcashonline.com](https://wcdsb.schoolcashonline.com)
Step 2: Register by selecting the “Get Started Now” and following the steps
Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the ‘click here’ option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.
SAVE THE DATE
Kindergarten Orientation Night!

Please join us on:

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Location: Gymnasium

All new registered Kindergarten students and Parents are invited to come out and learn more about the Kindergarten program and bring home a Welcome Bag for your child filled with lots of learning essentials! If you know of any families who have not registered yet for Kindergarten and are planning to attend Christ the King School in September 2017! please have them contact the school 519-621-6680.

You will receive a WCDSB bag full of fun learning activities that you can do with your child at home.
Did you know the Extended Day Before and After School Programs are offered where there is sufficient demand from parents.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in an Extended Day Program at your school please express your interest by registering for the 2017-2018 school year. We will start to determine viability early in April so register now!

To register visit www.wcdsb.ca 
And follow the Extended Day Program links to 2017 Viability Registration.

Extended Day Programs...........
- Are led by knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators
- Operate from 7:00 a.m. to school starting bell time and school ending bell time to 6:00 p.m.
- Are offered at your child's school providing convenient, consistent programming for parents and children
- Allow for fulltime schedules or part time schedules that follow a weekly recurring set of days
- Are available for an affordable fee, offering a variety of payment methods, including most major credit cards
- Are eligible for Region of Waterloo child care subsidy
- Once determined viable, ongoing registration throughout the school year

Would you like to know more about WCDSB Extended Day Programs?
Email extended.day@wcdsb.ca
Or call 519-578-3660
Directions:
Cook rice according to package directions. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large wok or non-stick fry pan over medium-high heat. Add chopped vegetables and stir-fry until crisp tender, approximately 10 minutes. Remove vegetables from pan and set aside. Add eggs to pan and scramble while cooking.

Once eggs are cooked add rice, vegetables and soy sauce to pan and combine well.

(This recipe meets the criteria for Maximum Nutritional Value for an entrée.)
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**CCAT- TESTING**

Spring Mass @ St. Patrick’s 10 am

Saturday, April 29th Reconciliation at St. Patrick’s Parish 11 am –12 pm