



Christ the King Cathedral School

CTK Connection

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December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus'

birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

- from Loyola Press Sunday Connection

**FRIDAY ALL-SCHOOL MASS TOMORROW, 12/21,
@ 8:15AM IN THE CATHEDRAL
MASS UNIFORM REQUIRED for all!**

**NOON DISMISSALS TODAY & TOMORROW!
THURSDAY, 12/20, & FRIDAY, 12/21!**

Friday's Schedule: 8:15am All School Mass followed by
abbreviated encore presentation of the Christmas
Program and Class Christmas Parties

*******Need Last Minute Gifts or United Gift Cards*******

*******for Groceries over the break?*******

*******Buy SCRIP Cards before school!*******

**CHRISTMAS BREAK!!
NOON ON FRIDAY, 12/21 THROUGH SUNDAY, 1/6/19.
CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, 1/7/19!**



**"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;
the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of
Christmas which is love."**

- Ada V. Hendricks

**Our Christmas prayer for our students & families is that you
all receive the love & blessings of our Savior during this
special season! Merry Christmas & a prosperous New Year!
*Faculty & Staff of CTKC School***



**THANK YOU to Everyone Who
Donated Gifts for StarCare**

For the past several years, the Elementary School (PK-5th grade) has participated in the StarCare Toy/Gift Drive. Star Care serves children, youth, and adults with mental illness, and persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our

community. This year was no exception, and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity! StarCare was very [...] ...»

NEW! Teacher Spotlight!

Our first faculty spotlight this week highlights our new Pre-K 3 teacher, Samantha Moore! Originally from the piney woods of East Texas, Mrs. Moore is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School, Tyler Junior College and Texas Tech University. She has two children; Ledi who is 8 and a competitive cheerleader and Landen who is 4 & attends CTKC School. The Moore house is also home to their dog Penelope and the newest member, a guinea pig named Calliope! In true Texan style, Mrs. Moore loves to snack on chips & queso and cheer on the Texas Tech



Red Raiders. When asked what she enjoys most about CTK she said "My favorite thing about CTK is my students and their parents. They have made my first year here an unforgettable one!!" She loves to travel and hopes to be a true jet setter once she retires! Let's all welcome Mrs. Moore and thank her for all that she does for our students at CTK!

(We hope to spotlight a new teacher in each week's newsletter until the end of the school year!)

The Christmas Holidays Are a Great Time to Sell Raffle Tickets!

We hope that everyone is selling their raffle tickets & working towards their tuition incentive number! There are some fabulous prizes for this year's raffle - including several Caribbean vacation destinations! As a reminder, as part of your tuition agreement, ALL families are required to sell a minimum of twenty (20) raffle tickets, at \$10 [...] ...»



THANKS for GIVING

THANK YOU for Giving to Our Faculty & Staff!!

The Home & School Association's Teacher Appreciation Committee wrapped up their "Thanks for Giving" collection this week. With your donations, they collected over \$5000.00 for this year's fund which provided almost \$100.00 for each teacher and staff member from PreK-3 - 12th grade, janitors, cafe staff and administration! Thank you so very much for sending [...] ...»

**Coming Soon: Catholic Schools Week
Dinner & Dance, Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019**

Mark your calendars for the Catholic Schools Week Dinner & Dance coming Saturday, January 26, 2019. Tickets available for purchase from Mrs Guzman in the school office. Click here for more [...»](#)



Use AmazonSmile While Shopping

Online! Many people use Amazon for their shopping - especially during the upcoming holidays! Here's another way you can help the CTKC School community with no additional cost to you! The AmazonSmile program is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features [...] [...»](#)

**Don't Forget to Order SCRIP Cards
for ALL Your Daily Purchases &
Christmas Gifts!**



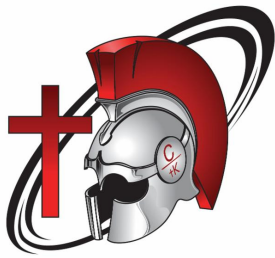
You are encouraged to buy gift cards for over 300 major retailers to use for your own day-to-day purchases or give them as gifts! Visit shopwithscrip.com for a full list of retailers. What a great way to help our school while taking care of your own buying needs! Current rebates to CTK are being directed [...] [...»](#)

Trojan Sports Schedule

**TODAY - Jr. High Basketball v. All Saints (HOME-
4pm/5pm/6pm/7pm)**

Fri. - Varsity Basketball @ Southcrest Christian

(6pm/7:30pm)



Sat., 1/5 - Varsity Basketball v. Wichita Falls Notre Dame (HOME - 1pm/2:30pm)

Tues., 1/8 - Varsity Basketball v. Holy Cross (HOME-6pm/7:30pm)

Thurs., 1/10 - JH Basketball @ St. Ann's (4:30/5:30/6:30/7:30)

GO TROJANS & LADY TROJANS!

Calendar Dates: *dates/times are accurate at time of publication but are subject to change*

Today - NOON DISMISSAL; JH Basketball v. All Saints (HOME-4/5/6/7)

Fri. - 8:15am-All-School Mass followed by Encore of Christmas program & class parties for all grades; NOON DISMISSAL; Varsity Basketball @ Southcrest (6/7:30pm)

12/24-1/4 - Christmas Break - no school!
Sat., 1/5 - Varsity Basketball v. Wichita Falls Notre Dame (HOME-1pm/2:30pm)

Mon., 1/7 - Classes Resume

1/8 - Varsity Basketball v. Holy Cross (HOME-6pm/7:30pm)

1/10 - JH Basketball @ St. Ann's (4:30/5:30/6:30/7:30)

Looking Ahead:
Mon., 1/21 - Raffle Tickets Due with payments

1/26 - Catholic Schools Week Dinner/Dance

1/27 - 2/1 - Catholic Schools Week

1/30 - CTK Science Fair; Winter Open House



Volunteer



CTK CAFÉ

Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities All CTK families are required to complete 20 service hours (10 hours for single parents) for the 2018-19 school year. To help you fulfill your requirement, here are some upcoming opportunities and contact information: [...] ...»

Keep collecting box

tops for the next collection date,

FRIDAY, 12/21!

As you might know, there are dozens of products that include the magenta [...] ...»

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DEADLINES!

The CTK Café serves lunches daily during the school year. Orders are due in RenWeb no later than the Friday prior to the week of orders at 8am. All orders for the CTK Café should be placed via the RenWeb lunch [...] ...»

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