



Christ the King Cathedral School

Dear CTK Elementary and JH Families,

We survived the first four days of the first week of school! Way to go CTK Trojans! “You must do the things you think you cannot do (Eleanor Roosevelt).” That seems to be the theme for the 2020-2021 school year, and I may use this saying often this year. The faculty, staff, and students at Christ the King Cathedral School are doing many things they never thought they would be doing in the course of a school day. It has certainly changed the face of school as we knew it. Yet, it is necessary for everyone’s health and well-being. The following information is to help you next week and possibly in the future.

Lunches:

- Great job on sending lunches and snacks this week! Very few students needed microwaves and they were able to spend more time eating.
- ***The deadline for ordering cafeteria lunches for next week is tomorrow, August 21, at noon.***
- Lunches for 8/31-9/4 – orders due on Fri., 8/28 at noon
- Lunches for 9/8 – 9/11 – orders due on Fri., 9/4 at noon
- **When students bring their lunch, please remember they need to** accompany students to school. Students will need a drink (in addition to their water bottle), spoon, fork, and napkin to sit down and have lunch. **No outside food can be delivered to school.**
- Microwaves will be available for lunch periods again this year. However, sanitizing and disinfecting policies will be used after each use. **We request you limit foods that need to be heated in the microwave,** as this will reduce the student’s time to eat.
- JH is getting a snack this year, at the beginning of 4th period. Make sure they bring their own **individual healthy snacks to eat at this time.**

E-Learning Updates:

- We are so excited to see your bright and smiling faces on morning prayer every day! Do not forget about the school dress-code which involves wearing your uniforms.
- E-Learners should also stand and be reverent and participate in Morning Prayer and Mass just as if you were here on campus or in the Cathedral.
- Please know we are busy here at the school working out the procedures and protocols with our E-learners. Please extend us the grace and flexibility as we are maneuvering this new learning environment.
- We are working diligently to work out set Zoom class meetings, getting our class information on LMS and setting up assignments while teaching our face-to-face classes.
- We ask that you take some time to look through the FACTS/RENWEB system checking on homeroom assignments and getting familiar with LMS platform. Make sure you know how to turn in assignments and that you are able to see the calendar feature.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

- Drop off and pick on 56th street is a bit congested. Dr. Chaloupka and I are asking that all JH and HS traffic (for drop off/pickup) travels East on Nashville Avenue toward Peoria. This will avoid students running across the street into oncoming traffic.
- Beginning next week, Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will wait outside at a designated area and “collect” your child after their temperature check.

Masks:

- **Please wash cloth masks daily and change disposable masks daily. Wash face shields daily as well.** Wearing a clean mask and shield daily is integral to the safety of your child, other children, the faculty and the staff.

Our First Mass:

- Tomorrow Grades 2-8 will have their first Mass. We will be in the Cathedral for 8:15 Mass. We ask parents, family visitors and E-Learners to watch online at www.ctk-cathedral.org
- ***Mass uniform is required for all students from Pre-K 3 to Grade 8.*** Please refer to the Parent/Student handbook if you are not sure what pieces designate the Mass uniform.
- The Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Graders will attend Liturgy of The Word following Mass. Unfortunately, Liturgy of The Word is not streamed live.

Spirit Shirts:

Attached to this email is the 2020-2021 spirit shirt order form. **Orders and payment are due by 8:00AM on Monday, August 31st.**

- Spirit shirts can be worn every Tuesday with jeans and tennis shoes. Spirit days will not begin until the shirts are in and delivered.
- ***Spirit Shirt Tuesday is not a free dress day. Jeans should be normal jeans-*** no skinny jeans, no jeans with tears and rips; no yoga pants, no athletic pants, no lounge pants, no pajamas, ...just plain jeans. Denim skirt is okay.
- ***Shoes should be tennis shoes-*** no boots, no UGGS, no flip flops, sandals, etc. Just tennis shoes.

We are excited to be back on campus and look forward to the day all our students join us on campus! Students are transitioning well to the safety protocols. It will take us just a little longer to have everything moving like a well-oiled machine, but we are getting there! “Kind words do not cost much, yet they accomplish much (Blaise Pascal).”

Be reassured that the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our number one priority. Please make sure you have looked at the **2020-2021 school calendar** on the school website. Take some time this weekend to make sure uniforms are ready, get a head start on shopping for school supplies with your lists from Meet the Teacher night, and discussing the importance of good hygiene, healthy habits, and physical distancing. **Also, take some time to enjoy the upcoming weekend with family.**

Together in Christ,
Gail Ambrose, M.Ed.
Principal, PK-8

Success Is CTK!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Phil 4:6-7