Christ the King Cathedral School

CHRIST THE KING
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday Folder – 7/30

Dear CTK Elementary, Junior High and High School Families,

It is amazing at how fast time flies. In just three and a half short weeks, we will be welcoming back our entire CTK school family for the 2020-2021 school year. It is going to be an exciting year!

Christ the King Cathedral School and Christ the King Diocesan High School are committed to providing strong academic and developmental programs while forming faith-filled students who can meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. This year, with our current pandemic situation, places us in an exclusive position to continue the mission of educating the hearts and minds of young men and women regardless of what the future holds.

One of our top priorities this year is to ***ensure the safety of our students, teachers and families.*** This week we continue to provide more information on the precautionary safety measures being implemented with the face-to-face classroom instruction. Please review the information below to guide you as we plan together for the 2020-2021 school year.

Face Coverings

- Face coverings are an important part of the student, staff and faculty protection. **Students older than age 10 (or in the 4th grade and older) will wear face coverings when developmentally appropriate.** Students in 3rd grade and younger will need to bring a face mask or shield every day as we practice wearing them while in common areas.
- Face coverings are required and will be worn outside the classroom in all common areas within school buildings.
- When outside the building, face coverings are not required, as long as physical distance is maintained. This may include in the outdoor classrooms, or for PE class or athletic practice.
- **Students will need to have a mask at Meet-the-Teacher Night and starting on the first day of school.** Masks need to be clean and in good shape and not distracting from the learning environment.
- We will have a limited quantity of **CTK fabric masks and gaiters**. They will be available for purchase at Meet the Teacher Night on 8/11, 8/12 and 8/13 and will sale for $5 each.

Uniforms

- The CTKDHS Class of 2021 will be hosting a used uniform sale next Wednesday (8/5), Thursday (8/6) and Saturday (8/8).

- Most items are $8-$10 each. Families are asked to schedule their shopping by signing up for a 20-minute time slot online by clicking here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054cafaf23a2fd0-used
- All shoppers are required to wear face coverings and physically distance, please!
- Uniforms are required in both the face-to-face and E-Learning environments.

Lunch, Snacks and Water Bottles

- **The cafeteria will not be open August 19- 21**. Lunches need to be packed and accompany students to school. Students need a drink (in addition to their water bottle), spoon, fork, napkin to sit down and have lunch. No outside food can be delivered to school.
- The cafeteria is arranged to that 4 students will sit per table with 6 feet apart.
- Microwaves are 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.
- All food/drink and utensils need to packed from home (for those not ordering hot cafeteria lunch) so they can sit down and eat. Sandwiches, fruit, veggies, chips, and a drink. Please practice opening drinks and food items with your child.
- We ask that there be no outside food delivered to school.
- For students with snack time, they should bring their own **individual snacks.**
- **Water fountains are not available for use throughout the CTK school campus.** Students will continue to use their own reusable water containers and rely on them throughout the school day.
- **The cafeteria will open on August 24.** Menu options are being developed to provide meals safely. Stay tuned for menus the week of August 17.
- We are no longer using open trays, but closed containers in the cafeteria. Utensils that come prepackaged and will also be used. **This is important for those who do not order hot lunch:** open utensils are no longer available; the open napkin container is no longer available; and the water fountain is no longer available.
- Those who bring lunch form home must provide all the necessary equipment need to eat, drink, and wipe their face.

Cafeteria Positions Open:

The CTK Café has openings for two (2) part-time positions. Hours are 8:30am-2pm on days that lunch is served (full school days) with hourly pay and a tuition discount. No experience necessary if you are willing to learn! It is a great job for parents who would like to work but still be home with their children after school, on weekends and school holidays! Contact Marcy Gonzalez at cafe@ctkcathedralschool.org if you are interested in applying.

Mass: (Tentative)

- Weekly Mass on Fridays at 8:15am for students in Grades 2-8. Mass uniform and a mask will be required every Friday.
- Liturgy of the Word every Friday for students in Grades PK 3-1. Liturgy of the Word will follow daily Mass and assist with the volume of students in the Cathedral. Mass uniform is required. We will practice with our masks in an age developmentally fashion. This is a tentative plan for the beginning of school. We will revisit this and make changes based on current conditions.

- Students in grades 9-12 will attend weekly Daily Mass on Thursday at 8:15am. Mass uniform and a mask will be required every Thursday. E-learning students are required to wear their mass uniform when attending the live stream Thursday morning at 8:15.
- E-learning students are required to wear their mass uniform when attending their class appropriate live stream Mass.

Athletics:

- Students participating in the face-to-face learning environment will be able to participate in athletics. Be on the look out NEXT week from Coach McComas on updates and schedules.
- Make sure you have your athletic work-out uniforms ready to go. If you need uniforms, stay tuned for Coach McComas's email next week.
- All JH & HS athletes will need physicals completed by August 30th. There is a physical form available on the CTK School website. Go to Athletics; then Athletic Resources and click on the gray menu bar: Pre-Participation Athletic Physical Paperwork

- HS athletes need to register their physicals in Rank One. Please follow these steps to submit: Log-in to Rank One using this link: www.rankonesport.com and click on the "Parents" button,
    - Click on "Forms"
    - Locate the state – TEXAS and click on it.
    - Find Christ the King Cathedral School link and click on it.
    - Click on the Forms link. It will take you to the parental portal. If you do not have one, please create a New Account.
    - If you have an account you will have your student listed. If you have a new student, you will need to add them. Use your child's birthdate and their name.
    - Follow the instructions and buttons listed.

E-Learning Participation:

- Families that sign-up for the e-learning instructional method will attend training on the LMS system training. An email with training dates and times will be sent next week.
- Families will be expected to create a learning environment that allows for daily learning and submitting class work.
- **Each student needs their own computer device** in order to log in to live instruction during the school day.
- Classroom items and school supplies will be used in addition to the computer device. **Classroom items will be checked out during Meet the Teacher night**.
- E-Learning students are not eligible to participate in athletics, cheer, drama, drum line, etc. Elementary students may not participate in any upcoming programs. Your safety continues to be our top priority.

Technology:

- Students will have access to school iPads while in the building.
- Shared devices will be sanitized after each use.
- **8th- 12th grade students will be encouraged to bring their own device to school**. Devices brought to school should only be used by the owner.
- As a school, we are exploring the opportunities to offer Chrome books for our students to purchase this year. More information will be available next Thursday.

Meet the Teacher Night:

- We ask that *at least* one parent accompany their student in all grade levels. We know this is an exciting time each year! Given our current environment please limit family members to just parents this year.
- Since there will be no sharing of supplies this year, please bring your labeled school supplies that night for elementary students. Label supplies with first and last name.
- JH and HS students will pick up their schedule and receive their locker assignments that evening.
- In the past we have allowed students to stay and organize their lockers. ***This year only shelves will be allowed in lockers for cleaning and sanitizing purposes.*** You will be able to place your shelves in your lockers at Meet the Teacher. No hanging around visiting, please.
- JH and HS students will receive a list of school supplies needed to allow time to purchase supplies before school starts.
- Please Sign-Up for a time between 5-7pm for your student using the links below:
    - 8/11: PreK-K https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA9A628A6FB6-prek
    - 8/12: 1st – 5th https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA9A628A6FB6-1st
    - 8/13: 6th – 8th https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA9A628A6FB6-6th10th

As we venture into this school year together, be reassured that the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our number one priority. We look forward to working together as a community to be vigilant and supportive of all health and safety protocols. We ask that each family do their part to discuss the importance of good hygiene, healthy habits, and social distancing with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to sharing more information and updates with you next week in our Thursday "folder" about arrival and dismissal procedures, social distancing procedures, and overall cleaning and sanitizing.

Stay safe and God Bless,
Gail Ambrose, Principal PreK-8
Alicea A. Chaloupka, Ph.D., Principal 9-12

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