



CTK WEEKLY

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January, 2024

Calendar of Events for the Week

January 9, 2024

Thursday, January 11, 2024

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Monday, January 15, 2024

No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Our Mission Statement

As a ministry of Christ the King Parish, Christ the King School upholds the teaching of Jesus Christ and the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. Christ the King School nurtures the development of all students through the journey of faith, academics and physical growth in an atmosphere that encourages them to recognize their strengths, overcome their weaknesses with the opportunity to reach their potential—spiritually and academically.



January 9th, 2024

Good afternoon, Parents!

I will be catching up all week with my sleep after the Buffalo Bills Game Sunday night! It was so worth staying up! Check out our Facebook page and see how we love our Bills!!

Thank you so much for all the generous Christmas gifts. The gift from the CTK families was full of my favorites like sponge candy, restaurant gift certificates and Bills things. Thank you so much!

This is a reminder that Chess Club will be on Wednesday from 2:30- 3:15pm for grades 4-8. Tomorrow, January 10th will be the first day. (Mr. Downey and I will see if we can change the Wednesdays, considering play practice is at the same time. Sorry, that was my mistake!)

Over the next couple of weeks, we are taking the next STAR tests, ELA and Math, in grades K-8. **We are looking for progress in all students.** Once the testing period is over, we will send home results.

Next week Tuesday we will have another Buffalo Bills dress down for \$1. When we collect \$1 from students, the money always goes to a charity. Sometimes I will state the charity. Sometimes I do not. At the end of the year, I give a final update to you all as to how much and where the money went. Yesterday we collected \$63. We have 160 students in the school. If you cannot donate the dollar, I understand. However, if you are choosing not to donate, please have your child wear their uniform. Thank you.

Catholic Schools' Week begins Sunday, January 28th with the 10:00am Mass. It concludes with a school Mass on Friday, February 2nd @ 8:45am. Watch the newsletters for the fun things planned for us by Mrs. Piotrowski.

Mark your calendar! The Badger Gala is on February 3rd. We need you! Please participate/donate anything that you can! Watch for the Parents' Guild information coming home!

***8TH Grade students and Parents, I need your help with the yearbook! I am looking for some volunteers. This had traditionally been an 8th grade club. Email or call me to let me know if you can help, asap!! Thanks!**

Do you or anyone you know love to work with children and need a job?

We have an opening for a Pre-K 4 year old teacher assistant!

For more information or to apply, please email Mrs. Maria Wangler at, mwangler@myctkschool.com

Peace, Love and Prayers,

Mrs. Wangler

Jesus, shine through us so that we may be your light. Amen.

Parents' Guild

Ticket sales have opened for CTK's biggest fundraiser of the year! The **Badger Gala will be held at Giancarlo's on Saturday 2/3/24 from 6 – 10pm**. The Gala will include: hors d'oeuvres, dinner stations & desserts, premium open bar, live music, auction items as well as the presentation of our Distinguished Alumni Award ... and most importantly, a fun night out that's supporting our school and children! Can't make the event but still want to support the school? Donations can be made directly on the ticket site as well.

Get your tickets early – we expect this event to sell out! [CTK Badger Gala 2024 \(givebutter.com\)](https://givebutter.com)

The next **Parents Guild Meeting** will be on **Tuesday 1/9 at 7pm**. The meeting will be held via Zoom and the link and agenda topics will be sent via email. The meetings provide important school updates, information on past and upcoming events and an opportunity to voice questions or concerns. As an added bonus, your student(s) can receive a dress down day if you attend!

Upcoming Parents Guild Events:

Parents Guild Meeting – Tuesday 1/9/24

Catholic Schools Week Spaghetti Lunch – Wednesday 1/31/24

Badger Gala – Saturday 2/3/24

Father Daughter Dance – Saturday 2/10/24

Meat Raffle – Saturday 3/23/24

Craft Fair – Saturday 4/20/24

Parents Guild Wish List: [Parents Guild Wish List](#)

Parents Guild Virtual Backpack: [CTK Parents Guild Virtual Backpack](#)

Any questions? Contact: parentsguild@myctkschool.com

A Message from Dr. Dave

Hello, CTK Families.

I recognize that technology is very much a part of our lives. Children use tablets, laptops, and cell phones for a number of educational activities, but what information and how information is shared is often unregulated when it comes to artificial intelligence (AI) companies and how they train their systems.

I am encouraging you all to be aware of how your children engage with the internet generally and social media specifically. There are AI platforms that assist in child exploitation. Images of children on social media can be used to generate inappropriate images. For example, a photo of your child posted to Instagram can be taken, generated through an AI platform, and create an inappropriate photo of your child to be distributed for sexual exploitation. AI can provide conveniences for our lives, but sadly just like anything else, it can be abused.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this topic in more detail: dmoran@myctkschool.com.

- Dr. Dave

Sports' News

Boy are these girls coming together as a team! The JV girls team improved to 3-0 on the season following a dominating all-around balanced attack on offense, and smart aggressive defense against our Main Street rivals St. Ben's by a score of 36-14. The exuberant enthusiasm routinely coming from the bench complemented the scoring led by Brooklyn Barker, Adeline Leed, and Adelle Ennis respectively. Other buckets were sunk by Emma Hartrich and MaCayle Blue. Come catch the future of girls hoops at CTK play in their next game on Tuesday 1/9 at 7 PM on our home court! Go Badger Girls!

The CTK JV boys were victorious in their first home game of the season! The boys played against the St. Ben's/Ss. Peter and Paul team on 1/5/2024 to kickoff a fun Friday night of basketball. This was another complete team effort with some really good passing and defense. Scoring was led by Mason Tirado, Eddie Schmitt, and Sam Narins. The final score was 30-12.

The Varsity boys played 2 home games last week. In the first game, our boys faced off against St. Ben's on 1/3/2024. This was a more physical game than our first games of the season, but our boys kept their composure and finished the game strong with all members of the team involved on the court. On defense, Jeff Ennis made a statement as a rebounding machine! Scoring was led by Ben Leed and Michael Tirado. The final score was a victory for CTK, 35-24.

The second Varsity boy's game was at home against Queen of Heaven. This was a highly physical game which saw our team get in foul trouble for the first time this season. Despite that, the boys played another great game with some high-flying passing, fast scoring, and all-around solid teamwork. Scoring was led by Jackson Hartrich, Ben Leed, Michael Tirado, and Patrick Schmidt who each scored almost the same number of points (teamwork/selfless play!). The final score was a victory for CTK, 48-27, bringing the Varsity boys record to 4-0 so far this season. The boys have their biggest challenges ahead so please come out and support them especially at the upcoming home games!

Upcoming Games

Varsity Girls

1/10 @ St. Stephen's 6pm

1/12 @ CTK 8pm

1/17 @ St. Mary of Swormville 6pm

JV Girls

1/9 @ CTK 7pm

1/11 @ St. Mary's Swormville 6pm

1/18 @ CTK 7pm

Varsity Boys

1/12 @ CTK 7pm

1/16 @ St. Mary Swormville 8pm

JV Boys

1/9 @ CTK 6pm

1/12 @ CTK 5pm

1/17 @ CTK 6pm

CTK Families,

For those of you who are unaware, my name is Matthew Klein and I accepted the position of Athletic Director for Christ The King School just before the start of the 2023-2024 school year. All of you know me as the PE Teacher along with Middle School Health, though I'm also currently the Treasurer of the Parents Guild, parent of a 7th and a 3rd-grade student, and an alumnus of CTK.

I've noticed a few things in the past couple of months on the job that I feel need to be better presented to the CTK community. All families of CTK students are members of the Parents Guild. There is a PG Board that helps coordinate the events run by the PG. All families are encouraged/expected to participate with the PG in the form of volunteering time, contacts, ideas, etc. as the Diocese requires each Catholic School to fundraise to help offset tuition. The Sports' Boosters essentially works the same way, though their fundraising helps offset league fees, jerseys, equipment, and anything that the Physical Education program needs to provide a complete program for every student. In the past, there was an understanding that members of the SB were families who had students participating in a sport at CTK. While true, the fact that SB fundraising goes towards the PE Program means that each family is a part of the SB just like the PG.

The fundraising of both the SB and the PG falls under one umbrella of CTK School, but goals for each entity are set by the overall school budget in coordination with the CTK Business Office, as well as fundraising guidelines as set forth by the Diocese of Buffalo.

In taking the position of A.D. my duties cover coordination of coaches for our sports teams, ensuring payments are made for any league fees, helping assist coaches with the distribution of uniforms, securing fields/courts/arenas/rinks for participation, and working collaboratively with the SB to make sure communication with the CTK families and surrounding community is being done. What I've come to realize is that the SB Board has taken a major hit this year with families leaving the school who were heavily involved. The SB Board's responsibilities have fallen on a few remaining members who have done an admirable job so far but need more help.

Call to Action:

The Sports Boosters needs an influx of new active members to help carry on the great tradition set forth by previous members. The SB events are the Mum Sale, Fall Fest Basket Raffle, Laux Sporting Goods Apparel Sale, and the Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament. These events are staples of the SB program, though we are not limited to only these events. Peter Streit has stepped up to lead the Sports Boosters for the remaining school year along with next year. You would be volunteering time to make sure we have enough volunteers, supplies, etc. for the existing events along with those current active Board members. With that said there are parents available with experience and notes on these events so no one is joining and having to start from scratch.

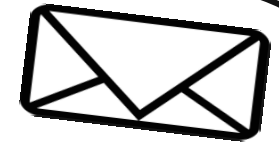
Please email me (mkleinpe@myctkschool.com) and Peter Streit (petertstreit@gmail.com) with your questions. Go Badgers!

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