



Christ the King Lutheran School
KNIGHTS
Unionville - Sebewaing MI

Looking for Yearbook Photos:

CTKL is going to put together a school yearbook this year. We need photos of field trips, sporting events, etc. Please drop them off, or e-mail them to Holli Vogel ASAP.

The “Knightly” News

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Honest Questions

“You know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

Note: This devotion is based on the Devotion for Jan. 6 from the devotional book *One Year Devotions for Men on the Go*.

My friend Van had lots of questions. He held back on making a decision for Christ because he wanted to be convinced. When I and another friend, Bob, met with Van, I thought we were there to answer his questions.

“What about all the people around the world who have never heard about Jesus?” Van asked confidently.

I shared my understanding of how God judges everybody by his or her reaction to creation. Bob interrupted me and said, “You don't really care about that question, Van. Just ask Jesus to come into your heart.”

I was immediately irritated and wondered why Bob was ignoring Van's question. Van, however seemed undaunted.

“How can the Bible say that the world was made in six days when science shows it has taken millions of years?” he asked.

Again, I jumped in and began answering Van's question, and again Bob interrupted me: “Van, you really don't care about that question, either. You are just using it to put off asking Jesus into your life.”

I was about to confront Bob over his interruptions when Van said, “You know, Bob, you're right. I have been afraid to ask Jesus into my life, and I have been hiding behind these questions so I could ignore the real issue. I do need to ask Jesus into my life.”

That day, I learned something very important about people's questions, namely that they aren't always asked for the purpose of learning more about Christ but for trying to hide their real need: Jesus himself.

I have found myself in similar situations. I think it is important to be able to defend your faith and your beliefs and answer questions like Van had for his friends. After looking back on these situations in my life, I realize that I ignored the simple – the obvious, which in our Devotion, Bob did not ignore. I think that sometimes people ask questions, or refute, or choose to make excuses. These things are just that – excuses, or things that cover up their true need – Jesus himself. Bob called Van out on this in our devotion, and that is what it took for Van to realize his true need – Jesus as his savior.

Prayer: *Lord, help me to see past people's questions to their need for you.*

- Mr. Kumm

2nd Annual Knight Invitational Basketball Tournament

On Saturday, January 16, CTKL will host the 2nd Annual Knight Invitational Basketball Tournament. All games will be played at USA High School and USA Middle School. In addition to your Knights, the Boys tournament includes Peace-Saginaw, St. Paul-Millington, Immanuel-Frankentrost, Caseville, and OwenGage. The Girls tournament also includes Faith-Bay City, Immanuel-Frankentrost, St. Paul-Millington, St. Stephen-Waterford, and Trinity-Toledo, OH. The CTKL Boys will take the floor at 12:30 against the winner of Caseville v. Immanuel-Frankentrost. The CTKL Girls will play their opening game at 1:30 against the winner of Faith-Bay City v. St. Stephen-Waterford. Games continue with Consolation games being played at 2:30 (Boys), 3:30 (Girls); Third Place games at 5:00 (Boys) and 6:00 (Girls); and Championship games at 5:00 (Boys) and 6:00 (Girls). Come on our and cheer on the KNIGHTS!

We would appreciate additional volunteer help and/or monetary donations to help with expenses. If interested please contact Mr. Kumm at dkumm@ctkl.org or send a note to school with your child. Donations can be sent to school with your child. *** All parents of basketball players will be assigned a shift to work, as well as an item to donate for concessions.

School Improvement

Following our Accreditation Visit, we embark on a 5-year cycle involving evaluation and implementation of a school improvement plan. Some of these items are already in motion: Student Council, Yearbook, Baptismal Remembrances, Social Studies Fair, Honor Roll Breakfast, etc. Other items are on the horizon: adopting a new Social Studies Curriculum, reviewing a school-wide Writing Curriculum, evaluating support tools across curricular areas, etc.

As far as the physical plants go, we have seen the renovations to the Unionville Campus school and playground. Other items on the “short list” in this area include: New Chairs for the Sebewaing Computer Lab, Full-size lockers for students in Grades 5-8 at the Sebewaing Campus (beginning with students in grades 7-8), and a continued push for upgrades to playground equipment.

Technology will continue to be a area for improvement – as it changes daily. Ideas in this area include: Purchasing new keyboarding software, making more technology available in the classroom (i.e. Smart Boards and Projectors), rather than just having to go to the lab, and purchasing additional software titles for both campuses. I would also like to look at various on-

line database and grading programs to see if there are any programs out there that would meet the needs of CTKL at an affordable price.

This list is long, but not exhaustive. I would like to invite parents to be a part of this process as well. If you see one of the above projects that you would like to help coordinate, support, or donate, please let me know. Ideas, suggestions, and comments are always welcome.

Through Faith and Prayer, God will guide and provide for us through the school improvement process. The items listed aren't all targeted for immediate completion, but are all part of the 5-year plan. As we approach each project, we know God will guide. We need to be good stewards of the time, talents, and treasures that God has blessed us with. We are honoring God by using our gifts in support the ministry that takes place at Christ the King Lutheran School. Please continue to keep our ministry in your prayers.

DRESS CODE

With being in the heart of winter in the coming months, please be sure your children are dressed for the weather. We do go outside for recesses unless the temperature is in the low single-digits or we have a windchill of below zero. There have been some students who have come to school wearing shorts this week.

We have also seen an increase in the number of students who are wearing cloths (jeans for the most part) that have holes in them, are tattered, frayed, or torn. We want our students to look neat in their appearance. This is out of respect and in honor of our God. Being neatly dressed is also a positive reflection on our school, and at times wearing clothes that are torn, frayed or with holes in them leads to distractions and takes away from our learning environment. This is not acceptable dress at CTKL. Please see that students are coming to school dressed appropriately. If a student is in violation of the school dress code, they will be asked to call home and get a change of clothes.

Sports Corner

A Team Games at Holy Cross-Saginaw have been moved to Thursday, January 14 at 4:30. There are no games scheduled for Monday, Jan. 18. Girls will practice early, boys will practice late.

Final Records / Season Recap:

Girls "Blue": The girls finished with a record of 7-3. They won the Consolation Championship at the St. Michael-Richville Tournament. Much learning took place, and a great foundation of the game of basketball was established.

Girls "Silver": The girls finished the season with a record of 11-3. They tied for the TCLL South Division Championship and were Runners-Up at the Peace-Saginaw Tournament. The foundation is in place to make the move to the A team next season.

Boys B: The Boys currently have a record of 12-0. They participate in the St. Michael-Richville Tournament this weekend. The boys were the Champions of the TCLL-South Division. They have shown much improvement from last season and have a bright future.

Thanks to all the players, parents, and coaches for a great season. You proudly represented CTKL and should be commended for your accomplishments. Praise God for a great season!

Upcoming Games:

Boys B Basketball:

Sa/S 1-9/10 - St. Michael-Richville Tourn. - TBA

This event is rescheduled from the earlier postponement. This will mark the end of their season.

Girls "A" Basketball:

Th 1-14 - at Holy Cross-Saginaw - 4:30

Sa 1-16 - CTKL Inv. Tournament at USA

W 1-20 - at St. Michael-Richville - 4:30

F 1-22 - HM vs. Trinity-Reese - 4:30

Boys "A" Basketball:

W 1-13 - HM vs. Akron-Fairgrove - 4:30

Th 1-14 - at Holy Cross-Saginaw - 5:30

Sa 1-16 - CTKL Inv. Tournament at USA

W 1-20 - at St. Michael-Richville - 4:30

F 1-22 - HM vs. Trinity-Reese - 4:30

Upcoming Events Calendar

Sa 1-16 - 2nd Annual Knight Inv. Basketball Tournament - Hosted at USA

Su 1-17 - Jr. Children's Choir at St. Peter-Bach - 9:00 am

Th. 1-21 - 11:15 Dismissal - End of Qtr. 2

Su. 1-24 - Children's Choir at St. Paul - 8:00

Fri. 1-22 - NO SCHOOL - Records Day

Mon. 1-25 - Report Cards Issued

Th. 1-28 - Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences

Fri. 1-29 - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Breakfast (Gr 5-8 7:30 am) - **Tentative Date**

Su - 1-31 - Children's Choir at Immanuel - 10:30

School Lunch Menu

M 1/11 - Salisbury Steak w. Noodles **M 1/18** - Roast Beef w/ Potatoes

T 1/12 - Chicken Noodle Soup **T 1/19** - Goulash

W 1/13 - Lasagna **W 1/20** - Pizza

Th 1/14 - Sliced Ham w/ Potato **Th 1/21** - Early Release

F 1/15 - Walking Taco **F 1/22** - No School

Church Attendance

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Kindergarten:	89%		Fifth Grade:	85%
First Grade:	39%		Sixth Grade:	48%
Second Grade:	45%		Seventh Grade:	59%
Third Grade:	54%		Eighth Grade:	53%
Fourth Grade:	60%		Faculty:	75%

Overall percentage: 1/3: 56%

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