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Principal's News

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Ms. J. Doyle

Christ the King continues to be a vibrant learning community with staff and students involved not only in curriculum initiatives in the classroom but also in extra-curricular activities outside the classroom. We encourage all students to get involved in at least one of the many extra-curriculars available at the school. We were pleased this fall to host the inaugural Homecoming Celebration in October, an event we hope to continue with each year as a number of Ctk alumni returned to cheer on the school football teams. In the Arts, we host a music night on December 22 in the Irene McCauley Theatre at the school; hopefully, people can attend and support our music students. Student led initiatives such as the Coffee House last week in the library speak to an active Student Council who are committed to enriching student life at Ctk. In terms of academics, recent test results from the Education Quality and

Accountability Office (EQAO) show the majority of our students at or above ministry expectations with regards to literacy and numeracy. We continue to monitor test results and use the data to drive our school improvement plan. We encourage parents to check out our website and class portals to see the many programs available to support student learning. Moreover, Catholic School Council is quite active this year with twenty-nine people involved; we welcome all visitors and ask you to visit our website at www.ctk.ca for future meeting dates. Lastly, formal exams begin on Thursday, January 26, 2012 - students should check with classroom teachers to confirm exam dates and times.

As Advent comes to an end and we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we wish everyone a restful and relaxing Christmas break.

MATH DEPARTMENT EXTRA HELP

*Monday and
Wednesday*

**Room 304
2:30 to 3:30**

*Math Contest
Preparation*

Every other Thursday

**Room 304
2:30**

**Individual Teacher
Extra Help**

**As needed and as
schedules permit**

Mathematics Department

Grade 9 EQAO Testing

All grade nine students taking math semester 1 will write the math EQAO test on January 19th. Preparation for the test will take place in the math classes during the entire semester. Additional preparation for the test can be found on the EQAO web site (www.eqao.com)

Please encourage your child to attend Math extra help if they are having difficulties.

Religion/Family Studies/Social Sciences Department

November has been a busy month with many students engaged in experiential learning. The World Religions (HRT3M) teachers, Mr. Bourque, Mr. McManamy, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. VanderBurgt and Ms. Wendling brought their students to the ROM to explore art and artifacts and make cultural connections to the major world religions. Ms. Micallef-Grande escorted CtK students to the annual Interfaith Festival where the students

represented and explained tenets of our Catholic faith. Our Chaplain, Ms. Doyle, continues to facilitate the grade 9 retreats assisted by senior CtK students and the grade 9 Religion teachers. Resources explaining the changes to the Roman Missal are available on Staffnet and the CCCB website. Email T. DiGiuseppe if you need any assistance locating resources for classroom or personal use.

Technology Department

On Tuesday, November 15, 2011 Ms. Tomaro's and Mr. Magalas' Hospitality and Tourism classes had the opportunity to travel to The Mandarin to experience the tasty food, vibrant atmosphere, welcoming service, and informative session with Sunni Leung, the manager.

CtK showed the Mandarin that they really can EAT, indulging in foods such as, chicken balls, spring rolls, sushi, pizza, Kung Pao chicken, curry, dumplings, grilled meats and of course, dessert! After our great meal, we were privileged to have Sunni Leung speak to us about the history, customer service

policy, and facility. He did an amazing job outlining all the elements that have contributed to the Mandarin's success. Our day did not end here: thanks to Sunni we were able to take an inside look at The Mandarin's industrial kitchen and witness the employees at work.

Awesome service and staff, outstanding food, and a fun and exciting atmosphere make our students want to return year after year. Thanks Mandarin for always welcoming us with an inviting smile!

English Department: Much Ado About Something

Upcoming

Dates

January 9: Classes resume

January 19: Gr. 9 Math EQAO

January 26-February 1: exams

February 2-9: Dominican Republic HOPES trip

February 3: PD Day

February 6: Semester 2 begins

February 14: report card distribution

February 15: Catholic School Council

The English department was happy to start the fall semester with a flourish. Grade Nine students attended a production of *Romeo and Juliet* at The Classical Theatre Project in Toronto. Later in the fall, Grade Ten students attended a performance of *Macbeth*. The grade nine academic program introduced a new novel study this semester: *The Hunger Games*. This has had a very popular response with the students.

Later this month, Grade 9 Applied students will travel to Indigo in Milton for a book buying session. Students

receive a gift card and are encouraged to purchase a book of their choice. The trip to Indigo is in conjunction with our Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Program and Literacy initiatives at CtK. The Mock Literacy test was written on Wednesday December 7. All grade 10 students take part in this exercise and the tests are reviewed, marked, and returned to students. The Mock Literacy test is one component of many being used to prepare students for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in April.

Canadian and World Studies

It was a busy month of November in the Canadian and World Studies department. All our senior and intermediate geography classes were involved in experiential learning through several curriculum guided field trips. The grade 9 students visited the Science Centre to understand firsthand the art of geocaching while going on a treasure hunt through a complicated maze. The grade 11 and 12 physical geography students visited the quarry and hiked through the escarpment trails

looking for evidence of ecological foot prints. Our human geography grade 11 and 12 students went to explore Toronto's urbanization and address world issues at a taping of *The Hour*. Lastly, on November 11th at 11:00am the school paused as we paid our respects to our Canadian soldiers, both past and present in a somber but illuminating Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Science Department

Looking for an enrichment opportunity in the World of Science? Check out the bulletin board outside of workroom 34 for current opportunities.

Senior Science Contests: are you interested?

Avogadro Chemistry Exam: May 17, 2012

Sir Isaac Newton Physics Exam: TBA

National Biology Contest: April 26,

2012

Talk to your senior science teacher in the New Year if you are interested!

Need Help?

Gr. 9 & 10 Science Help: Wednesdays & Thursdays at 2:30 in Rm. 314 (check the schedule on the door)

Senior Science Help: Please speak to your teacher directly.

Special Education

The Special Education Department believes each pupil has the right to an education that fosters spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social growth. We currently service 265 students identified with various exceptionalities such as: learning disabilities, hearing and vision impaired, life skill students, and students with Asperger's Syndrome. The Special Education staff is comprised of six full time Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTS), a Child and Youth Counselor, and 11.5 educational assistants.

This semester, Naomi Coffey, Anthony Lograno and Dan Folia introduced forty-five grade nine students to assistive technology in their GLE course. New technology is always on the horizon and keeping current is a full time job! Technology like Wiki spaces, digital text, drop box and Prezi are among a few of the mediums that open the doors

to learning. Tricia Maltby is responsible for teaching real life literacy and numeracy skills to the students in her period 1 class. To this end, the Tuck Shop will be reopened under new management! Susan Bradley facilitates our Life Skills program which currently services twelve developmentally delayed and autistic students. This program is designed for students who follow a destination pathway leading to independent/semi-independent/ supported living and employment. The goal of this program is to enhance students learning in three main areas: communication, daily living, and social skills. Finally, in addition to her counseling duties, our Child and Youth Counselor, Nicole Crawford, spearheads many of our initiatives, including our Best Buddy program and the anti-bullying campaign, when not counseling the many students on her caseload. The Special Education Department is extremely busy meeting the needs of students and teachers!

Student Services Update

It's been an extremely busy autumn in Student Services. In addition to our current counselors, Mrs. Favero, Ms. Kelenc, and Mrs. Vasile, we welcomed Mrs. Waters to our team, formerly from the Special Education Department. Some of the highlights from this semester include our Grade 9 Class Visits, our University and College Fair, Take our Kids to Work Day, Grade 12 Assemblies, and our School to Career Assembly promoting many specialty programs in the board such as SHSM, OYAP and Bronte Creek/Trailhead. Our grade 11 and 12 students are currently researching and visiting potential post secondary destinations, preparing scholarship applications, and many have already applied to the college or university of their choice. Just recently, we hosted the grade 8 teachers from our family of schools, and we welcomed Grade 8 parents to our

beautiful facility. As well counselors visited all five feeder schools and delivered presentations to Grade 8 Students about their option sheets for grade 9 and life in general at Christ the King. This year we are launching a new initiative: all students in all grades will be registering for their courses using a new software program called My Blueprint. In addition to other functions, this program will allow students and parents to create a four year academic plan and receive immediate results for possible apprenticeship, college, or university pathways available to them. We look forward to continuing to serve the Christ the King community. Please check the Student Services link on the school's public website for complete and up to date information.



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Ms. J. Doyle - CtK School Chaplaincy Leader

Reflecting on the chaplaincy activities of the first semester, it has been a busy but productive first semester. As a Catholic school community, it is important to come together to celebrate our faith. Fr. Dave Wynen, pastor of Holy Cross parish celebrated Mass in our Chapel on September 15th. It is a blessing and a privilege to have again the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel after the summer break. The school community gathered at two Masses on October 11th in Thanksgiving for our many gifts. Fr. Jonas, pastor at the French parish of Sacre Coeur in Georgetown, celebrated Mass in our chapel in French for about 60 students and staff on November 30th. We marked the season of Advent as a school community with a Liturgy of the Word on December 8th. Fr. Dave was also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 2nd for all students and staff.

Retreats are an important part of the Chaplaincy program at CtK, as they provide the students with time to reflect on their faith journey and how to live as disciples in our world. Retreats were led for our Prefects as well as all Grade 12 Religion classes. All Grade 9 classes participate in a retreat as well as Chapel Chat, an opportunity to visit our chapel and learn about this sacred space reserved for worship and prayer. An opportunity to develop leadership skills and to assist the chaplain with the Grade 9 retreats is available to Grade 11 & 12 students. Nearly 30 students helped to facilitate our Grade 9 retreats this year. As well, ten of our students volunteered as Young Apostles to assist with the Grade 8 Youth Rallies in November.

It is a great privilege to journey with our students through their retreat experiences, but also through their daily lives. Many students visit the chaplain's office burdened with grief and emotional issues. Others just need a place to share their joys or frustrations. All are welcome. It has been a busy, but fruitful first semester and we look forward to the many blessings semester two will bring.

