



## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOLS

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### Welcome to the February First Friday Flash Newsletter!

This monthly newsletter is intended to give you an overview of activities and events around CTK Diocesan Schools through the upcoming month.

#### *February's Virtue: Honesty*

The virtue of honesty is a character trait concerned with reliably not intentionally distorting the facts.

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#### CTK Communication Updates

As stated in the Monday Blessings email on 1/2/23, in an effort to streamline how information is distributed to families, there are a few changes in the school's communication processes:

- Information and resources will be on the FACTS Family Portal website and on the FACTS Family app versus sending several individual emails.
- Make sure you are ready to start 2023 by going to your app store and downloading the FACTS Family app to your phone for a one-time cost of \$4.99 per year. All the CTK Schools news and needed information can be found online and done on the app too.
- Check out the First Friday Flash newsletter on the First Friday of each month. On the Third Thursday of each month, watch for your Dean's notes. Additional information on classroom events and activities will come home through classroom teachers with Thursday Folders.

**COMING SOON:**  
**New school website at [www.ctkschoolslbk.org](http://www.ctkschoolslbk.org)**  
**&**  
**Open Enrollment for the 2023-2024 School Year**

*(see calendar of events & athletic schedules  
further down in the newsletter)*



**February 3 - Feast of St. Blaise - Today all students received a blessing of the throat at All-School Mass!**

**Saint Blaise's Story**

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

**- [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)**

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[ctkcathedralschool.org](http://ctkcathedralschool.org) and [ctkdiocesanhighschool.org](http://ctkdiocesanhighschool.org)



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## Stretching Out the Catholic Schools Week Fun! | Christ...

It was great to see so many students and families at the Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Mass at Christ the King Cathedral last Sunday, 1/29. What a great way to start off our week! Little did we know that the week's weather would throw us a few...

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## CTK Schools Voted Best Private School for 4th Year!

Thank you to everyone who voted for CTK Schools in KCBD's Best of the West competition in November & December! For the fourth consecutive year, CTK has been voted the BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL in the Lubbock area! We are honored by your support!

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## High School Science Fair Results | Christ the King Schools

The CTK Diocesan High School Science Fair competition was held on Wednesday, 1/25/23. Students presented with digital project boards again this year giving them experiences that will aid in transitioning to college level courses with the same...

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## CTK Cathedral Youth Fundraiser: Painting With a Purpose...

Christ the King Cathedral's Youth Group is sponsoring a fundraiser: Painting With a Purpose on Friday, February 10. Activity is for adults 21 and over. Limited spots are available see attached flyer for details and how to reserve your spot!

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### **Senior Jackson Garcia Qualifies for State Swim Meet |...**

CTK swimmer senior Jackson Garcia competed in two events at the TAPPS regional swim meet in Mansfield on Friday, February 27. He competed well and placed 6th in the 100 backstroke and 10th in the 50 freestyle. At regionals it was announced that...

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### **Host Families Needed for International Students**

We are currently looking for new host families for our international students from China, to begin hosting as early as this spring semester and the 2023-24 school year. In order to host, we ask the host family to provide three meals a day, ...

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### ***Substitute Teachers Needed for the Spring Semester!***

Teaching experience is not required, just a love of children! This is a great flexible job that will keep you involved in your student's school! Pay is dependent on working experience.

To apply, fill out this application and return to Mrs. Guzman by email or in person in the front office.

**CTK Employment Application**

***Junior High Valentine's Dance  
hosted by the 7th grade class  
Saturday, 2/11/23  
7:00pm - 9:30pm***

**\$5.00 entry fee**  
**Non-CTK student guests**  
**must be added to guest list**  
**by 2/8/23**



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**CTKDHS**  
**Class of 2024**  
**Breakfast Burritos**

**TUESDAY, 2/24/23**  
**RESCHEDULED (again)**  
**MONDAY, 2/13/23**

Pick up pre-ordered burritos\*  
 before school in the CTK Cafeteria  
 7:15 am - 7:40 am

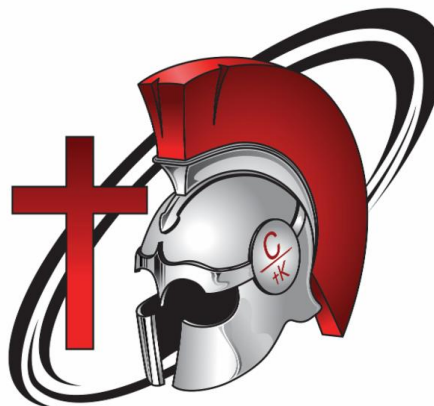
All proceeds will help our CTKDHS Class  
 of 2024 (the Juniors!) raise funds for  
 their Senior Trip next year!  
 Thank you for your support!

ITEM	Price	QTY	SUBTOTAL
Sausage, Egg & Cheese.....	\$3.00/each	_____	\$_____
Egg & Cheese.....	\$3.00/each	_____	\$_____
Juice/Water.....	\$1.00/each	_____	\$_____
Total Amount Due \$_____			

Form of payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW Due Date: By 8am on Friday, 2/10/23**  
 \*If you already pre-ordered for burritos using our previous order forms for 1/24  
 or 2/2, your order will be honored on 2/13!  
 Checks should be made payable to: CTK Schools.  
 Please turn in to the front office or your student's teacher.

**Junior Class Breakfast**  
**Burrito Sale rescheduled**  
**from 2/1 to Monday, 2/13!**  
**Previous orders will be**  
**honored on 2/13! New orders**  
**are due by Friday, 2/10!**  
**Order form was emailed**  
**to all families by**  
**Dr. Chang on 2/1/23**



**BASKETBALL SEASON IS WRAPPING UP!**

**Come out to cheer on the Trojans (our Jr. High athletes) &**  
**the Golden Lions (our High School athletes)!**

**Home game admission fees:**

**Adults - \$5.00 each & Children - \$3.00 each**

**CTK Students - FREE**

**Today, 2/3 - Varsity teams @ Abilene Christian (6/7:30)**

**Sat., 2/4 - JH @ WTCAA Championship Playoffs @ All Saints**

**1st girls' game at 10am & 1st boys' game at 11am**

**Tues., 2/7 - Varsity teams @ Southcrest Christian (6/7:30)**

**Wed., 2/8 - Rescheduled from 1/31/23 - SENIOR RECOGNITION**

**Varsity teams v. Ascension Academy (HOME-6/7:30)**

**TAPPS Swimming - our CTK High School swimmer, senior Jackson Garcia, will be competing in the 100 backstroke at the TAPPS State Swim Meet in San Antonio on 2/6/23.**

*\*schedule is subject to change*

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## **LOW EFFORT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!**

**These are easy ways that your day-to-day spending  
can also help CTK Diocesan Schools!**

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### **Buy United/Market Street, Caprock Cafe/Orlando's &...**

SCRIP has changed their name to RaiseRight as of 5/4/22! One platform. One name. So many ways to earn. Local retailers are available for purchase direct from school or online at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com): United/Market Street/Amigos/United Express and...

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Required Service Hours  
Guidelines for the 2022-2023  
School Year: For the 2022-2023  
school year, CTK Schools  
families will once again be asked  
to fulfill their family required  
service hours. Two-parent  
families ...

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## CTK CAFÉ NEWS & DEADLINES!

The CTK Café is open daily  
throughout the school year  
except when we have noon  
dismissal. If you need a refresher  
on how to order lunches, click  
here for printable instructions:

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## Non-Athletic Event Dates

*dates/times are accurate at time of publication but are subject to change!*

**WATCH FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL DEANS!**

<b>2/3</b> - First Friday All- School Mass @ 8:15am; Noon Dismissal	<b>2/6</b> - 4th - 8th Grade Science Fair; Chick-fil- A Fundraiser	<b>2/13</b> - Jr. Class Breakfast Burrito Sale before school!	<b>2/16</b> - South Plains Regional Science & Engineering Fair	<b>Upcoming:</b> <b>3/1</b> - Mar. seasonal dress day
<b>2/4</b> - Catholic Schools Week Dinner/Dance & Big Raffle Drawing	<b>2/7</b> - Muffins with Mom & Donuts for Dad before school, 7:15-8:15am; elementary & science fair awards at morning	<b>2/14</b> - Feb. seasonal dress day; Elementary Valentine's Day parties	<b>2/20</b> - School Holiday for Presidents' Day	<b>3/2</b> - Dr. Suess/Read Across Texas Day
<b>2/6 - 2/10</b> - 3rd-8th Grade Class Spelling Bees (see Mrs. Riney's email for more info)	<b>2/11</b> - Jr. High Valentine's Dance	<b>2/15</b> - 2pm Early Dismissal for Faculty Faith Formation; Free Dress Day: Home & School meeting @ 5:30	<b>2/21</b> - School Spelling Bee	<b>3/3</b> - First Friday All- School Mass
			<b>2/22</b> - Ash Wednesday All-School Mass	<b>3/10</b> - Noon Dismissal
				<b>3/13-3/17</b> - Spring Break

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