



## Christ The King Diocesan Schools

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### Welcome to the November 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.

The Virtue for November's Virtue of the Month Is  
**HUMILITY**

A quality by which a person considering his own defects has a lowly opinion of himself and willingly submits himself to God and to others for God's sake.

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***November's 2pm Dismissal for Faculty Faith Development will be Wednesday, 11/15/23!***

***Thanksgiving Break: 11/20 - 11/24***

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Time Change is THIS Sunday, 11/5!  
Remember to set your clocks to "fall back" one hour!

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***Parent-Teacher Conferences  
will wrap up next week (11/6-11/8).***

*If you have not scheduled a meeting with your student's teacher(s) to discuss your child's progress so far this year, please consider taking this opportunity to do so.*

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**Dress code guidelines change after Thanksgiving!  
Shorts should not be worn to school from  
Thanksgiving break until Spring Break!**

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

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Turkey, pumpkin pie, parades, and football are synonymous with this secular holiday, but how can Catholics help their families realize that being thankful is at the core of our faith? Most families already incorporate the traditional blessing over the food, but this year try adding one of these suggestions to your celebration.

**1) Go To Mass.** Challenge your family to really think about the meaning of this holiday. Who are we offering our thanks to as we celebrate? GOD! It's not always fun to get up early and out the door on a day off from school or work, but there's no better way to show our gratitude than to join in the celebration of the Mass.

**2) Count Your Blessings.** Share with one another about the many things you are thankful for in your lives. Write down what you are thankful for on a tablecloth that can be used from year to year or start a blessings jar and jot down your blessings on a slip of paper. Be sure to record names and ages too!

**3) Enjoy The Feast and Fun.** Make this day a joyful celebration of fun for all. Incorporate each family member's favorite foods to feast on and then take some time to play together. Whether it's board games or backyard football, cherish the moments together and create memories as you strengthen the bond of family.

**4) Plan A Way to Serve Together.** Think of a way to show your gratitude through an act of service that you will do as a family before Christmas. Visit a homeless shelter, rake the neighbor's leaves, bake cookies for a friend in need, or ask your family's input for more creative suggestions.

"Father, we are thankful for the food on our plates this holiday. When so many of our brothers and sisters are suffering, you provided for us a bounty. We are appreciative of the fact that you have connected each of our lives in ways that honor you and show how much you love all of us. God thank you for the love you provide to us through one another. Amen."

From: [Catholic Readings web site: littlesaintsadventures.com](http://Catholic Readings web site: littlesaintsadventures.com)



Veterans Day Prayer Service, Friday, 11/10/23 @ 2:30pm |  
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### **The Week of November 6th is Vocations Week!**

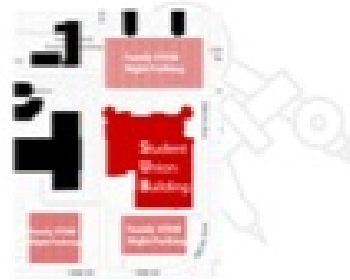
CTK Schools has some activities throughout the week. On Monday, there will be a "Seminarian Draft" at an All-School Morning Prayer at 8:15am in the gym. Through the course of the year, student groups will send care packages to their seminarians with encouraging notes, treats and more. Classes will be praying for vocations throughout the week and will have visits from the Diocesan Vocations Office. Jr. high and high school students will celebrate the deacons who serve in the Lubbock parishes on Thursday with Donuts With Deacons. It will be a great week of information sharing.



# **Family STEM Night**

Monday, November 13, 2023  
4:00-7:00 PM

- Free come-n-go event for K-12 students and their families
- Engage in hands-on-STEM exploration
- Resources for families to engage in STEM activities at home



<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/stem/fsn/index.php>



## Christmas Greenery & Poinsettias 2023 | Christ the King Schools

The CTKDHS Senior Class is selling Christmas greenery and poinsettias as a fundraiser for their senior class trip in the spring. The greenery comes FRESH from MINNESOTA, and the poinsettias are grown locally by Ivey Gardens. The school has worked with both of these companies for many years and the



## Join Us at Outback Steakhouse on Wednesday, 11/8! | Christ the King Schools

Join the CTK Schools community for dinner at Outback Steakhouse on Wednesday, November 8th, from 5pm to close. 20% of your ticket will be given back to the school as a donation! Thank you to Outback for hosting us!

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quality of their products is wonderful.

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## Giving Tuesday Coming Tuesday, November 28, 2023! | Christ the King Schools

Giving Tuesday is often described as a global day of giving and is held each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Considered by many as the day that kicks off the giving season, it directly follows three major shopping days: Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday.

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## Give the gift that gives back and earn more

Get inspired with the 2023 Holiday Gift Guide—now available



## RaiseRight: Christmas Shop While Raising Funds for CTK Schools! | Christ the King Schools

The holidays are just around the corner, which means new opportunities for memory-making with family and friends. We all love the warm, fuzzy feeling we get from giving a great gift, but let's face it: finding the perfect present for everyone on your list isn't always easy.

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## Vote for CTK Diocesan Schools! | Christ the King Schools

It is "Voting Season"! Time to vote for our school in two different contests! City Bank's Community Rewards voting begins on Monday, 11/6, at 9am and continues through Friday, 12/1, at 9pm. Those 18+ years old can vote once per hour per email address.

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*Basketball Season starts this month!*

*Prayers for Trojans and Golden Lions team successes!*

(all schedules are accurate as of publication but are subject to change!)

11/3 - Varsity Football v. Kingdom Prep (HOMECOMING Game - 4:30pm)

11/14 - Varsity Basketball v. Holy Cross (HOME-5pm-VG/6:30pm-VB)

11/16-18 - Varsity Basketball @ Wellman Union Tournament (TBA-VG/VB)

11/16 - Jr. High Basketball @ Lubbock Homeschool (4pm-7G/5pm-7B/6pm-8G/7pm-8B)

11/27 - Jr. High Basketball @ Lubbock Harmony Science (5pm-8G/6pm-8B)

11/28 - Varsity Basketball @ Southland (5pm-JVB/6:30pm-VG/8pm-VB)

11/30 - Jr. High Basketball v. Southcrest Christian (4:30pm-7G/5:30pm-7B/6:30pm-8G/7:30pm-8B)

11/30-12/2 - Varsity Basketball @ Celeste Tournament (TBA-VG/VB)

12/1-12/2 - Jr. High Basketball @ All Saints Girls Tournament



Students get in FREE to all HOME games! Adults entry fee is \$5.00 and non-CTK student entry fee is \$3.00!

Come out and cheer on teams!

For full schedules, visit the Athletics tab at  
[www.ctkschoolslbk.org](http://www.ctkschoolslbk.org)

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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/Amigo's & Hundreds of Retailers thru RaiseRight to Help CTK Schools! | Christ the King Schools

You are encouraged to buy gift cards for hundreds of major retailers to use for your own day-to-day purchases or give them as gifts! Throughout the year, RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) offers bonus percentages for various retailers. Visit [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.com) for a full list of retailers and the percentages they give back to the school.

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CTK CAFÉ NEWS & DEADLINES!

The CTK Café is open daily

## Volunteer Opportunities | Christ the King Schools

There are MANY volunteer opportunities already this school year!

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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!**

11/3 - First  
Friday All-  
School Mass

11/5 - Fall  
Back! Set your  
clocks back  
one hour.

11/10 -  
Veterans Day  
Prayer Service  
at 2:30pm

11/15 - 2pm  
Early Dismissal  
for Faculty  
Faith  
Development

11/20-24 -  
Thanksgiving  
Break

11/28 - Giving  
Tuesday

12/1 - First  
Friday All-  
School Mass

12/8 - All-  
School Mass

12/11-15 -  
Angel  
Workshop

12/13 -  
Christmas  
Dinner; 2pm  
Early Dismissal

12/21 & 12/22 -  
Noon Dismissal

12//25-1/5 &  
1/8/24 -  
Christmas  
Break

12/15 - MLK  
Day - No  
School

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