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Welcome to the December 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.

December's Virtue of the Month Is Patience
The virtue of patience is found in the
steadfast endurance given by God.
It is the power to wait or endure without
complaint.

***December's 2pm Dismissal for Faculty Faith
Development will be Wednesday, 12/13/23!***

***Christmas Program
Wednesday, 12/20/23 - details below***

Noon Dismissals on 12/21 & 12/22
***Christmas Break: 12/22 @ noon - Monday, 1/8
Classes resume on Tuesday, 1/9/24***

Jr. High & High School Mid-Term Testing

will be 12/19-12/21
Schedules will be emailed soon!

Christmas Greenery & Poinsettias Orders have arrived!
You can pick up your orders in the Family Activity Center
Room #2 today until 6pm or Saturday (12/2), 9am-Noon

(see calendar of events further down in the newsletter)



Advent Family Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the
weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

- Author Unknown

FREE WEBINAR ADVENT RESOURCE:

*"A More Peaceful Family by Christmas:
The Catholic Parents' Guide to Advent"*

(sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York Marriage
and Family Life Office and Ave Maria Radio)

with Dr. Greg and Lissa Popcak

Monday, December 4th @ 7:00pm (ET)

Click here for sign up link:

<https://catholic.lpages.co/hom-lp-2022-09-02-webinar-r1-sign-up/>

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section of the school website: ctkschoolslbk.org



An Advent Service Project: "A Baby Shower for Mary"

For this year's Advent project, our school community will be collecting
baby items for Lubbock's Nurturing Center. The Nurturing Center provides

a safe, comfortable, and confidential environment to all women who come to their center in need of compassionate and individual tailored ...

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Join Us for the Annual Christmas Program "Can You Help Save Christmas?"

Families and friends are invited to the CTK annual Christmas program on Wednesday, 12/20/23, at 6pm in the CTK School Gym. Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will accompany the junior high and high school performing arts classes to present "Can You Help Save Christmas?"

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Christmas Lunch Scheduled for Wednesday, 12/13/23! Orders due Thursday, 12/7!

All parents and families are invited to join their student(s) for this year's Christmas Dinner (at lunch!) on Wednesday, 12/13/23. Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner prepared and served by the CTK Class of 2025. Order forms are due by next Thursday, 12/7/23. See order form with slightly adjusted lunch....

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December Give Back Night at Bubba's 33 Restaurant - Monday, 12/4/23

Ditch kitchen duty next Monday night, 12/4/23, and join the CTK Schools community at Bubba's 33 for the December giveback night! Eat between 5pm-9pm and mention CTK to your server for a portion of your receipt will be donated to the school! Previous giveback nights at Parry's Pizza and Outback Steakhouse have raised over \$1250 for the school!

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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!

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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It's Here: Big Raffle 2023-2024!

Christ the King Diocesan Schools' Big Raffle, one of our biggest fundraisers, will begin the first week of December when each family will need to pick up their packet of raffle tickets at the school. Instructions on ticket pick up will be sent to all families via email in coming days.

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Voting Closing Soon for CTK Diocesan Schools!

Don't Forget to vote for CTK Schools in two different contests! KCBD's Best of the West voting continues through Friday, 12/15. CTK Schools has won the Private School category for the past THREE years! Help us win for a FOURTH year by voting for CTK!

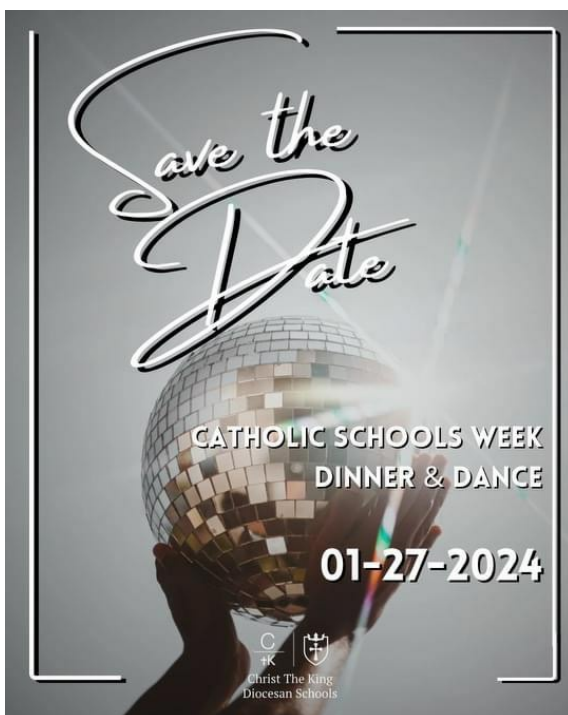
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Thank You for Donating to #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday!

It is with grateful hearts that we announce that donations totaling \$13,849 were received for CTK Diocesan Schools for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday! Many thanks to everyone who supported CTK Diocesan Schools and Catholic education in the Diocese of Lubbock!

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Catholic Schools Week

Celebration Dinner & Dance Coming Saturday, 1/27/24

The CTK Home & School Association invites all parents and friends of the school to celebrate the CTK faculty and staff as we kick-off Catholic Schools Week with the annual dinner and dance on Saturday, 1/27/24. Mark your calendars now and watch for details on how to get your tickets - OR - your special table!

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December School Masses:

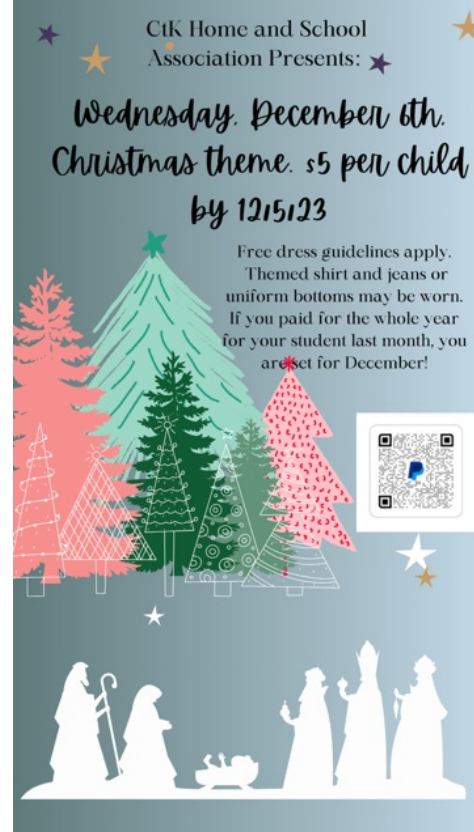
Today- First Friday All-School Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist

12/8 - All-School Mass at 8:15am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12/14- JH & HS Mass at 8:15am in Spanish with CTK Spanish Club

12/15- Elementary Mass at 8:15am

12/21 - All-School Mass to end the 1st Semester of School



Angel Workshop 2023 Opens Monday, 12/11/23!

The annual Angel Workshop will be open Monday, 12/11, through Friday, 12/15. Please see information below from the Angel Workshop Chairpersons. The Angel Workshop (courtesy of your Home and School Association) is intended to be a "one stop shop" for our youngest gift-givers: our CTK students.

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Students Needed for CTK Cathedral's Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Christ the King Cathedral's Children's Faith Formation office will once again be presenting the Cathedral's Christmas Eve Nativity Play at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass. Students, especially those in PreK-5th grades, are invited to sign up for parts in the play. Please visit www.ckkcathedral.org and follow the link for more information and to sign up.

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Looking for Host Families for the Spring Semester 2024 School Year!

We are currently looking for new host families for our international students to begin hosting after Christmas break for the spring 2024 semester. In order to host, we ask the host family to provide three meals a day, transportation to and from school, and a bed for the student.

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CTK Schools "Draft" Seminarians for the School Year

Several weeks ago, each school within CTK Diocesan Schools participated in a "Seminarian Draft" to select seminarians from the Diocese of Lubbock to give them prayer and support for the remainder of the school year. This program was put in place to support, uplift and build connections within our Catholic community as well as teach students about seminarian life.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024
6 PM

Spring Academic Competition Prep Underway!

* **PSIA Academic District Meet** for 1st - 8th grade students will be hosted at CTK Schools on Saturday, 2/24/24. Students are already working with coaches at the school, but parents are encouraged to watch and talk with their children so they can help them prepare at home too.

* **TAPPS Academic, Speech and Debate State Meet** for 9th-12th grade students will be April 22nd-24th in Waco. The **TAPPS State Art Meet** will be also be held in Waco, but on April 9th-10th. Students are currently self-studying and have all their study materials. We will start formal studying during the school day after Christmas break. Parents are encouraged to ask your children to see what they are studying for competition.

* The **CTK School Spelling Bee** will be held on Thursday, 2/15/24. Parents with students in 3rd-8th grades should have received an email from Mrs. Riney earlier this week with more details and a word list attached. Hard copies of the word list are also available in the front office.



Basketball Season is Going Strong!

Prayers for Trojans and Golden Lions team successes!

(all schedules are accurate as of publication but are subject to change! See Coach McComas' weekly email for updates!)

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

Sat., 12/2 - Girls JH Basketball @ All Saints Girls Tournament

Tues., 12/5 - JV-Boys & Varsity Basketball @ O'Donnell (5/6:30/8)

Thurs., 12/7 - JH Basketball @ Kingdom Prep (5/6/7)

Thurs., 12/7-Sat., 12/9 - Varsity Basketball @ Holy Cross Tournament

Fri., 12/8-Sat., 12/9 - JH Boys Basketball @ all Saints Boys Tournament (times TBA)
12/12 - Varsity Girls v. Friona (HOME-5pm)/JV & Varsity Boys v. Southland (HOME-6:30/7:30)
12/14 - JH Basketball @ St. Andrews (5/6/7)
12/15 - Varsity Basketball @ Plainview Classical (6/7:30)
12/18 - JH Basketball v. All Saints (HOME-4/5/6/7)
12/19 - JV/Varsity Basketball v. Wellman-Union (HOME-5/6:30/8)
12/28 - JV/Varsity Basketball @ Anton (11/12:30/2)
12/29 - Varsity Basketball v. Dawson (HOME-2/3:30)
1/2/24 - JV/Varsity Basketball @ Lubbock Home School (5/6:30/8)
1/5/24 - Varsity Girls Basketball v. Plainview Classical (HOME-6); Varsity Boy Basketball @ Dawson (7:30)

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

LOW EFFORT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!

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



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 for a full list of retailers and the percentages they give back to the school.

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Volunteer Opportunities | Christ the King Schools

There are MANY volunteer opportunities already this school year!

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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

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WATCH FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL DEANS!

12/1 - First Friday All-Schools Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

12/3 - Advent Begins

12/4 - All-School Morning Prayer @ 8:15

12/5 - HS Retreat and Service Day

12/6-12/7 - School Reconciliation Service (3rd-12th grades) - School

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12/8 - 8:15am - All Schools Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Week of 12/11 - Angel Workshop Open-see details above

12/13 - Christmas Lunch (see above); 2pm Early Dismissal & Free dress

12/14 - 8:15am - JH/HS Spanish Mass

12/18 - Polar Express Day (details to come)

12/19 - 12/21 - JH/HS Mid-Term Testing

12/21 - NOON DISMISSAL

12/22 - All-Schools Mass @ 8:15 followed by Christmas Caroling and Christmas parties; NOON DISMISSAL

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

1/15 - MLK Day - No School

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