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Welcome to the October 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. Watch for additional email updates during the month from the school administration and coaches.

October's Virtue of the Month Is Studiousness. Studiousness is seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth. Saints of Studiousness include St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Edith Stein.

Monday, 10/5/26:
All-School St. Francis Prayer Service at 7:50am

Tuesday, 10/6/26:
Individual Picture Day - School Appropriate Free Dress

Friday, 10/9/26:
CTK 21st Annual Grand Day - All-School Mass @ 8:15am followed by reception, program & classroom visits; NOON DISMISSAL for all students; End of 1st 9-weeks

Monday, 10/12/26: Student Holiday & Faculty/Staff In-Service Work Day

Wednesday, 10/21/26: 2pm Early Dismissal for Faculty Faith Development & Free Dress Day

Friday, 10/23/26: Student Holiday for Parent-Teacher Conferences - watch for sign-up details soon!

Flu Shot Clinic Coming Soon! Watch for details!

NOW HIRING for CTK Maintenance Position!
CTK Schools is looking for someone to join our team for daily cleaning and some school maintenance & repairs.
Regular work hours are 8:30am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday during the school year and adjusted hours during summer months.
If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact the school office.

October has many volunteer opportunities to work towards your required volunteer hours: volleyball & football gate & concession, Fall Festival game booths and donations, Fall Festival committee and more! Check out the Volunteer Opportunities section at this link: Volunteer Needs for where your help is needed!

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

Click on each newsletter topic for more details or visit the NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS section of the school website: **ctkschoolslbk.org**

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun



Remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet

Remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

Remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds

Remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

– Author Unknown



Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 Fall Festival: Saturday, October 26, 4-8pm

The Fall Festival is one of our school community's largest fundraisers! Mark your calendars for an evening of family fun with games, food and community on Saturday, October 24, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Wristbands allowing unlimited play at festival game booths are being pre-sold now as well as tickets for festival games and food booths.

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Class of 2029 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Tuesday, 10/6/26

The sophomore class is serving chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast TUESDAY, 10/6/26, from 7:15am-7:45am. Pre-order your plates by Monday, 10/5/26, at 4pm and your order will be ready for you to pick up and enjoy as soon as you come in.

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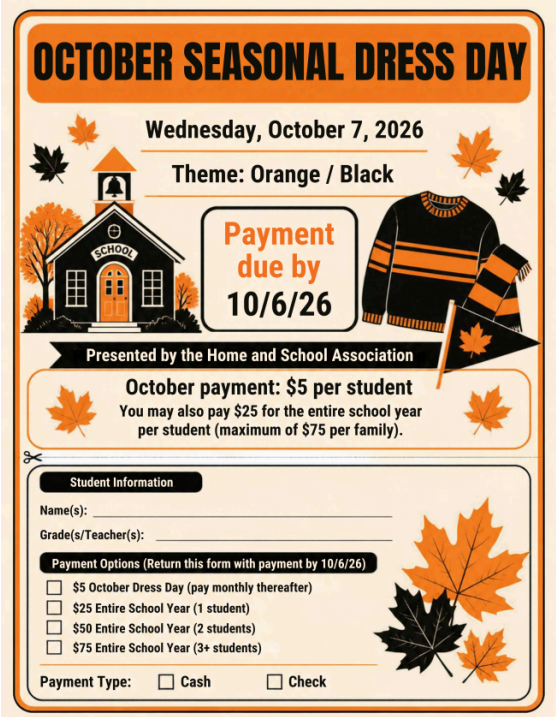




Last Chance for Footlong Hot Dogs at the South Plains Fair!

The South Plains Fair will finish this year's run on Saturday, 10/3, so the Home & School Association's famous foot-long hot dogs will be gone until next year! Come by and grab a hot dog (or two!) or order a frito chili pie!

Home & School would like to thank everyone who worked a shift or two, or even more, for the past week! The fair wouldn't be successful without your help!





CTK Students Recognized at Local Competitions

Congratulations to these art students on winning ribbons for their artwork displayed at the South Plains Fair:

- **Elementary: 1st place-Aiden M. (5th grade); 2nd place-Presley N. (1st grade); 3rd place-Veronica R. (5th grade); Honorable Mention-Eliana C. (1st grade)**
- **Jr. High: 1st place-Rachel R. (7th grade); 2nd place-Jose R. (7th grade); 3rd place-Layla P. (6th grade); Honorable Mention-Emma M. (7th grade)**
- **High School: 1st place-Joaquin V. (10th grade); 2nd place-Mateo B. (9th grade); 3rd place-Mya M. (12th grade); Honorable Mention-Cecilia C. (9th grade)**

Kudos to the FFA Chapter for their ribbons won in the Ag Mechanics competition at the South Plains Fair:

- **1st place for Planter Box entry**
- **4th place for Wicking Bed entry**

Congratulations to the Jr. High/High School Drumline in their first appearance at the West Texas Auxiliary Music Contest. The drumline placed 1st in the TAPPS division and received the trophy for Overall Outstanding TAPPS Drumline.



Join Us for the Ignatius Press Book Fair October 5-9 & Volunteers Needed!

Next week the CTK Library will host the fall book fair featuring items from Ignatius Press Book Fairs. The book fair will be open 8am-3:30pm, Monday through Thursday, and on Grand Day, Friday, 9am-noon. Classes will have the opportunity to shop the book fair during the week.

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Football, Volleyball & Cross Country Teams Continue to Compete in October

Watch for Coach McComas' weekly emails for football, volleyball and cross-country schedules! Coach also includes gate & concession volunteer opportunities that are available for ALL parents!

All CTK students get into HOME games at no charge! Non-CTK students' entry fees are $3.00 each and adult entry fees are $5.00 each. Entry fees & concession sales help off-set the cost of referees.



Volunteer Opportunities

Gate & Concession Stand Volunteers for Football & Volleyball Games, Fall Festival, Ignatius Book Fair and more...

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Buy United/Market Street/Amigo's & Hundreds of Retailers thru RaiseRight to Help CTK 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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Non-Athletic Event Dates

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WATCH FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM DR. C AND THE WEEKLY WRAP ON FRIDAYS!

TODAY - First Friday All-School Mass followed by Adoration until Benediction at 1:30pm; JH Service Day

10/5-10/9 - Ignatius Press Book Fair in the CTK Shipton Library

10/5 - All-School Morning Prayer/St. Francis Prayer Service

10/6 - Individual Picture Day - free dress (or PreK-8th gr. spirit shirt day)

10/7 - JH/HS girls: Heart & Habits at 7am; In-School SAT Testing; HS Service Day; H&S October Seasonal Dress Day (or for HS spirit shirt day); H&S Board Meeting at 5:30pm

10/9 - Grand Day; All-School Mass @ 8:15am; NOON DISMISSAL; End of 1st 9-weeks

10/12 - NO SCHOOL- Student Holiday, Faculty/Staff In-Service Day

10/13 - Spirit Shirt Day for PK-8th gr.

10/14 - PSAT Testing for 10/11; Spirit Shirt Day for HS

10/15 - JH/HS Weekly Mass @ 8:15am

10/16 - Elementary Weekly Mass @ 8:15am; All-School Afternoon Prayer at 2:40pm

10/19 - All School Morning Prayer at 7:50am

10/20 - PreK-8th Spirit Shirt Day

10/21 - JH/HS girls: Heart & Habits at 7am; High School Spirit Shirt Day; HS Service Day; 2pm EARLY DISMISSAL for Faculty Faith Formation

10/22 - JH/HS Weekly Mass @ 8:15am

10/23 - Student Holiday for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Saturday, 10/24 - Fall Festival, 4-8pm; watch for details!

10/26 - All School Morning Prayer at 7:50am

10/27 - Spirit Shirt Day for PK-8th gr.

10/28 - JH/HS girls: Heart & Habits at 7am; PSAT Testing 8/9; Spirit Shirt Day for HS

10/29 - JH/HS Weekly Mass @ 8:15am

10/30 - Elementary Weekly Mass @ 8:15am; All-School Afternoon Prayer @2:40pm; JH Fall Dance, 7-9:30pm

Looking Ahead:

11/2 - Elementary All Saints Day Parade & Parties

11/4 - November H&S Seasonal Dress Day (fall colors)

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