

March 2021

I was so happy we could celebrate being in school together for 100 days! There were many times we questioned whether we would be open and on campus for a few weeks, much less 100 days. I am so proud of our faculty, staff and students for reaching this milestone.

Reminder - Iowa Test

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered to on campus students in grades 2 - 8 from March 10 - March 17. Make sure your children get plenty of rest, have a good breakfast and come to school relaxed.

For our DL students, we will provide a safe, socially distanced environment for the students to test. It will begin on March 17 and end on March 26. Parents of DL students will be provided specific information on times next week.

In a recent Cardinal Update, SMCHS Principal Faustin Weber made an appeal to the families of St. Michael. He asked that all students return to on campus learning for the 4th quarter. I agree with Mr. Weber that students benefit from in person learning and social interactions with their teachers and peers. We have been able to provide a safe, sanitized environment for our students. Masking and social distancing are working. Unless there is a medical concern, I would like for you to consider sending your students back to campus. The physical presence of a teacher and classmates make a big difference in the educational experience.

I know that Covid is still a concern and we will still work with Covid protocols of quarantine when necessary, but I urge you to consider having your student return to the classroom.

Dates to Remember:

- March 5 - 3rd Quarter. AR Testing Ends
- March 12 - 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 19 - Faculty Retreat - No Classes for Students

Operation Rice Bowl

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. Please collect monies in the "Rice Bowls" sent home last month and ***send a check*** for your collections to CTKCS prior to Easter Break. Your support helps families around the world through Catholic Relief Services' development projects.

Dress Code for Boys

This is a reminder that beginning March 1st boys in PreK through 5th grade may wear short pants. Please remember all boys are required to wear long pants on Mass Days.

Tuition Assistance

Although families pay tuition, this does not cover the entire cost of education. The remaining cost is subsidized by Christ the King Church and St. Lawrence Church. This is why it is so important to contribute to your church. Families that are requesting tuition assistance must know that Christ the King Catholic School uses the FACTS program to determine if a family qualifies for tuition assistance. This is an online application that **must** be completed before any assistance can be given. The assistance given to families comes from the school (Scholarship Fund) and from the Church. It will only cover tuition, not registration fees. Since we are a Catholic School, we do not receive any federal funds or grants to help with tuition. We have a **limited** amount of money that can be given to qualifying families. Please complete the online application or contact the school office for more information.

Faculty Appreciation

All parents of third grade students who provided delicious snacks for our February faculty meeting.

Peace,
Lisa McDuff
Principal

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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Band Practice (MR) Prak3 - 5th Grade Boys may begin to wear shorts	2	3 1:30 PM PTO Exec. Mtg. Department Meeting 8:00 AM Mass (3rd Grade)	4 Band Practice (MR)	5 3rd Qtr. AR Testing Ends	6
7	8 Band Practice (MR) 8th Grade - Crazy 8's Class T-Shirt (Spirit Shirt Rules Apply)	9 School Advisory Council Meeting	10 Faculty Meeting ITBS Testing Begins 8:00 AM Mass (6th Grade)	11 10:30 AM Assistant Meeting (Art Room) ITBS Testing	12 ITBS Testing 3rd Qtr. Ends	13	
14	15 ITBS Testing April Special Lunch Orders Open	16 ITBS Testing	17 AR Awards following Mass Professional Development ITBS Testing 8:00 AM Mass (Kindergarten)	18 Band Practice (MR) 8th Grade - Crazy 8's Class T-Shirt (Spirit Shirt Rules Apply) ITBS - DL Students	19 Faculty Retreat - No Classes	20	
21 Last Day to Order Special Lunch	22 Band Practice (MR) ITBS - DL Students	23 ITBS - DL Students	24 Honor Roll & Virtue Awards following Mass 8:00 AM Mass (5th Grade)	25 Band Practice (MR) ITBS - DL Students Annunciation of our Lord	26 ITBS - DL Students	27	
28 Palm Sunday	29 Band Practice (MR) Spirit Shirt (Spirit Shirt Rules Apply)	30	31 8:00 AM Mass (4th Grade)	VIRTUE: Mercy OUTREACH: Food Pantry CSC			