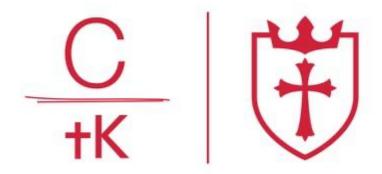
# CHRIST THE KING DIOCESAN SCHOOLS



# Discovering, Encountering, and Proclaiming *THE* Word

Student Handbook 2024-2025

This Handbook is a Living Document, which may be updated at any time.

#### PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families, and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. **Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.** We have deserved Your Just Judgment Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray, May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.

## **ACCREDITATION**

Christ the King Diocesan Schools are accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Accreditation Commission (TCCAC) which is recognized by the Texas Education Association (TEA) and can be found in the directory of Texas accredited schools under Lubbock County.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Christ the King Diocesan Schools, as an extension of the teaching office of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock, exists to provide a Christ-centered academic environment designed to promote the total development and faith formation of the child. This is accomplished by joining in community with the Roman Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Lubbock. Christ the King Diocesan Schools commit to accompany students to discover key skills through a strong academic foundation: empower students to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world; guide students to discern their individual calling from God; and to prepare students to be sent out into the world to minister as Jesus did.

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## HISTORY OF CHRIST THE KING DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

In 1957, Christ the King School was built on a cotton patch with the pledges of the parishioners from St. Elizabeth's Church. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, California, who were staffing a new hospital in Lubbock, brought additional sisters to teach at the school. Christ the King School is the only school outside of California in which the Sisters helped establish.

As a part of the Diocese of Amarillo in 1983, Christ the King parish became the cathedral parish through the Diocese of Lubbock. At the same time, the name of the school was changed to Christ the King Cathedral School. In July 2019, Bishop Robert Coerver announced that the high school grades would begin operating under a diocesan model supported by parishes from the Diocese of Lubbock who had students enrolled in the high school. Christ the King Cathedral School continued to operate under a parochial model for Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade with the financial support of CTK Cathedral parish. In the Spring of 2022, Bishop Coerver announced that CTK Cathedral School would join the Diocesan High School to become Christ the King Diocesan Schools supported by the Diocese of Lubbock beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. CTK offers a nurturing environment and distinctive education that gives the elementary students through high school students the means to lead an active Christian life. The community filled by the Spirit of Love shows a common core of beliefs.

At CTK Diocesan Schools, we integrate the teachings of the Catholic Church and create a Christian setting to help merge Gospel values with daily life. Furthermore, expression of our faith is given in the form of worship, prayer, and service. We express concern for others with a focus on social justice and reach out to those in our community.

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## BELIEFS OF CHRIST THE KING DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

# We, as people of God journeying together in faith, believe that:

- We are a unique creation of God who unconditionally loves each of us.
- Our Catholic education flows from the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are the foundation of the Church and of our educational ministry.
- Catholic educators will deepen their own faith life and that of their students through the spirit of prayer, shared worship, and service to the community.

# Our school, as a Christ filled learning community, believes that:

- We, together with the church and home, proclaim, teach, and witness the Gospel through our Catholic educational ministry.
- We are welcoming, inclusive, compassionate, and celebratory.
- We join parents of our students to raise children with a social conscience to strive for peace and justice.

# We, as Catholic educators, believe that:

- We perform teaching responsibilities with diligence and integrity.
- We enhance self-competence by continuing education to increase knowledge and skills.
- We foster a philosophy of education which encourages lifelong learning.
- We promote professionalism by respecting and preserving the privacy and dignity of colleagues, students, and parents.
- We uphold the authority of the school when communicating with parents, students, and the school community.

## We, as child focused educators, believe that:

- Students learn best when they are respected, valued and affirmed for who they are as unique expressions of the Creator.
- Students who think and question with integrity grow in learning, personal development, and authentic spirituality.
- All students are capable of learning and are called to the joy and the responsibility of developing their capabilities.

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• Students learn best with high and clear expectations and relevant assessments which are authentic and aligned to these expectations.

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#### PARENT'S ROLE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In Catholic tradition, parents, assisted by the Church, have primary responsibility for their children's education. When a student is enrolled at Christ the King Diocesan Schools, his/her parents enter into a partnership with the school. This partnership creates a special environment that fosters the child's academic success and emotional well-being. Parents have many opportunities to assist and support their child's education at Christ the King and are always encouraged to do so. The home/school relationship is a vital link in the education of the child. We expect parents to support the instruction and teachings of the school. If this does not happen the home/school relationship can be a detriment rather than a blessing. Parents should feel free to contact the child's teachers or the head of schools anytime there are questions or concerns.

# Parent's Responsibility

Good discipline should originate in the home. The parent is the first teacher and should develop good habits of behavior and proper attitudes in their child. A parent will:

- Teach the child to show respect to all school personnel entrusted with his/her guidance and education. Students should be courteous and friendly to schoolmates and show concern about others feelings in actions and words.
- Attend school functions and take part in meetings and other school-related activities.
- Stress the importance of being prepared for schoolwork by keeping up with materials, books, and supplies necessary for good schoolwork.
- Help the child appreciate the diversity of teachers and classmates. Encourage and guide wholesome friendships, interests, and activities.
- Above all, the parent or guardian needs to understand school rules and urge his/her child to comply and to cooperate with the school.

## STUDENT'S ROLE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

It is fundamental to the Catholic principles of education and to CTKDS that students actively engage in the educational process. Consequently, the faculty and administration expect each student to realize that the primary responsibility for learning rests squarely on their shoulders. Parents, teachers, and friends may guide and direct the learning process, but real achievement in an academic endeavor is not possible when students take passive roles in the process.

- A student is expected to be on time for each course and to miss a course only in the case of illness or other serious reasons. The student is expected to engage actively in the dialogue and lesson exercises. Further, they are expected to assist in maintaining the due order and decorum of the classroom by refraining from disruptive conduct and actively promoting the learning process.
- A student is expected to bring all necessary materials to a course including textbooks, homework, notebooks, pens and pencils, binder paper and any other materials required by the

- teacher in a particular course.
- A student is expected to understand and complete every homework assignment. If a student fails
  to understand an assignment, it is their responsibility to communicate with a particular teacher to
  seek aid. Although copying homework assignments is never allowed, students are encouraged to
  study together, particularly in subject matter where homework problems are difficult or
  challenging

#### TEACHER'S ROLE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

From the secular perspective, teachers are employees subject to civil taxes and the like; but from a religious perspective they are Ministers of Catholic Schooling. They are semi-volunteers since they do not -- nor are they likely to -- receive compensation comparable to teachers in the public school system. Their willingness to serve as a semi-volunteer constitutes part of the endowment of the school. Our teachers are here because (1) they believe in our philosophy of education; and (2) they desire to serve Jesus as Ministers of Schooling in accordance with that philosophy. (Catholic From the Inside Out, 170)

Christ the King Diocesan School's teacher and staff recognize that she/he is called to contribute to the building up of the total school community. This community exists to communicate Christ's message to students and their families, to sustain a Christ-centered spirit within and among all its components, and to be of service to the society around us.

# **Teacher's Responsibility**

Christ the King Diocesan School's teacher and staff employee have the responsibility of the following:

- Be models of Christian living, both in the school context and in his/her private affairs.
- Be a person of Christian commitment looking for opportunities to spread the Good News in daily school life.
- Participate in the daily prayer life of the school.
- Exhibit loyalty each person involved in the instruction of students in Christ the King Diocesan Schools must maintain loyalty to the Church and school administration.
- Develop and demonstrate excellent classroom management by maintaining an orderly classroom atmosphere conducive to dignity, respect and learning of each individual student.
- Establish rapport and an effective working relationship with parents. Contact parents when their child is not performing up to academic standards or behaving properly.
- Organize and prepare resources for students using 21st century technology and pedagogy.
- Evaluates and grades students' performance

# **HOURS OF OPERATION**

School office hours are 7:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m Monday-Thursday and 7:30am - 4:00pm on Friday. Morning supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. The school is not responsible for students dropped off prior to 7:30 a.m. The school day begins at 7:40 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 7:45 a.m. Students arriving after 7:55 are tardy.

# The school day ends:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten students are dismissed at 3:05 p.m. All Pre-K students must be picked up by 3:20 p.m. unless enrolled in the Living and Learning Program (LLP) for after school care.
- The Living and Learning Program (Extended School Day Program) is provided by Christ the King's Early Childhood Development Program. Complete supervision is available until 6 p.m. Snacks are provided. Space is limited. Families should enroll in LLP at the beginning of the school year. Call (806) 771-2077 for more information.
- Students in 1st 5th grade are dismissed at 3:15 p.m. 1st– 5th grade students must be picked up by 3:30 p.m. unless enrolled in LLP or involved in a school sponsored extracurricular activity.
- Jr. High (6th 8th) students are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Jr. High students must be picked up by 3:45 p.m. unless involved in a school sponsored extracurricular activity.
- High school (9th 12th) students are dismissed at 3:35 p.m. and must be off campus by 3:50 p.m. unless involved in a school sponsored extracurricular activity.

#### CHRIST THE KING DIOCESAN SCHOOLS PROFILE

Philosophy: Called, Formed, Sent

**Motto:** Discovering, Encountering, and Proclaiming *THE* Word

Elementary Slogan: Know God, Love God, Serve God

Junior High Slogan: Formed to Serve and Witness

**High School Slogan:** Go with God's Purpose

CTKDS Elem & JH Mascot: Trojan CTKDS High School Mascot: Golden Lions

CTKDS Elem & JH Colors: Red & White CTKDS High School Colors: Red & Gold

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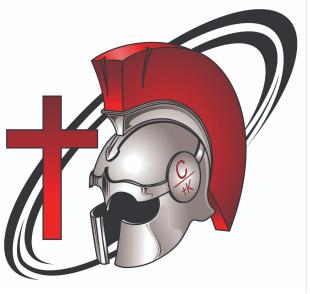
# **CTKDS School Song:**

- V1. This song we sing to Christ the King
  And loudly may your praises ring
  Dear Red and White for you we'll fight
  And honor to your name we'll bring
  The CTK name brings you fame
- V2. With cherished mem'ries from which you came
  Our Spirit true we'll honor you
  Throughout our years your worth proclaim
  Though we are small we still stand tall,
  As CTK, may we heed the call
  To love our God, our nation's sod
  And to Christ the King we'll give our all!

# **CTK Fight Song:**

Fight on for CTK
Again Fight on for Victory
With Honor for Christ the King
We look up to you
Fight and Win for CTK
Fight on to Victory
Fight on!





## **ADMISSION AND POLICIES**

This handbook constitutes the philosophy and guidelines for students, parents, and teachers on most aspects of school activities. The handbook is not designed to be inclusive of all acceptable and unacceptable behaviors. **CTKDS reserves the right to make all judgments on matters not explicitly outlined in this handbook.** It is understood that the administration may correct, delete, change, or add to the regulations stated in this handbook, for the general well-being of CTKDS. Such changes will not be arbitrary, and they will be promptly communicated to all members of our school community. The final decision on matters regarding this handbook ultimately lies with the administrators of CTKDS and the Diocese of Lubbock.

If the school's mission and program conflict with the values of an individual parent or student, or if the student or parent does not contribute positively to the academic and religious environment of the school, it is evident that CTKDS is not the appropriate school for that student. Under such circumstances, the administration will ask the family to seek an educational environment more suitably fit for the family.

It is the responsibility of all students and parents, and guardians to read and abide by the policies and procedures of the Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook. All students, parents, and guardians acknowledge receipt and understanding of this handbook during the annual registration and enrollment process.

# **Registration Requirements and Procedures**

Grade Placement for Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten is based upon the following criteria:

- Pre-K 3 Age 3 by September 1st of the enrollment year. Completely toilet trained. Absolutely NO PULL-UPS.
- Pre-K 4 Age 4 by September 1st of the enrollment year.
- Kindergarten Age 5 by September 1st of the enrollment year.

Complete set of documentation requirements grades 1-12

- Previous years' report cards
- Transcripts from all previously attended elementary or middle schools
- Baptismal certificate
- Immunization records
- For those requesting registered parishioner rates, proof of active parishioner status is required.

Upon a child's acceptance into Christ the King Diocesan Schools, the parent is required to sign a contract acknowledging an understanding and acceptance of the rules and regulations, conditions and requirements of the school as stated within the enrollment contract, school handbook, diocesan policies, and school newsletters.

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# The following is the order of priority for admission:

- 1. All currently enrolled students who have re-registered by the due date unless the school has determined that the child may not return for the following year. The school reserves the right to reconsider and retract renewal of admission after the due date if, between the date of re-registration and the beginning of the following school year, situations are discovered which are in serious violation of school policies and which, had they occurred or been discovered earlier, would have led to the student not receiving re-registration forms.
- 2. Students whose siblings are currently enrolled in the school.
- 3. Students on the current year's waiting list are in good standing.
- 4. Students registered at parishes in the Diocese of Lubbock.
- 5. Students transferring from another Catholic school.
- 6. Student of another religious affiliation. (All students of other religions will be required to participate in all classes and school activities including religion classes and liturgical events during the school day.)

#### Placement/Admission Exams

A placement test may be administered to all Kindergarten – 12th grade applicants who have not previously been enrolled at Christ the King Diocesan Schools as part of the admission process. The placement / admission exam does not guarantee acceptance. Placement or screening tests are one means of determining that a child will meet with academic success at CTKD Schools and will assist us in determining whether our program will meet the individual needs of a prospective student.

# **Re-Enrollment Policy**

The continued enrollment of the student is subject to the student observing all school rules as set out in the school handbook including but not limited to general behavior, academic performance, and attendance. Continued enrollment in any given school year, and re-enrollment in any subsequent years, is subject to the parents / guardians continued support of the mission of the school as documented in the school handbook and the maintenance of a demonstrably effective and supportive relationship between the school and the parents / guardians as well as payment for tuition as outlined in the annual tuition agreement. Re-enrollment in any subsequent year is subject to mutual agreement. The deadline date stated on the re-registration form will be enforced or the space will be assigned to another student.

# **Non-Discriminatory Policy**

As a Catholic school, every attempt is made to serve students whose parents desire a Catholic education. Christ the King Diocesan Schools admits students of all color, disability, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the school. CTKDS does not discriminate based on race, color, disability, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, clubs, programs,

athletics, and other school administered programs.

Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's need.

## TUITION, FEES, AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### **Tuition and Fees**

All families are expected to make tuition payments with one of the following options:

- Payment for tuition & fees in full with cash or check at the school office by deadlines set by school administration each school year.
- Two equal payments at the school due by dates determined by school administration but generally prior to the first day of the school year and in mid-December.
- Monthly ACH payment drafts across 10 months or 12 months by setting up an account in the FACTS Tuition Management Company. 12-month payment plans are drafted in 12 equal payments from June to May and must be set up by May 15 each year. 10-month payment plans are drafted in 10 equal payments from August to May and must be set up by July 15 each year. Returning families with FACTS payment plans will continue with the same plans from year to year unless they notify the school of a change.
- Please note payments made with credit or debit cards will incur a service fee.

**Enrollment at Christ the King Diocesan Schools is an annual contract.** To effectively plan for each school year, we hire faculty and staff as well as order classroom resources based on families' commitment to attend. Due to the financial decisions that are made to operate the school for the entire school year, should you decide to withdraw your student before the school year ends, you will be responsible for any tuition owed for the remainder of the school year.

Additionally, since the actual cost to educate each student is greater than paid tuition, we rely on parents' help to bridge that financial gap each year with your support in completing required service hours, selling raffle tickets, participating in Fall Festival needs, attending the Friends of the Foundation Gala and other fundraisers. See section on Volunteer Opportunities and Policies.

Your student's enrollment or annual re-enrollment process must be completed in its entirety online via our FACTS Family Portal system.

Registration and/or Re-enrollment Fees are non-refundable, unless the family moves out of town before school starts.

The school will not release grades or records until all tuition, athletic and equipment fees, or incidental charges such as cafeteria or library fines are paid.

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## **Financial Aid**

We offer several discounts to help lower the overall cost of tuition. Please read the following list carefully. Discounts include the stipulations that you and your student(s) will follow the guidelines outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook at all times, will fulfill at least the minimum number of required volunteer hours, and you sell or buy all of your required number of tickets for the Home & School Association's annual raffle.

- "Active Parishioner" Discount: An active parishioner is one who is registered with a parish within the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock, attends Mass faithfully, and supports the life of your parish through involvement and identifiable financial contributions. To receive a parish discount, please submit a parish verification form signed by your parish priest no later than June 15 of each year, or prior to your student's first day of school, whichever is sooner. This form can be found on the school website: www.ctkschoolslbk.org.
- Limited financial aid is available for students entering Kindergarten through 12th grades. Directions to apply for financial aid are on the school website. We currently offer two financial aid opportunities our traditional school financial aid program and a program through a third-party foundation, ACE Scholarships. Both applications can be completed at the same time by submitting all required information in the FACTS system.
- Financial Aid & Grant system must be completed and submitted by the due date each Spring, for
  consideration. Students must be pre-enrolled for the next school year before being considered for
  financial aid. ACE Scholarships applications are not accepted past the application deadline.
  Awards for late applications for traditional school financial aid will be dependent on the
  availability of funds after the spring deadline. All financial aid recipients are typically notified of
  awards by email before the end of June.

If you have any questions regarding financial aid or scholarships, please feel free to contact the school office.

#### **Textbooks**

Due to the constant rise in prices of educational materials, particularly textbooks and consumable workbooks, the following procedures have to be followed:

- 1. All students (Kindergarten through High School) will rent textbooks and purchase consumable workbooks. **The rental fees are part of the total registration fee.**
- 2. All *rental* textbooks must be returned in excellent condition at the end of the year. Students who return textbooks with marks, stains, writings, and other signs of lack of care, will be assessed a fine. Parents are required to pay the replacement cost of a text that is not repairable.
- 3. Parents/ Students will be required to pay for any lost textbooks.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

The school year consists of 180 instructional days. A student's attendance impacts his/her academic progress. Christ the King Diocesan Schools keeps accurate records of student attendance, tardies, and absences per TCCB ED guidelines. Parents are required to inform the school of an absence by calling the school (806-795-8283) by 8:30 a.m. on each day of the absence. Students who are absent from school may not be present on campus to participate in or observe extracurricular or after school activities without permission of the Dean.

Students are expected to notify teachers of their planned absence and collect work **before the absence**. All make-up work is due on the day of return. If a student and/or parent requests homework in anticipation of an absence unrelated to an illness, **work is due when the student returns to the class**.

Persistent absenteeism or tardiness creates a genuine hardship for a student and is regarded as a very serious problem. State law requires students must be in attendance 90% of the school year to receive credit. The 90% rule applies to all absences, including excused absences.

Full-Day Attendance: To be counted as present for a full day of school, a student must be in attendance at school for a minimum of four instructional hours (240 minutes) of the instructional day.

*Half-Day Attendance*: To be counted present for a half-day of school, a student must be in attendance for a minimum of two instructional hours (120 minutes) in the instructional day.

A student may not receive credit for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. This is equivalent to being absent a total of 18 days (excused or unexcused) during the school year.

If a student misses more than three (3) consecutive days due to illness, a doctor's excuse is required. If not received, the absences will be considered unexcused.

A student who is in attendance for at least 75 percent, but less than 90 percent, of the days a class is offered, may be given credit or a final grade if the student completes a plan approved by the Dean and Head of Schools that provides for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class.

In the event that a student is not projected to fulfill the 90% attendance requirement, the superintendent must be notified.

# **Late Arrival (Tardy)**

The school day officially begins at 7:45 a.m. Promptness shows respect for the learning process and should be encouraged and modeled by parents and teachers. Children who consistently arrive late are unable to take full advantage of the education offered by Christ the King Diocesan Schools. Also, children who are tardy distract other students from their work. For these reasons, **habitual tardiness** will not be tolerated. (See discipline management plan for your student's school for further details.)

Nine (9) total days (elementary) or class periods (Jr. High and High School) per semester are allowed for absences, including excused absences. *If a student accumulates six (6) tardies in a nine-week grading period, the student will receive one day unexcused absence*. Students may serve a consequence after accumulation of three tardies. Examples of consequences include (but are not limited to):

- Detention (silent lunch and/or removal of recess)
- Detention (morning before school)
- Make up the tardy time by completing additional assignments
- Participation for the student/family in a program that emphasizes the importance of promptness

#### Release from School

At no time during the day will students be allowed to leave the school grounds, even during recess or lunch unless a parent or guardian checks the student out in the office. If arrangements have been made and the student is being picked up, the parent or guardian must present themselves to the office (not the classroom) before the student will be released. If someone other than the parent or guardian is picking up a student, they must present a signed note from the parent or guardian to the office before the student will be released.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Our aim is to help each student develop a positive attitude toward learning. To succeed in this, close cooperation and openness between home and school are essential. We are always ready and happy to hear from parents who have questions or concerns. If a parent would like to contact a teacher, please call the school at 795-8283. You will be connected you to the teacher's voice mail system where you can leave a detailed message and expect a returned call as soon as possible. Teachers may also be reached via school email. See a complete list of faculty e-mail addresses on the school's website.

Please read all school communications. CTK newsletters and Dean's Notes (Dean's Corner -Elem, Trojan News-JH, and Paw Print-HS) are published monthly and sent home via email through FACTS. The First Friday News Flash is also posted to the school website at <a href="https://www.ctkschoolslbk.org">www.ctkschoolslbk.org</a> and to the school's FACTS Family Portal page. In addition to these notices, teachers often communicate via email and/or school approved communication applications. Please take the time to review these notices.

#### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CHRISTIAN SCHOLARSHIP

A hallmark of Catholic education is academic excellence, but not for the sake of acclaim or profit. A Christian scholar seeks to know God by knowing God's creation, believes that greater knowledge gives greater glory to God, and that God's greater glory is ample reward for scholarship. Catholic scholarship is Christian scholarship, an act of love.

Christian scholarship recognizes both the gift and fallibility of individual scholarship. Scholars are careful to identify sources of information, opinion, and help. It is open and thankful about sources and helps others to know and verify sources.

Christian scholarship is responsible scholarship: it requires the development of each scholar's personal ability to a level that makes him or her an effective, constructive contributor to learning. At CTKDS, students experience a range of academic exercises: some aim to develop individual skill and therefore prohibit or restrict collaboration; others aim directly at collaborative skills and therefore expand permissible resources. In every case, the student must fully acknowledge both the information and the help that comes from others.

Christian scholarship is fair and disciplined. It means following rules that the teacher has specified for an assignment. It means cooperating with the teacher in each assignment in order to develop each student's ability, the better to know and serve God.

# **Cheating and Plagiarism**

*Cheating* means obstructing or subverting the rules of an assignment. It is not your authentic work. It usually occurs when a student places grades before learning, forgetting, or neglecting the priority of Christian scholarship over grades. It occurs in several ways:

- Copying any other work that is not your own (this includes but is not limited to copying another student's work from current or previous years, online information, use of generative AI tools, etc...)
- Completing assignments for other students
- Using unauthorized materials during an exam or quiz

*When cheating is observed*, in any form, the teacher will notify the student and the Dean. The Dean will communicate with the student's parents, and the Head of Schools.

**Plagiarizing,** another form of *cheating*, means summarizing, paraphrasing, or quoting an outside source without attribution. *False attribution* makes it seem that information has an outside source when it does not, fails to attribute all of the sources, or attributes a false source.

# **ACADEMICS**

The specific goals of Christ the King Diocesan Schools cannot be achieved without a serious commitment to its academic life. All students are expected to participate in all classes and activities during school hours. Acquiring knowledge requires effort, inner motivation, parental encouragement, and self-discipline.

We strive for excellence for all of our students. Students are responsible for having the required materials for each subject. All assignments are expected to be neatly completed and turned in when due. Each School has its own missing assignment policy. We have limited resources to work with children with extenuating academic, social, and emotional needs.

The use of assignment notebooks begins in Grade 2 and is used through Grade 12. Students are taught to write daily assignments and reminders in their assignment notebook and required to take them home daily.

# **Grading Scale**

92 - 100 A Excellent

84 – 91 B Above Average

76 – 83 C Average

70 – 75 D Below Average

Below 70 F Failing

#### **Honor Roll**

The purpose of the Honor Roll is to reward outstanding scholastic achievement for students who are highly motivated, responsible, hard-working and whose work reflects these qualities. The school gives specific recognition to students beginning the second semester of the 1st grade and above at the end of each nine weeks grading period.

- Experiencing the Spirit/Staying Gold: "A" Honor Roll includes the names of all students who have obtained grades 92% or above in all academic subjects and have no grades lower than an A for both quarters in the semester.
- Learning the Spirit/Beyond the Red: "AB" Honor Roll includes the names of all the students who have obtained at least 84% in all academic subjects and have no grades lower than a B for both quarters in the semester.
- Discovering the Spirit/Reaching for a Purpose: Honor Roll in one quarter during the semester.
- Any student in a class with a grading scale of "S-" will not be eligible for Honor Roll.
- Students must maintain satisfactory behavior to receive any honor roll.
- Any student's conduct grade below a C is not eligible for Honor Roll.
- If a student has earned in school suspension during the grading period, they will not be eligible for any honor roll.

Final decisions concerning behavior will rest with school administration.

# **Report Cards**

A report card will be issued four times during the year through RenWeb/FACTS to inform parents of their child's progress. Progress reports are sent to parents at mid-quarter during each grading period. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled on the school calendar at least once a year. Additional conferences are available as needed and must be pre-scheduled between the teacher and parent. Parents or guardians receiving a progress report or a report card indicating that the student has a grade lower than 75% during that time are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with the student's teacher.

- **Advancement** Promotion to the next grade is based upon a student's earned grade of 70 or above in core subjects.
- Retention Students whose average is below 69 in one core subject (Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion) will be required to attend summer school or complete a course by correspondence. Any student who fails two core subjects will be required to attend summer school. Summer course work will be determined by Administration. Students who do not fulfill the Summer coursework may be retained in the same grade for the coming year. The school reserves the right to determine whether a student is promoted or retained.
- **HS Credit Earned** Credits are earned through the student's fulfillment of a grade of 70 or above. Courses are worth 0.5 credit per semester.

# **Transcripts**

Unofficial transcripts may be released to parents upon request. Official transcripts will be released based on the procedures/policies from the schools requesting them. Transcripts will not be released if parents have outstanding debts. Requests for transcripts should be made at least 48 hours prior to need.

#### **Permanent Records**

A permanent academic file is kept for each student. This file contains all academic grades and standardized testing, as well as other school documentation.

# **Standardized Testing**

NWEA Map Growth benchmarking is administered to grades K– 12th grade and will be taken three (3) times a year.

The Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) is administered to students in grades 2nd -12th in the Spring Semester.

PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT is a College Board assessment administered to 8th-11th grade students in October of the school year.

SAT School Day is a College Board Entrance Exam administered for 11th grade students in the Spring and 12th grade students in the Fall of the school year.

#### LIBRARY FACILITIES

The library collection is constantly updated and expanded. Books are chosen for either their educational or recreational value. A variety of audio-visual materials are available through the library for teacher use in the classroom. Library classes are held for the purpose of library instruction as well as for the enjoyment of the materials and books.

- 1. Books may be checked out for one week and can be renewed. Books are renewable only on presentation of the book.
- 2. A student with overdue books will not be allowed to check out more books until those books are turned in or the book is paid for.
  - a. Students will be charged the full amount of any book they have lost or damaged beyond repair.
- 3. We ask all parents to help our children to develop a sense of responsibility by encouraging them to take care of the library books and return them on time.

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH LIFE**

In Catholic tradition, parents, assisted by the Church, have primary responsibility for their children's education. When a student is enrolled in Christ the King Diocesan Schools, his/her parents enter into a partnership with the school. This partnership includes our Parish Verification process in which families are asked to be active participants in the life of their parish which is then verified by your parish priest.

The goal of our school is to provide a setting for Christian growth. Some ways it does this is by the way teachers, staff and students relate to one another; by offering retreats, and by providing prayer and religious devotion in the school context. All School and Class Campus Ministry activities strive to form students to be the following:

- People of Faith
- Leaders in Mission
- People of Community
- People of Inclusivity

#### **Daily Faith Life**

All students, faculty, and staff *actively participate in the prayer life of the school* by attending weekly School Masses, All School Masses, Morning Prayer, etc. It is expected that students will actively serve at Mass and activities and be dressed in Mass uniform during these events. Religion and Theology classes are part of the curriculum and are required for all grade levels Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. A reverent attitude, participation, and dress are expected of all present at activities. An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation is provided throughout the year. Student misconduct at any liturgical event will be addressed by the Dean and Head of Schools.

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# **Prayer**

Each day, Christ the King Diocesan Schools begin with Morning Prayer. Prayer is said at the beginning of lunch and is often said at the beginning and end of some course periods. Prayer is also said at the end of each day, and as a whole school community at the end of each week. Activities, meetings, sports events, and special gatherings also include prayer.

#### Retreats

Retreat days are essential in the Christian formation of students. The retreats are designed to meet the level of maturity and spiritual growth of all students. Attendance at retreats is mandatory for all students. Retreats occur on and off campus.

# **Sacramental Preparation**

Proverbs 22:6 encourages each of us to "train the young in the way they should go." That is why in Christ the King Diocesan Schools our mission is to join with the teaching office of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock, along with parents, to provide a Christ-centered academic environment to develop the whole child and encourage their faith formation. Christ the King Diocesan Schools will support and supplement the sacramental faith formation taking place within the parishes, but primary sacramental preparation will take place within the parish. Please visit with your student's Dean for further information and questions you may have.

#### **MEDICAL**

## **Medications**

All medication, prescription or non-prescription, should not be in the possession of a student or with a student's belongings. Medications should be housed in the nurse's office with proper paperwork and documentation completed.

Students requiring medication during the school day should adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. Must be clearly identified as to the name and type of medication.
- 2. Must be in the original container.
- 3. Must carry a prescription label with the child's name, drug identity, dosage instructions, doctor's name, dosage amounts, specific dosage times, and other instructions as necessary.
- 4. The prescription date must be current.
- 5. A note, dated and signed by the parent, must accompany the medication giving the child's name, dosage instructions, dosage amounts, specific dosage times, and other instructions as necessary.
- 6. Inhalers are to be kept in the office.
- 7. All medication, prescription and non-prescription, must be kept in the school office. Teachers cannot and will not dispense medication to students.
- 8. Only <u>authorized school personnel</u> will be permitted to dispense medication to any student.
- 9. Non-prescription medications such as Tylenol or aspirin will only be accepted in the original container, with an unbroken seal.
- 10. The non-prescription medicine must arrive labeled with the student's name and homeroom.
- 11. A permission slip describing the conditions under which the parent wishes the non-prescription

medication to be dispensed by the school to the child must accompany all non-prescription medication.

#### **Immunizations**

All children must meet the state standards for immunizations. There is no provisional admission. The law further requires that an undated immunization record must be on file for every child enrolled in the school.

# **Sick Policy**

The school makes accommodations for students who become sick at school by removing them from the rest of the student population until the parent or other authorized person can take the student home. Students with fevers or communicable diseases will be sent home to reduce the risk of infection to the student body. Students who have been sent home with fever (100.4 and over), vomiting, or diarrhea cannot return to school the next day.

- A student should be fever-free without medication for 24 prior to returning to school
- A student should be on medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- A student experiencing vomiting or diarrhea should not return to school until they can hold food down for 24 hours (vomiting) or if their bowel movement is no longer loose and watery; most cases 24 hours.

Students who become ill during the school day will be evaluated by school personnel. Parents/guardians will be notified by the school with any concerns and if the student needs to be picked-up and taken home after this.

#### **VISITORS**

We love having visitors, but there are state laws regulating visits to schools for the **safety** of the children. All visitors including parents, guardians, and relatives must report to the main office when entering the building during the school day. For the safety of our students and staff, all outside doors except the main entrance are kept locked throughout the day. Student visitors are allowed to visit only with the prior approval of the Dean(s), and only during the lunch period.

## Fan Behavior

- CTKDS has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of behavior deemed or perceived as unchristian or unsportsmanlike. Observed or reported misbehavior will be addressed by the Dean of their school and the Athletic Director. Severe cases will be addressed by the Head of Schools.
- Parents or Guardians will also abide by the Fan Behavior while attending any CTKDS events, games, or competitions. Spectators shall refrain from any and all unsportsmanlike and unchristian conduct. Observed or reported misbehavior will be addressed by Administration, the Athletic Director, and the Superintendent in severe cases.

# **TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

Christ the King Diocesan Schools are pleased to offer all students access to school technology. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees. Access through the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources while exchanging messages with people around the world. CTKD Schools expect that faculty will blend thoughtful use of technology throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in its use.

Access to resources around the world makes materials available to support research and education, however, some materials available may not be considered of educational value. CTKD Schools realize it is impossible to control all materials a student user may discover. Students utilizing school technology resources are responsible for good behavior on-line just as they are in a classroom or other areas of the school.

Users should not expect that files stored on school computers will always be private. Electronic messages and files stored on school computers may be treated like school lockers. School staff/faculty/administrators may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly. Outside of school, families bear responsibility for the same guidance of Internet and technology use as they exercise care with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies, and other possibly offensive media. Students utilizing Internet access from Christ the King Diocesan Schools must first have the permission of and must be supervised by the school's professional staff.

This policy is to ensure that the use of school technology is consistent with the school's stated mission, purpose, and objectives. These terms are provided so that the students are aware of their responsibilities. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access necessitates responsibility. To remain eligible as users, students' use must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of school.

# **Terms of School Technology**

#### Student users are:

- expected to conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner while using school technology. This includes being in good standing with copyright rules and other contracts, not plagiarizing, and not using the network or resources for financial or commercial gain.
- reminded that school policies against cyber bullying and other forms of discriminatory harassment apply equally to communication on school computers and technology systems.
- not to use an account owned by another user or invade the privacy of other individuals.
- not to post anonymous messages or personal communication without the author's consent.
- expected to use the technology and equipment with care. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance is not allowed. Care should be used with using finite resources (including printer ink and paper) in a responsible and not a wasteful manner.
- not permitted to install or download any software programs on school technology systems.

- Students will not vandalize the data of another user or the school. Students will not gain unauthorized access to resources or entities.
- expected to use any computer application, information, the Internet, and e-mail with appropriate behavior in accordance with the school's purpose and mission for educational purposes only.
- provided an email account on the school Web server in grades 4th-12th. This is to be used for educational purposes. Student accounts will be deleted upon leaving the school or graduation.
- given access to Google Chromebook as a student in the CTKD schools. Students should only sign-in using their CTK account. *This applies to school and personal devices*.
- given access to check-out Chromebooks for class and educational purposes. These are to be handled with care and follow the policies set forth for check-out, use, and turn-in.

Any violation of this policy will follow in line with the DWP cycle. Any violation may result in loss of school access to all technology. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

## **Cell Phones and Electronic Devices**

Cell phones or similar devices should not be used during the school day and during class. Students may turn them off or place them on silent and keep them in their locker. If a phone is visible in a classroom in any manner during the school day, it will be collected and turned into the School Dean.

- **1st time** = student may collect it at the end of the day, and it is entered into Renweb/FACTS with a demerit.
- **2nd time** = student's parent/guardian must collect the phone from the School Dean, and it is entered into Renweb/FACTS with a demerit.
- **3rd time** = student will pay a \$20 fee to collect their phone at the end of the day, parent/guardian will be notified, and it is entered into Renweb/FACTS with a demerit. The student will also turn in the phone to the Dean at the beginning of each day and collect it at the end of the day for the remainder of the 9-weeks grading period.

If phone misuse becomes a consistent problem a conference will be requested with the student, parent/guardian, Dean, and Head of School. Persistent misuse of a cell phone will impact a student's honor roll status.

#### **Generative AI Tools**

The AI policy aims to strike a delicate balance between promoting creativity and developing and upholding academic integrity and preventing plagiarism. This policy covers any generative AI tools such as, but not limited to, ChatGTP, Photo Math, etc.... It includes text, artwork, graphics, video, audio, etc.... All work submitted in courses in the CTK Diocesan Schools should reflect the student's original work and ideas. If a faculty/staff member suspects work is not the students, will visit with the student. Potential violations of the academic integrity policy will be investigated and addressed according to the Academic Integrity Policy.

#### PHILOSOPHY ON DISCIPLINE

In our school, as in our community, we work together. The code of conduct for our students is based on our philosophy of providing a quality education in the framework of our Catholic tradition. Each component of our school community, in conjunction with our families, is committed to the welfare of the children, their growth in our faith and their academic achievement.

The term "discipline" comes from the word "disciple," which means "one who learns." The purpose of discipline is to strengthen the school community through reconciliation and the creation of disciples who demonstrate strong virtues, especially self-discipline, love and mercy. Discipline in the school is to be considered as an aspect of moral guidance and not a form of punishment. It is a means of training the child to assume responsibility and be in more control of his/her conduct, helping the child to grow progressively in self-competency and maturity. Discipline promotes genuine character building.

Christ the King Diocesan School students are expected to be responsible for their behavior at all times. They are to be a credit to themselves and their school. Each student must be familiar with all school rules and conform to them. Continued non-conformity to these rules may result in disciplinary action according to school guidelines.

- It is the responsibility of students to demonstrate self-discipline, to be actively involved in the enforcement of the disciplinary steps, and to learn from his or her mistakes.
- It is the responsibility of parents to support and encourage students in their development of virtues. It is also the responsibility of parents to support school staff in the enforcement of the discipline policy.
- It is the responsibility of teachers, staff, and administration to enforce the disciplinary policy in a developmentally appropriate manner, in order for all students to practice self-discipline, to protect the rights of all, and to encourage the development of virtues.

# **Discipline Policy and Cycle:**

Christ the King Diocesan Schools utilize the program known as Discipline with a Purpose (DWP), to empower students to become more self-disciplined. DWP focuses on helping students develop skills in fifteen specific areas to make better decisions rather than focusing on disciplining them. The approach of DWP is to make every discipline situation a "teaching moment." In the Christ the King Schools we want students to learn from their mistakes not just give them a standard consequence. "What could have been different," is a question that is asked to the student so that they can discover what they need to do when/if the situation arises again. As students grow, they need to learn how to adjust to different social and academic situations.

We want to provide a consistent discipline plan throughout the school. The entire school system embraces three main school rules to use as the guiding principles in the DWP system. Our goal is to partner with parents and guardians to develop self-disciplined children.

# **Christ the King Diocesan School Rules:**

- 1. Respect yourself, others, and things
- 2. Contribute to a positive learning environment.
- 3. Follow school and classroom procedures.

## **Discipline Cycle for all Classrooms:**

Teachers have age-appropriate discipline cycles for each of their classrooms. It is important that as Catholics we maintain the dignity of the student and families.

- 1. Redirect the behavior
- 2. Remove the student from the situation
- 3. Formal notification may differ by school

#### DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Christ the King Diocesan Schools partner with parents to help form student behavior. Student's behavior and skill development is monitored throughout the school day and during all school-sponsored activities. Christ the King Diocesan School students are expected to be responsible for their behavior at all times on and off campus representing their families, the school, and the Diocese.

## Responsibilities of the Deans, Teachers, Parents, and Students

Christ the King Diocesan Schools recognizes that the Deans, teachers, students, and parents have certain responsibilities in maintaining discipline in the school and enforcing the Discipline Management Plan.

## The Dean has the responsibility to:

- Reasonably provide a safe school environment for teaching and learning.
- Maintain discipline and consistently enforce the Discipline Management Plan.
- Maintain a learning atmosphere that is free of disruptions and disrespectful conduct.
- Provide a copy of the Discipline Management Plan to parents.
- Communicate with parents when needed regarding behavior.
- Provide appropriate support for teachers when the teacher sends a student to the office.

# **Teachers have the responsibility to:**

- Review the Discipline Management Plan.
- Develop and demonstrate adequate classroom management skills.
- Serve as a good role model to students.
- Establish rapport and an effective working relationship with students and parents. Contact

parents when there is a concern.

• Encourage, teach, and model students to become more self-disciplined.

# Parents have the responsibility to:

- Support the efforts of the Dean and teachers with respect to the development of self- discipline.
- Confer with teachers and the Dean when a concern arises with their child.
- Assist their child in developing self-discipline in accordance with school policies.

# Students have the responsibility to:

- Abide by the established school rules and classroom policies or expectations.
- Behave in a responsible and appropriate manner.
- Attend all classes regularly and on time.
- Be prepared for each class.
- Respect the rights and privileges of other students, teachers, and staff.
- Respect the property of others, including school property and facilities.

Discipline will be based on careful assessment of the circumstances of each case. The discipline policy will be enforced in a fair and consistent manner in accordance with the Discipline with a Purpose (DWP) program. Each teacher's discipline cycle will be communicated to the students and parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year.

# Consequences could include, but are not limited to:

- Lunch Detention
- Morning Detention
- Impacts on Conduct Grade
- In-School Suspension
- Suspension
- Expulsion

#### **Detention**

A detention is defined as a state of being detained during lunch or early in the morning.

# **In-School Suspension (ISS)**

A student placed in ISS will spend time in a designated room. The student will receive their work from instructors or the Dean to complete while they are in their designated room.

# Suspension

Consideration must always be given to the welfare and Christian development of the student and the

practical common good of the entire student body. This decision does not come lightly, and all factors will be considered. A decision will be made by the Head of Schools and guidance from the Superintendent of Schools.

# **Expulsion**

Consideration must always be given to the welfare and Christian development of the student and the practical common good of the entire student body. This decision does not come lightly, and all factors will be considered. A decision will be made by the Head of Schools and guidance from the Superintendent of Schools and Chaplain.

## **BULLYING POLICY**

This policy has been created to support our school's mission, to support our commitment to provide a safe environment for all, and to support our students in developing the self-direction and skills necessary for positive social interaction.

In any school community, there will be times when students do not get along. In most cases bullying occurs because an individual lacks the self-discipline skills needed to get along in society. Our policy and procedures are designed to guide our community in responding to bullying and other negative social behaviors so that students move past these negative behaviors and develop skills to learn and get along together as part of the community. This policy applies to all students, parents, faculty, and adults on our campus, whether attending school, employed by the school, working as contractors, volunteering, or visiting.

Bullying is thus defined as: "The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online." -Anti-Bullying Alliance

# **Policy Statement**

We believe that all people have dignity because they are created in God's image and are of infinite value. We further believe that as a Catholic Christian community we are called to reflect the values of Jesus in His regard and respect for all people. In this way, we build up the Body of Christ within our school community and provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for all members. Any form of bullying directed toward any member of our school community by another member of the community is contrary to these Christian values and is not acceptable at any time.

The school will provide ongoing and age-appropriate anti-bullying and social skills education for all students, as well as education for staff and parents on these same topics, to promote the prevention of bullying behaviors within our school community. The school will provide ways for individuals to report incidents of bullying and other negative social behaviors that are of concern. The school will treat any

reports of bullying behaviors or concerns seriously. Such reports will be reviewed and investigated in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. Consequences will be applied according to our classroom and school discipline cycles, and in some cases may result in greater consequences depending on the nature of the infraction.

#### **Prevention and Education**

Bullying prevention begins with all members of our community being able to communicate clearly about the concerns and issues. Learning to distinguish the difference between normal social ups and downs, negative social behaviors such as meanness and rudeness, and actual bullying is part of the

process for all of us. To that end, we provide the following definitions for our common understanding:

- *Bullying* when a student (or group of students) attempts to take power over another student. Bullying can be repeated over time or consist of a single interaction, with students adopting the roles of target, bully, bully-follower, or bystander.
- *Physical Bullying* using physical force to hurt another student by behaviors that may include but are not limited to hitting, punching, pushing, shoving, kicking, spitting, pinching, getting in the way or holding. It is also physical bullying to interfere with another student's belongings, to take or break possessions, and to demand or steal money.
- *Verbal Bullying* directing words at another student with the intention of putting down or humiliating. This includes but is not limited to threatening, taunting, intimidating, insulting, sarcasm, name-calling, teasing, put-downs, and ridiculing. It is also considered verbal bullying when a student uses hostile gestures towards another student, such as making faces, staring, giving the evil eye, and eye-rolling.
- Relational Bullying when a student influences other students' friendships and relationships by actions that include but are not limited to deliberately leaving them out, spreading gossip and rumor, whispering about them, giving the silent treatment, ostracizing or scape-goating.
   Relational bullying also includes writing words or creating cartoons, posters or drawings about another student designed to hurt or humiliate that student.
- Cyber Bullying the use of cell phones, text messages, e-mails, instant messaging, social media platforms including but not limited to Instagram, Twitter, TikTok to bully another student in any of the ways described above. Examples of cyber bullying include but are not limited to sending threatening or insulting messages by phone and e- mail, posting embarrassing pictures and personal information about others on social media platforms such as Facebook or Instagram, forwarding to others a private email or text message that was meant for a single individual, and spreading hurtful rumors online.

The educational and social skills components of our bullying prevention program will be based on the Discipline with Purpose Anti-Bullying Curriculum and will draw on other resources as necessary and appropriate for our students and school community.

# **Reporting Procedures**

All members of the Christ the King Diocesan School community have the right and responsibility to

report incidents of concern regarding negative social behaviors and bullying so that together we can maintain a safe environment for all and practice the skills necessary for positive relationships within the community. School administration and teachers are not always present to witness incidents or areas of concern, and therefore can only intervene when they are informed about them. Students are encouraged to report negative interactions concerns to their classroom teacher or another school staff member by way of a verbal report or written note. Parents are also encouraged to report directly to faculty or administration their concerns about any negative behaviors. Parent reports can be made by way of a verbal or written report.

Teachers and Staff will report to the school administration all negative concerns and incidents that come to their attention through either direct observation or reports from others. School Administration can also initiate a process to address an observed concern or incident. Depending on the concern, their report may be shared with the classroom teacher of the student(s) involved. School Administration will maintain records of all reports filed during the school year using RenWeb.

#### **Intervention Procedures**

All reports of bullying concerns will be handled seriously and promptly by the faculty and administration. Upon review and investigation of a report, some concerns will be addressed within the classroom by the teacher, while more serious and repeated concerns will be referred to the administration for further intervention. Intervention in bullying concerns will be addressed with two goals in mind: to maintain safety and order within the community, and to identify, teach, and practice the skill(s) needed to prevent the unwanted behavior from occurring again. Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained in order to protect all of the individuals involved in the matter.

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

Decisions affecting individual students – academic, social, and behavioral (except expulsion) – may be appealed to the school authorities under the following procedures:

- 1. A student must first request that the teacher reconsider the decision.
- 2. If this appeal offers no satisfactory solution, the student may then appeal to the Dean.
- 3. Whenever these series of appeals are unsatisfactory, the student may then appeal to the Head of Schools, requesting a meeting in writing. The Head of Schools may, in their discretion, hear the student's appeal. If the appeal offers no satisfactory solution, the student may appeal to the Superintendent of Schools in writing.
- 4. Appeals may be made directly by the student or through the guidance of their parents.
- 5. Whenever formal meetings are scheduled, the appealing student will promptly attend such meetings at the same time and place scheduled. Failure to attend an already scheduled meeting will terminate the appeal unless the student has an acceptable reason for failing to attend.

#### SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL PROGRAM

Friendzy is a comprehensive social and emotional learning program that supports teachers and students within our school system. Teachers and students use explicit interactional activities of different topics that develop skills that students can use in everyday situations. Students learn through daily practice how to manage their emotions. Students learn skills of emotional competency through their interactions with their peers throughout the day. The program incorporates at home activities that students can practice with their family. This reinforces that families are the first educators.

There are 5 core competencies for social emotional learning.

- 1. Self-Awareness: understanding emotions and thoughts and how they influence behavior
- 2. Self-Management: the ability to regulate emotions, behavior and work towards goals.
- 3. Responsible Decision Making: the ability to make responsible decisions and take responsibility for positive and negative outcomes
- 4. Social Awareness: practicing perspective-taking, empathy and compassion.
- 5. Relationship skills: establish and maintain meaningful relationships with each other.

# DRUG. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND VAPE USE POLICY

Christ the King Diocesan Schools are committed to educating the whole person in the Catholic tradition. This empowers students to become Disciples of Christ, lifelong learners and responsible citizens with strong moral foundations, respect for diversity, and dedication to service. We strive to ensure all of our students have a safe and healthy Christin environment in which to live and grow. Therefore, Christ the King Diocesan Schools have zero tolerance for any possession or use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, pornography, sexually oriented products and the making of terroristic threats.

1. **Prohibited Items** include weapons and objects used as a weapon or in a weapon, pornography, and sexually oriented products. No student shall possess, use, exchange, or attempt to possess, any prohibited items on school premises or at school activities at any time.

## 2. Prohibited Substances include:

- Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by law, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine, or barbiturate.
- ➤ Any alcoholic beverage.
- ➤ Any tobacco or nicotine product or vaping device.
- ➤ Over-the-counter drugs, when taken in excess, impairs the students ability to function in a responsible manner.
- Any chemical substance such as glue or aerosol products, intended to be inhaled or

- ingested to produce a state of intoxication.
- No student shall possess, use, exchange, or attempt to possess, use, or exchange, or be under the influence of any prohibited substances on school premises during any school term, or off school premises at a school-sponsored activity, function, or event.

# 3. For purpose of this provision

- > "Use" means to voluntarily introduce a Prohibited Substance into the body
- > "Under the influence" means to have impaired mental or physical faculties as a result of the use of a Prohibited Substance; however, the student need not be legally intoxicated to be "Under the Influence" for purposes of this plan.
- ➤ "Possession" means to hold or have control over a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Item. For example, a student possesses a Prohibited Substance if he or she brings it onto the school premises.
- 4. Exception: A student who uses a drug authorized by a licensed physician through a prescription specifically for that student's use shall not be considered to have violated this policy if he or she uses the drug in the manner and amount for which it was prescribed.
- 5. A Terroristic Threat is defined as any threat (verbal, written or otherwise) involving violence to a person or property.

#### Searches

Random searches may be conducted periodically by designated staff, or with the use of law enforcement canines, to search for prohibited items or substances. Areas of these searches include lockers, backpacks, work spaces, vehicles, classrooms, common areas, individuals, etc. Targeted searches of individuals may be conducted when there is reasonable suspicion to conduct the search.

School administrators will coordinate with a law enforcement agency when using law enforcement canines to conduct random or targeted searches. The law enforcement agency's canine search protocols will be followed and must be conducted within the confines of the Fourth Amendment and current case law when searching for illegal items or substances to criminally prosecute offenders.

Student(s) may be arrested if involved in criminal activity on or off campus per the policies of the assisting law enforcement agency and state law.

#### **Course of Action**

After an incident involving either drugs or alcohol occurs, a terrorist threat or use of prohibited item or substance on or off campus, a conference between the student, parent(s), school administrative team, and the school counselor will occur as soon as possible to determine the most beneficial course of action. Students may be placed in In-School Suspension (ISS) until a conference can be arranged.

• Drug testing may be a potential course of action. This testing would be at the financial

responsibility of the parent/guardian and results communicated to the Head of Schools.

- Counseling
- Outside counseling for substance abuse
- Psychological evaluation or counseling
- Admission to a substance abuse treatment center
- Suspension
- Expulsion

The parent/guardian is required to provide documentation to Christ the King Diocesan Schools if an off-campus course of action is deemed necessary. If this documentation is not provided, the student will receive up to three days of out-of-school suspension pending his/her enrollment in an appropriate treatment program. If the parent refuses treatment for the student, the student will be withdrawn from Christ the King Diocesan Schools.

A second offense may be grounds for expulsion, depending on the factors listed above.

#### SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

# **Christ the King Diocesan Schools Home & School Association**

The Home and School Association of the Christ the King Diocesan Schools is a membership organization made up of parents, faculty members, and the Chaplin. Parents become members of the Home and School Association concurrently with school registration. Each family pays a Home and School registration fee at the beginning of the school year.

The Home and School Association's primary function is to assist the school in its various fundraising programs, special projects, and celebrations. It further provides a medium in which faculty and parents come together for the realization of the aids and ideals of Catholic education. The meetings of the Home and School Association provide the opportunity for faculty and parent discussion. All the members are invited and encouraged to come whenever possible.

# **Christ the King Diocesan Schools Booster Club**

It is important to our community that our Booster Club supports our student athletes! Therefore, all Booster Club members are asked to work junior high and high school athletic events. We are also proud that CTK athletic programs receive all proceeds from these events. All school families are members of the CTK Booster Club. All families, even those without student athletes, are invited to schedule time throughout the year to volunteer! We thank you in advance for volunteering at our private school's junior high and high school events!

## **Christ the King Diocesan Schools Foundation**

Christ the King Diocesan Schools Foundation was established in 1986 and has advanced Catholic education and provided financial support to the schools. As our community continues to grow, this

mission remains as important to our community today. In an effort to further their mission, the Foundation Board of Directors launched the Friends of the Foundation Annual Appeal more than fifteen years ago. The Foundation's general endowment fund's major source of growth is due to donations as well as investments. Foundation donations have assisted the school with many projects including cafeteria and kitchen renovations, improved technology, advertising campaigns, updating the front entryway to our school, and financial aid funding via student scholarships. We are happy to say it is still thriving today. For more information, please contact our Development Office.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND POLICIES**

As a boost for our community, our school requires parents to volunteer their time and talent. This is a chance for everyone to not only help others, but also an opportunity to connect with others in our school community. Volunteer hours are logged through each family's FACTS Family Portal to keep track of their donation of time. Not only is this practice a chance to connect with others in our school community, it also sets an example for our young students to volunteer. 20 hours of service per family (10 hours for single parent households) is required for each school year. Volunteer opportunities are made available on the school website, the First Friday Flash newsletter, and other communications throughout the school year. At least half of a family's required hours should be volunteering at activities (versus donated goods or monetary donations). Fees could be charged at the end of the school year for incomplete hours of volunteer work.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICIES

The safety and security of our students is a priority here at Christ the King Diocesan Schools.

## **Crisis Management Plan**

Christ the King Diocesan School has adopted a Crisis Management Plan adhering to the most up to date information provided by TEA, Homeland Security, and Lubbock Police Department.

#### **Insurance**

Christ the King Diocesan Schools does not carry any type of accident insurance on students.

# **Safe Environment Training**

All parents and family members must complete Safe Environment Training through the Diocese of Lubbock to be compliant with diocesan guidelines to volunteer. Once this training is completed your certification will be noted in FACTS/Renweb. This certification does have an expiration date of five (5) years; thus, families must retake to remain in good standing.

# Circle of Grace

Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock. This program is called Circle of Grace. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into the excellent programs and curricula for the formation of children and young people in our schools and religious education programs. This program is a cooperative program involving parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children. Circle of Grace aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

## **EMERGENCY POLICIES**

- 1. The school complies with federal AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) regulations pertaining to asbestos. The school maintains on file and complies with the School Asbestos Management Plan, which verifies that the school has been inspected for evidence of asbestos, as well as all documentation pertaining to removal and/or modification of asbestos containing materials found in the school.
- 2. Annual gas line checks are conducted, and a record is kept in the administrative office.
- 3. Personnel are trained on the policy of Blood Borne Pathogens according to the TCCB-ED Health Manual.
- 4. The school provides instruction in all aspects of health care and safety as required by the State of Texas and the TCCB-ED.

# INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICY

Christ the King Diocesan Schools inclement weather plan allows for our calendar to remain intact as much as possible, and balance time for learning and enjoyment. Christ the King Diocesan Schools will follow *Lubbock Independent School District's (LISD)* schedule of closings or delays. Please watch TV channel KCBD, go to KCBD.com and look under "School Closures and Delays"; as well as radio stations KLLL/Rock 101/Mix 100 for closings or delays.

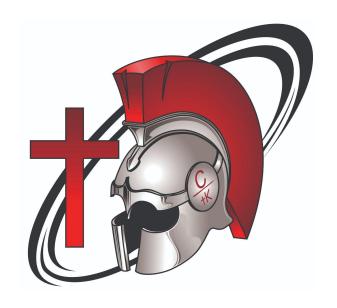
Christ the King Diocesan Schools will call you, the families, using our RenWeb/FACTS Emergency Alert system. Please make sure that your phone number is up to date in our system. You may have signed up to receive this alert via phone call, text, or email. If you chose email, make sure you look at your email by 6:30am in the morning to check our status. Regarding other school activities we ask

families and students to stay tuned to communication from their coaches via email OR a parent alert.

# Right to Amend

Christ the King Diocesan Schools reserves the right to amend, at any time the contents of The Student Handbook. Students and parents will be notified of the amendment via RenWeb/Facts communications. The amendment will be added to the online student handbook for immediate use and reference.

# CHRIST THE KING DIOCESAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION



**GRADES PRE-K 3 - 5th** 

# DRESS CODE, UNIFORMS, FREE DRESS GUIDELINES

# **Uniform Policy**

There is a direct correlation between a young person's appearance and his/her overall attitude toward learning. A clean and complete uniform is required for every student. Students in uniform are representatives of Christ the King Diocesan Schools. They should be proud of their school and dress accordingly. Soiled, torn, faded, constricting size, or worn-out clothing will not be permitted. Our Used Uniform closet is always available if replacements are needed due to growth spurts or worn materials. Please inquire at the front office. *Emblems of any nature, except those of Christ the King Diocesan Schools, are not permitted on CTK uniforms.* 

#### **General Dress Guidelines**

1. Uniforms must fit properly and be in a good state of repair. Soiled, torn, faded or worn-out clothing will not be permitted.

Uniforms should be purchased with an adequate hem that can be let out as your student grows.

- 2. White, brown, black navy, or red socks are required at all times. Girls may also wear knee socks or solid color tights.
- 3. Only prescription glasses are permitted.
- 4. Students may wear simple jewelry that does not distract from the learning environment.
- 5. Students in 1st 5th grade must wear black, brown, or navy belts with uniform slacks and / or shorts that have belt loops.
- 6. Earbuds are permitted for educational purposes only.
- 7. No earrings for males.
- 8. Tattoos or any other markings (permanent or temporary).

# **Mass Uniform**

Mass uniform is required for all Masses. Uniforms are to be worn all day.

Boys Required For Mass: Girls Required For Mass:

Navy Uniform Slacks **PK-2nd:** Red Plaid Jumper

White Oxford Shirt (Long/short sleeved) White Blouse (Long/Short Sleeved)

Navy V-Neck Sweater or sweater vest Navy Cardigan sweater

Navy, Brown, or Black Belt (Grades 1-5 is mandatory)

**3rd-5th**: Tie (Pre-tied Clip on – Navy) **3rd-5th**: Red Plaid Skort (Culotte/Split Skirt)

White Oxford Shirt (Long/short sleeved) White Blouse (Long/Short Sleeved)

Navy V-Neck Sweater or sweater vest Navy Cardigan sweater

Navy, Brown, or Black Belt (Grades 1-5 is mandatory)

# **Daily Uniform**

**Boys Uniform Options Girls Uniform Options** 

Red Monogrammed CTK knit uniform shirt Red Monogrammed CTK knit uniform shirt

Navy uniform shorts/pants with a belt

Navy uniform shorts/pants with a belt

Navy uniform skirt or skort

Boys in PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten are exempt from wearing a belt

#### **Shoes PK-5th**

All shoes must have non-marking soles and heels. Shoes should not have distracting features such as lights, sounds, wheels, including bright colors, etc.

Sandals, flip flips, Crocs, and backless shoes are **NOT** permitted. Ankle boots, Ugg boots (and similar types), and high-heeled shoes are **NOT** permitted.

#### **Sweatshirts and Shirts**

Christ the King sweatshirts will be permitted on cool days. Uniform sweatshirts or CTKDS Spirit Wear may be worn in the building but are not permitted with Mass uniform. CTK sweaters/vests must be worn with Mass uniform from October 15th until Spring Break. All uniform shirts must be buttoned up except for the top button. All daily uniform and Mass uniform shirts and blouses (including T-shirts worn under them) MUST be completely tucked inside all slacks, shorts, skirts and skorts. Non-CTK Jackets can be worn to and from school and during recess. Students WILL NOT be allowed to wear non CTK jackets or windbreakers inside the building during the school day.

#### Hair and Grooming

- 1. Hair length is to conform to acceptable current styles, so long as cleanliness and good grooming is maintained.
- 2. Hair should be clean, combed, and neat in appearance. In general, it should not be distracting to the student's learning.

<sup>\*</sup>Uniform shorts can be worn from the beginning of school until Thanksgiving Break and after Spring Break until the end of school. Uniform shorts are not permitted on Mass days.

- 3. No cut-ins, designs, or embellishments in hair. No ponytails, braids, or "man-buns" for boys.
- 4. No unnatural dyes or highlights.
- 5. Make-up, artificial nails, and nail art are not permitted.

# Final decisions concerning hairstyle, makeup and grooming will rest with school administration.

#### Free Dress

When students are allowed to come to school in free dress, it is important that they be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean, neat, and modest. Christ the King Diocesan Schools prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

- 1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
- 2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance.
- 3. Refer to satanic, cult, or gang activities.
- 4. Absolutely no short or tight shorts, skirts or shirts allowed. Shorts and skirts must have an inseam of at least 7". Athletic shorts and pants are acceptable when they adhere to these guidelines.
- 5. All tops should be modest in nature. They should cover shoulders and midriffs (includes tank tops, crop tops, spaghetti strapped tops, etc...)
- 6. Jeans with minimal frays/cutouts are acceptable; frays cannot show skin on any body part.
- 7. When wearing leggings or jeggings, length of top must reach mid-thigh.
- 8. Pre-K 5th grade students should not wear sandals, flip flops, and Crocs for playground safety reasons.

# Field Trips

Students will wear a Red CTK shirt and jeans to go on any field trip.

### **Dress Code Violation**

If there is a Dress Code Violation, parents/guardians will be notified, and corrections are expected to be immediately addressed and followed.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

# Please refer to page 14 of the Diocesan Handbook

#### **ACADEMICS**

### Please refer to page 17 in the Diocesan Handbook

# HOMEWORK, LATE, AND MISSING ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Homework is an important part of the student's educational experience. It is given for reinforcement and enrichment purposes. It is also given to foster habits of independent study and to meet growth needs of individual students. Assignments are expected to be neatly written and completed when due.

Absence from school naturally deprives a student of required information in his/her academic work. In case of an absence, a parent/guardian must call our office by 8:30 am to inform the school of this fact. Students with excused absences will be allowed to make up missed work, both in class and any homework assigned. All tests must be taken in class when they return, not at home.

Missed assignments/books may be picked up for a student after the dismissal bell has rung at the end of the day. Please don't stop by during our school day as we won't be able to give you the work yet. If a student is absent five days or more than homework is due the following Monday of each five-day absence. In many cases, homework is posted on RenWeb. If you are not sure of the homework, please check with your child's teacher.

Individual study/homework times will vary from student to student; the following time allotments are generally suggested:

PK-Kinder: 10 minutes Grades 1 and 2: 20-30 minutes Grades 3: 30-40 minutes Grades 4 and 5: 40-60 minutes

Students are allowed the same number of days to make up work after being absent. For example, if a student was absent for 3 days, they have 3 days to complete and turn in missed work.

Students with missing assignments in 4th and 5th grade, will adhere to the following policy:

- Day one late: 10 points off
- Day two late: 20 points off, the teacher will notify the parents
- Day three late: 30 points off, the teacher will notify the parents via email that the assignment was not completed in Renweb/FACTS

After day 3 and if the assignment is not submitted, students will attend tutorials and complete the assignment. The highest possible earned grade is a 60.

\*See your child's teacher if you have any questions.

#### CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM POLICY

In Elementary School, when cheating or plagiarism is identified the teacher will inform the Dean. The teacher and Dean will visit with the student together and notify the parents. The goal of this is to help the student understand what authentic work entails.

- First offense Student Action Plan will be implemented
- **Second offense** Student Action Plan will be implemented and up to a grade of 50 may be earned
- *Third offense* Student Action Plan will be implemented, a grade of 0 will be earned, and more formal meetings will occur
- Any further offenses will place the student in jeopardy of being expelled from Christ the King Diocesan Schools.

# **DISCIPLINE WITH A PURPOSE (DWP)**

Teachers have age-appropriate discipline cycles for each of their classrooms. It is important that as Catholics we maintain the dignity of the student and families.

- 1. Redirect the behavior
- 2. Remove the student from the situation
- 3. Formal notification for Elementary School:
  - o An age-appropriate action plan will be used to help focus on and address the situation at hand.
  - o Parents will be contacted and visited with.
  - Each classroom has an age-appropriate Discipline Cycle. Teachers will follow their cycle when a situation arises in the classroom, cafeteria, playground.
  - When the student has reached a time when the classroom teacher has exhausted their measures, the teacher meets with the Dean face to face. Together they will assure that the behavior is documented in RenWeb. An email notification will automatically and immediately be sent to the parents.
  - Office referral to the School Dean where additional measures will be taken by the Schools Dean if and when necessary. Dean will apprise the Head of Schools before the end of each day of non-compliance behaviors.
  - Office referral to the Head of Schools

\*There might be times when a behavior warrants immediate removal from a classroom and a student goes directly to the Schools Dean for immediate attention and action.

#### DRUG. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, VAPE, AND USE POLICY

# Please refer to page 30 of the Diocesan Handbook

#### **ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Recess/Physical Activity**

Weather permitting; students in PK 3 through grade 5 are given a 30-minute recess each day. The decision to have outside recess during cold weather depends on the temperature and wind chill factor.

Shorter outside recess times are scheduled on very cold days. Always dress your child for outside recess. Students will not be excused from recess without a note from the student's parents or a doctor. Because there are no teachers inside of the building to supervise students during recess, students excused from recess will sit outside to read/work puzzles and not allowed to run around the playground.

# CTK Science Fair and Regional Science Fair

Completing a Science Fair project and competing in the CTK Science Fair is an academic requirement for students in 4th and 5th grade. All winners are expected to go with their entries to the Regional competition at Texas Tech University. It is an honor for the winners to participate in the South Plains Regional Science Fair.

#### **PSIA**

Students in grades 1-5 can participate in *PSIA*, Private Schools Interscholastic Association. With 18 contest categories covering a wide range of disciplines, PSIA is an exciting opportunity for private school students in grades 1 through 8 to engage in academic competition with their peers throughout the state of Texas.

PSIA offers students the motivation and opportunity to:

- find new excitement in learning
- know the satisfaction of their best performance
- achieve mastery
- receive recognition for academic excellence
- test their skills and knowledge

#### **ELEMENTARY DAILY LIFE**

# Arrival

Students are welcomed into the school building at 7:30 am and can be escorted to their homerooms by their parents, grandparents, and/or guardians. Parents, grandparents, and/or guardians may wait in the front entryway or gym if they would like to join us for Morning Prayer. CTKD Elementary School congregates together for Morning Opening in the school gym. Elementary students lead Morning Prayer by grade level; prayer concludes with the Pledge of Allegiance and a blessing for the day. From Morning Prayer, the day continues in the classrooms!

#### Classroom

Students study Religion, Language Arts (Reading and Writing), Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Handwriting, and Writing. Elementary students also receive instruction in Music, Art, PE, Spanish, Library, and STREAM specials at least twice per week. The tenets of our Catholic faith are infused

throughout every curricular discipline, throughout every classroom, and throughout every interaction with students. Our Catholic Identity is critically important to our mission and our philosophy of education.

At Christ the King Diocesan Elementary School, students will experience hands-on activities, direct instruction, exploration and experimentation, projects, and research papers, and much more. We strive to craft each lesson to engage, inspire, and excite each student about his/her educational experience. We believe that homework and handwriting are critical components to a well-rounded education. Homework is expected at an approximate 10-20 minutes per night/per grade level. In other words, a fifth grader would be expected to complete 50-60 minutes of homework each night.

# **Food and Beverages**

Students are given the opportunity for a snack time designated by their homeroom teacher. Teachers will communicate whether you have a snack day or if each student brings an individual snack.

These can be pre-packed items including, but not limited to, goldfish, teddy grahams, apples, fresh fruit, fresh veggies.

#### Lunch

During lunch, elementary students in grades PK-5 are not allowed to order soda. If lunch is being packed at home, please make sure it is something your child will eat and on the healthy side. Parents can join their child at lunch but are not allowed to stay during recess. Students need time for socialization.

Water filling stations are available for use throughout the CTK Diocesan Schools campus. Students may use their own *reusable water bottles* during the school day. *Bottles should be transparent or translucent. Coffee style cups or solid (non-see through) bottles are not allowed.* 

# **Religion and Service**

Older classes buddy up with younger classes for All Schools Mass as well as at various times for service projects, experiments, reading, and camaraderie. For example, Seniors buddy up with the Pre-K classes for Mass, various High Schools students assist 4th and 5th graders with science fair projects and research. High School teachers pair up older classes with younger classes for service projects. Our early childhood and primary students look up to the intermediate students, emulate them, and await the day that they, too, can be the leaders of the school.

Fourth and Fifth graders are invited and encouraged to serve weekly in Mass as Altar Servers. This is a leadership position as well as a privilege once the Sacrament of First Holy Communion has been received. Our school students are trained to serve weekly at the Cathedral, but highly encouraged to serve the altar at their home parishes as well.

Students in grade 2 through grade 5 also complete the Liturgical Choir at weekly Friday Mass.

CTKDS develops students who are confident and capable public speakers. As early as Pre-Kindergarten,

students are prepared to read at Morning Prayer, while older students read at Mass and speak publicly using a microphone. We pray together all day, but our end-of-the-day prayer can be led by a fifth-grade student who reads the prayer and any announcements over the PA system daily. CTKDS' curriculum, activities, and expectations nurture students who excel in public speaking and who participate in various performances throughout the year.

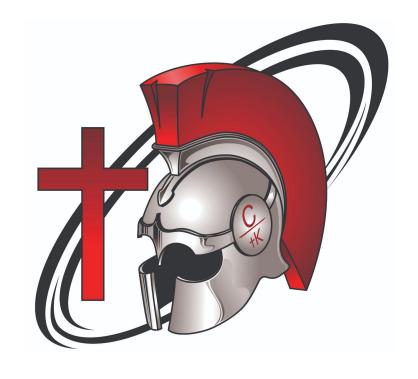
#### **ELEMENTARY DAILY PRAYER**

Morning prayer will be held at 8am daily. Elementary School prays at 3:00 pm daily, prior to the first dismissal at 3:05 pm. We pray for a parish priest/or our Holy Father every day, along with a daily prayer and we end with the Guardian Angel Prayer (said in both English and Spanish).

# Prayer to your Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's Love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. **Amen**.

# CHRIST THE KING DIOCESAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION



**GRADES 6TH - 8TH** 

# DRESS CODE, UNIFORMS, FREE DRESS GUIDELINES

# **Uniform Policy**

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Emblems of any nature, except those of Christ the King Diocesan Schools, are not permitted on CTK uniforms.

# **General Dress Guidelines**

1. Uniforms must fit properly and be in a good state of repair. Soiled, torn, faded or worn-out clothing will not be permitted.

Uniforms should be purchased with an adequate hem that can be let out as your student grows.

- 2. White, brown, black navy, or red socks are required at all times. Girls may also wear knee socks or solid color tights.
- 3. Only prescription glasses are permitted.
- 4. Students may wear simple jewelry that does not distract from the learning environment.
- 5. Students in 6th-8th grade must wear black, brown, or navy belts with uniform slacks and / or shorts that have belt loops.
- 6. Earbuds are permitted for educational purposes only.
- 7. No earrings for males.
- 8. Tattoos or any other markings (permanent or temporary).

#### **Mass Uniform**

Mass uniform is required for all Masses. Uniforms are to be worn all day. Mass uniform sweaters/vest are to be worn October 15 thru Spring Break.

# Boys Required For Mass: Girls Required For Mass:

Navy Uniform Slacks Navy Skort (Culotte/Split Skirt) or Skirt

White Oxford Shirt (Long/short sleeved) White Blouse (Long/Short Sleeved)

Navy V-Neck Sweater or sweater vest Navy Cardigan sweater

Navy, Brown, or Black Belt Navy tie

Men's Standard Tie – Navy

# **Daily Uniform**

# **Boys Uniform Options Girls Uniform Options**

Red Monogrammed CTK knit uniform shirt Red Monogrammed CTK knit uniform shirt

Khaki uniform shorts Khaki uniform skirt/skort

Khaki uniform pants Khaki uniform shorts

Khaki uniform pants

#### Shoes

Students may only wear tennis shoes with uniform shorts. Students may wear solid colored black, brown or navy leather dress shoes. Canvas shoes (Vans and Tom type) are **not** permitted. **NO** athletic shoes of any kind may be with Mass uniform. Questions about acceptable shoes should be directed to the Dean.

All shoes must have non-marking soles and heels. Shoes should not have distracting features such as lights, sounds, wheels, including bright colors, etc.

Sandals, flip flops, Crocs, and backless shoes are **NOT** permitted. Ankle boots, Ugg boots (and similar types), and high-heeled shoes are **NOT** permitted.

# **Sweatshirts and Shirts**

Christ the King sweatshirts will be permitted on cool days. Uniform sweatshirts or CTKDS Spirit Wear (current year) may be worn in the building but are not permitted with Mass uniform. CTK sweaters/vests must be worn with Mass uniform from October 15th until Spring Break. All uniform shirts must be buttoned up except for the top button. All daily uniform and Mass uniform shirts and blouses (including T-shirts worn under them) MUST be completely tucked inside all slacks, shorts, skirts and skorts. Non-CTK Jackets can be worn to and from school and during recess. Students WILL NOT be allowed to wear non CTK jackets or windbreakers inside the building during the school day.

# **Hair and Grooming**

- 1. Hair length is to conform to acceptable current styles, so long as cleanliness and good grooming is maintained.
- 2. Hair should be clean, combed, and neat in appearance. In general, it should not be distracting to the student's learning.
- 3. No cut-ins, designs, or embellishments in hair. No ponytails, braids, or "man-buns" for boys.
- 4. No unnatural dyes or highlights.
- 5. Minimal make-up may be worn for young ladies.
- 6. Artificial nails, and nail art should be conservative for young ladies.

<sup>\*</sup>Uniform shorts can be worn from the beginning of school until Thanksgiving Break and after Spring Break until the end of school. Uniform shorts are not permitted on Mass days.

# Final decisions concerning hairstyle, makeup and grooming will rest with school administration

#### Free Dress

When students are allowed to come to school in free dress, it is important that they be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean, neat, and modest. Christ the King Diocesan Schools prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

- 1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
- 2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance.
- 3. Refer to satanic, cult, or gang activities.
- 4. Absolutely no short or tight shorts, skirts or shirts allowed. Shorts and skirts must have an inseam of at least 7". Athletic shorts and pants are acceptable when they adhere to these guidelines.
- 5. All tops should be modest in nature. They should cover shoulders and midriffs (includes tank tops, crop tops, spaghetti strapped tops, etc...)
- 6. Jeans with minimal frays/cutouts are acceptable; frays cannot show skin on any body part.
- 7. When wearing leggings or jeggings, length of top must reach mid-thigh.
- 8. Students in 6th 8th grade should not wear sandals, flip flops, and Crocs for safety reasons.

# Field Trips / Athletic Events

Students will wear a CTKDS shirt and jeans to go on any school sponsored field trip. When travel for athletic events is necessary, student athletes will follow the guidelines set by the athletic department.

#### **Dress Code Violation**

If a Dress Code violation occurs such as no belt, missing pieces of Mass uniform etc. students will follow a tiered set of consequences. These consequences will reset every 9 weeks thus allowing students to start fresh and hone their skills of **Organizing and Resolving Problems**.

- 1. First dress code violation is loss of Spirit Shirt Day. Students will wear regular daily uniforms the following Spirit Shirt Day. If a student does not participate in Spirit Day, Mass uniform will be worn on Tuesday instead.
- 2. Second dress code violation: loss of Spirit Shirt Day and Lunch Detention.
- 3. Third dress code violation: loss of Spirit Shirt Day, Lunch Detention and loss of Transition Time.
- 4. Fourth dress code violation results in a meeting of all parties with administration.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please refer to page 14 in the Diocesan Handbook.

#### **ACADEMICS**

# Please refer to page 17 in the Diocesan Handbook

#### BEHAVIOR/CONDUCT POLICY

At CTK we believe in nurturing and educating the whole child. This includes the development of strong character and responsible behavior. Our Conduct grading system is designed to help students recognize the importance of positive attitudes, respectful interactions, and responsible choices. These grades reflect qualities such as punctuality, participation, respect to others, adherence to school rules and policies, and student expectations. A conduct grade is earned in every class each 9 weeks. Students must maintain satisfactory behavior to be eligible for Honor Roll in the CTK Diocesan Schools (page 17 in the Diocesan Handbook).

When a student has received an office referral for behavior/conduct in class, and a consequence is earned, a demerit will be entered into Renweb/FACTS by administration. This allows us to monitor students' behavior by class/subject. A grade for conduct will be a letter grade earned in each class/subject. It will only appear on the family side on the report card each quarter. The overall number of demerits earned will determine the Conduct grade for report card purposes. As a family, you can monitor Conduct progress through the Behavior Section in the Renweb/FACTS family portal.

- A = 0-4
- B = 5-9
- C = 10

Each teacher will implement and follow their classroom DWP plan. They will continue to follow these policies and enter behavior in Renweb/FACTS. Conduct grades will be impacted as follows:

**2-5 pts for every office referral with a consequence determined by the Administration.**This does not include if a student goes to the Guidance Counselor for re-direction, developing skills

**Automatic "Off the Honor Roll"** – ISS served (1/2 or full day)

Parents/Guardians will be contacted and visited with in an age-appropriate manner. Student Action Plan needs to go home and a visit with the family and signature occur before the consequence is served.

# HOMEWORK, LATE, AND MISSING ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Students accept the responsibility of attending class and performing work and assignments as prescribed by the teacher. When absence from class is essential, it is the <u>responsibility of the student</u> to notify the teacher ahead of time and obtain work. When returning to class, it is the <u>student</u>'s <u>responsibility</u> to

*follow up and obtain and complete assignments.* All assignments are expected to be neatly completed and turned in when due. The Junior High School has its own missing assignment policy.

- 1st day missing = grade of a 70. Students will be responsible for completing the assignment at this time. Assignments will be returned the next day. (Teachers' choice if they would like to email as well).
- 2nd day missing = grade of a 50. If the assignment is not returned today the teacher will send an email to the parents via FACTS/Renweb.
- 3rd day missing = 0, but the student still needs to complete the assignment. The teacher will communicate with the parent that the assignment was not completed and turn in on this day.

These will be entered into Renweb/FACTS System for each student.

# **TUTORIALS**

Students failing more than one course must attend tutorials weekly until they have a passing grade. This is also a time for student's to complete work or tests due to absences. Weekly tutorials will be during the school day to allow students and instructors/tutors dedicated time to work together to ensure the students' academic success. Students and parents/guardians will be notified prior to tutorials each week.

# CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM POLICY

In Junior High School, when cheating or plagiarism is identified each teacher will inform the Dean. Each teacher and the Dean will visit with the student together and notify the parents. The goal of this is to help the student understand what authentic work entails.

- *First offense* Conference with student, parent, teacher, and administrator and assignment maybe redone and full credit maybe earned
- Second offense Student Action Plan will be implemented and a grade up to a 50 maybe earned
- *Third offense* Student Action Plan will be implemented, a grade of 0 will be earned, and more formal meetings will occur
- *Fourth offense* Student Action Plan will be implemented, a grade of 0 will be earned, and half-day In-School Suspension (ISS) will be served.
- Any further offenses will place the student in jeopardy of being expelled from Christ the King Diocesan Schools.

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- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

The Spanish Club is also a leader in various activities in Junior High and all school events, such as mass, stations of the cross, and contests that foster fellowship and community. The Spanish Club has also instituted an all-Spanish Language Mass several times throughout the academic year, which they lead. For more information, please contact the Spanish Club Sponsor or the current president.

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Students will carry all necessary supplies to their core classes, these supplies can include but are not limited to textbooks, books, binders, journals, and writing utensils.

#### JUNIOR HIGH DAILY PRAYER

#### CONSECRATION FOR STUDENTS PRAYER

God our Father, we praise and thank you for sending your Son Jesus to us. He reconciles us with You and makes us your sons and daughters. We need Jesus' love and grace. We thank you for the gift of our baptism and knowing your love for us.

Jesus, we are the Church, and you have called us to be a light to the nations. The apostles followed you and then baptized and preached. We need people now to follow you. We ask for more young men to be open to the call to the priesthood to bring your truth and grace to the world through preaching and the sacraments. We pray for young women to be open to the call of religious life, devoting themselves to you and strengthening and inspiring the Church. We pray that people will see marriage as a calling where holy families are formed.

We entrust our class to the Blessed Virgin Mary so that she may pray for us and help us all to be open to God's call to serve your Son in our daily lives as disciples. Teach us to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit. Help us to completely trust in God's will for our lives since He made us and loves us.

**AMEN** 

# CHRIST THE KING DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION



**GRADES 9TH - 12TH** 

# DRESS CODE, UNIFORMS, FREE DRESS GUIDELINES

# **Uniform Policy**

There is a direct correlation between a young person's appearance and his/her overall attitude toward learning. A clean and complete uniform is required for every student. Students in uniform are representatives of Christ the King Diocesan Schools. They should be proud of their school and dress accordingly. Soiled, torn, faded, constricting size, or worn-out clothing will not be permitted.

Emblems of any nature, except those of Christ the King Diocesan Schools, are not permitted on CTK uniforms.

# **General Dress Guidelines**

1. Uniforms must fit properly and be in a good state of repair. Soiled, torn, faded or worn-out clothing will not be permitted.

Uniforms should be purchased with an adequate hem that can be let out as your student grows.

- 2. White, brown, black navy, or red socks are required at all times. Girls may also wear knee socks or solid color tights.
- 3. Only prescription glasses are permitted.
- 4. Students may wear simple jewelry that does not distract from the learning environment.
- 5. Students in 9th-12th grades must wear black, brown, or navy belts with uniform slacks and / or shorts that have belt loops.
- 6. Earbuds are permitted for educational purposes only.
- 7. No earrings for males.
- 8. Tattoos or any other markings (permanent or temporary).

#### **Mass Uniform**

Mass uniform is required for all Masses. Uniforms are to be worn all day. Scout uniforms are not to be worn on these days. Red or Black shirts are <u>not</u> to be worn with uniform plaid.

Boys Required For Mass: Girls Required For Mass:

Khaki Uniform Slacks Plaid Skirt

White Oxford Shirt (Long/short sleeved) White Shirt ¾ Sleeve Blouse

Navy Blazer Navy Blazer

Navy, Brown, or Black Belt Standard Tie - Red

Men's Standard Tie - Red

# **Daily Uniform**

# **Boys Uniform Options Girls Uniform Options**

Red/BLK Monogrammed CTK uniform shirt Red/BLK Monogrammed CTK uniform shirt

Khaki uniform shorts Khaki uniform skirt

Khaki uniform pants Khaki uniform shorts

Khaki uniform pants

#### Shoes

Students may only wear tennis shoes with uniform shorts. Students may wear solid colored black, brown or navy leather dress shoes. Canvas shoes (Vans and Tom type) are **not** permitted. **NO** athletic shoes of any kind may be with Mass uniform. Questions about acceptable shoes should be directed to the Dean.

All shoes must have non-marking soles and heels. Shoes should not have distracting features such as lights, sounds, wheels, including bright colors, etc.

Sandals, flip flops, Crocs, and backless shoes are **NOT** permitted. Ankle boots, Ugg boots (and similar types), and high-heeled shoes are **NOT** permitted.

#### **Sweatshirts And Shirts**

Christ the King sweatshirts will be permitted on cool days. Uniform sweatshirts or CTKDS Spirit Wear (current year) may be worn in the building but are not permitted with Mass uniform. All uniform shirts must be buttoned up except for the top button. All daily uniform and Mass uniform shirts and blouses (including T-shirts worn under them) MUST be completely tucked inside all slacks, shorts, skirts and skorts. Non-CTK Jackets can be worn to and from school and during recess. Students WILL NOT be allowed to wear non CTK jackets or windbreakers inside the building during the school day.

# **Hair And Grooming**

- 1. Hair length is to conform to acceptable current styles, so long as cleanliness and good grooming is maintained.
- 2. Hair should be clean, combed, and neat in appearance. In general, it should not be distracting to the student's learning.
- 3. No cut-ins, designs, or embellishments in hair. No ponytails, braids, or "man-buns" for boys.
- 4. No unnatural dyes or highlights.
- 5. Make-up, artificial nails, and nail art should be conservative for young ladies.
- 6. Young men should be clean shaven and neat in appearance at all times.

Final decisions concerning hairstyle, makeup and grooming will rest with school administration

<sup>\*</sup>Uniform shorts can be worn from the beginning of school until Thanksgiving Break and after Spring Break until the end of school. Uniform shorts are not permitted on Mass days.

# **Free Dress**

When students are allowed to come to school in free dress, it is important that they be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean, neat, and modest. Christ the King Diocesan Schools prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

- 1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
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- 5. All tops should be modest in nature. They should cover shoulders and midriffs (includes tank tops, crop tops, spaghetti strapped tops, etc...)
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- 8. Students in 9th 12th grade should not wear sandals, flip flops, and Crocs for safety reasons.

# Field Trips / Athletic Events

Students will wear a CTKDHS shirt and jeans to go on any school sponsored field trip. When travel for athletic events is necessary, student athletes will follow the guidelines set by the athletic department.

#### **Dress Code Violation**

If a Dress Code violation occurs such as no belt, missing pieces of Mass uniform etc. students will follow a tiered set of consequences. These consequences will reset every 9 weeks thus allowing students to start fresh and hone their skills of **Organizing and Resolving Problems**.

- 1. First dress code violation is loss of Spirit Shirt Day or Free Dress Day. Students will wear regular daily uniforms the following Spirit Shirt Day. If a student does not participate in Spirit Day, Mass uniform will be worn on Tuesday instead.
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#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please refer to page 14 in the Diocesan Handbook.

#### **ACADEMICS**

Please refer to page 17 in the Diocesan Handbook

# HOMEWORK, LATE, AND MISSING ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Students accept the responsibility of attending class and performing work and assignments as prescribed by the teacher. When absence from class is essential, it is the <u>responsibility of the student to notify the teacher ahead of time and obtain work</u>. When returning to class, it is the <u>student's responsibility to follow up and obtain and complete assignments</u>. All assignments are expected to be neatly completed and turned in when due.

The High School has its own missing assignment policy.

- All homework is expected to be turned in by the due date.
- All assignments should be neat, and legible and MUST be turned in, even if late.
- "Late One Day Pass". A late pass will be given to each student each 9 weeks in each class. This will allow one "grace" day for students and full points earned on the assignment.
- If a student has other assignments not turned in on time and does not have a Late One Day Pass *they will need to complete the assignment*.
  - If the assignment is completed and turned in with 24 hours (the next class day), up to a 70 can be earned on the assignment.
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#### **TUTORIALS**

Students failing any course must attend tutorials weekly until they have a passing grade. This is also a time for student's to complete work or tests due to absences. Weekly tutorials will be during the school day to allow students and instructors/tutors dedicated time to work together to ensure the students' academic success. Students and parents/guardians will be notified prior to tutorials each week.

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Students in 11th and 12th grade are eligible to be exempt from end of the year Finals. Exemption guidelines are for each class.

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In High School, when cheating or plagiarism is identified each teacher will inform the Dean. Each teacher and the Dean will visit with the student together and notify the parents. The goal of this is to help the student understand what authentic work entails.

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- Faith Life
- Human Relations
- Cultural Values

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- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

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- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- International Representative

For more information on the nomination and voting process please see the current Student Council Advisor.

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Students are expected to obey all traffic laws and drive respectfully. <u>If an incident or accident occurs on school grounds with student vehicles, students are asked to report the incident to the High School Dean or other Administrator immediately.</u>

#### HIGH SCHOOL DAILY PRAYER

# **Prayer To Saint Michael The Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**