

Summer 2020

## NEWSLETTER

### **Important Dates**

**July 4th**

Independence Day

**August 25**

Middle School  
Orientation

**August 26**

1st Day of School  
Noon Dismissal

**August 27 & 28**

Preschool, Bridge &  
Pre-K  
Noon Dismissal

### **Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope the summer is relaxing and enjoyable for your families.

The CKS 2020-2021 school calendar is available and attached in this newsletter.

We are all concerned about our children's safety for the start of the next school year at CKS. Please know each child's well-being is our highest priority along with providing an exemplary education. Currently, CKS has a School Reopening Task Force made up of CKS school nurse, medical professionals, parents, teachers and administrators to ensure the safety of our students. All Vermont Catholic school principals and the superintendent have been meeting to develop a diocese-wide plan for successful and safe in-person instruction utilizing Vermont Department of Health, Vermont Agency of Education and CDC guidelines. As soon as the plan is finalized I will share details of the health and safety protocols.

The CKS Reopening Task Force has outlined procedures and future plans for re-opening CKS in this newsletter.

I will email any updates regarding reopening and policies as the guidelines continue to evolve. Thank you for your patience and support.

Wishing you a restful summer,

Dr. Dwyer



*The mission of Christ the King School  
is to provide an excellent education  
in a Catholic community of love and care;  
to foster respect for self and others,  
and to nourish a life-long devotion to God  
And the teachings of Jesus Christ*



# 2020-2021

Christ the King School

## Academic Year Calendar

| August 20 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| September 20 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| October 20 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| November 20 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| December 20 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| April 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| May 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| June 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| July 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| August 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| September 21 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 8/24 School Social                |
| 8/25 Middle School Orientation    |
| 8/26 First Day/ Half Day          |
| 8/26-28 Half Day for Early Ed.    |
| 9/7 Labor Day/No School           |
| 9/25 PD/No School                 |
| 10/5 PD/No School                 |
| 10/12 Columbus Day/No School      |
| 11/23-24 Conferences/Half Days    |
| 11/25-27 Thanksgiving/No School   |
| 12/22 Half Day                    |
| 12/23-1/1 Christmas Break         |
| 1/18 MLK/ No School               |
| 1/25-29 CSW                       |
| 2/1 No School                     |
| 2/22-26 Winter Break/Care Offered |
| 3/19 Half Day 3/19-20 Cabaret     |
| 3/22 PD/ No School                |
| 4/1 Holy Thursday/ Half Day       |
| 4/2 Good Friday/ No School        |
| 4/5 Easter Monday/ No School      |
| 4/19-23 Spring Break/Care Offered |
| 5/28 Spring Challenge             |
| 5/31 Memorial Day/ No School      |
| 6/3 8th Grade Graduation          |
| 6/11 Last Day of School/ Half Day |
| 6/28-8/20 Summer Care Program     |
| 7/5 Independence Day/No Camp      |
| 8/25 First Day 2021               |

## School Reopening Procedures

The CKS School Reopening Task Force is planning to create the best standard of practice for safeguarding student and faculty health while in-person instruction is delivered in the classrooms. The task force has utilized the American Academy of Pediatrics, Vermont Dept. of Health, Vermont Agency of Education and CDC guidelines as the sources of information for guiding re-opening the school. Our plan is on-going and being re-evaluated as updated state and federal documentation becomes available during this process.

### As of early July CKS School Reopening Task Force is requiring:

- Masks are required by all faculty and students
- Any person entering the school building will be signed in & undergo a health screening with a temperature check
- Students will enter the building & report directly to their classroom
- Desks will be 3-6 feet apart based on the classroom & available space
- Instructional signage from the CDC regarding handwashing & social distancing will be placed around the school
- Provide your child with a pencil case/box labeled with his/her name on it to hold his/her supplies to be left in the classroom
- Plan to provide a brown bag lunch for eating in the grade/homeroom classroom
- Students will remain in their cohort as much as possible

### CKS School Reopening Task Force is currently working on plans for:

- Staggered schedule for drop-off and pick-up based upon parent preference
- Designating additional entry & exit doors to reduce crowding
- Designating restrooms by grade during the school day
- Specials becoming mobile by visiting grade level classrooms
- Designating an isolation room for sick students separate of the nurse's office
- Consulting with Abbey Group food provider for logistical delivery of lunches
- Upgrading WIFI connection in the building
- Providing hand-sanitizer stations throughout the building
- Sending out parent & student surveys
- Considering moving larger classes to different rooms and/or splitting them
- Scheduling additional free time/outdoor time to give students multiple breaks

If you have any concerns and/or ideas feel free to reach out to Nurse Hamilton  
[Nurse@cksvt.org](mailto:Nurse@cksvt.org)



## 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

On June 4th CKS faculty celebrated our 8th grade graduates. Our 8th Grade families watched their children receive a diploma from Monsignor McDermott and Dr. Dwyer. Middle School faculty organized and announced graduates and award recipients. CKS faculty cheered on the graduates from the windows of the school building. Congratulations to our CKS graduates and we wish you much success and happiness in high school!













## **Kindergarten Celebration Ceremony**

On June 10th CKS faculty celebrated our rising kindergarten students. Our rising kindergarteners had a celebration parade led by the Burlington Fire Department. Kindergarten families watched their children receive a certificate and gift from Mrs. Culupa and Mrs. Cadrecha as they also met their future 1st grade teacher Mrs. Byrne. The kindergarten graduates stood under a rainbow colored balloon arch to have their picture taken with their family and Carl the Cardinal.

Congratulations to our CKS kindergarten graduates and their families!













## Girls Basketball Awarded 1st Place

The Middle School Girls Basketball Team was awarded first place as the 2020 Vermont State CYO champions. We congratulate the team success of Camryn Benner, Logan Forcier, Sunshine Clark, Ella Danaher, Kaylee Dye, Kaitlin Murphy, Jen Meyers and Mara Stevens for their historic win! CKS also acknowledges the time, efforts and talent of head coach Mr. Terry Benner and assistant coaches Mr. Taylor Bird, Mr. Bob Dye, Mr. Larry Forcier and Mr. Luke Stevens. The plaque honoring the CKS Lady Cardinals will be displayed in the school. Go Lady Cardinals!





## Physical Plant Improvements

New Lobby renovations are underway. The main entrance of CKS is an important area which greets all of our families and where our students walk through at the beginning and end of each day. New security cameras have been installed along with Early Ed wing doors having secure locks with key fob entry. The lobby walls have been painted, doors painted cardinal red to match the upstairs halls, the front office window trim has new stain and the railings have been sanded and painted. A new vinyl floor will be installed in July.



Each classroom is being fully sanitized this summer. All the classroom walls, windows and air-ducts will be cleaned. The floors will be fully stripped of existing wax, cleaned and given a coat of new wax.



All classrooms will receive a food scrap collection bucket. These new buckets will allow for CKS to be in compliance with Vermont state law as of July 2020.



## CKS Faculty Merit Pay Recipients



### **Mrs. Natalie Byrne**

Mrs. Byrne is our 1st grade teacher who is passionate and creative in all of her classroom activities for students at CKS for the past 20 years. She was inspired to teach from her 1st grade teacher in Derby, Vermont and teaching CCD as a high school student. Mrs. Byrne is a graduate of UVM earning a Master's Degree in Education. She always collaborates with other teachers with technology, trips to Shelburne Farms, writing projects and science habitat projects. In addition to crafting innovative lessons, Mrs. Byrne has secured over \$100,000 in title funds for CKS faculty for professional development and for students to gain access to services by Burlington Public School District. She has served on the School Board, director of after-school program, planned school-wide community service projects, a member of several hiring committees, and developed professional development plans for the faculty. Let us recognize Mrs. Byrne's achievement of becoming a CKS Distinguished Educator in the Merit Pay advancement!



### **Mrs. Elizabeth Gillis**

Mrs. Gillis our 5th grade teacher who has the amazing ability to incorporate technology, social-emotional learning and creativity in all of her lessons for the past 12 years at CKS. Mrs. Gillis was inspired by her Catholic grade school experience at St. Joseph's School in Burlington and participation in CYO basketball. She also collaborates often with her colleagues with student projects and professional development as a Google Certified teacher. Mrs. Gillis is a graduate of Champlain College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Early & Elementary Education. Her commitment to experiential learning is evident in her field trips to Starbase, Sailing Center, Audubon Society, Flynn Center of Arts and Echo Center. Let us celebrate Mrs. Gillis' achievement of becoming a CKS Educator in the Merit Pay advancement!

## Farewell Fr. Zuccaro



We wish Fr. Zuccaro the best of luck as he moves on from CKS to join the pastoral team at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Charlotte and St. Jude Church in Hinesburg.

Thank you for your presence in the school and at events. We are grateful for all of your kind words and prayers. We will miss you at CKS!



## CKS Spring Challenge

### **\$10,000 matching gift challenge!**

Summer is almost here and it's time to start thinking about all the fun activities we can do this summer to stay fit and healthy! While things are more than a little different this year, we still want our kids to head into summer with a healthy first step - running, jumping, and playing their way into the summer recess!

It's also Spring Challenge time! This is when we would normally write to friends and family to ask them to support CKS. We still need their support and, thanks to a generous anonymous donor, ***any Spring Challenge gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000!***

*Help us reach our \$10,000 goal before June 14th and your support will fund:*

- ⇒ *new projectors for classrooms,*
- ⇒ *build our new playground*
- ⇒ *renovate our lobby*

How can you help?

- Reach out to the five friends or family members your child was going to write to, tell them about how your family will be staying active this summer, and ask them to give online at <https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/ZmQFY2HtY>
- Don't forget to tell them about the awesome \$10,000 matching gift challenge! But don't stop there! Please consider reaching out to five additional potential supporters! If every family helped bring in just \$100 we would far surpass our goal.
- Record a video with suggestions of fun things to do this summer or of your child doing his or her favorite summer activity and email or share it with Mr. Hughes at [jhughes@cksvt.org](mailto:jhughes@cksvt.org) to share on social media.
- Share, share, share <https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/ZmQFY2HtY> on social media, via text and email!
- You can even text CHALLENGE to 802-992-8283 to get the link delivered directly to your phone!

Let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your support! With a little help from you

Best,

Jon and the CKS PTO







**Email the PTO at [cks-pto@cksvt.org](mailto:cks-pto@cksvt.org)  
to join our next Zoom meeting**

Even though we can't shop like we normally might, here are still great ways to earn money for CKS:

