

January 17, 2020

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Dear Parents,

Important Dates:

Friday, January 17th- Midterms are released

Monday, January 20th- Martin Luther King Holiday

Thursday, January 23rd- Parent/Teacher conferences- 3:00 to 4:30 PM  
5:30 to 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 25th- St. Chris Fish Fry- Athletic Association

Sunday, January 26th- St. Christopher Open House- 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Monday, January 27th- Beginning of Catholic Schools Week (CSW)

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>- Band Concert @ 12:15 PM, with Spelling Bee to follow (Parents are invited to attend both events)

- St. Chris Town Hall Meeting- 7:00 PM in the Church

Wednesday, January 29th- All Schools Catholic School Mass at St. Luke Parish at 10:00 (we will have 20 students attending)

Thursday, January 30th- St. Chris Town Hall Meeting- 7:45 AM in the Emmaus Center

News:

- I do not want to create panic and alarm, but I wanted to communicate to our St. Chris families that we had two confirmed cases of lice in one of our grades. I am able to share the following information with you:

- 1) We have a no Nit Policy at St. Chris. A student with nits or live lice will not be permitted to return to school until the problem is resolved.
- 2) The school nurse who reports to our building once a week, checked the entire grade. We have two confirmed cases. Their siblings were also checked.
- 3) In informing parents about an active lice situation, a letter is sent to the grade level where the lice or nits were found.
- 4) I have asked the school counselor to make sure that conversations take place in all classrooms that sharing combs, brushes, hats etc. should not take place. As parents, I would also ask that you share this same message.
- 5) Our school nurse along with our guidance counselor, Mrs. Rasor are on top of this current situation. I have only met the school nurse a couple of times, but she is very competent and experienced in dealing with lice in other buildings and school districts.
- 6) There is no need for alarm, the issue is being dealt with and handled. This is the fifth building where I have been principal and in each one I have encountered lice at one time or another.

-Just want to remind everyone that at the St. Chris Open House that the Knights of Columbus are having their annual Free Throw Shooting competition and that Youth Ministry is having a Pancake Breakfast.

-I surely hope everyone is going to be attending the 2020 St. Christopher Open House. Complete the St. Chris Passport Stamp activity and be entered in the drawing for one of five \$100 reductions in the registration fee. There should be quite the energy in the building that day. The event starts right after the 9:00 AM Mass.

- Town Hall meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church and on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 AM in the Emmaus Center. Ross Shira, president of Parish Council, Mary Lauterbach, Pastoral Associate and Paul Beyerle, Principal will be presenting. A question and answer period will follow after the presentations. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make it a point to be present. A common theme in the weeks I have been at St. Chris has been the need for improved COMMUNICATION. The Town Hall is a major event to assist with our communication.

- The Dress Code presentation made at the PTO meeting was well attended. Upon getting the results of the survey to be completed by parents (by the way, an attending parent at the meeting helped in the construction of the survey) and faculty, a joint PTO committee and Faculty committee will look at potentially revising the student uniform policy. Thank you Lara Mueller for letting us be part of your meeting.

- Please check out the St. Chris School website as the new video has been posted. Do you recognize the voices of the commentators? This is a very professional and well done feature of the website.

-Also, I hope you have been following the St. Chris Facebook page. There have been multiple pictures of kindergarten, grade one and grade two student life. I think the faces of the students indicate positive feelings for their school.

#### Highlights:

-Meeting with involved parents to assist in the marketing and promotion of St. Chris School. I really got the sense of a team working together to meet a goal.

-Introducing myself to over 20 perspective kindergarten parents at our "Countdown to Kindergarten" meetings. It was a great opportunity to speak with them about our K program. Miss Dalinghaus and Mrs. Dunkle were also present to help alleviate the fears of young parents who are experiencing their oldest child going to school for the first time.

-Walking into classrooms unannounced and viewing attentive students engaged in their learning. It is important to note that the students look relaxed and at ease, enabling them to complete their best work.

Thought: Matthew 3:17 (Last Sunday's gospel) And a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" My reflection is this; if a voice from heaven spoke and said, "This is Paul Beyerle, in whom ....." What would that voice say about me? What would that voice say about you.?