

# **LION'S LETTER**

## **ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Wow! Can you believe we are already three months into the school year? I am in shock at how much we have accomplished. I'd like to give a quick recap of everything new and exciting that has happened this year at St. Christopher Catholic School.

In September each of our classrooms and our computer lab were outfitted with brand new Smart Boards. This has caused quite a buzz around campus. Teachers and students alike have a new level of excitement everyday when they try something new on the boards. We have also outfitted each classroom with a document camera so teachers can now display their textbook and other supplementary materials on the Smart Boards and still retain the use of the Smart technology while pointing out important information to their students. The end of September brought the Bishop Gorman faculty and staff onto our campus to begin a beautification project called Gaels Give Hope. If you have not yet seen some of the improvements, I invite you to come down and take a look at what was done in just three hours. In October, Bishop Gorman also made a very generous donation of 20 laptop computers to our campus so our teachers can use them in the classrooms for research projects. In October, we were able to purchase 35 brand new computers for our computer lab. If you have the opportunity, please thank Fr. Dave for procuring the donations necessary to purchase all this new technology we are now enjoying. He, quietly, does so much for our students.

October brought so many amazing events to our school beginning with our annual Bazaar. I was so impressed with this event, it being my first Bazaar as a principal. Our parents played an integral role in making this event a huge success. I also want to thank our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who gave up their morning off and worked so hard to put our school back together for classes. I was very proud of them and their efforts. We also saw our JV Soccer team take home 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the diocesan soccer tournament. It was such an exciting game that went to sudden death overtime. I was so proud and so impressed with our kids and with the St. Anne's team as well. We should be extremely thankful as a Diocese that we have so many talented young men and women.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders had the privilege to listen to a presentation from some of the magnet and tech schools. It was a very informative meeting and many of the kids were excited about what they had to hear. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders were invited to sign up for a shadow day at the individual schools. Please contact the school that your child would like to shadow and inform Miss Dulce about the day you sign up for. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders also had their shadow day at Bishop Gorman. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience a day in the life of a typical high school student. I received nothing but rave reviews from the administration and faculty about our kids.

A gentle reminder to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents is that applications for registration for Bishop Gorman open on November 1, 2016 and Open House is on November 20, 2016. All information and applications can be found at [www.bishopgorman.org](http://www.bishopgorman.org).

As we move into November, I have some important dates to remind you of. On November 1, we begin wearing our winter uniforms. Please see the handbook beginning on page 19 for the winter uniform requirements. We will also be celebrating mass on Tuesday November 1 for All Saints Day. Wednesday November 2 will be school picture day and Friday November 4 will be a Fall Field Day for the students. Please have your child dress in their PE uniform on this day and they will not need their backpacks. This is the first Friday of the month so it is a noon dismissal day. As it is a Fall Field Day, there will be no water activities this day. Mrs. Barnaby is looking for parent volunteers, so if you are available, please contact Miss Dulce at the front desk and let her know. We will need you from 8:30 until dismissal at noon. Friday November 4 is also the end of the First Trimester. Report cards will be distributed on Friday November 18. Please remember that Friday November 11 we have no school in observance of Veteran's Day. Please share the importance of this day with your children. We have several Veterans' on our staff, including Roman Ceballos, Mr. Casper, Fr. Dave, and Mr. Ruggles, our retired principal. We thank them for their service. We would also like to recognize our St. Christopher Catholic School family members who are currently serving in our military. Your sacrifice is something for which we can't thank you enough. Wednesday, November 23 is a noon dismissal day as we move into the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our after school activities are continuing every day and I love how involved our students are. Boys basketball is moving along with their first game happening on November 4 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please check with all coaches and club moderators for meeting times and dates for November.

Lastly, with Thanksgiving coming quickly, I would like to let you know how thankful I am for my St. Christopher Catholic School family. I really do not believe that there is a better place than St. Christopher's. I would like to wish you a very blessed month of November, and to our students, I would like to remind you that I love you all and I always will.

Christopher Zunno, Principal  
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