

Dear Saint Christopher Catholic School Parents:

Fantastic News: If you have not purchased your child's Character Educations T-Shirt already, you can now order one online. The link is

[https://stores.inksoft.com/st\\_christopher\\_catholic\\_school/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/st_christopher_catholic_school/shop/home)

Next week we will be starting PAWS cards to kick off our PAWS Character Education Program .

### **PAWS stands for:**

#### **Pray Regularly**

**Accept Responsibility** (complete homework, make improvements in grades, etc...)

**Welcome Others** (Be the arms, hands, feet, mouth of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph. We are our own, special and holy St. Chris family!)

#### **Safety First**

### **How this works:**

Each time a St. Chris adult (faculty, school or parish staff) "catches" a class doing something significant, a PAW Card will be given to them. Then, teachers will add the "PAW Card" onto a poster, butcher paper or bulletin board, clothes line, easel... on/in a designated area in the room. Be creative and have fun with it! BEST PAWS display earns an extra PAW from Dr. Pontrello!

For example, if a teacher "catch" a class walking down the preschool hallway, or **quietly or past corner rooms (Ms. Kerwin's or Mrs. Provino's rooms)**, a staff member can add a PAWS card onto the class poster. Then you circle "A" for "accepting responsibility."

One student can earn a PAWS card on behalf of the class as well. There is a student who places the classroom chromebooks on the chargers at the end of the day for middle school. If the student did not do this, then the fifth and sixth graders may not be able to use the chromebooks the next day. Therefore, the student will earn a PAWS card for accepting responsibility.

If it is a single student who earned the PAWS card, then the teacher or another staff member will write your child's name on the card. The student who earns the most PAWS cards for the class will receive a Virtue Award at the end of the month. More details regarding the VIRTUE of the Month award will be coming soon.

Teachers and classes can SET a goal of how many cards your class will aim to achieve weekly. Preschool teachers may decide that the students may need to earn only five PAWS cards. Middle school students may aim for 15-20 PAWS cards to start to support understanding of the program and experience success. As students achieve a goal, the next goal can be increased. Winners will be announced on Morning Announcements on a designated day.

Once a class earns their goal, then the students will choose their reward from a fish bowl (jar, etc.). Teachers and students will brainstorm reward ideas that they can earn for FREE. For example, my homeroom students came up with these potential rewards:

Pajama Day

Dress Down Day

Decades Day (they dress from their favorite decade such as the 60s, 70, 80s, etc..)

Learn a Lesson Outside Day

Dress Like a Celebrity Day

Have Ms. Hartinger or Mr. Mason (or another agreeable school/parish adult) COVER a Class/Homeroom/Dismissal Day

We are excited for this amazing program and looking forward to "catching" your child doing something extraordinary.