



## Educating the Heart, Minds, and Spirits of Future Servant Leaders

Christ the King Catholic School is pleased to announce that on September 29, 2015, the United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan designated Christ the King Catholic School (CKS) as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence. In order to qualify as Exemplary High Performing, CKS student achievement in English and Mathematics had to be among the highest in the country (top 15%), measured by nationally normed assessment tests. Phase one was followed by an evaluation of our school community to look at curriculum, best practices, innovations, and partnership. After review, the top 15% were narrowed down to only 50 private schools nationwide.

Christ the King Catholic School is honored to be one of those 50 private schools in the nation to be recognized this year. This honor marks the second time that CKS has been recognized as a top academic school in the country with our previous Blue Ribbon designation in 1994.

On November 8, 2015, The United States Department of Education will recognize Christ the King Catholic School at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. We will share this honor with the other 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools and have an opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities, sharing best practices to further benefit our CKS school community. At this ceremony we will also receive a flag and a plaque to symbolize our status as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School!

Christ the King Catholic School builds on a tradition of Catholic identity, academic excellence, and the formation of well-rounded students, which brings the school's mission to life. The guiding principle of Christ the King Catholic School is that all decisions are based on what is in the best interest of the students. CKS, a parochial school in the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Texas, educates students from developmental kindergarten through eighth grade, admitting students with a range of academic ability levels and learning styles. The faculty differentiates instruction to ensure success for each student in a nurturing environment.

The generosity of parents' time, talent, and treasure makes it possible for CKS to provide an exemplary Catholic education rooted in Gospel values. An active and engaged community ensures that CKS maintains its high academic standards, while constantly seeking innovation such as 1:1 technology to enhance learning. Faculty members continually partake in professional development in order to best serve students.

CKS builds community by promoting fellowship and social justice. An active service program, Crusaders Care, provides students with opportunities to bring Catholic Social Teachings to life by serving others in the community. Recognizing the importance of the formation of the whole person, CKS provides resources for quality extracurricular activities.

The academic, physical, and spiritual growth of each student is a priority at CKS. The initiative, dedication, and enthusiasm of the students, parents, faculty, administration, parish clergy and community have contributed to the formation of an innovative Catholic school where the security, growth, and formation of students are priorities and one is proud to be a Crusader!

This honor is truly a community recognition and we thank our students, teachers, parents, alumni, and the Diocese of Dallas Catholic Schools Office for their dedication to our CKS mission that allows us to celebrate being named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School.

Thank you for supporting our celebration of God, Family, and Christ the King!

Go Crusaders!!

For more information on Christ the King Catholic School please visit our website at <a href="www.cks.org">www.cks.org</a> or call 214-365-1234. Follow us on Twitter @CKSDallas and like us on Facebook, <a href="www.Facebook.com/cksdallas">www.Facebook.com/cksdallas</a>. To have further questions answered about our 2015 National Blue Ribbon School recognition please contact Principal Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan at <a href="mailto:posullivan@cks.org">posullivan@cks.org</a> or Director of Curriculum Mrs. Lisa Bosco at <a href="mailto:lossoco@cks.org">lossoco@cks.org</a>.