

*Christ the King
Catholic School*

*TIPS for your
first year at CKS!*



*Christ the King Catholic School
Parents' Association*

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WHY WAS THIS “TIPS” BOOKLET CREATED?

Dear new 2015-2016 CKS Moms & Dads,

Welcome to Christ the King Catholic School! Our CKS community is brimming with activity and there are so many ways to participate! CKS offers a very valuable Catholic education and there are wonderful events and opportunities to become involved in your child’s school. As with any school or organization, there are necessary procedures, rules and policies.

This flurry of activity and information can often be overwhelming and, at times, a little confusing. We know it is for all new families! *Who do I call? How do I visit the school? How does my child order lunch? What can they wear on Spirit Day? Where is Franny’s Garden? What does AR stand for? What is the CKSPA and the Dads’ Club?* You will find the answers to these questions and many others in this booklet.

We would like to thank Patrick O’Sullivan, Principal, Anthony Interrante, Assistant Principal, and Lisa Bosco, Curriculum Director, for their help and support of our Welcoming Committee initiatives.

We are confident this “Tips” booklet will be a valuable resource for you throughout the school year. Please take some time to review this guide PRIOR to the New Parents Evening with Principal O’Sullivan on Monday, September 14th. We will have a “Q & A” at the reception to help answer any questions you have about the “Tips” booklet and other aspects of the first few weeks of school.

Again, we warmly welcome you to Christ the King Catholic School! Feel free to contact any of us anytime during the school year if you have any questions. We are happy to help!

Sincerely,

Kate Dubroc, Erin Kidwell, Nancy Hartnett, Hilary Shank, Lauren Sandler, Molly Humphrey, Courtney Andujar, Brandon Madison, Angie Hubach, Tracy Clancy, Annie McLeod, Katie Quinn, Laura Villasana, Kelly Harrell and Antonia Moran
2015-2016 CKSPA Welcoming Committee

WHO IS WHO AT CKS?

Title	Name	Phone
School Office		
Principal	Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan	214-365-1234
Assistant Principal	Mr. Anthony Interrante	214-365-1246
Receptionist	Ms. Elaine Reimann	214-365-1234
Admin. Assistant	Mrs. Debbie Amiri	214-365-1227
Director of Admissions	Mrs. Julie Blue	214-365-1232
Curriculum	Mrs. Lisa Bosco	214-365-1234
School Nurse	Mrs. Nancy Wrozek	214-365-1230
School Counselor	Mrs. Carol Jeffers	469-348-3799
Director of Finance	Mrs. Nubia Rodriguez	214-365-1213
Director of Development	Ms. Debbie Champion	214-365-1234
Church Office	Mrs. Liz Benchot	214-365-1200
Maintenance	Theodis & Martin	N/A
Key Parent Contacts		
CKSPA President	Amy Bowers	610-909-0039
Annual Fund	Beth Ann and Russell Huber	214-987-1711
Auction Chairs	Christy Marlowe Christine Nevitt Anne Rosselli	214-394-3726 214-360-0461 214-361-6746

The school Directory, typically distributed in September, has the names, numbers, and emails for school administration, teachers and parents. In addition, you can find a list of all CKSPA Board Members and Advisory Council Members.

HOW DO I FIND INFO & WHAT RESOURCES ARE HELPFUL?

CKS Website

www.cks.org. The CKS website will provide you with a wealth of information. CKS continues to strive for excellence in online communications. The school will disseminate as much information online as possible. Please take the time to “surf” the website to learn more about campus life, news, students, parents, faculty and staff.

CKS Newsletter – *Crusader Chronicle*

What is the *Crusader Chronicle*?

The CKS newsletter, *Crusader Chronicle*, is published on a monthly basis at the first of each month. Parents will find it very beneficial to read the *Crusader Chronicle* each month. The *Crusader Chronicle* contains information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and important school news. The newsletter is compiled and then the school office reviews and approves the material before distribution. All editions of the *Crusader Chronicle* are posted on the website for the duration of the school year. To access current and past issues, go to: www.cks.org, then select “News and Events”, scroll down under calendar and select the newsletter date you are looking for or you can select “Parents” and then scroll to “Crusader Chronicle.” Every Monday morning an email blast is sent with the week’s relevant events.

How do I receive the monthly email link to the *Crusader Chronicle*?

CKS uses RenWeb for communication to all parents. Please make certain that your email address, which is listed under parent demographic on RenWeb, is up to date (see additional information below under CKS Telephone Directory).

How do I submit information to the *Crusader Chronicle*?

To submit news for the newsletter, please send a word document (no PDF's please) or type your information in an email as you would like it to appear in the *Crusader Chronicle*, limiting your information to no more than 1/3 of a page. Submissions may be formatted by you or sent in plain text for formatting. CKS reserves the right to adjust document formatting due to space restrictions. Email your information to Ms. Reimann at ereimann@cks.org by the 25th of the month prior to the month you'd like your information to appear. Any information submitted after the 25th will be placed in the newsletter the following month.

CKS Handbook for Parents & Students

The CKS Handbook is the official handbook of Christ the King Catholic School. The book includes the history of the school, the school's mission statement and its philosophy and goals. It also details the school colors, mascot and song. The handbook clearly outlines the requirements, policies and procedures of the school. Each parent and student must sign the Handbook Covenant and return it to the office at the beginning of the school year. The CKS Handbook is available on the Home Page of the CKS website under Quicklinks.

CKS Directory

The CKS Directory is prepared SOLEY for the use of the parents, students, faculty and staff of the school. Information in the directory must not be used for commercial, charitable, or any other purpose other than the convenience of the school community. Two CKSPA board members publish the CKS Directory.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Below is a glossary of commonly used CKS “terms.”

After School Care

After School Care is a fee-based after-care program offered to DK-8th grade students. The cost of the program is \$100 per child on a weekly basis or \$25 per day per student. The program is held in the cafeteria and care is provided until 6:00 pm. Please contact the school office to obtain an enrollment form.

Amazon Smile Program

This is an exciting new program for CKS! When you shop online with Amazon, go through their dedicated website www.smile.amazon.com and select Christ the King Catholic School as the charity you wish to support. Shop the way you normally would and Amazon will make a donation to our school. Always remember to go through the www.smile.amazon.com site first to ensure that CKS is credited! It's such an easy way to raise money that will directly benefit our students and be sure to ask other family members to shop this way, too! Contact Nancy Dunn at bruin88@msn.com if you have any questions.

Annual Fund

The purpose of the Annual Fund is to provide support for the operating budget, including the extra programs that give our students a strong academic and spiritual foundation for the future. At the same time, the Annual Fund is a means of reaching a high percentage of parent and faculty participation to assist our grant writing efforts. See more information on the CKS Website under “Giving.”

AR Program

The Accelerated Reader program is a computerized reading comprehension program. Students in 1st grade through 8th grade can participate in A.R. The purpose of the program is to motivate students to read more, choose better books, improve reading scores, and to foster a life-long love of reading. The students read a book and then take a test on the computer.

The library has many books that are in the program. Spines of CKS library books are labeled with the book's reading level and the number of points possible if all questions are answered correctly on the computerized test.

Each quarter, volunteers from the CKSPA Board hold a "Reading (AR) Store" full of small goodies. Students have an opportunity to come during the day with their class and spend any points they've earned so far. 1st – 5th grade parents will receive a letter explaining A.R. in more detail. The first graders will spend the first half of the year becoming more familiar and comfortable with the A.R. program and will attend their first store after the third quarter.

Bernardine Hall

The building that houses the Kindergarten and 1st Grade Classrooms, Computer Lab and Library is called Bernardine Hall. A covered walkway connects the Cafeteria and Bernardine Hall.

Bible Buddy

Each kindergarten student is paired with an 8th grade student at the beginning of the year. Once a month, students will get together with their bible buddy during religion class to play games and do activities. Bible buddies also sit with kindergarten students at Mass and serve as a mentor and friend to your child during the year. There will be a \$10 gift exchange with Bible Buddies once during the year. Your teacher will provide additional details on this. Additionally, in other grades, younger and older classes are paired for a variety of Spiritual activities.

Box Tops

Box Tops is a fundraising effort geared towards parents and extended family & friends! **Clipping, collecting & counting** box tops is an important drive that is geared more towards the students. Look for the General Mills products when grocery shopping and get your kids involved in the process. We have 3 collection dates over the course of the school year (October, February and May). Each collection will award 2 prizes - one for the class that has the highest participation rate and one for the individual student that collects the most. The class that turns in the most box tops for the entire school year will win a cupcake or pizza party! Look for updates & reminders in the weekly *Crusader Chronicle*. For more information, please contact CKSPA Board Member Nancy Dunn at bruin88@msn.com. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit www.BTFE.com.

Cafeteria Program – Kids Cafe

Kids Cafe is the independent contractor that manages the cafeteria. The cafeteria debit card program is handled through [dineritdrx](http://dineritdrx.com).

All new students have been entered into the [dineritdrx](http://dineritdrx.com) system. New parents should have already received an email for your registration ID prompting parents to set-up this new account. All new parents must go to <https://schools.drsoftware.com> to create their own account. The directions are below if you have not yet completed this.

- 1) Parents should log on to <https://schools.drsoftware.com> to set-up a new account.
- 2) Then you click on the blue rectangular box that says Create an Account.
- 3) Enter the School ID: diskcck
- 4) Enter the registration code
- 5) Enter the email address that sent you the registration code.

- 6) Click on Validate me at the bottom. You will be asked to now create a password and then to reenter it.
- 7) Now create your security question.
- 8) Now click on “I accept create my account.” After doing this, you will then be redirected back to the main sign in page.

Credit cards may be provided as a form of payment, but will be charged a convenience fee. Or, kids can bring checks to school in an envelope (Attn: Keith Ristau/Cafeteria) that will be sent to the CKS Office. This check payment will be applied as a deposit to the student’s account and should be made out to Kids Cafe. Please do not send cash to school to be applied to your account. Kids Café will be happy to accept cash for lunch purchases during the week. The on-line dineritedrx account allows you to see what your child has purchased and you can also set-up the account to block certain items. Once the account falls below \$15, credit cards will automatically be billed and those accounts without credit cards attached to them will be notified by email to replenish funds in their accounts.

In kindergarten, the teachers take lunch orders in the morning to help with speed and efficiency when the students are in the cafeteria line. Monthly cafeteria menus will be posted on the CKS website at www.cks.org (go to Campus Life, then go to Lunch menu). In kindergarten and first grade, the teachers handle the cafeteria card distribution and determine class-wide processes for collection of the cards. Children line up with a tray, select a drink, pick up their meal, proceed to the cashier table (which also has snacks and dessert) and finally show their card to the cashier.

If you have any questions about the CKS Cafeteria Program, feel free to contact Keith Ristau, the Director of the Kids Café at (214) 725-2591 or at ristau70@att.net.

Charity and Welfare

Two CKSPA Board Members serve on the Charity and Welfare committee. It is a volunteer opportunity to reach out and support

our CKS community during times of stress. If a CKS family or staff member has an event in their life such as a new baby, a death in the family or a health crisis, we work together to support them. Volunteers can bring meals (home cooked or take-out), offer to help with carpool, write a note or email to let them know we are thinking of them and our prayers are with them. If you know of anyone needing any of these services, contact this year's Charity and Welfare committee (refer to CKSPA list in the Directory).

“Crusaders Care” Program

The “Crusaders Care” program is a CKS community service program based on the commandment to love God and love others. Through this program, CKS hopes that students will reflect on this law of love and its meaning in their lives. Young children need to be made aware of ways in which they can help other people. Therefore, CKS is trying to provide students with opportunities for service so they can learn how to care for others. There will be a number of community service projects during this school year within the different grades. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

Franny’s Garden

The cement area between the small playground and the cafeteria is called Franny’s Garden.

Free Dress Day

Free Dress day is awarded when it is your child’s birthday or if a class wins a contest such as most Box Tops collected. Their clothing does NOT have to be Spirit Wear. If a student’s birthday falls on a Mass day, they may choose another day to be out of uniform. If their birthday falls on a Spirit Day, they may choose another day to be out of uniform, if they wish. If their birthday falls on a day off from school, they may choose another day, but confirm the day with your child’s homeroom teacher. Students MUST wear closed-toed shoes. See detailed guidelines on what can be worn in the CKS Handbook.

Gift Book Program

The CKS Gift Book Program enables you to honor your child, relative, friend, or teacher by purchasing a book in his/her name. Each donated book will have a label inside with the names of the honored person and donor. Look for more information in an upcoming edition of the *Crusader Chronicle*. Contact Mrs. Garnett, Librarian, at lgarnett@cks.org if you have any questions.

Giving Tree

The “Giving Tree” program is intended to take the place of families giving teachers individual gifts at Christmas. The fund was established by the CKSPA to show our appreciation for our teachers and staff by giving a cash gift to each one during the Christmas season. The Giving Tree is a voluntary fund. Though this program is voluntary, parents are encouraged to make a contribution to the fund in lieu of a Christmas gift. Parents may contribute as much or as little as you feel appropriate; there are no suggested guidelines. Proceeds are evenly divided among the faculty and staff and reach every teacher, aide, special subject teacher and staff member (including the school nurse, librarian, maintenance staff, etc). Names and amounts of contributions remain confidential. Room parents will not collect for class gifts. This is a great opportunity to show our staff how much we appreciate them! Two members of the CKSPA Board coordinate this Giving Tree fund. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

“Make the Grade” Meetings

CKS presents “Make the Grade” meetings this year which will be a great opportunity for parents to learn more about class content in each subject area, grade curriculum expectations, class guidelines, and general development information. Please join the teachers and faculty to explore these informative topics. Please refer to the *Crusader Chronicle* for the meeting dates for each grade.

Medications at School

The school policy regarding administering medication is adopted from state laws and Diocesan policies. Parents must fill out a CKS Medication Request Form and have your child's physician sign the form before any prescription medication can be administered to any child. Over-the-counter medication will require a note from the physician on his letterhead or prescription pad stating that the medication can be taken at school and the dosage. Only properly labeled medication in the pharmacist's container, labeled with the student's name, date, prescription number, prescribed dosage, and physician's name will be administered at school. It is the parent's/student's responsibility to inform the school personnel when it is time for the medication. Also, you may not send any medicine to school with your child. Review the specific directions on the 2015-2016 Christ the King School Medication Request Form as well as the Health and Safety section of the CKS Handbook.

Parish Center

The building attached to the Cafeteria is the Parish Center.

Partners in Parenting

The mission of Partners in Parenting is to promote faith and family values through communications in the *Crusader Chronicle*, educational speakers and classes on parenting topics, and to facilitate small parenting network groups. Partners in Parenting courses are offered throughout the year. This year the "Out of Reach" documentary is being featured which delves into teens and prescription drug abuse. The goal of this documentary is to educate parents of middle school children on how to talk with their children about the dangers of prescription drugs. The program also serves as a safe environment credit. Please watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information. Diane Feffer is the parent volunteer who leads this initiative.

Room Mom

Room moms are parent volunteers who assist the teacher with communications to the other parents in the class. Room mothers stay in close contact with the teacher, coordinate volunteer sign-ups for events like holiday parties or faculty lunches, distribute field trip information and remind parents about important dates and information. Room moms provide detailed information on class events during the year. There are typically 3-4 room moms per class section. All parents are welcome and encouraged to sign-up to be a room mom at the beginning of the year. If parents have any questions during the year, room moms are a great resource.

Safe Environment Training

The Catholic Diocese of Dallas sets the Safe Environment Procedures for all schools and parishes. To help ensure a safe environment at CKS, all volunteers must follow the Safe Environment procedures on the Church's website, www.ctkdallas.org. Questions may be directed to Laura Lynch in the Church Office at 214-365-1208.

Spirit Day

Spirit Day is a special occasion in which students are not required to wear uniforms. Spirit day is held on the first THURSDAY of the month unless otherwise specified by the office. Teachers and students will be allowed to wear CKS logo t-shirts, auction t-shirts or any solid red or yellow t-shirt. Students may also wear t-shirts from previous special CKS events. Students **MUST** wear either uniform shoes or other tennis shoes on spirit days. No sandals or open-toed shoes are permitted. See the CKS Handbook and the "Spirit Wear" section for more information.

Student of the Week

Different grades have various ways of handling "Student of the Week." It is basically an opportunity for a child to be highlighted during a particular week.

In some grades, children earn the honor for good behavior. However, in kindergarten, the children are assigned their week based on their last names. The kindergarten teachers provide this “student of the week” list well in advance at the beginning of the school year. Kindergarten students will have special classroom responsibilities. The child and parent complete a large poster full of pictures and information about him/herself at home that represents your child’s life. The child will then share the poster with the class. A parent is usually invited to come and read to the class during this week (as with any volunteering, all safe environment training requirements must be satisfied).

Tom Thumb “Good Neighbor Program”

Link your Reward Card to benefit Christ the King Catholic School and CKS automatically earns 1% on qualifying purchases. The CKS Charity # is 684. Go to the Tom Thumb website at www.tomthumb.com/ShopStores/Good-Neighbor.page for the downloadable forms to link your Reward Card. More details coming soon in the *Crusader Chronicle*! Contact CKS Board Member Nancy Dunn at bruin88@msn.com if you have any questions or need help accessing the form. Last year this program raised over \$8,700 for our school simply by shopping at Tom Thumb and showing our linked reward cards!

Treasure Box / Penny Store

Each teacher has their own method of rewarding students for good behavior – either individually, as a class or both. In kindergarten and first grade, teachers typically use the “Treasure Box/Nap Fairies/Penny store” reward system. Parents may sign-up (through the room mom volunteer form) on a monthly basis to bring “goodies” to be used as treasures/rewards that a teacher can give out to the children during that month. These goodies/prizes can typically be easily found at the local dollar store.

Uniform Exchange

CKS has a uniform exchange program with a closet full of items that are available for use for free. The uniform exchange closet is located in the cafeteria, next to the doors that lead to Colgate. It is a great way for parents to pick-up gently used uniforms that another student has outgrown. Parents should be sure to repay the favor and return your child's uniforms to the uniform exchange washed and ready, once your child has outgrown them. If you have any questions about the uniform exchange program, please contact Jamia Trigiani at jamiatrigiani@sbcglobal.net.

HOW DOES THAT WORK?

Below are answers to some commonly asked questions about CKS policies and procedures:

Advisory Council

The CKS Advisory Council (an advisory committee to CKS Principal, Mr. Patrick O’Sullivan, and the Christ the King Church Pastor, Msgr. Zimmerman) assists in financial planning, long-range planning and in developing and implementing policies and programs that achieve and maintain the mission statement of the school. Meetings are open to CKS parents by appointment by contacting the Advisory Board President. Please see the CKS Handbook and www.cks.org under “news” for more information and for the procedure to present material at an Advisory Board meeting. Minutes from monthly meetings are posted on the CKS website - www.cks.org. The Advisory Council does not discuss day-to-day operations of the school. Those concerns should be taken directly to the Principal.

The 2015-2016 CKS Advisory Council Members are: Greg Ave, Joe Cicardo, Tony Fiacable, Karen Higginbotham, Beth Ann Huber, Jorg Mast, Brian Parro, Wade McClure, Jennifer O’Brien, Dr. Matthew Yeager, Monsignor Zimmerman, Betty Bourgeois, Patrick O’Sullivan and Anthony Interrante. The President is Colin Raymond.

Athletics

Through participation with the organizing bodies, supplying facilities, and as a matter of general policy, CKS only supports and sanctions activities sponsored by the Dallas Parochial League (DPL), the Park Cities YMCA, and the North Texas Lacrosse Association. CKS encourages its students to participate on a YMCA, DPL, or North Texas Lacrosse/Dallas Deuces Lacrosse team with their classmates and play as a CKS entry. Parents wishing to form teams sponsored by other organizations are encouraged to open the team to all eligible

CKS students and organize that team with the supervision of the Athletic Director. Parents serve as coaches. See Coach Higgs if you are interested.

From grades K — 4, teams are sponsored through the local YMCA and competition is with other local elementary schools. If more than one team is required based on team sizes, a completely random selection of players will be made. The CKS Athletic Director monitors this selection process. The local YMCA publishes sign-up dates for each sport prior to the beginning of the season.

In grades 5 — 8, teams play through the DPL and competition is with other Catholic schools in Dallas. Please read the CKS Handbook and refer to the CKS website for more information on Athletics.

Attendance/Absence/Late Arrival/Early Dismissal

CKS has an Attendance and Absences Policy. If your child is sick or late you must call or email the receptionist, Ms. Elaine Reimann at (214) 365-1234 or ereimann@cks.org between 8-9am (you should also include your child's teacher in this email). A written excuse note is required for your child to be readmitted to class. In addition, late arrivals after 7:50am must enter through the main doors on Colgate and must report to the school office to get a tardy pass. If your child needs to leave school early, parents must advise the home room teacher through a note and/or an email that the student is leaving early along with the reason for the early dismissal. Parents need to report to the office at the time requested and sign student out. Parent should sign student back in at the office after appointment if student returns to school.

Birthdays

How are birthdays celebrated at school?

On your child's birthday, he or she is allowed to have a free dress day (please refer to CKS Handbook for guidelines). If a student's birthday falls on a Mass day, they must choose another day to be out of uniform. If their birthday falls on a Spirit Day, they may choose another day to be out of uniform, if they wish. If their birthday falls on a day off from school, they may choose another day, but confirm the day in advance with your child's homeroom teacher. Students **MUST** wear closed-toed shoes. See detailed guidelines on what can be worn in the CKS Handbook.

Can I bring a treat for my child's class on his/her birthday?

Parents are permitted to bring a special treat (cupcakes or cookies) for the class on this day at snack time or at lunchtime. Treats for your child's class should be left on the stage in the cafeteria by 10am with your child's name and a note specifying any additional details. Please don't bring anything that must be cut. Special Note: The CKS Food Allergy policy is designed to allow children with life-threatening food allergies to safely participate in all school activities. School sponsored parties will provide snacks that are safe for all the students in the entire class. When making plans to bring a birthday snack to school for your child, parents must check with the head room mom and teacher to see if anyone in your child's class has food allergies. The allergic child's parent **MUST** be notified in **ADVANCE** so a safe snack can be provided for the allergic child. Children should wash their hands and face before coming to school.

Are Teacher Birthdays celebrated at school?

Teacher birthdays are recognized and celebrated by the faculty as a group each month. Students are encouraged to bring homemade cards if they wish. Room mothers will coordinate. No volunteers are needed on these days.

Carpool

Parents may drop off at the front Colgate entrance at the cafeteria doors or at the Franny's Garden entrance to the cafeteria. If a student arrives after 7:50am, they must enter through the main door on Colgate. They will need to report to the office to sign in and receive a tardy pass before heading to their classroom.

For afternoon pick up, the carpool procedures are as follows:

3:00pm–Parish Center/Blue - Pick up for students in DK

3:15pm–Gym/Yellow - Pick up for K-1st without students in 2nd – 8th

3:15pm–Parish Center/Pink - Pick up for students in K-4th

3:30pm-Gym/Orange – Pick up students in 5th–8th without students in K-4th

3:30pm-Parish Center/Purple – Pick up for students in K-8th with an assortment of ages

If you are in the 3:15pm carpool, please do not line up before 3:10pm. If you are in the 3:30pm carpool, please do not line up before 3:25pm. Please look for modifications in the weekly *Crusader Chronicle*.

If you have special carpool arrangements for your child on a specific day (that is different from your regular pick up), please send an email to the teacher (with a cc to Ms. Reimann) as well as a note in your child's backpack. Please do not assume that the teacher will receive the email you sent. In an emergency, parents should call the CKS office and ask for your child's teacher to be given instructions on who will take your child home. If parents are late to carpool, the child will be taken to after school care until your arrival. This is for emergency reasons only and there will be a charge. Please contact Julie Blue in the CKS Office at (214) 365-1234 or at jblue@cks.org if you have any questions or concerns about carpool.

Christ the King Community Center

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6050 Weldon Howell Parkway

Dallas, Texas 75225

(214) 253-2685 – Nancy’s desk with voicemail

(214) 253-2315 – South Desk

(214) 253-2316 – North Desk

Hours

Monday – Friday – 7:00am – 10:00pm

Saturday – 7:00am – 8:00pm

Sunday – 1:00pm – 8:00pm

Staff Members:

Nancy Anderton – Facility Manager (NAnderton@ctkdallas.org)

Meredith Collins – Facility Specialist

Claudia Dossal – Facility Specialist

Erlinda Martinez - Facility Specialist

Julio Martinez - Facility Specialist

Tony Martinez - Facility Specialist

CKS parents, students, siblings, church parishioners and community members are welcome at the community center and encouraged to use our wonderful facility. On the first visit, parents must present a driver’s license that will be scanned into the Raptor security system database, which is secure and protected, and then sign in at the reception desk. On all following visits, simply sign in at the reception desk.

Between the hours of 7:00am – 3:00pm, parents may not use the gym floor, which is considered the classroom for the teachers, but may use any other area of the building except for the gym floor. The NORTH entrance of the building should be used for access during school hours. Parents must not cut across the gym floor during these school hours. To access the meeting rooms, please use the north entrance.

Parents and coaches must call Nancy Anderton for scheduling CKS practice times in the gym, see phone number above. These practice times need to be scheduled in advance. Practices may

be as short as 45 minutes to an hour, but may not exceed 90 minutes. Coach Higgs will work directly with the Community Center staff and will be scheduling CKS (DPL) basketball and volleyball games for 5-8th grades directly with the Community Center Staff.

The basketball courts may be rented out for birthday parties for a \$50 per hour donation to Christ the King Church. Please call the facility office to check and see if the Community Center can accommodate your party.

The fitness room is restricted to guests 18 years of age and older. The fitness room usage is limited to 60 minutes.

The following rules apply for all CKS parents, students, siblings, church parishioners, church youth members and community members when using the community center:

- 1) Minors are not allowed on the property unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 2) All coaches must wear their safe environment badge while coaching practices or games.
- 3) Water bottles are not permitted, two sets of water fountains for everyone for everyone.
- 4) No students under the age of 16 are allowed upstairs.
- 5) Students are to be respectful of Church building and property.
- 6) When youth members are meeting at the Community Center, the youth members must use the restrooms inside the youth area.
- 7) Food and drink may not be taken outside of the Youth Center.
- 8) Students may not operate TVs or gaming systems without chaperones present.
- 9) At least two chaperones must be present for all meetings, no exceptions.
- 10) Lounge furniture in the upstairs lobby is reserved for adults.
- 11) Racing is not permitted on the running track.

- 12) Violations are not tolerated and the offender will be asked to leave immediately with the possibility of not being allowed to return to the Community Center.

Field Trips

How are Field Trips organized?

Two CKSPA Board members in conjunction with the class teacher coordinates Field Trips. Room Moms work to find the volunteer parents to chaperone from their class, and to communicate the teacher's explanations and needs to them. Due to the large number of parents who want to attend field trips, the room moms usually draw names out of a hat to determine the chaperones and alternates. Please note that siblings are NOT allowed to attend field trips for the safety of all children.

What about parents who volunteer as Chaperones? What is the training?

Every Field Trip chaperone must have completed the Safety Environment Training process and wear their badge. NEW parents who have not completed the six-month probation period may NOT go on a field trip for the first semester. Even if a new parent has completed their Safe Environment Training, the final background check takes several months. These new parents must sign up to chaperone field trips that occur later in the year. In addition, your safety training must be up to date each year to chaperone.

How do the children get to the Field Trip?

Children travel by bus and due to seating restrictions; no parents are allowed to ride with the class. Chaperones follow the bus in their own cars.

What do the children wear and take on their Field Trip?

The Teachers or Rooms Moms will give specific instructions. Typically, children wear the formal uniform and sweater. Sometimes the children will eat lunch on the Field Trip. If so, lunches are to be packed as a 'sack lunch' (e.g. paper bag) so they can be disposed of after lunch.

Friday Morning Mass / Christian Witness & Christian Athlete Awards

Students attend the Christ the King Catholic Church Friday 8am Mass. Each week a different class participates in Mass by reading, cantering, gift bearing, altar serving, singing, etc. Teachers select the readers and gift bearers. Students in certain grades take an active part in planning some special liturgies during the school year. These special religious ceremonies are traditions at CKS and include: All Saints Procession, Las Posadas, Living Stations and May Crowning among others. Your child will typically let you know if they have been selected to participate in Mass and you can look for the Mass schedule in the *Crusader Chronicle*. Parents are welcome to attend any Mass on any Friday and should sit in the last 4-6 pews of the Church or to the side near the Baptismal font. Parents cannot sit with students. Special Note: Kindergarten students typically begin attending 8:00am Friday mass in early October.

Once a month, immediately following Friday morning Mass, Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Interrante recognize students in each grade and award them with the Christian Witness Award. One of the following virtues is recognized: Kindness, Responsibility, Gratitude, Forgiveness, Generosity, Honesty, Respect, Patience and Courtesy. The Christian Athlete Award is also awarded to students that display good sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Teachers nominate students to receive these awards. If your child has been selected to receive one of these awards, parents will be notified in advance so parents can attend mass.

Girl Scouts

Troops typically begin in 3rd grade at CKS, once the girls have finished the Y princess program. Mothers volunteer to lead the girls and typically one troop per class is started with one meeting per month – often held in the Parish Center after school.

Holiday Parties

(Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day)

Students in kindergarten through 4th grade will have three holiday parties during the year (Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day). The dates for these parties vary and parents have the opportunity to sign-up to volunteer at the beginning of the year through the room moms. Parents can sign-up to bring snacks, drinks, paper goods and/or help with the clean up and set-up and/or volunteer to help with craft time. Note: Students do exchange valentines at the Valentine's Party in the younger grades, but parents or students should NOT address valentines.

Parents are welcome to attend the cafeteria time, even if they don't have a particular party sign-up responsibility, but space is limited in the classroom. If a parent is not signed up to help in the classroom, they may not attend that part of the party.

What do students do at the parties and how long are they?

The holiday parties are one hour in length. They consist of 30 minutes of cafeteria time for students to eat a fun snack and 30 minutes of class time in which they can make a parent-led craft, listen to parents read a holiday-themed story, or participate in parent-led games/activities. Depending on the party, cafeteria time will come first, or it will be second.

How are snacks and activities organized?

BOTH classes must have the SAME snacks and participate in the SAME activities. Volunteer parents should be instructed to work together with their "counterpart" from the other class so that everything (snack, juice boxes, plates, napkins, plastic table coverings, decorations, crafts, games, activities) will be identical. Room Moms will provide more details on these instructions.

Are there any other snack guidelines?

CKS requests no soda or candy for snacks. The school has a policy regarding food allergies that is designed to allow children with life-threatening food allergies to safely participate in all school activities. School sponsored parties will provide snacks that are safe for all the students in the entire class. When

making plans to bring a “holiday party snack” for your child’s grade, parents must check with the head room mom and teacher to see if anyone in your child’s grade has food allergies. The allergic child's parent **MUST** be notified in **ADVANCE** so a safe snack can be provided for the allergic child. The complete food allergy policy can be found in the CKS Handbook.

Special note: Kindergarten Halloween Party

Only the kindergarten students are allowed to bring their Halloween costume to school and will change into their costume prior to the start of the party. Kindergarten students go “trick or treating” to the other classrooms and offices throughout the school during the party. Parents should plan to attend the holiday party if possible on this day as a lot of parent volunteers are needed to help with the changing of the costumes, as well as following the students on their “trick or treat” route. Parents should be sure to send their child’s Halloween costume to school with them on that morning. **The special Trick-or-Treating day will be announced by the kindergarten teachers.**

Lost and Found

Please mark ALL lunchboxes, sweatshirts, jackets and other loose items clearly in sharpie ink or other permanent marking with the **FIRST INITIAL** of the student’s first name **AND FULL LAST** name of your family.

- * Please make every effort to retrieve lost items.
- * Any items that are in Lost and Found at the end of each term will be returned, unwashed and, if a lunchbox, unemptied, in a plastic bag, to the classroom of your oldest child in attendance at Christ the King Catholic School.
- * After each term, any uniform item that is **NOT** retrieved or identified clearly will be washed and placed into Used Uniforms. All other items will be either donated or trashed.

There are two locations for Lost and Found: (1) under the stairwell just to the left of the stage in the school cafeteria; and (2) a locked closet in the community center.

If your child has lost any item in the school building outside of the classroom, the item should be retrievable from the Lost and Found bin that is located next to the stage in the school cafeteria. The bin is green, marked “Lost and Found”, and located on the left side when facing the stage. Your child may check this location before or after school and you may check it at any time during school hours after signing in at the front desk of the school.

If your child has lost any item outside of the school building (i.e., in the gym or on the field), it should be retrievable from the Lost and Found bin that is in a locked closet in the community center. Your child can check this location during P.E. by asking one of the coaches. If you want to check this location, you may do so by signing in at the front desk at the community center and asking the front desk personnel for access to the CKS Lost and Found. If you have any questions about the Lost and Found, please contact Jamia Trigiani at jamiatrigiani@sbcglobal.net.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are held following the first and second academic quarters. The first conference is mandatory for parents; the second conference is for parents who wish to meet with specific teachers or if a teacher specifically requests the conference. Additional conferences may be scheduled according to need. Sign-ups for the November conferences will be online. An email with a link to the sign-up page will be sent out about a week prior to conferences. Parents should read the *Crusader Chronicle* in order to find out the specific date of the conferences as well as the dates for sign-up. Refer to the CKS Handbook for more information.

School Closing / Inclement Weather

In the event that there is inclement weather, Christ the King Catholic School will post school closing or delayed opening information on the school’s website at www.cks.org. The school also has a parent alert system through RenWeb.

Upper School (6th – 8th Grade)

Important Information

Block Schedule & Study Hall

Upper School students have a block schedule at CKS, which is reflected on the student schedules available on RenWeb. The students will see their core teachers twice a week and then see all of their teachers on Friday. An advantage to this schedule is that the students can become more immersed in projects with fewer stop/start times. Also, this will allow additional time in class for students to begin homework.

Community Service Hours

Community service hours are a mandatory requirement of each graduating 8th grader. They are required to have a specific number of community service hours. In addition to teaching them good community service practices and learning to give back to the community, these hours help with the application process to all the private high schools. They can begin accumulating these hours the last quarter of their 7th grade year. NOTE: The community service projects must be approved in advance by Mr. Leicht.

Competitions

These competitions are primarily held from February – May. Some require teacher recommendations; others require participation in Exploratories; some also require qualifying rounds and finally some merely require a desire to compete. Check with school administration for additional information and exact dates.

These competitions include: St. Patrick Academic Fair, Math Counts, Robotics, GeoBee, Spelling Bee, Science Fairs, Duke TIPS Program, Speech Competitions and Writing Competitions.

Grades On-Line

Students' grades in 6th-8th are posted on RenWeb for both students and parents to see. The Upper School encourages students to check their grades online.

Homework

It is not unusual for students to devote 1 ½ - 2 hours or more to homework in the evenings. Students often have long-term assignments in which they are given a few days or a week or longer to complete. It is important for students to keep up with daily work and to devote some study time each day to complete long-term assignments. It usually takes 6th grade students about 6 weeks to adjust to their class schedule and learn teachers' expectations. Homework assignments and upcoming test and project due dates are posted on RenWeb.

Houses

There are four different houses represented by a mixture of 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Three faculty members mentor, support and guide the students in their particular house. A student receives his/her house assignment in 6th grade and remains with that House through 8th grade graduation. Various activities and meetings within the houses occur during the year.

The House Drawing and Opening Ceremony takes place during the first few weeks of school. Seventh and eighth grade students new to Christ the King Catholic School and all of the sixth grade students draw to determine the house to which they will belong. The Four Houses are:

Francis St. Clare – Colors: Green & White

Motto: Age Quad Agis (Whatever you do, do it well)

John Paul II - Colors: Blue & Yellow

Motto: Totus Tuus Mary (All yours O Mary)

St. Dominic - Colors: Purple & White

Motto: In Veritate Vita Est (In truth there is life)

St. Benedict - Colors: Red & Black

Motto: Ora et Labora (Pray and work)

Social Functions

1) "Upper school dances will be offered for 7th and 8th graders once or twice a year from 7:00pm-9:00pm. 6th grade has its own dance from 4:00pm-6:00pm during the school year. Only CKS students are allowed to attend the dances. The CKS Dance Dress Code must be observed."

2) Junior Assembly of North Dallas (8th graders only) is offered through cooperation among other private or parochial Middle Schools in the Dallas area. Check with our school's 8th grade parent liaison for more information.

Special Programs

1) Accelerated Reading Program: Available to upper school students (There are no set library times for upper school students, so they must take tests on their own time).

2) Honors Program: Honors classes are offered in math and English to students in grades 6-8. Students are selected on the basis of classroom performance, achievement test scores, grades, teacher recommendations, attendance and space available.

3) Band Program: Band is offered through an outside Music program to all students in grades 4-8. NOTE: Band time is to be confirmed.

4) National Junior Honor Society: NJHS was established to recognize outstanding achievement and citizenship in our 7th and 8th grade students. Induction into the NJHS takes place each year in April or May. In order for a student be considered for the NJHS, a student must:

* Demonstrate scholarship by maintaining a cumulative GPA of 87.5 or above in each subject and a Classroom Effort grade of "S" in each subject as reported on Report Cards for the previous 4 quarters. Grades from the first 3 quarters of the current year and the 4th quarter of the previous year are considered (This means the last quarter grades of the 6th grade year count towards NJHS for 7th

grade, and the last quarter grades for 7th grade count towards 8th grade NJHS).

* “Demonstrate character and citizenship

* Volunteer in service projects

* Be a constructive and positive leader

Please refer to the student handbook for the complete criteria.

5) Student Council: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students elect students to serve as representatives on the CKS Student Council. Students must meet certain criteria to be eligible to run. Please refer to the student handbook for a list of those criteria. NOTE: Student Council meets during lunchtime twice a month.

Sports

Once you enter upper school, the majority of sports are played through the Dallas Parochial League. Please see the student handbook for sports, seasons, and sign-up deadlines.

Visiting School

Visitor policies have been established for the protection of the students and staff of CKS. Please always enter through the main school entrance off of Colgate Avenue. Once you have come through the first set of double doors, parents or other visitors will touch the button on the intercom box to the right of the double doors to be buzzed into the school. The staff in the office can view visitors through a camera by the entrance, which is part of the intercom box. It is important to look at the intercom box when introducing yourself at the front door so you can be clearly seen by a CKS staff member. Once you have been buzzed in, please first report to the office to sign-in. Parents may NOT enter the school through the cafeteria doors, the doors by Franny’s Garden or through the Parish Center. All doors to the school are locked at all times. Please review the CKS Handbook for additional information.

Y Adventure Guides and Princesses

Many families participate in this program for K-2nd grade. To coordinate a group, you simply register through a YMCA (typically Park Cities or Town North) and receive their schedule of events, locations, etc. Often, this list serves as a starting point and dads will create their own modified events, outings, campouts, etc. It usually takes one or two dads to take the lead on this to communicate and coordinate with others. It's also a great way for dads to get to know other dads.

HOW ARE PARENTS INVOLVED AT CKS?

The School appreciates its volunteers! Christ the King Catholic School could not offer the quality of education, service, and sense of community without parental involvement as volunteers. We are so blessed to have a talented and generous group of parents willing to donate their time and expertise. Parent groups provide support to the Faculty and Staff, deliver many of the extra school services and coordinate events. Please remember all these positions are voluntary – the school will welcome your help once you feel settled into the CKS Community!

There are two different types of Volunteer Opportunities: Class-Specific and School-Wide.

- Class-Specific Activities include: Class parties, reading to the class, library helpers, classroom supplies, classroom rewards/treasure box items, field trips, K-2 Christmas Program, Charity and Welfare, Community Service, Faculty Appreciation Monthly lunches, Grade-Specific events, etc.
- School-Wide Specific Activities include: Book Fair, Grandparents' Day, Giving Tree, Catholic Schools Week, "The Night's Bond...James Bond" 2016 Auction, AR Store, Father/Daughter Dance, Field Day, Cafeteria Servers, etc.

CKS Parents' Association (CKSPA)

The CKSPA assists with fundraising and various activities of Christ the King Catholic School. The CKSPA is comprised of the executive board and approximately 100 volunteers who participate in standing committees. All parents, who are automatic members of the CKSPA, are encouraged to participate in the many activities sponsored by the Parents' Association. The CKSPA meets every first Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the Parish Center. A list

of the CKSPA Board Members and their responsibilities can be found in the CKS Directory. The President of the CKS Parents' Association this year is Amy Bowers. Amy can be reached at abbowers@att.net.

Some of the activities and responsibilities handled by the CKSPA include: ***CKS New Dads' Social, CKS New Moms' Socials, CKS New Parents Evening, Back to School Fashion Show & Luncheon, CK5K, Grandparents' Day, Catholic Schools Week, "The Night's Bond...James Bond" 2016 Auction, Diva Doubles, Field Trips, and many more.***

CKS Dads' Club

The goal of the CKS Dads' Club is to promote camaraderie among Dads, their children, the greater CKS community and the community at large, while supporting CKS in a variety of needs both financial and non-financial. Every dad who has a child enrolled at CKS is automatically a member of the Christ the King Catholic School Dads' Club.

You will learn more about the Dads' Club so don't miss the opportunity to get involved! The first Dads' Club meeting will be announced soon and activities will begin in September. One of the main functions during the fall is to staff the concession stand at the JV and Varsity home football games. Also, the Wild Game Dinner and the CKS Crusader Golf Tournament are a couple of the many Dads' Club events held during the year.

WHAT FUN ACTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING THIS YEAR?

AUGUST

Back-to-School Night Christ the King Catholic School Wednesday, August 26, 2015 – 6:00pm

Approximately a week after school starts, CKS hosts “Back to School Night” for all parents and teachers. The first hour of “Back to School” night is dedicated to grades K-5th. Then, all parents gather for an hour to hear from Mr. O’Sullivan, Monsignor Zimmerman and the various organization presidents. The last hour of “Back to School Night” is dedicated to grades 6-8th. This is a night to meet the teachers, to hear their expectations, and to build community.

SEPTEMBER

Pep Rally Christ the King Community Center Gym Thursday, September 10, 2015 2:15pm – 3:00pm

This year’s pep rallies will be held on Thursday, September 10th and on Thursday, October 1st to kick off Homecoming weekend. The pep rallies will be held in the Christ the King Community Center and are typically scheduled from 2:15pm – 3:00pm. If our

Crusaders are in the Dallas Parochial League playoffs (early November) another rally will be held to ignite CKS school spirit!

Can families attend the CKS Pep Rallies?

Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Football players are introduced and cheerleaders lead the cheers. Additionally, at the Homecoming Pep Rally there is a class cheer competition. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information!

CKS Book Fair **Christ the King Catholic School Library** **Preview: Wednesday, Sept. 16- Friday, Sept. 18, 2015**

Sale: Monday, Sept. 21 – Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

The CKS Book Fair, held annually, is a wonderful event to raise funds for the CKS Library. Book choices include selections for all ages! Parents have the opportunity to purchase books for their children, themselves or for others. Teachers provide a wish list for their classroom. Parents can also buy books that their child can give to their teacher. A label is put in the book with the child's name so the teacher knows who bought it for them.

Can my child & I preview the books?

Yes. During the child's preview time, the children go to the library to look at the books. They then write a book wish list that they hope to purchase. Parent volunteers assist and help write pricing on the wish list if necessary. Your child will bring this list home and parents determine what their child is allowed to buy/spend. If possible, we encourage kindergarten and first grade parents to attend the preview date and/or sale date with your child, or to shop before/after school.

When can I shop at the book fair?

Book Fair hours are 7:30am-4:00pm. Parents may also go to the library before or after school, during lunch or on your child's class

preview date and time to view the selections. Book choices for all ages (reference books, cookbooks and preschool age books) are available for sale. Be thinking ahead of gifts you might need for family and friends for birthdays, Christmas and other special occasions!

Parents may send a check or cash with their child to school to purchase the books and can include a note with any special instructions. Please make sure to include tax if you are sending payment with your child. Mrs. Garnett and a CKSPA board member handle the coordination of the Book Fair volunteers each year. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information!

Spirit Camp

Christ the King Community Center Gym

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Spirit Camp, run by the 8th Grade cheerleaders, will be held on Wednesday, September 30th after school from 3:30pm-5:00pm. All CKS girls, of ANY grade, are welcome to attend. Participants will be taught age-appropriate cheers and will perform at the CKS Homecoming Game on Sunday, October 4th. The cost is \$25.00 per student and includes a snack, drink and t-shirt. The deadline to sign up is September 21st. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more info!

OCTOBER

Pep Rally

Christ the King Community Center Gym

Thursday, October 1, 2015

2:15pm – 3:00pm

See previous Pep Rally information. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information!

CKSPA “Back-to-School” Fall Fashion Show & Luncheon

Dallas Country Club

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – 11:30am

This fun-filled annual event, sponsored by the CKS Parents' Association, is for ALL CKS Moms! In addition to a lovely lunch, guests will enjoy a fabulous fashion show featuring clothing from Cabana and Canary! The cost is \$40 per person. Don't miss the opportunity to visit with old friends and make new CKS friends at this wonderful social event. Think about putting a table together of moms in your grade! Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

CKS Annual Speech Festival

October 21 – November 6, 2015

Every fall, the 2nd thru 5th grades conduct a Speech Festival celebrating either poetry or prose. This year all 2nd thru 5th graders will be highlighting poetry. Each 2nd thru 5th grade student is required to participate and earns a grade in reading. Students will select, prepare and present a poem or poems to his or her class.

Each teacher will provide standard rules for speech

presentations and a grading rubric. Time limit for 2nd-4th grades is 2-3 minutes; time limit for 5th grade is 3-5 minutes. 3-4 shorter poems (may or may not be by same author) around the same theme may certainly be used. The introduction (written by the child) must state the “theme” of the poem or poems and tie them together. The Speech Festival starts in October and typically finishes in early November.

The prose piece must be selected by October 21st and provided to the teacher for approval. Then, by October 27th, the piece has to be typed and “cut-down” to fit the time requirements and put in a folder with brads. The students do their prose presentations November 3-6 and they will draw numbers to determine the order of presentations. Look for final details from your child’s teacher in October.

NOVEMBER

CK5K Christ the King Catholic School Saturday, November 7, 2015 – 8:00am

The 3rd Annual CK5K will be held November 7, 2015. This 3.2 mile run was first held in 2012 in honor of former CKS student Casey Tull. Casey passed away shortly after graduating from CKS in 2011. Funds raised at the CK5K go to the Casey Tull Memorial Scholarship Fund, CKS athletics, and the Crusader’s Care program where applicable. Registration will begin October 1st online and day of registrations begin at 7:00am with the 5K beginning at 8:00am. There is also a 1-mile fun run. This is a wonderful family and school event. The registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

Advent Morning Reflection Retreat and Mass Christ the King Catholic Church Tuesday, November 17, 2015 - 8:00am

CKSPA is partnering with the Altar Society to host this wonderful spiritual event. The morning will begin with Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church followed by brunch and a reflection. All are welcome to attend any part/s of the morning. It is not mandatory that attendees attend the entire event - they may attend in a way that works best with their schedule. A detailed invitation will be included in the CTK Church bulletin as well as in the *Crusader Chronicle*.

Grandparents' Day Christ the King Catholic School Friday, November 20, 2015

On November 20, 2015, Grandparents and special friends are invited to attend a school Mass, reception and classroom visit at CKS. These guests have the opportunity to get an inside glimpse into the life of a CKS student. Registration usually begins at 7:30am with Mass beginning promptly at 8am. Mass is followed by a reception and an opportunity to visit the students' classrooms. There is a student program by the 3rd and 4th graders that begins at 11:00 am. All students will be dismissed at noon. CKS encourages carpool procedures to be followed.

How do I ensure that my child's grandparents receive an invitation? Parents will be provided a form where they can list addresses of grandparents and special friends they would like to receive invitations. The address form will also be available through the *Crusader Chronicle*.

Parents do not need to attend Grandparents' Day. Volunteer opportunities will be available that morning if you would like to help with the event. Several CKSPA Board members plan this event. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

DECEMBER

Christmas Program Christ the King Catholic School Cafeteria

December - Date TBD

CKS produces a wonderful Christmas holiday musical program for kindergarten - 2nd grade students, which will be held in December in the cafeteria, usually on a Tuesday. The kindergarten students perform at the beginning, followed by the 1st grade students, as the chorus and the 2nd grade students are the performers. Doors typically open at 6.30pm and seats fill up very quickly, so plan accordingly. Parents typically start lining up outside the cafeteria doors between 5:30pm – 6:00pm.

The students will meet in their classrooms, perform and then return to their classroom to watch a movie until the end of the performance. Parents pick up the kindergarten students from the classrooms. More information will follow from Teachers and Room moms.

JANUARY

Catholic Schools Week Christ the King Catholic School Sunday, January 31 - Friday, January 5, 2016

Catholic Schools' Week is a fun, weeklong, school-wide celebration consisting of many planned events. During this week, CKS celebrates its wonderful faculty. You will have the opportunity to have lunch with your child during this week so stay

tuned for more details on the lunch schedule for each grade! Additionally, the school hosts one of three annual Open Houses for prospective students during this week. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

Wild Game Dinner

January – Date TBD

The CKS Wild Game Dinner is sponsored by the Dads' Club and is held at a local restaurant venue. Book a sitter and come and enjoy a one of a kind meal cooked and served by CKS dads! Last year's features included venison, duck, wild boar, halibut and salmon. There is typically a silent auction as well featuring hunting opportunities.

FEBRUARY

Father/Daughter Dance

Christ the King Catholic School

Friday, February 5, 2016

All fathers and their daughters will not want to miss this fun event! The dance is a great way for Dads to attend an event with their daughters and have the opportunity to meet other CKS fathers. Many fathers and daughters choose to dress to the theme and this year's is a Valentine's Day theme! Purchase tickets ahead of time and parents can sign up to donate drinks, snacks and treats. Don't hesitate to plan a father/daughter dinner get together before the dance at a nearby restaurant for all of the girls and dads in your child's grade! Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information!

St. Patrick's Academic Fair

St. Patrick Catholic School – Dallas

Friday, February 19, 2016

St. Patrick's Academic Fair is an extracurricular academic program for students in grades 1st – 8th. There are a variety of contest categories covering a wide range of disciplines (math, speech, art, spelling, social studies, etc.). It is an excellent opportunity for parochial school students to engage in academic competition with their peers at a local level. More opportunities for younger students to compete are available at St. Patrick's Academic Fair.

Lenten Morning Reflection

Retreat and Mass

Christ the King Catholic Church

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 8:00am

CKSPA is partnering with the Altar Society to host this wonderful spiritual event. The morning will begin with Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church followed by brunch and a reflection. All are welcome to attend any part/s of the morning. It is not mandatory that attendees attend the entire event - they may attend in a way that works best with their schedule. A detailed invitation will be included in the CTK Church bulletin as well as in the *Crusader Chronicle*.

PSIA (Private Schools Interscholastic

Association) Academic Fair

Saturday, February 27, 2016

St. Mark Catholic School – Plano

PSIA is an extracurricular academic program for students in grades 1st – 8th. There are 19 contest categories covering a wide range of disciplines (math, speech, art, music, science, spelling, vocabulary, geography, etc.). It is an excellent opportunity for parochial school students to engage in academic competition

with their peers at a local level. As students get older, there are more opportunities to compete.

“The Night’s Bond...James Bond”

2016 CKSPA Auction

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Sixty Five Hundred

Auction Chairs:

Christy Marlowe - christymarlowecpa@gmail.com

Christine Nevitt - cnevitt@gmail.com

Anne Rosselli - abrosselli@gmail.com

Nancy Dunn – bruin88@msn.com (Solicitations Chair)

You won't want to miss this wonderful fundraising and social event sponsored by the CKS Parents' Association. This community-building event not only raises important funds that help the school meet and exceed its budgetary goals, but the Auction also paves the way for additional enhancements to be made in the classrooms that benefit our children and their learning experiences. Tuition, Parish Subsidy and School Endowment income do not cover all the costs to educate our children. Both the Auction and Annual Fund help fill the \$1,300 Gap per child so that tuition remains affordable for those who wish to have a Catholic education.

Everyone at CKS is welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. In addition, many volunteers are needed to support this event, including parents, grandparents, faculty, parishioners and alumni. Please contact the Auction Chairs for further information. Volunteering is a great way to get involved and meet other parents, especially outside of your child's grade.

In addition to volunteering your time, parents may also contribute to “The Night’s Bond...James Bond” through donations - a stay at their vacation home, lake house, or other properties, or

donating sports tickets, airline miles, restaurant gift certificates, etc. We are also looking for hotel stays at desirable destinations, airline tickets, and other high-end enticing gifts to raise the maximum amount of money for the school. If you have any personal connections with businesses that might offer a donation, please don't hesitate to ask or share your contact information with the Auction Chairs.

Sponsor & Underwriting opportunities are also available to parents, grandparents, parishioners, and friends of CKS. Some of these opportunities include: commemorative program, Gallery Night, entertainment, valet, t-shirts, DJ, invitations, decor, casino and others. These sponsors and underwriters are critical to the success of our event and include attractive marketing opportunities and other benefits. If you are interested in any of these Sponsor or Underwriting opportunities or know of someone who might be interested, please contact one of our Auction Chairs.

APRIL

Crusader Career Day Christ the King Catholic School Thursday, April 28, 2016

Crusader Career Day is a program that was implemented for our students three years ago by our Academic Coordinator, Mary Melle, as a natural extension of our Crusaders Care Program, which focuses on social justice. Crusader Career Day is held every other year in the spring at CKS.

CKS will welcome CKS alumni, parents and experts to share their journey with our students. Each speaker has a deep connection to Catholic schools as graduates, parents, grandparents or benefactors. While sharing their love of their career, our guest speakers explain how Catholic values, the

importance of family, and hard work influence their actions and have made their dreams possible. In past years, our CKS students have had the opportunity to hear from a doctor, lawyer, orthodontist, physical therapist, the SMU Head Swim Coach, interior designer, a former star NFL Quarterback and businessman, an aviation insurance broker, and so many others! Crusader Career Day exposes our talented students to a wide range of possible careers. This great experience may just help a student choose a career path that they did not consider before. Students in grades 5-8th rotate classrooms and are able to hear from at least three different guest speakers. These special guests definitely inspire our CKS students who will be the future leaders in our community. This program has been a huge success and we look forward to its return in 2016 (the program is on a two year cycle). If you know of someone who would be a great presenter for Career Day, please contact CKS mom, Kim Hanrahan at kghanrahan@sbcglobal.net or at (214) 766-9546. Please look for more information on Crusader Career Day in the spring of 2016 in the *Crusader Chronicle*.

CKS Diva Doubles Tennis Tournament & Luncheon - April 2016 – Date TBD

CKS DIVA DOUBLES is a tennis event held in the spring in loving memory of Laura Sutherland who was a wife, a mother of four CKS graduates and a best friend to many in our community. Laura coached cheerleading and volunteered for everything to be with our kids. Laura founded this event years ago to raise money for scholarships and for athletics because she was so devoted to CKS. Ironically, Laura never played tennis, but she just loved to entertain and enjoyed getting moms together to play tennis, have lunch and just have fun! Laura passed away in January of 2010 and her memory will be carried on with this great event, which has been held for almost 10 years. We hope everyone participates and takes a day off to be with friends just as Laura would do! If you don't play tennis, borrow a racquet and come out and join the fun! It's a wonderful day for everyone including all beginner tennis players. The event is nothing serious – everyone just laughs and has a blast! Prizes are included!

Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* and school calendar for more information in the spring.

Mother / Son Ranger Game Outing Globe Life Park in Arlington April/May - Date TBD

All mothers and their sons won't want to miss a day at the ballpark to see the Texas Rangers in action! This outing replaces the mother/son dodgeball game of past years and is sponsored by the CKSPA. This event is a great way for moms to spend time with their sons and socialize with other CKS moms. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

Annual CKS Crusader Golf Tournament Gleneagles Country Club April/May 2016 – Date TBD

The Annual CKS Crusader Golf Tournament and Dinner is a great annual event that gives CKS parents and their friends/coworkers the opportunity to meet up on the golf course while raising funds for CKS and the Dads' Club. This event is usually held on a Friday or Monday in April or May. Participants can field their own foursome or register individually and will be placed with a foursome. The cost to play in the tournament ranges from \$150 - \$200 per golfer. There are many volunteer opportunities, sponsorship opportunities and other ways that dads can contribute to help make this event a success for CKS. If you are interested in assisting with the golf tournament, please contact the Golf Tournament Chair, Richard Zulick at 214-952-3215 or at richard.zulick@gmail.com. Parents will hear more about the CKS Crusader Golf Tournament in the Spring. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

MAY

Christ the King Carnival Sunday, May 1, 2016

The Christ the King Carnival is a unique event because it is a Community event—open to all school and parish families, in addition to friends and families in our local community. This event was suspended during the construction of the Community Center and we are excited to have it back on the schedule this year.

Encompassing all things carnival, this afternoon includes everything from games, activities, prizes, food, drink, treats and more—dunk your favorite teacher, put your friends in jail, get your face painted, have some cotton candy or partake in the cake walk. It's an afternoon focused on fun for all ages.

Don't miss the opportunity to support the school and meet other CKS families and parishioners at this fun-filled event. Parents can purchase tickets and Carnival t-shirts in advance. These t-shirts may be worn on spirit days during the spring. Numerous volunteer opportunities for parents (especially dads) are also available. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* for more information.

CKSPA “Last Hurrah” Luncheon Tuesday, May 10, 2016

The CKSPA will have its annual “Last Hurrah” Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. At this fun event, the CKSPA honors the mothers that have their last child graduating from CKS, and announces the winners of the “Volunteer of the Year” Award. All parents are encouraged to attend as this is a very special luncheon and a great CKS tradition. Tickets are around \$40 per person. Watch for more details in the *Crusader Chronicle*.

May Crowning

Christ the King Catholic Church

Friday, May 13, 2016 – 8:00am

CKS honors our Blessed Mother at the May Crowning ceremony. Immediately following the all-school Mass at 8:00am, 2nd grade students will process into the church. They will have made their First Communion the previous weekend and will be dressed in their blazers and white dresses. These students will flank the aisle and serve as honor guards for the 8th grade students. The May Queen and her Court, as voted by their 8th grade peers, will follow and the May Queen will lay the crown of flowers on the statue of the Virgin Mary. The remaining 8th graders then process in and all are lined up on the altar. They will be dressed as appropriate for their upcoming graduation. This is a beautiful and moving ceremony as it celebrates two very important milestones in our students' lives. Though the 2nd and 8th grade students are the participants in the Mass and ceremony, parents of all CKS students are encouraged to attend.



Field Day

Christ the King Catholic School

June 2016 – Date TBD

Field Day, organized and handled by the CKS athletic coaches, is an outdoor event with fun games and activities for the students. This event is typically held the last week of school. The coaches have some great new ideas this year to make this event even more memorable for the students. Parents will be notified IF parent volunteers will be needed. Watch the *Crusader Chronicle* in the spring for more information.

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