



CHRIST THE KING  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL + DALLAS



September 1, 2020

Dear Christ the King Catholic School Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! After a summer like no other, we are excited to have students back on campus and joining us virtually ready to share stories from their summer. During our in-service week we focused on how here at CKS every subject, every activity, and every teacher helps our Crusaders to learn, to grow, and to develop their God-given abilities. While this year the campus will look different, we are looking forward to our students' arrival to continue the next steps on their academic and spiritual journeys.

Filled with hope and joy for the year ahead, we turn to the wisdom of the Irish Jesuits who remind us “that Jesus never promised that we would be free of difficulties and challenges in life. What He did promise was to be with us no matter what the situation – even to the end of the age.” Knowing that we travel the road ahead together allows us to be conduits of God’s Grace. We have the opportunity to share the peace of Christ with others, while focusing on hope in the present with fortitude and joy to accomplish our mission to educate the hearts, minds, and spirits of our Crusaders.

Our Summer Improvements and Activities include:

- New school *Crusaders Safe* signage throughout the school
- Plexiglass dividers on all desks and cafeteria tables
- Clinic updates with new isolation room
- New webcam cameras installed throughout the campus for virtual learning
- Professional Development on Blended Learning, COVID-19, TEAMS, Facts/LMS, SeeSaw, Padlet, Social Emotional Learning, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, Best Practices in Catholic Education, and Health & Safety Protocols
- HVAC updates
- New exhaust fans

*Educating Hearts, Minds, and Spirits of Future Servant Leaders*

- Thanks to the Christ the King Catholic School Homecoming Carnival in memory of Lloyd Shelby, updates to the library and all new athletic uniforms for all sports
- Touchless hand sanitizing stations
- Full renovations of Bernardine Hall restrooms and additional touchless handwashing stations

We are excited to welcome our newest Crusader faculty members:

Ms. Caroline Mason, 4K Teacher

I am so excited to be a part of the CKS family this year! It is a wonderful and inspiring community that has already embraced me and made me feel at home!! I can't wait for the upcoming year and to work alongside people of faith!

"Teachers encourage minds to think, hands to create, and hearts to love."

Mrs. Valorie Hodgkinson, DK Teacher

I feel so fortunate to be a part of the CKS family. The community is unlike anything I have ever experienced. Thank you for entrusting me with your children's education.

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." ~ Marian Wright Edelman

Mrs. Vicky Kleinenbroich, KG Teacher's Aide

I am excited to be a part of the CKS community this year in KG!

"All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten." ~ Fulgham

Ms. Patricia Tear, KR Teacher's Aide

I am so excited to be here at Christ the King Catholic School in KR!

"It takes a Village!"

Mrs. Denise Shaw, 3G Teacher

I am so excited to be a teacher at CKS. I am so impressed with the warm and welcoming community, and I absolutely love teaching 3rd graders. I have always been inspired by a quote I learned in my gifted training, to be a "guide on the side". I want to inspire children to seek knowledge on their own and spark their curiosity to explore. If I can get them to learn on their own, with my guidance, then they will grow into confident and lifelong learners! I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Ms. Caroline Lappe, 3R Teacher

I am overjoyed to be part of the Christ the King family! It is a humbling experience growing up with a Catholic education, and now being able to offer that same Christ-centered educational experience to our younger generations. Go Crusaders!

"The best teachers are those who tell you where to look, but don't tell you what to see." ~ Alexandra K. Trenfor

Ms. Gabriell Higgs, Art Teacher

I am so excited to be your new art teacher at CKS! We are going to create so many beautiful things.

“Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education” ~ Martin Luther King.

Mrs. Rebekah Gilbert, Counselor

I am grateful to be a part of the CKS family. I look forward to getting to know everyone and promoting the Christ the King Catholic School mission.

Please join us in welcoming:

Advisory Council President, Mr. Brian Tusa

2020-2021 CKSPA President, Mrs. Erin Kidwell and her team

2020-2021 Annual Fund Chairs, Mr. and Mrs. John and Nancy Dunn and  
our grade level chairs

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our CKS Task Force Committee members. Your time, talent, and support have been greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you virtually at our Make the Grade! meetings and at Back to School Night. If we can help in any way, please let us know.

Thank you for choosing a Christ the King Catholic School education as part of your sons' and daughters' lifelong journeys of educating their hearts, minds, and spirits. Together we will continue to build on our strong tradition of Catholic identity and academic excellence that bring the mission of Christ the King Catholic School to life.

Go Crusaders,

*Dr. Patrick O'Sullivan*

President

*Dr. Lisa Bosco*

Principal