

CKS COMMUNITY

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News



A COMMUNITY *uniting* school, family and faith

Another school year is well underway, and life is busy and full at Christ the King School, with energy and enthusiasm in abundance. I am proud of the number of students and families who have participated in our various service projects, helping those in need throughout the year and living our mission to spread the Good News of Jesus in word and deed. **CKS Serves** had more than 100 families participate in our inaugural CKS Day of Service in August. I think you will enjoy reading about its incredible impact, as this story is our feature.



Continuing the tradition of academic excellence, dedicated teachers and faculty work hard to ensure our students are prepared in all aspects of learning. The newly formed Arts committee supports the growth of the whole child through integration of the arts throughout the curriculum. Our partnership with the High Museum of Art continues to grow, and educators from the High have been here on campus providing professional development to teachers and educating students.

As always, I'm grateful for you, the community of supporters who continues to ensure a strong financial position for today and the future. Your support as Parents, Grandparents, Past Parents, Alumni and Friends of CKS makes me extremely proud as the leader of our great school. Rest assured that the students entrusted to our care are provided a safe, nurturing environment as they grow academically, socially, and spiritually. ~ **Tricia Ward, Principal**

CKS Chef in Training

During his spring break this past April, Christ the King School student **Ethan Jackson** traveled to New York City to compete in *Chopped Jr.* on the Food Network. His episode, "Ears for Fears," had the competing junior chefs presented with ingredients such as pigs' ears and potatoes as they strove to impress chefs Katie Lee and Chris Santos and actor Alan Thicke. Jackson, at the time a sixth grader, made it to the final two contestants who were challenged to create a dessert featuring monkey bread and queso fresco. Said his mom, Nina, whom he credited on the show for inspiring his culinary expertise, "Ethan has worked really hard to hone his skills. It was an amazing experience for him."



Science takes place each day at CKS, and we all know the kids love the hands-on experiments. Students have been hard at work with on-campus projects:

Learning...
implementing...
testing...



discovering

exploring

TEACHER *feature*

Melissa Lowry



Hometown: Tustin, CA

Education:

BA University of Arizona - Communications and English/Creative Writing

MA Loyola Marymount - Literacy and Language Arts

Family:

Mac, McKenna Kate, Mac III
Miss California - Yellow Lab
Mickey - Cavalier King Charles

Years at CKS: Four

Last time you laughed?

"Two minutes ago...I teach Middle School, I never stop laughing."

Favorite book?

Crime and Punishment
by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, fiction

The Boys in the Boat
by Daniel James Brown, nonfiction

What is your dream vacation?

Going on safari in Africa

Last time you felt proud?

I feel proud every day. Middle Schoolers are far more intelligent, perceptive and empathetic than they are given credit for.

Fun Fact:

I can tie a knot with a stem of a cherry on my tongue.



CKS Grandparents Day at CKS...



Christ the King School students presented *School House Rock Live! Jr.* to a packed house of grandparents and special friends. Grandparents then visited classrooms and shopped at the Book Fair.

Families Embrace CKS Serves

Over the past year, a new initiative at CKS has really found wings:

CKS Serves. Inspired by Pope Francis' Year of Mercy initiative and fueled by an enthusiastic group of families ready to take part, the offshoot of the Spiritual Life Committee has offered opportunities every month for families to join hands and help others. CKS Serves also worked tirelessly over the summer to develop the inaugural **CKS Family Day of Service**, which took place August 20. Hundreds of CKS students and their families took part in more than 11 service projects throughout Atlanta, assisting such organizations as St. Vincent de Paul, Atlanta Community Food Bank, 7 Bridges to Recovery and more. From filling dressers with clothes for refugee children, to cleaning up and gardening in at-risk neighborhoods, the CKS community worked together to assist those in need.

"Many of our school families choose Catholic education because of the emphasis on teaching students empathy and respect while putting their faith into action. We wanted families to have the opportunity to serve as a unit and to connect in a deeper way with our school community," said **Kara Land**, co-chair of the event. "Our experiences on the Day of Service inspired great questions from and thought-provoking conversations with our children. If we spread just a hint of hope throughout Atlanta then it was worth the time we invested!"



Family Day of Service

- 102** CKS families
- 591** hours volunteered
- 18** dressers assembled
- 1000+** articles of clothing donated
- 18** dressers filled
- 26** English study guides created
- 22** citizenship study guides created
- 127** hours of weeding and planting
- 81** seedlings planted
- 724** books donated
- 736** snack bags made

Service Projects

- 7** Bridges to Recovery
- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Cathedral of Christ the King
- Catholic Charities
- Friends of English Avenue
- Peachtree Heights Neighborhood Association
- St. Vincent de Paul



Andrew Barletta wins Archbishop's annual award

Mr. Andrew Barletta, Technology Integration Specialist was selected as the recipient of the Archbishop's Education Award. This award is given out annually during Catholic Schools week and voted on by faculty and staff. Mr. B is beloved by the students of CKS. He has implemented the *Morning News Show* featuring our news streamed live every morning into each classroom. In addition, he can be seen every afternoon assisting with carpool duty. He will be honored in January at the mass and banquet given by the Office of Catholic Schools.



Mary Catherine Stanley with Principal Tricia Ward who received the Sr. Jean Liston Scholarship during the All Saints Day Mass on November 1.

CKS Community Partner Program

We would like to thank our 2016-2017 Community Partner Program Sponsors. The funds raised through the program will allow us to enhance technology and provide enrichment activities for students, faculty and staff. This initiative allows businesses to sponsor CKS events throughout the year and provide them with more marketing exposure. We have highlighted our Platinum and Gold Sponsors below.

Platinum: Anonymous

Gold: Buckhead Orthodontics "Your Neighborhood Orthodontist"

Michael Everson DDS, MS: Parent to Olivia and Ethan (future CKS students) and husband to Dr. Cristina Everson



At Buckhead Orthodontics, Dr. Michael Everson and his staff want to create a fun and friendly atmosphere for the entire family at his boutique, private practice. Dr. Everson stresses open communication with both patients and their parents during treatment. He is always interested in the latest technologies to make your treatment more comfortable and efficient. He has several cosmetic options for those adults who want that perfect smile. He has flexible hours, evenings and Saturdays, to accommodate any schedule. Dr. Everson's daughter Olivia, who is now almost 3 years old, can often be seen coloring in her books at the Sunday family mass at CTK and cannot wait to be a future student at CKS. The newest Everson, Ethan is still too little to do much except cry during Sunday family mass at CTK, but he too will be very excited to attend CKS. The Everson's look forward to being active members in CKS for years to come. www.buckheadorthodontics.com

Gold: Davey Construction

Patrick Davey: Parent to Riley (8th), Christa (6th), and Patrick (4th); Husband to Trish



Since 1997, Davey Construction has built a business on the premise of turning houses into homes in a manner that "you never want to move away." Whether renovation, restoration or new construction, Patrick's work is applauded for being transformative and tasteful.

Gold: Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital

Duffy Jones, DVM: Parent to Dawson (CKS Alum, 7th grade at Marist) Grady (5th) and Sydney (1st); Husband to Courtney



Since 2005, Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital has been doing everything from vaccinating puppies and kittens to high-end diagnostics and treatment, such as ultrasound, chemo, x-rays, and surgery. Also proficient in emergency care, Duffy Jones and his team at Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital execute their belief that they can make a positive difference in people's lives by taking extraordinary care of their pets. At PHAH extraordinary care means not just treating symptoms, but finding the root cause of disease, while working with owners to provide customized care unique to their pet and life circumstances. Duffy credits the overwhelming support of the Christ the King community to Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital as his incentive to be a 2016 CKS sponsor. "A great joy of my job is getting to visit with old CKS friends and making new ones through their four-legged family members.

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Development Update

What a Difference Today Makes...

We recruited a "Dream Team" of volunteers to assist with this year's Annual Fund. The goal was gaining 90% Parent Participation in the first 90 days of school, and WE DID IT. The Faculty and Staff kicked off strong raising more than \$22,000. Our Parents, Grandparents, Past Parents, Alumni and Friends have helped us raise valuable funds for the year in order to forecast the budget accordingly.

2016-2017 Annual Fund

Goals	\$ 450,000	Actual To Date (106% of Goal)	\$475,974
Parent Participation	100%	Parent Participation	93%
Faculty and Staff Participation	100%	Faculty and Staff Participation	99%

The growth of the Endowment Fund continues to be successful with strong fiscal year contributions and market gain. The Cullum Owings Scholarship Fund has raised \$7,779 this fiscal year. The Owen Stokes Scholarship Fund has their yearly event, Rock for Owen, which will generate donations for this fund. Finally, the Tuition Assistance Fund has raised \$3,671 this year.



Gifts to date to the Endowment Fund	\$42,202
Market Value as of 11/30/2016	\$2,524,364



Christ the King School updates interiors

When students arrived back on campus in August, they couldn't believe their eyes. The hallways, stairways and cafeteria had a new fresh look and feel. In addition, the front lobby received a makeover, and three restrooms were updated. New lockers were installed in the Middle School hall, with new cubbies added to second grade. The teacher's lounge on the 4th grade hall was refreshed with one teacher saying "I don't know how we lived without it." The Annual Fund was extremely successful and allowed for lots of work to be completed in the school.



Alumni

On October 8, the top ten boys and girls from the Marist cross country team competed in Tallahassee at the FSU invitational cross country meet. The boys team came in first place and included six CKS grads: Marcus Danckert, Jeremy Benson, William O’Rielly, Quinn Burden, Eric Marburger, and David Reteneller. Meg Fennelly was on the girls team, placing third. Congratulations athletes!



The 8th grade chose Alumni reps Paul Quigley and Jillian Knoerle who led their class in Hot Diggity Dog to raise money for a legacy gift. The class raised \$2000 in this annual crowd pleasing fundraiser.



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