

# Monthly Messenger

May 2009

## Christ the King High School Class of 2009

On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Christ the King Cathedral School graduated nine seniors in the Class of 2009 during a graduation mass at Christ the King Cathedral. This year's diverse group of seniors included parishioners from five diocesan parishes, so mass was concelebrated by Msgr. Ben Kasteel, Msgr. Gene Driscoll, Fr. Jerry Kenney, and Fr. Nicolas Rendon, the priests from each of the graduates' parishes.

Diocesan School Superintendent, Deacon Leo Cottenoir and Principal Christine Wanjura presented diplomas to each senior after they were certified by high school counselor Zenaida Reyes. Almost half of this year's graduates will be attending Catholic universities, and all nine have plans to move on to higher education. This successful group of seniors has received **over \$425,000** in scholarship offers.

Class of 2009 Valedictorian, Roni Vowels, is the daughter of Ron & Tricia Vowels and attends CTK Cathedral. Roni will be attending St. Mary's University in San Antonio to major in English Communications. Roni has attended CTK since 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Class salutatorian, Cameron Aberle, is the son of Tom & Tish Aberle and attends St. Joseph's Church in Slaton. Cameron will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station to major in General Studies. Cameron has attended CTK since 9<sup>th</sup> grade after at-

tending St. Joseph's School in Slaton.

Kelly Blanton is the daughter of Michael & Elizabeth Blanton and attends CTK Cathedral. Kelly will be attending the University of California Merced to study Computer Engineering. Kelly has attended CTK the longest of any of the graduates having started in Kindergarten.

Bailey Butler is the daughter of Bill & Colleen Butler and attends CTK Cathedral. Bailey will be attending St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Oklahoma to study Business. She will also be a member of SGU's volleyball team. Bailey came to CTK this school year to finish her high school career.

Keagan Cimino is the daughter of Paul & Fran Cimino and attends St. John Neumann Church. Keagan will be attending South Plains College to major in Zoology. Keagan came to CTK her 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Guillermo Gonzales is the son of Jerry & Belinda Gonzales and attends St. John Neumann Church. Guillermo plans on attending South Plains College to major in Biology. Guillermo came to CTK his 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Matt Guerra is the son of Benny & Josie Guerra and attends St. Joseph's Church in Slaton. Matt will be leaving for the Army Reserves boot camp in September. After boot camp ends in January, he will begin at Texas Tech University on a ROTC Scholarship. Matt has attended CTK since 9<sup>th</sup> grade after attending St. Joseph's School in

Slaton.

John Huey is the son of Lon & Katie Huey and attends Holy Spirit Church. John will be attending St. Edwards University in Austin to major in Graphic Design. John has attended CTK since 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Corey Roundtree is the son of Cissie Roundtree and attends CTK Cathedral. Corey will be attending Incarnate Word University in San Antonio to major in Education. He will also be a member of the INU football team. Corey came to CTK in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

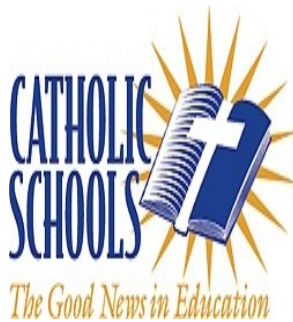
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Cathedral  
School  
Foundation  
Awards Over  
\$6800 in  
Scholarships  
to CTK  
Students**

## Christ the King Cathedral School Foundation

Christ the King Cathedral School Foundation board of directors has announced the recipients of ten scholarships funded via seven named endowment funds to Christ the King students for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. For the second year in a row, scholarships were awarded to assist students and their families with book fees and tuition expenses. Christ the King Cathedral School Foundation presented the scholarships during end of school awards ceremonies at Christ the King School in May.

The largest of the award amounts is funded via the Mary Ann Mehta Endowed Scholarship fund established by Dr. Kishor Mehta after Mrs. Mehta passed away in 2007. Dr. Mehta requested that this endowment fund's proceeds be awarded annually to one CTK student in the form of a full tuition scholarship – a value of \$3500 for the upcoming 2009-10 school year. This year's recipient is incoming CTK High School freshman Claire Vargas. Another scholarship established in the name of the late Claude A. Thomas, Jr., husband of Christ the King parishioner Annah Jo Thomas and the father of Gayle Smothers, Marilyn Dixon and Linda Gilliam, all graduates of Christ the King High School was awarded to two brothers at CTK School, incoming junior Anthony DeLeon and incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grader Samuel DeLeon. Each student will receive \$625 each towards next year's tuition.

The Msgr. James Fitzgerald

Scholarship was named in memory of the long-time Christ the King pastor. A strong supporter of Catholic education, Msgr. Fitzgerald was very involved in the activities of the school in the 1960s until his death in 1975. He is credited with starting the original CTK High School in 1963.

This year's recipients are incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Danielle Fonseca & incoming kindergartener Mia Williams. Each will receive \$375 towards next year's tuition.

As the original teachers at Christ the King School, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange in California were dedicated to the success of CTK with their daily presence from 1957 until 1970. In a recent visit to California, it was discovered that CTK was the only U.S. school that the Sisters taught in outside of California. In honor of their dedication, an endowed scholarship to offset tuition costs was established. Juniors Jacie Vowels and Anthony DeLeon will each receive \$250 each towards next year's tuition from this fund.

Established in October 2006, this endowment was established by two CTK parents in memory of their mothers who had both passed away earlier in the year, Mrs. Norma Mae Hancock, mother of Dr. Joseph Hancock, and Mrs. Evelyn Ronaghan, mother of Dr. Catherine Ronaghan. Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, Adia Sipowicz, will receive \$500 towards next year's tuition from this fund.

Longtime CTK parishioner and teacher, Mrs. Roberta Meyer dedicated 44 years of her life to Catholic education and even in retirement continues to serve as a volunteer at CTK. In 2004, Mrs. Meyer officially retired, but couldn't stand to be away from CTK, and in 2005 began volunteering in the library where she continues to work almost every school morning. The fund in honor of Mrs. Meyer will provide \$250 towards next year's book fees for kindergartener Bella Sipowicz.

The newest named endowment fund was established in memory of Dr. Warrenna "Bebe" Smothers Loessin. Dr. Loessin, daughter of long-time CTK supporters Dub & Dolly Smothers and sister of CTK parishioner John Smothers attended CTK from first grade until her graduation in 1971. In recognition of her great love for education, following her death in 2008, her family established a memorial scholarship to be awarded to a female high school student who, among other qualities, demonstrates outstanding community service or love for the arts. The first recipient of this scholarship is incoming junior Jacie Vowels. She will receive \$275 towards next year's book fees.

If you are interested in donating to one of these named endowments, please contact the Development Office at Christ the King Cathedral School at 793-8283.

Learning the meaning of The Word.



## Christ the King Cathedral School Receives Our Lady of Grace Statue

Christ the King Cathedral School recently received a gift of an Our Lady of Grace statue from school parents Marc & Patty Sipton. The statue which stands over 6 feet tall was dedicated on May 15<sup>th</sup> during the school's daily morning prayer service. Students in first through third grades formed a living rosary and led the student body through a recitation of the rosary after Monsignor Ben Kasteel blessed the beautiful statue of St. Mary. Multiple languages were used during the prayers of the rosary including

Spanish, German, and Latin. After the dedication the Our Lady of Grace statue was placed in the front hallway of the school where everyone will be able to see her on a daily basis. On accepting the gift, principal Christine Wanjura stated that she was extremely pleased to accept such a beautiful gift on behalf of the school.



**Monsignor Ben Kasteel, principal Christine Wanjura, Marc Sipton who along with his wife Patty and son Forrest during dedication of Our Lady of Grace statue.**

*The new library has been named in honor of Dorothy Marie Glatz Sipton, mother of building contractor and CTK school parent, Marc Sipton who along with his wife Patty and son Forrest made the new addition possible.*

## Christ the King Students Celebrate

Over 200 grandparents, grand-friends, and parents braved the cold and drizzle on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for Christ the King Cathedral School's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Day and dedication of the new school library and high school wing. Students, faculty, and staff continue to celebrate the annual Grand Day tradition started four years ago to show appreciation for the support that is received from the extended families and friends for the school and its students. This year's event had an additional touch of making school history with the dedication of the new library, new elementary art room and new high school wing.

The day began with an all-school mass at 8:15 celebrated by Bishop Placido Rodriguez and Msgr. Ben Kasteel. Immediately following mass, guests, students, faculty, and staff made their way to the school gym for the dedication of the new library and high school wing. Bishop Rodriguez gave a special blessing for all the new areas of the school. Since the hundreds in atten-

dance could not fit into the library and the high school wing, a live video feed sent the ceremony back into the gym for all to see on a large screen. This allowed everyone an up-close view of the entire event. The new library has been named in honor of Dorothy Marie Glatz Sipton, mother of building contractor and CTK school parent, Marc Sipton who along with his wife Patty and son Forrest made the new addition possible. Many members of the Sipton family came from out of state to witness the dedication. Additionally the high school wing's dedication to the original teachers in the school, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, was made possible by a generous donation from our local business community. Following the dedication ceremony, grandparents and guests were invited to visit classrooms as well as a reception in the cafeteria. Members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce ambassador group were also on hand later in the morning for an official ribbon-cutting ceremony in the Sipton Li-

brary. Many appreciative comments and compliments were made as grandparents and grand-friends toured the school. This annual event continues to bring our school outside of our school's walls and into the community. Many events were planned for that evening: CTK Home & School Association hosted "Footsteps to Health for the Body, Mind, and Soul" as well as the school's annual Scholastic Book Fair and the Class of 2010 served a healthy dinner.



**Bishop Placido Rodriguez blessing the new high school.**



**Bishop Rodriguez, Msgr. Ben Kasteel, Principal Christine Wanjura, Marc and Patty and the rest of the Sipton family during ribbon cutting ceremony.**

## Science Fair Successes

This was a topsy-turvy year for science fair! Due to scheduling conflicts, the South Plains Regional Science & Engineering Fair took place after the Exxon-Mobil State Science & Engineering Fair. Schools were allowed to submit projects to the regional science fair committee who chose 15 projects to go to state. CTK students were chosen to present ten of the fifteen projects from the South Plains region. Students who attended the state fair were Justin Gray (jr.), Grant Murray (jr.), Audrey Alam-

bar (soph.), Tyler Scheppler (soph.), Becca Lascano (8<sup>th</sup>), Brooke Gray (8<sup>th</sup>), Tristan Arioli (7<sup>th</sup>), Nick Hines (7<sup>th</sup>), Jonathan Andrew (6<sup>th</sup>), and Anna Thomas (6<sup>th</sup>). Grant Murray, Anna Thomas, and Becca Lascano received special awards at the state fair!

A week after state science fair, the regional science fair took place. Once again, CTK students had great success! CTK won 26 awards from the 35 possible award categories! Junior Grant Murray became the school's first Gold Medalist

earning him the honor of attending the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair in Reno, Nevada this month. Other students won college scholarships valued at over \$6500! A complete list of award winners can be found on the school website, [ctkcathedralschool.org](http://ctkcathedralschool.org).

Congratulations to everyone who participated in both the state & regional science fairs!

## Athletic Successes Continue into the Spring!

Spring sports continued to bring accolades to our students! The High School boys' basketball team won the TAPPS bi-district title in February. Juniors Jordan Saiz & D.J. Tyler received all-state team honors. Jordan received All-State First Team honors and will play in the TAPPS IA All-Star game in San Antonio in June along with hundreds of other TAPPS athletes. D.J. received honorable mention all-state honors. The High School boys' golf team made it to the state tournament for the fourth year in a row and placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Sophomore Dawson Garza's score earned him a place on the all-state team which takes the top 10 scorers for the

tournament.

High school tennis players brought back three district championships this year. Seven players moved on to their first trip to the state tournament: junior Miranda DeLaCruz, sophomores Regina Aberle, Chelsea Limboy, Jaslyn Diaz, and freshmen Payton Scharfenberg, Lauren Canale, and Richard Shaver. Equally, successful were twelve track team members who placed at regional's in order to participate in the state meet. Congratulations to senior Cam Aberle, junior Jordan Saiz, sophomores Regina Aberle, Audrey Alambar, Jason Saiz, Tyler Scheppler, Taylor Fisk, freshmen Bo Butler, Tim Guerra, Juliette Mark, Joseph Pe-

kowski, and Payton Scharfenberg, Junior high track team members also did well at the WTCAA district track meet. Congratulations to the following district finalists: 7<sup>th</sup> grader Haley Bruedigam, Tommy To, Taryn Brooks, Elizabeth Pekowski, Samuel Deleon, 8<sup>th</sup> graders Maddie Scheppler, Michael Sikes, Taylor Brown, Paul Villanueva, and Colton Garza. Junior high boys' & girls' golf teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in their district tournament in April.

## State Academic Meets

Dozens of 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the two academic meets that our school participates in each year. 23 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the State PSIA meet on the TCU campus in Ft. Worth at the end of April. Congratulations to Dana Cody & Joseph Soriano on their state medals at state. 24 high school students competed in the TAPPS State Academic & Art Meet in Austin during April. Congrats to juniors Allison Pyle, Kevin Mantooth, & Jordan Saiz for the state academic medals, and to seniors Bailey Butler, John Huey, junior Nick Mark, sophomore Anthony DeLeon, and freshmen Dani Williams & Richard Shaver on their state art medals.

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Christ the King Cathedral School

## Why Catholic School?

### Who are we?

Since opening its doors in 1957, Christ the King School has challenged students to work toward their full potential. In a nurturing atmosphere, teachers and parents work cooperatively to provide a healthy, loving disciplined environment conducive to the effective integration of academic excellence, character, and faith development.

### Curriculum

Christ the King School's curriculum provides an academic program of excellence firmly rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Christian faith. The school offers a challenging curriculum that is both diocesan and state approved and ranges from emergent literacy in Pre-AP & AP (Pre-Advanced Placement & Advanced Placement) classes in high school. Religion, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science as well as classes in Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library Skills, and Computer Skills are offered. The school is equipped with two new computer labs each with Internet capabilities. For more detailed curriculum for your child's grade level, please call the school 795-8283.

### Faith Development

Christ the King School teaches Judeo-Christian values in the Catholic tradition. Integrating the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, approved catechetical materials, and a variety of prayer services, we seek to bring each of our children to a personal relationship with Christ through the Church and greater Christian community. Every day begins with prayer. Our school provides daily religious instruction, sacramental preparation, and liturgical celebration. Respect and appreciation for other religious beliefs is integral to our efforts.

### School Organizations

#### Home and School Associations

The CTK Home and School Associations is a membership organization composed of parents and faculty. Its purpose is to strengthen and maintain the relationship between the school, family and community.

#### Athletics Association

The CTK Athletic Association members are responsible for the concession stands and gates at all athletic events. Proceeds from these events are used to purchase athletic equipment for the school.

#### Christ the King School Foundation

The CTK Foundation provides support in writing grants and in obtaining funds to benefit the school.

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## Christ the King Students Win PSIA One Act Play Area Title

Christ the King Cathedral School junior high performing arts students participated in the annual Private Schools Interscholastic Academic (PSIA) One-Act Play competition last month at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The four member cast along with their four member backstage crew won the PSIA area title for their performance earning Christ the King School its first one-act play title. Winning the area title allows the students to perform in the PSIA State One-Act Play competition to be held at the St. Mary's Hall campus in San Antonio on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The winning performing arts ensemble

performed "Children of the Holocaust" by Robert Mauro depicting four children who died in different World War II concentration camps but find themselves together in an unknown place. They share their stories and struggle to find hope in the thought of being remembered. Cast members include seventh graders Emily Boone, Alexis Maldonado, Tristan Martinez, and eighth grader Matthew Metzler. Backstage crew members include seventh graders Athena Christiansen, Sarah Huey, Jessica Jones-Cruz, and Joshua Pekowski. Direction was provided by Christ the King performing arts teachers, Dr. Leslie Dutton and Mrs. Janet Alcayaga.