

## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

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### LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week was "A+ for America, Catholic Schools." Pope John Paul II summed it up beautifully when he proclaimed Catholic schools "a gift to the Church and a gift to the nation." Where else can students be immersed for six hours a day, five days a week, ten months a year in Catholic culture? Where else can Catholic values be so clearly articulated and integrated. America's Catholic schools have a long-standing tradition of academic excellence. They have helped generations of Americans take their place as leaders in business, government, non-profit organizations and education.

I would like to share some of the written comments from our current school parents-We are part of Christ the King community because...it is fam-

ily and faith oriented; we want our children to be taught good morals/values, and how to apply them in their everyday lives; we are a Catholic family and hope to continue our presence at Christ the King School; the closeness between the staff, students and parents; we have joined Christ the King Church; I love the fact that God is included in the classroom.

There is much to celebrate in our accomplishments, but simultaneously, there is also a threat to the continued survival of some of our Catholic schools. Many Catholic schools in major urban areas are facing serious financial challenges that cry out for the help of the entire Catholic community. Please keep CK School in your prayers, and if you have the means to donate to our Adopt-a-Student Fund, that would be

greatly appreciated.

This issue features members of the Christ the King Service Corps. These young people are dedicating this year to living in a Catholic community, and working in our school and neighborhood. They have brought great enthusiasm as they learn to work in the teaching profession. Every day in our Catholic schools, young people hear the gospel message proclaimed, modeled and lived so that they might go out into the world and do the same. These Christ the King Service Corps. members are living what they have been taught in Catholic schools. We thank them for their commitment to our school.

Your Partner in Education,  
Rosanne Jodway

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### ADOPT-A-STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Everyone knows times are tough in Detroit. Many families who would like to send their children to Christ the King simply do not have enough money to pay the \$4,000 a year tuition. To combat this issue, the school's development committee launched an Adopt-a-Student campaign in June 2010. This program's aim is raising scholarship money for students

whose families cannot afford the tuition at Christ the King.

To date, the development committee has collected about \$35,000 dollars for this program. Seven contributors have donated \$1,000 or more. This includes 5 gifts of a full \$4,000 scholarship from the following donors: Chris & Ruth Remus, Dave & Anne

Strand, Dan & Donna Reilly, Terry & Rebecca George, and Matthew Burke & Victoria Sistik.

If you are interested in learning more about the Adopt-a-Student program please contact the school. All donations, whatever the size, are greatly appreciated.

*CK "Students of the Month" appreciate the opportunity to attend Christ the King*



## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

A lot has been happening at Christ the King during the second semester of the school year. Read about some of our school events below. Check out more school happenings, view event photos, and learn about upcoming programs on our school website: [www.ckschooldetroit.com](http://www.ckschooldetroit.com).

### CK OBSERVES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 31st — February 5th was Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: A+ for America," celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value ("a plus") for the nation. Because of traditionally high academic standards, supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a positive contribution to American society.

At Christ the King, time was spent celebrating the community, parents, volunteers, staff, and students who make CK great. To recognize contributions made by the greater community, students collected items to create care packages for soldiers serving overseas. Regular volunteers were thanked through small gifts. To acknowledge the CK staff, the parents put on a teacher appreciation lunch-

eon. Students were celebrated through free time for snacks and board games. To show gratitude for parents, students made bookmarks thanking them for all they do.

Catholic Schools Week also included a special mass, where students created an American flag full of their goals and dreams.

*Second grade students bring in deodorant for the soldiers.*



### SCIENCE CELEBRATION

To close out Catholic Schools Week, CK held its second annual Science Celebration after Mass in Koelzer Hall. In the weeks leading up to the celebration, students in grades K - 8 worked in

teams to create interactive science fair boards.

The information presented on the boards, along with the hands-on activities, demonstrated what students learned in

each of their science units this year.

Topics included: the rock cycle, stream action, the physics of sound, the digestive system, properties of water, plants, mixtures and solutions, fats and sugars, and volcanoes.

*5th grade student Nicholas Lynch tests the 3rd graders' demonstration on how sound travels as teacher Judy Brooks looks on*

### KNITTING CRAZE HITS CK

This winter, the Girl Scouts in 4th — 8th grade learned the basics of knitting from school librarian Rebecca George. Since then, knitting has become a regular occurrence at CK. The girls claim, "It's addicting!"

and "It's so relaxing." Students tote their knitting bags to school and spend recess, lunch and free time with their yarn and needles working on their scarves.

*Knitting in the library during recess*



## CHRIST THE KING SERVICE CORPS - FAITH, SERVICE, SIMPLICITY

One of the more exciting events of this year for both the parish and school community has been the creation of the Christ the King Service Corps (or CKSC). CKSC was formed to support activities in and around Northwest Detroit. Service Corps members are college graduates who donate one to three years of service while living in a faith-based community. They are employed at

various agencies working for the greater good, including Christ the King School.

This year CKSC included 5 volunteers. One volunteer, Mike Tasse, works for an interfaith community organizing group called MOSES. The four other volunteers are classroom teachers at Christ the King School. In addition to reducing operating

expenses and increasing resources at the school, Service Corps members bring youthful energy to the staff and students. In addition to teaching, the volunteers have been involved with after-school activities, coaching and attending basketball and football games, and have participated in many parish events. Read on to learn more.

### EMMI SANTOS

My name is Emmi Santos. I'm from Lancaster, CA. I received my Bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, Los Angeles and my multiple-subject teaching credentials from California State University, Bakersfield. I like to read and spend

time with family. I love our Catholic faith and culture. It is one of the two passions in my life. The other is teaching. These passions are what led me to Detroit. Volunteering for Christ the King Service Corps gives me the opportunity to truly live out my

Christian faith by doing the work that I love to do. The best part of being here so far has been the people. I admire the vitality of this community. When I look at the people here, I see strength, personality, and an abundance of Christian joy.

### NATALIA CENISEROZ

My name is Natalia Electa Ceniseroz. I was born and raised in Oxnard, California. While I miss sunny California I have quickly grown to love Michigan and its ever changing weather. From hot and humid, to changing leaves and the cool breeze, to snow falling and fun, it has all been an incredible experience.

During my childhood I struggled through my academic experience, however my parents never let me give up. Thanks to their support I attended and graduated from Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in Los Angeles, California. While at LMU I learned a lot academically and maybe even more about who I am and who I hope to become. During my senior

year, I attended a Silent Retreat to help me discern where I wanted to be next. By silencing and separating myself from life's constant distractions I was able to hear God's voice and even my own. This retreat helped me to see that I truly wanted to be able to combine my ideas of faith and justice in whatever came next in life's journey. More than anything I wanted to be able to give of myself in a different way. Likewise, I wanted to live in a community that had a similar desire.

My family whole-heartedly believes that the best gift they can give their children is a good education; working at Christ the King I hope to

be a part of this gift. I am now teaching wonderful and energetic students and while each day presents its own challenges, it similarly presents many laughs and blessings. I want to continue to be challenged and to likewise challenge my students. I look forward to the rest of my time here with Christ the King, and hope that others can one day share in this amazing experience.



CKSC 2010-2011 (from left to right) - Mike, Andrew, Emmi, Gina, Natalia



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### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Christ the King will be holding an alumni & friends  
**Memorial Mass & Dinner on Saturday, November  
5th at 5:00pm.** More details to come this fall.

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### ANDREW BRENNAN

My name is Andrew Brennan, I was born and raised in Chicago, IL in a socially and economically diverse community known as Rogers Park. I attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH for 3.5 semesters where I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts as well as three minors (Gender and Diversity Studies, Peace Stud-

ies, and Business.) I have lived and worked in an urban setting my entire life, and I have been an active member in each one of these communities. I have been teaching here at CK now for 7 months, and I have really enjoyed the experiences I have had thus far with the students as well as the CK community as a whole. Christ the

King has great energy as a school. Both the staff and students are excited about what they do, and it is an enjoyable place to work. The school has great energy and I feel privileged to be a part of as well as contribute to that energy. I look forward to teaching the rest of this year and am planning on coming back next year!

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### GINA LUBONOVIC

My name is Gina Lubonovic, and I came to Detroit from Poland, Ohio. I received my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from John Carroll University in Cleveland. After graduating, I spent a year teaching English and working in a day care center in

Duran, Ecuador. Faith and service have been an important part of my life and are two of the reasons that have brought me to Christ the King. Currently, I am teaching fourth grade at CK and enjoying the new experiences and challenges that each day brings. I

can definitely say that I am learning and growing as a new teacher, and I am very grateful for the energetic and supportive staff at CK. I feel blessed to be a part of the CK community and look forward to returning next year!