

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CHRIST THE KING ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Reflecting on my first year as principal of Christ the King Catholic School, I can say that our school is a true blessing. I am proud to be a part of such a dedicated faith community who makes educating our youth a priority despite the struggles that we face as an inner city Catholic school. Only four Catholic Schools remain within the city of Detroit, and we are truly grateful to our alumni and our parish for making us one of them!

Last year, our theme was "Together We Can!" Christ the King Catholic School truly embodies this statement. With the serious financial challenges that our school faces, our alumni, parishioners, and friends worked together to help us raise \$36,387.00 to support our school.

Last year, we were also blessed to have Mr. Kyle VanOverbeke join our staff as a member of the Christ the King Service Corp. Mr. V was a true blessing to our fourth grade students, our entire student body, and the parish community. The state of our national economy coupled with a teacher shortage prevented Christ the King from acquiring a CK Service Corps teacher this year. We have to face the reality of budgeting for an additional full-time teacher. Due to the fact that our budget is already tight, this is not an easy task. While our teachers earn significantly less than their public school counterparts, their work is even more important as they educate the WHOLE child: body, mind, and spirit.

This year, our theme is "We are ALL piece of God's puzzle." Each one of us, from current students to alumni, from former staff to current staff, as well as all of our friends, families, and parishioners make our school and parish the beautiful picture which is Christ the King. I hope that you will join with us throughout the year as we celebrate our uniqueness and strength as a place where all are welcome.

Please keep Christ the King Catholic School in your prayers, and if you have the means to donate your time, talents, or treasure to our school in any capacity, your generosity would be deeply appreciated.

In His Service,

Amanda Lund
Principal

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Of God's Puzzle

MARGARET PIC-KELL GRANT RECIPIENTS

This year, Christ the King was able to award grants in memory of Mrs. Margaret Pic-Kell to thirteen students in entering grades 2-8. The legacy of Mrs. Pic-Kell lives on through the quality education provided to all who choose Christ the King Catholic School as their partner in education. We are looking forward to carrying on in this mission for many years to come and are proud to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of our current students. Our school, students, and families are especially grateful to all who continue to make this award possible.

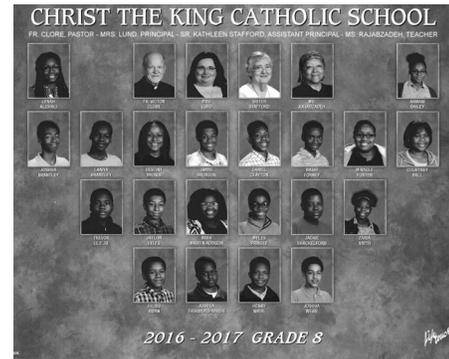


2017-2018 awardees pictured with Ms. Gayle Fichtner, Fr. Victor Clore, Mrs. Judith Brooks, and Ms. Stephanie Bully.

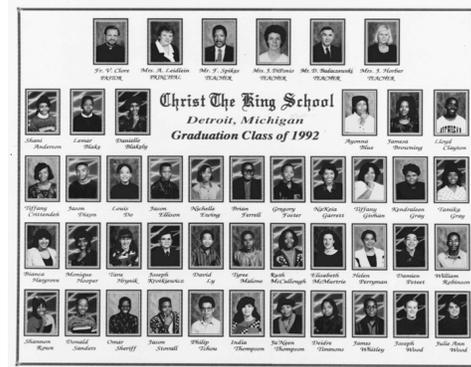
**Please join us for Blackthorn, a benefit performance for Christ the King Catholic School
Friday, February 2, 2018 Doors open at 7:00PM and the show begins at 8:00PM.
Tickets are \$20.00 and include your first beverage.
Tickets are available at the Parish Office by calling 313-532-1211 or emailing christking@ameritech.net.**

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, twenty young men and women became Christ the King Alumni. Our graduates attended Christ the King for varying lengths of time; some beginning in preschool and others beginning in kindergarten our throughout the years. Our graduates have been accepted at numerous high schools, including: Loyola, Cristo Rey, and Mercy Catholic High School, University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Cornerstone, Henry Ford, Cass Tech, and Renaissance High Schools. We look forward to hearing about their progress as they continue on this next step of their educational journey.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ANNIVERSARY CLASSES!



Christ the King Catholic School will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary in September 2018. We are looking for digital pictures of all of the graduating classes to display throughout the building as well as on our website and other publications. If you have your class composite, please email a copy to schooloffice.ck@gmail.com. We are looking forward to sharing the story of Christ the King Catholic School for many years to come!

MORE ABOUT OUR CK ALUMNI

Congratulations to **Jasmine Garrett**, CK Class of 2009, who has graduated from New York University.

We would like to share more about the various accomplishments of all CK Alumni. Please send your information to schooloffice.ck@gmail.com so that we can feature your accomplishments in the next alumni newsletter!



Jonathan Jacob Moore, a 2009 CK graduate, has completed his B.A. in American Studies & Africana Studies at Tufts University, where his studies focused on slavery, Black literature, and visual culture. Jonathan is a Gates Millennium Scholar, Horatio Alger National Scholar, and Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar. At Tufts, Jonathan researched at the Harvard Hutchins Center for African American Research and the Tufts University Center for the Study of Race & Democracy. At his graduation he was awarded the Ted Shapiro Memorial Prize for Best Senior Honors Thesis in American Studies. He now works for the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington D.C. and plans to pursue a PhD in Black Studies in the Fall of 2018.