

# CKS



CHRIST THE KING  
*School*

a COMMUNITY *uniting*  
school, family, and faith...





**Teaching is a commitment to foster other individuals in the learning process to discovery about themselves, the world, and ways of relating to their world.**

**Mission Statement**

*Christ the King School creates a nurturing, Christ-centered environment based on its Catholic tradition of fostering academic excellence, individual responsibility, spirituality, and growth of the whole child, in order to spread the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.*



**A Tradition of Excellence**

**Christ the King School provides an excellent academic foundation in an atmosphere defined by the Catholic principles of respect, responsibility and recognition of each student's natural capacity for growth in faith, abilities and character.**

The school was founded in 1937 by what was then the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta and staffed by the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart. Christ the King School has continued to serve the Atlanta community for over 75 years. Beginning with 60 students, the school today enrolls over 555 students in grades kindergarten through eight. Guided by long and short-term strategic planning, Christ the King School strives to anticipate and meet the challenges of providing a high-quality Catholic education.



*At Christ the King School, education is a **cooperative effort involving family, school and church** designed to broaden and enrich a child's sense of identity and community. The K-8 program fosters an appreciation of age-appropriate development, allowing students to develop into leaders and role models by recognizing the different gifts that each child contributes to the student body. The school program fosters respect for authority, responsibility for one's actions, a desire to achieve one's potential, and appreciation of diversity.*





## Community of Learners

At Christ the King School learning occurs within a **Christ-centered, academically challenging environment** where small classes provide increased opportunities for individual attention and student-teacher interaction. Many teachers have more than 15 years of experience, and 46% of the faculty and staff hold advanced degrees. The administrative staff consists of a Principal, Assistant Principal, a Religion Coordinator, two Guidance Counselors, and a Curriculum Coordinator. Our progressive academic program is presented within the framework of traditional Catholic school values. Looking ahead to ensure the school's long-term viability and growth, our staff includes a Director of Advancement. Prospective parents are warmly welcomed by our Director of Admissions who guides them through all phases of the admissions process.

**The academic program in the lower grades** develops the fundamental skills necessary for future academic success beginning with an all-day kindergarten program which balances early academic and social development. A pre-first program is available for those children who need an extra year after kindergarten to mature before tackling the demands of first grade.

**Grades one through five** focus on providing a firm academic foundation. In mathematics, problem solving and computation are emphasized. The language arts curriculum focuses on building a solid base of vocabulary, grammar, writing skills, and reading comprehension. Through the science and social studies programs, students develop an understanding of their surroundings and their world. In religion class, children learn to integrate faith into their daily lives, while second grade students prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

**Middle school students** explore their world with increasing sophistication within a solid framework of strong academics and community service. Students refine key skills in mathematics, language arts, sciences, and social studies and explore their application to new situations. While studying scripture and doctrine, middle school students navigate the moral issues of emerging adolescence. As they move through middle school, students assume increasing responsibility for their work and their actions, so that by eighth grade graduation, students are prepared to move successfully into high school.



Christ the King School recognizes that **state-of-the-art technology** is an important part of any academic program in today's world. The school was one of the first in the area to adopt interactive white board technology, which is used in kindergarten through eighth grade and enrichment classrooms. All students have access to computer technology through laptops, tablets, and iPads, allowing teachers to fully integrate computer technology into their curriculum on a regular basis.

*A full range of **enrichment opportunities** complements the academic program and completes the student's experience. Art, music, Spanish, library, and physical education are integral parts of the curriculum. Students are supported, as needed, by math and language arts resource teachers, an in-house Orton-Gillingham trained resource teacher, Title I specialists, and the opportunity to schedule private tutoring on-site during the school day. As part of our art initiative, CKS continues its affiliation with the High Museum of Art. This partnership allows students full access to all the High has to offer, enhances students' art education, and functions as a teacher resource for integrating art into the curriculum.*

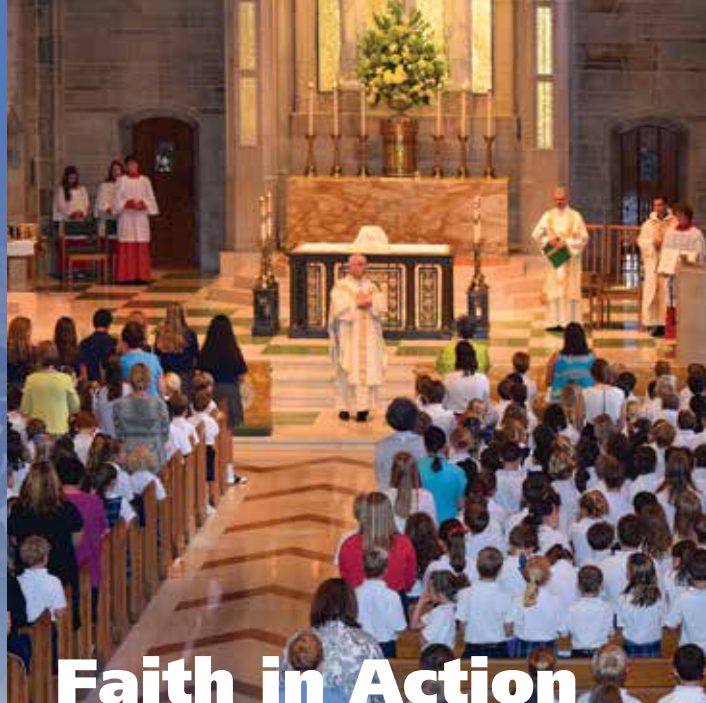


**Two fully-equipped computer labs are also available for classroom teachers to use as part of the academic instruction. Each fourth through eighth grade student has their own device, enabling them to access technology quickly and effectively throughout the school day. Websites are available for all students to access assignments and edit/save documents at home. Our PlusPortals system allows the school to securely share grades and assignments with parents and students.**



**The on-site AfterSchool program is an extended day program providing a safe and nurturing environment for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The AfterSchool staff is composed of a director and several caregivers. Both indoor and outdoor play, as well as snack and homework time, is part of the extended day. Students can participate in an increasing number of parish-sponsored extracurricular activities as well. Seasonal after school enrichment activities are offered, including band, fencing, karate, Lego-Bricks 4 kidz, soccer, tennis, cheerleading, and volleyball. Basketball leagues are open to students at all grade levels. Many students also enjoy participating in the Cathedral boys' and girls' choirs and as altar servers.**





## Faith in Action

**Religious education at Christ the King School is well-rounded and offers students a way of understanding themselves and all life as a gift from God. Christian virtues and Gospel values are infused throughout all areas of the curriculum to equip students with the ability to live responsibly and justly in the world.**

All students put their **faith into action** and are involved in age-appropriate service to each other and to the larger community. While the primary school students collect toys for *Buckhead Christian Ministry's Joyous Toy Drive*, our middle school students provide hands-on assistance at the *Midtown Assistance Center*, a 30-year CKS tradition, along with service to the *Pregnancy Aid Center*, and *Catholic Charities Immigration Resettlement Program*. The intermediate grades prepare *Socks of Love* for the foot washing ministry at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. These are just a few examples of over 28 community outreach programs that are available to our students. In-house service projects, such as the *Advent Jingle Jog*, the *Guardian Angel Program*, and the *Student Ambassadors Program* have contributed greatly to our collective memory and have united our community through generations.

Even though religion classes are designed to foster an understanding of Catholic doctrine, students of all faith traditions are welcomed and encouraged to share insights gained from their faith as well. Throughout the year, students prepare and participate in liturgical celebrations, minister at the altar, and participate in off campus middle school retreats. Frequent opportunities to apply Gospel values enable students to see the world through the lens of justice and to experience the importance of involvement in their community, spreading the good news of Jesus in word and deed.



## Family and Community

As a school community, students, parents and teachers come together to worship, to celebrate accomplishments, and to have fun. Individual students and student groups are often recognized for community leadership and involvement during the celebration of school Mass. *The Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast, Tennis Tournament, Fall Carnival, and Catholic Schools Week Family Mass, Dinner and Bingo Party* allow families time to build the school community. *The Auction Gala* and the *Golf Classic* provide fellowship as well as proceeds, which the **Parent Volunteer Association (PVA)** utilizes to fund CKS's Endowment for continuing teacher education, yearly technology updates, and additional school enrichment.

As a way for **our parents to grow in faith alongside their children**, they are encouraged to become active members in the PVA's Spiritual Life Committee. Parents are welcomed at school liturgies, the *Living Stations of the Cross, Parents in Prayer*, the annual *Mothers' Advent Morning Reflection and Lunch*, and the *Fathers' Mass and Breakfast*, which provide adult faith enrichment. The "CKS Serves" committee gives families an opportunity to build a just society throughout the Atlanta community. Families work together to be signs of God's unconditional love.

We are blessed with an abundance of parents who **volunteer their time to support the school's mission**. The *Parent Volunteer Association* sponsors educational, spiritual, and social events to benefit students, faculty and school. As part of the PVA, the *Middle School Parent Council* acts as the liaison among the faculty, parents and students to enhance the social and academic experience for students in the middle school program. The Council sponsors dances, educational presentations, and field trips aligned with the school's academic program. Comprised of parents and parishioners, the *School Advisory Council* provides advice and direction regarding the operation of the school and serves as a link between the school administration and the parent community.

Learning is always enriched and supported in an environment where prayer, faith and character development are central to the mission. Our students share daily prayer, weekly Mass and a variety of outreach opportunities that unite the entire school community.



All parents are invited to become active in the Parent Volunteer Association which brings the school together as a community.



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# at a glance

**Principal:** Mrs. Patricia T. Ward, M.Ed.

**School Accreditation:** AdvancED, the parent company of SACS

**School Affiliations:** NCEA (National Catholic Education Association)  
NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals)  
NAESP (National Association of Elementary School Principals)  
GISA (Georgia Independent School Association)  
GMSA (Georgia Middle School Association)  
AAAIS (Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools)  
ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development)  
NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics)  
AMLE (Association of Middle Level Education)  
NJHS (National Junior Honor Society)  
NASC (National Association of Student Councils)

**Faculty/Staff:** 46% hold advanced degrees

**School Hours:** 7:50am - 3:00pm M-T-Th-F  
7:50am - 2:30pm W

**Size of Student Body:** 555+

**Grade Levels Offered:** Kindergarten, Pre-1st, 1st through 8th grades

**Target Class Size:** 22 - Certified teachers with teacher assistants at all grade levels

**School Curriculum:** The curriculum is based on *Archdiocese of Atlanta Standards & Benchmarks*. Subject area teachers meet regularly with the Curriculum Coordinator for ongoing improvements and updates to our curriculum.

**Enrichment:** Music, Health and Physical Education, Academic Enrichment, Spanish, Art, Library

**Academic Enhancements:** Accelerated Reader, Archdiocesan competitions (Spelling, Oratorical, and Battle of the Books), Geography Bee, National Junior Honor Society, Scripps National Spelling Bee, Sunshine Math, Catholic Math League, Student Council

**Support Services for Students:** Title I provides federally funded, locally administered learning support beyond the classroom for qualifying students in reading and math. An Orton-Gillingham trained resource teacher, a math resource teacher, private on-site tutors, and a full-time teacher provide academic support and enrichment for students in kindergarten through 8th grade as needed.

**After School Care Availability:** Christ the King AfterSchool program provides students of working parents with supervised play and study time.

**Hours:** 3:00 - 6:00pm M-T-Th-F  
2:30 - 6:00pm W

**Procedure for Admission:** Applicants must submit a completed application and complete a screening process in order to be considered for admission to Christ the King School. Applicants for kindergarten must have reached the age of five by September 1st of the enrollment year.

**Deadline:** January 31st of current year

**Admissions Office:** 404-267-3658

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**Website:** [www.christking.org](http://www.christking.org)



*Christ the King School shall admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to Christ the King School students. Christ the King School shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance programs, and all school administered programs.*