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CKS COMMUNITY

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WELCOMING OUR NEW PRINCIPAL



Peter Schultz is the second oldest of thirteen children. He has just completed his 27th year in education. He began as a teacher in 1992, and for the past fourteen years, has

been a Catholic school principal in three schools: St. John Academy in McLean, VA; Sts. John and Paul Catholic School in Larchmont, NY; and Holy Spirit Prep in Atlanta. Peter has been married to his wife, Kristen, for more than 21 years and they have eight children ranging in age from five to twenty.



TEACHER

feature

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Rhodes College. University of Richmond, Teaching Certificate. Mercer University, Master of Education and Reading Specialist.

Family: Mom, Kathy Ledlie. Sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Brooks Batcheller. Nephew, William (almost 4) and niece, Liza (almost 2). Sister, Caroline.

Years at CKS: 8

Last time you laughed?

A few minutes ago reading my students' Father's Day letters. I am always laughing in our classroom!

What inspires you?

My mom and sisters because of the strength they show each day taking care of others and themselves.



KATHRYN LEDLIE

Favorite books?

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch, and The Power and The Glory by Graham Greene.

What is your dream vacation?

Two places I dream of traveling are Ireland to visit where my ancestors may have lived and New Zealand where my sister worked on her master's degree.

Favorite part of teaching?

I love the laughter and the "aha" moments I get to experience with the children I am teaching.

Fun fact:

I love to do accents and impressions with my students. I also sing often while teaching.



GRACIOUS GOODBYE



MRS. SHAUN BLAND has been name Principal of St. Thomas More School. She will bring her love of Catholic education, experience in the classroom, and six years in administration as she takes the helm in July. Shaun has been an incredible asset to CKS, and we are grateful for her dedication.

MS. DAWN M. STARK is taking a leap of faith moving across the world to be the Assistant Head of School for External Relations for Seoul Foreign School. In her time at CKS she achieved successful fundraising, including the funds needed to build the new Hyland Center, which will open in the fall and will be transformational for the campus.

Dawn Stark, Director of Advancement, came to the rescue when Emily Kazmer, a CKS 2nd grader, needed to borrow a May Crowning dress. Ms. Stark shared her own First Communion dress, made from her mother's wedding dress, with the Emily on this special day!



MS. JOSEPHINE "POKEY" GUSTAFSON,

lovingly known as Ms. G to the kids, is retiring after 50 years in education. Pokey is beloved at CKS, having dedicated 16 years to our community. The children in Pre-First have been blessed to have a dedicated, loving, and nurturing assistant in their classroom. Pokey's sense of humor and genuine love for the kids will be missed by her coworkers. We wish her well as she travels, catches movies, and continues to make her mark on the world volunteering to make it a better place.



DR. KIM BOYKIN is taking a position at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School as Upper School Religion Department Chair.

DR. EMILY MEADOWS will be leaving to join the staff at The Walker School. This will give Dr. Meadows the opportunity to care for her parents when they join her, and we wish her the best.



MRS. ALLYSON CLANTON and **MRS. KATIE JO SCHMIDT** are each expecting their first child and they will be staying at home, enjoying all that motherhood has to bring.



MS. LAURA SNYDER will be leaving, and we wish her well in her next endeavor.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019 *Congratulations!*



CLASS GIFT

The class of 2019 will gift a statue of St. Marguerite d'Youville to be placed in the new Hyland Center.





ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Owen Almasy
 Philipp Alting
 Spencer Arroll
 Audrey Balzer
 Lily Barnes
 Kevin Beirne
 Grace Bradley
 Lucas Carey-Borras
 Christopher Carreras
 Alexandria Christian
 Rose Clarke
 Christa Davey
 Margaret Drinan
 Phillip Eidson
 Gabrielle Franco
 Francesco Galante

Emily Hedges
 Hannah Hungeling
 Logan Jackson
 Jacob Knoerle
 Matthew Livingston
 Niamh Love
 Olivia Piontek
 Miranda Possert
 Luke Santy
 Carolina Sarajian
 Whinnery Snyder
 Dylan Spann
 Lily Stokes
 Julia Tardy
 Liam Whitlark



MARIST SCHOOL GRADY HIGH

Luca Laskowski
 McKenna Kate Lowry
 Jordan Mallett
 Emily McInerney

SCHOOL

Cooper Cavalier
 Grace Cavalier



PACE ACADEMY BARD ACADEMY

Graves Hamilton

Daniella Okeke

RIVERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Colin Roberts



Oh, so sweet...

One of the sweetest programs at Christ the King School is our Guardian Angel program, where we welcome the newest members of our family. Six years ago, Connor Clifford was entering Kindergarten and Max Congrave took him under his wing as his guardian angel. Claire Clifford, Connor's mom, became fast friends with Meredith Epting, Max's mom. Meredith helped the Clifford family navigate all the new territory of being part of the Christ the King School community. As time went on, the friendship between the two families evolved.

This past spring, Max chose Claire Clifford as



his sponsor for confirmation, a tribute to the success of a program that is grounded in who we are as a school, a community uniting school, family, and faith.

This past fall, Connor took on the role of guardian angel to Kindergarten student, Jack Sullivan. Connor took his role seriously, meeting Jack before

school started and helping him navigate the waters of being a new CKS student. Connor met Jack for ice cream and helped him to his classroom the first week of school.

With God involved, who knows where the Sullivan-Clifford connection will go. What we know for sure is that the Guardian Angel program offers sweet connections that have proven to grow into lasting spiritual relationships. We are grateful, as a community, for relationships fostered with this amazing program.



Looking Forward...

HYLAND CENTER ELECTIVES



painting
graphic design
calligraphy
printmaking
makerspace



dance
personal fitness
team sports
individual sports
group fitness
orienteeing



computer coding
robotics
videography
CKS magazine
drama



first form Latin
Spanish for native
speakers
enrichment Spanish
I-III



band
choir
recorder ensemble
hand bells
music appreciation



grammar boot
camp
battle of the books
book trailers
readers' theater
STREAM extension

Advancement Update



2018-2019 Annual Fund

Goal: \$450,000 Actual To Date: \$407,551

91% to goal

Parent Participation: 87%

Faculty and Staff Participation: 100%



Gifts to date to the Endowment Fund: \$ 34,006

Market Value as of 5/31/2019: \$3,149,910



If you have Christ the King School in your will or estate plans, please save the date for the annual **Deo Gratias** mass reception sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia on October 17th at the Chancery.

Please contact Lisa Smith at lsmith@christking.org with questions.



As we approach the end of another school year, we wanted to share some exciting construction updates. The contractors have finished

pouring all the concrete floors and are working on framing the interior walls. The classrooms are starting to take shape, and you can really see how large the new East Wesley Lawn will be on top of the new gymnasium. They have started the limestone on the southwest corner of the new Hyland Center, and in a few weeks you'll be able to see it wrap around much of the building. We will see a lot of changes happening fast to the Hyland Center this summer, and we expect an opening date of September 8, 2019.



Save the date
Hyland Center Dedication
November 24, 2018
10:30am

The 1st grade Daisy Girl Scout troop donated \$1,500 to the Hyland Center from their cookie sales!



ALUMNI focus



The CKS class of 2015 gathered at the home of Patrick Miles in June to celebrate their high school graduation and enjoy time together before heading off to college.



we're so proud of the places our graduates go!

Profile of a GRADUATE



ANNA REIGNER

Anna graduated from St. Pius X Catholic High School in May. She is headed to the University of Virginia in the fall with an interest in public policy and a future dream of attending law school.

While at St. Pius, Anna was one of twelve Pride Leaders who oversees the Lion Leaders assigned to mentor incoming freshman. Anna and her team were responsible for organizing whole group gatherings and making sure the freshmen had a smooth transition. She ran cross country all four years and was the captain of her team her senior year. She served at the president

of the Honor Society and served on the yearbook team the past two years. In the summer of 2018, she attended the Governor's Honors program.

Anna has always been well spoken and poised and attributes her love of the oratorical project at Christ the King School. Which was an opportunity to build her public speaking and writing skills. She feels that learning to speak in public at an early age at CKS has helped her later in life. She currently serves the Cathedral community as a lead singer in the LifeTeen band each weekend at the 4:00 Sunday mass.

Anna has taken ten AP classes at Pius and she says Christ the King prepared her well to be a critical thinker and not just memorize, which has helped her achieve success in these courses. Anna had Mrs. Colleen Blasetti for 8th grade English who was one of her favorite teachers at CKS.

In her free time, Anna loves to bake, and her friends are often the lucky recipients of her treats.

We wish Anna the best of luck as she heads off this fall to the University of Virginia. We are proud and know there is a bright future ahead.