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CKS COMMUNITY

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From the Principal's desk...

As the new Hyland Center begins to rise from the enormous hole on the north side of the campus, Christ the King School continues our longstanding tradition of excellence in Catholic education. Like our children exceeding our expectations in the classroom, the parish and school community recently surpassed the \$30 million goal for the building project.

This fall, our school celebrated our educational excellence when we received our third Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education. Many of our families have Blue Ribbon signs in their front yards, and the students are proudly wearing special blue shirts to celebrate our accomplishment.



So much of the credit for the Blue Ribbon and our tradition of academic excellence is attributed to our former principal, Tricia Ward. She traveled to Washington, D.C., with Monsignor McNamee and Assistant Principal Shaun Bland to accept the award.

It has been a privilege to serve our school community as principal this year. I start and end every day greeting our parents and students in carpool. Teaching 8th grade social studies has been a highlight every day. Seeing our oldest students grow scholastically this semester has been rewarding. Knowing that they are academically prepared for any secondary school is reassuring.

Being at CKS has been a wonderful experience, a perfect capstone to my career. The future of CKS is as bright as our past. I look ahead to retirement with the confidence that the staff, parents, and students will continue to "Build Catholic Scholars" at our school.

God bless you and your family.

Brian C. Newhall

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TEACHER *feature*

Education: BA University of Dayton
MSW University of Georgia

Years at CKS: 18

Family: My husband John and I have been married 26 years and were married at the Cathedral by Monsignor Kenny. Daughter Beth works for Clark Howard as a multiplatform producer. Son Michael is a senior at St. Pius.

Last time you laughed?

30 seconds ago. I laugh all of the time.

What inspires you?

My faith inspires everything I do.

What is your dream vacation?

Italy. I'm a big foodie and would like to go back to Italy. I love Rome and would like to spend time in the Tuscan country side.

JACKIE MARCINKO

Favorite book? Harry Potter series and anything by C.S. Lewis.

Favorite part of teaching?

I like the kids and how funny they can be at times.

It is great seeing them make a connection to something at Mass that we are learning in class. The aha moments are always great to experience.

Fun fact: I have met two presidents: Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter!

I am honored to be selected as the Archbishop's Honoree for CKS. I truly feel every one of my colleagues deserves this award and I am just accepting it on their behalf.





a celebration of
Mrs. Rose Maksimowski

On October 16, our community came together to celebrate our beloved Mrs. Rose Maksimowski. Rose dedicated 32 years to Christ the King School as a teacher and most recently as Religion Coordinator. The celebration began with an all-school Mass celebrating St. Marguerite d'Youville's feast day.

Our CKS Community welcomed many past faculty and staff, parents, and alumni to honor our sweet Rose. Sister Pat McCormick flew in to surprise Mrs. Maks. The two spiritual wonders had worked together, delivering many faculty and staff retreats, moms' morning reflections, and other spiritual opportunities for the CKS community. They share a love and respect for each other that is undeniable.

Mrs. Maks was a staple in the community and beloved by all. She led with poise, and earned strength in her relationships through her gentle spirit and faithful smile. The number of service projects and the community impact are too enormous to count under Rose's leadership, including being the longest supporting school in Atlanta of Midtown Assistance Center. In recent years, Rose oversaw the CKS Serves program, which won national recognition from the National Catholic Education Association.

Mrs. Rose Maksimowski left a lasting impression on children, faculty, and staff, and our community through her dedicated years of service to CKS, and for that we are grateful. Cheers to you, Mrs. Maks! You are beloved.



Grandparents and Special Friends Day

We love celebrating Grandparents' Day at CKS! The students put on a special musical performance in the Cathedral of Christ the King; this year's theme was Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" encyclical, which encourages all people to care for God's creation with the same love that a grandparent shows their grandchildren.





Community Partner Program

We would like to thank our 2018-2019 sponsors for their generous support of Christ the King through our Community Partner Program.

PLATINUM: A CARING CKS FAMILY



Gold: The Masucci Kirchner Group: Dorsey Alston Realtors

A proud supporter of CKS, The Masucci Kirchner Group is passionate about connecting families with their home. Their primary goal is to serve their clients' needs through their vast knowledge of the marketplace, hard work and personal service. Taking a hands-on approach from day one, Caroline and Jennifer are experts at helping you through every step of the real estate process including pricing, staging, professional photography, marketing, contract negotiations, inspections, appraisal valuations, and vendor selections. Whether finding your first home, finding a home for your growing family, or downsizing, the Masucci Kirchner Group has the experience and insight to help. Caroline Masucci and her family reside in Peachtree Park, and her children William (11) and Nicholas (9) attend CKS. Jennifer Kirchner and her family live in Haynes Manor, and her children Claire (11) and Mack (9) also attend CKS. Caroline and Jennifer are extremely grateful for the opportunity to support our wonderful school and families.



Gold: New South Construction

The real culture of any firm is how employees are treated and how decisions are made each day. We strive to meet the needs of our clients, our community, and our own New South family. Since our first project in 1990, New South has believed that service to our customers would provide and establish a path for our company's future. From day one, our foundation has been based on taking care of our clients, and it has paid off handsomely, as the majority of our projects today consist of repeat business and referrals, proving we have undoubtedly succeeded in our early mission. We recognize that these guiding principles have laid the groundwork for our reputation of distinction, which we have worked so very hard to earn in our industry. Our philosophy has resulted in our continuous growth, repeat business, and ongoing success. Despite our growth, we remain client driven rather than revenue driven. New South is enjoying the partnership with the Cathedral and school to build the new Hyland Center.



Gold: Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital

Duffy Jones and his team at Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital live their belief that they can make a positive difference in people's lives by taking extraordinary care of their pets. Since 2005, Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital has been helping to keep Buckhead's pets healthy and happy, from puppy and kittenhood through to end-of-life veterinary care. At PHAH extraordinary care means not just treating symptoms, but finding the root cause of disease, while working with owners to provide customized plans unique to their pet and life circumstances. As an alumnus of CKS and parent to three former CKS students, Duffy is glad to remain a part of this community as a sponsor supporting his alma mater in the 2018-2019 school year. He says, "One of the great joys of my job is getting to visit with old CKS friends and making new ones through their four-legged family members."



Gold: Timoney Construction

Quality construction is our company's main focus. From the smallest custom project to full scale remodeling and new construction, Timoney Construction believes quality leads to longevity. It is only through the use of the finest quality materials with the construction performed by experienced tradesmen that this longevity is possible. Every member of our team is a trained professional committed to meeting this goal. Our belief is that our customers' needs and desires are of the utmost importance. As a result, the majority of our business is repeat customers and referrals. Paul Timoney, his wife, Mary Kathryn, and Neil (3rd grade) are thankful to be part of both the CKS and CTK family.



Gold: Buckhead Orthodontics

"Your Neighborhood Orthodontist"

Michael Everson DDS, MS: Parent of Olivia and Ethan (future CKS students) and husband of Dr. Cristina Everson. Buckhead Orthodontics is a family-owned practice conveniently located in the Peachtree Battle shopping center. Dr. Everson specializes in treating issues related to the positioning of teeth and cosmetic concerns, while making the process enjoyable and relaxing. He stresses open communication with both patients and their parents during treatment. One of his biggest interests is the latest technologies to make treatment more comfortable and efficient. There are several cosmetic options for those adults who want that perfect smile. Dr. Everson and his family are looking forward to being active members in CKS for years to come. www.buckheadorthodontics.com

Advancement Update



2018-2019 Annual Fund

Goal: \$450,000 Actual To Date: \$327,966

73% to goal

Parent Participation: 65%

Faculty and Staff Participation: 100%



Gifts to date to the Endowment Fund: \$26,166

Market Value as of 11/30/2018: \$2,986,981



If you have Christ the King School in your will or estate plans, please let us know. Each year in August, Archbishop Gregory says mass and hosts a luncheon to celebrate those who are leaving a legacy throughout the Archdiocese. Please contact Dawn Stark at 404-267-3689 or dstark@christking.org with questions.

HYLAND CENTER



In late November, the Cathedral and School crossed the threshold of raising more than \$30 million dollars to build a new Hyland Center and renovate three existing buildings on their Buckhead campus. Last December, \$26.5M was raised and a blessing given from Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory to move forward on the project, knowing fundraising would continue. Christ the King School received a \$500,000 grant from the Lettie Pate Evans Foundation upon completion of raising \$29.5 million.

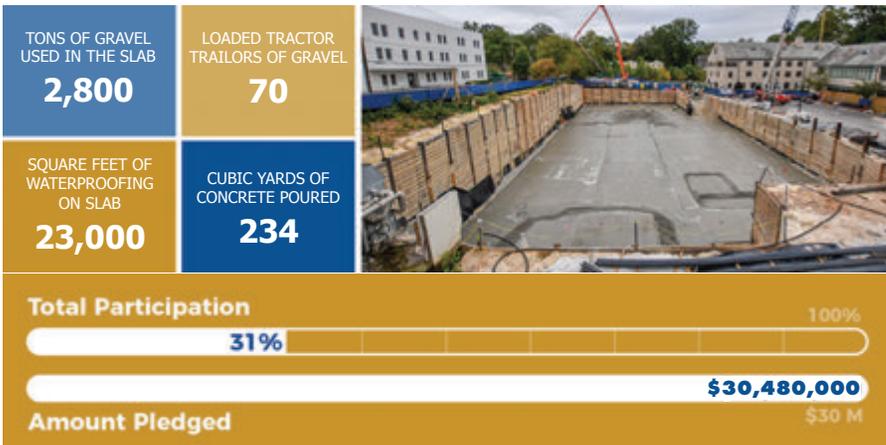
The central part of this campaign is the new 50,000 square foot Hyland Center which will serve

many campus needs, including housing middle school students in eight new classrooms. The building will also include a new gymnasium, art room/maker space, two science labs, music room, multipurpose meeting spaces, and green space.

Dawn M. Stark, CFRE, Director of Advancement for the cathedral and school said, “We were able to secure five seven-figure gifts from prominent Catholics looking to advance our mission to know, love, serve, and teach as Jesus did. We are so inspired by the philanthropy of more than 1,650 donors. This project will be transformational for the campus.” To date, more than \$30,480,000 has been raised.

Both the cathedral and school were founded by the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart during the depression era. It has been vital for Monsignor McNamee, rector, to continue the spirit of the Grey Nuns. “The new Hyland Center is a tremendous witness to faith,” said Monsignor McNamee. “It’s a new chapter in the life of the cathedral.”

We remain grateful to all those in our community who have supported the campaign. We look forward to occupying the new building soon.



ALUMNI focus



CKS Lions are successful at anything they put their minds to! Congratulations to the six CKS alumnae who played on the St. Pius X Catholic High School (Atlanta) volleyball team. They earned their place as GHSA Class 4A State Champions this year!



In the fall, the class of 2019 elected their Alumni Representatives. Congratulations to McKenna Kate Lowry and Luca Laskowski.



Profile *of a* GRADUATE *Anna Porter*

Anna Porter is a senior at St. Pius X Catholic High School. Anna started playing volleyball in middle school. She has played club volleyball year-round for Tsumani South and has played for St. Pius in their middle school, junior varsity, and varsity teams. She recently led their volleyball team to a state championship, beating Marist, which makes her proud. Last spring, Anna verbally committed to playing volleyball at William and Mary upon graduation from Pius.

During her time at CKS, Anna learned to manage time well, and she attributes the work load she had in 8th grade to preparing her for the transition to high school. She loved having **Mrs. Sara Hric** for math. She said Mrs. Hric's class was very interactive and

she appreciated the daily assessments and using white boards to solve problems, both of which helped her remember facts later. Math is still her favorite subject today. She also liked that Mrs. Hric used songs to teach concepts.

Anna says St. Pius has been an amazing choice for high school. She has met so many incredible people, and the strong student/teacher relationships have been phenomenal and have made her learning experience comfortable.

Her favorite memory of CKS was the opening of the green space, where she and her classmates played soccer on the same teams for three months straight.

Academics and volleyball keep Anna very busy. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a Pius Student Ambassador, and has been on the Honor Roll and Principal's list. She enjoys playing the piano for fun and loves playing cards with her family when time allows.

Congratulations Anna and best wishes for what we know will be a bright future.