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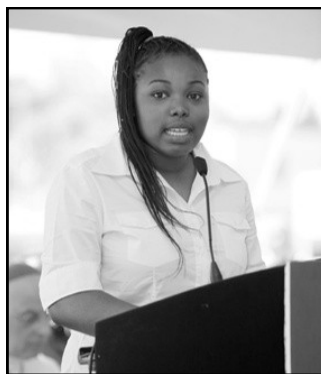


Cardinal George, Mayor Daley join students, leadership and Board members to break ground.

His Eminence Cardinal Francis George, The Honorable Mayor and Mrs. Richard M. Daley, other religious and community leaders and hundreds of supporters arrived at 5058 W. Jackson on the morning of June 26th to break ground on Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School (CTK).

The 100,000 square foot school building, located at 5088 W. Jackson will be ready for occupancy in 2009. With Christ the King, the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits) are offering a new alternative to the West Side community: a safe, faith-based, college-prep education following the highly successful Cristo Rey Network model. Rooted in the centuries-old Jesuit education tradition of

academic excellence and leadership development, Christ the King makes possible the dream of a high-quality, affordable education for students who would not otherwise have access to a private Catholic high school.



A Freshman Student Addresses the Audience of Hundreds.

One of the most exciting addresses of the day came from 13-year-old freshman Shaquocora Henderson. "I need to see what I'm truly capable of and where my opportunities take me," said Henderson, whose career goal is to be a corporate chief executive officer. Henderson acknowledged the challenging years ahead, directly addressing her fellow classmates, "We have to remem-

ber that the top of that mountain is where we want to be."

CTK is the first Catholic high school to be built on Chicago's West Side in 85 years. The Austin neighborhood where the school is located has more than 14,000 high school age youth, but only 7,000 seats available at nearby schools,.

CTK utilizes an innovative partnership between urban education and the business community, collaborating with more than 30 Chicago-area corporations who will sponsor internships for all 120 students in the freshman class. These internships allow the students to earn about 75 percent of their tuition costs while gaining valuable skills and experience.

Cristo Rey schools also feature a longer school day and year, and an expectation that every student could go to college. In fact, 97.8% of all Cristo Rey graduates attend a college or university.

"Christ the King is an example of Catholic education's commitment to serving wherever the need is greatest," said Cardinal George.

CTK's Summer in the Headlines

"Jesuits Open College Prep on West Side", [ABC 7 News](#), August 25th

"New school breaks ground on West Side", [Catholic New World](#), July 6th

"Chicago's Archbishop and Mayor were part of the group that broke ground..." [ABC 7 News](#), June 26th

"New Catholic School Being Built in Austin" [CBS 2 News](#), June 26th

"Making History on Chicago's West Side..." [NBC 5 News](#), June 26th

"Private High School Students to Work for Tuition" [WBEZ Chicago Public Radio 91.5](#), June 26th

"Groundbreaking today for Christ the King" [Chicago Sun Times](#), June 26th

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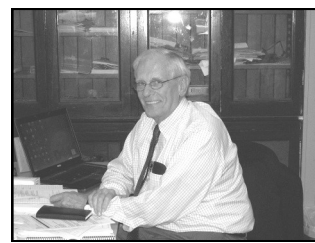
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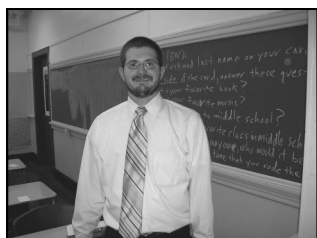
Adrian Allen—Latin



Brendan Conroy- Principal



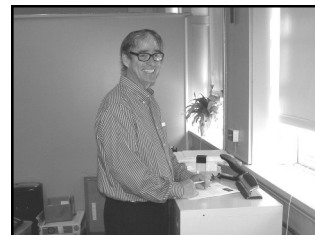
Jack Macnamara—CFO



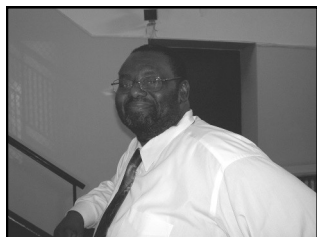
Ruston Broussard—Math



Sonji Cooks—Admissions



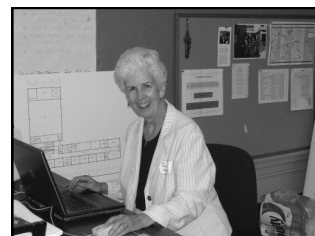
Bill Masterson--Volunteer



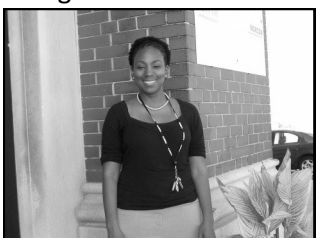
Deacon Julius Frazier—Religion



Fr. Chris Devron-President



Mary Fran McLaughlin—Development Officer



Kelli Jones—Civics



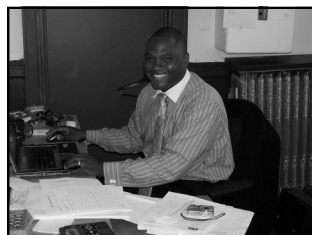
Laverne Dillard—Admin



Jim Sweany— Volunteer



Jeanine Rainey—Eng/Lit



Darryl Hobson—Dean of Students

Additional Staff (pictures not available)

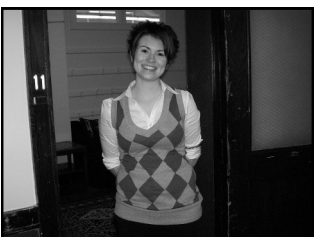
Jeanne Gallo—Development Officer

Fran Thompson—Development Officer

Baheia Ahmad-Derweesh—Counselor

John Maliff—Volunteer

Mike Reardon—Volunteer



Nicole Merz—Counseling



Preston Kendall—VP of Corporate Internships



First Day of School a HUGE Success!

CTK has Record-Setting Admissions in 1st Year!

The 120 students who began at Christ the King on Monday represent one of the top recruiting efforts for a new Cristo Rey School, says Rob Birdsell, President of the Cristo Rey Network, "Of all 22 schools that have opened, CTK is tied with one other school for the largest recruiting classes we've seen," he adds.

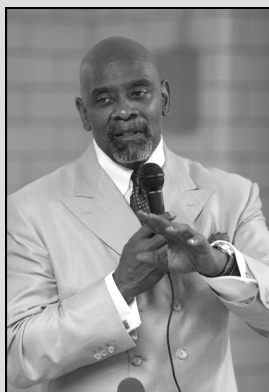
Sonji Cooks, Director of Admissions says, "we set a goal of 120 students in the freshman class, knowing that it would be a challenge recruiting families for the school they could not see. Just by making the commitment to attend CTK, our parents and students have proven that they are motivated and hungry for quality education, and that they are open to growth. The students are so proud to be a part of the founding class, setting the bar for future CTK students."



120 Students, 5 faculty and several staff gather on the front steps of the temporary school building at 119 N. LeClaire to mark this historic occasion.



ABC-7 films as Students arrive and are greeted by Principal Brendan Conroy and Dean Darryl Hobson.



Mr. Christopher Gardner, author of bestselling autobiography Pursuit of Happyness and later a producer on the hit movie starring Will Smith, addressed students at the First Day of School Assembly.



Principal Conroy greets a student as she arrives.



At the assembly, students presented objects that will remind them of the 6 qualities that they will strive to embody by graduation in 2012:

- The CTK Graduate at Graduation**
- Open to Growth
- Religious
- Intellectually Competent
- Loving
- Committed to Justice
- A Seasoned, Responsible Worker



Mr. Gardner told the students, "Don't ever let somebody tell you what you can't do."



Rev. Brian Paulson, S.J., Pres. and Dr. Kathy Carl, Principal (and CTK Trustee) of St. Ignatius College Prep present a plaque commemorating the day.



The First Morning Assembly was attended by students, parents, staff, board and some special guests.





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Great First Impressions in the Corporate Internship Program



CTK students Employed at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, Melrose Park, Illinois

Michael worked in Outpatient Registration today. He is energetic and passionate about this job. We enjoyed Michael today and look forward to working with him next week.—Advocate Christ Medical Center.

I like being around the people. Everybody comes up and introduces themselves. I like doing things on my own and getting the hang of it. And... I just like having a job. - Kewanna, who works at Arthur J. Gallagher

What I do at my job is filing, putting the bills in envelopes and addressing, cleaning out file cabinets... I love it. The boss is nice and if I have a problem they will help me.—Shaquille, who works at Bethel New Life

Great day! Monique is a fast learner and a friendly person.—Elmhurst College

I file, make new files, check invoices. It's challenging to organize a lot of papers.—Raaken, who works at McGuire Engineers

A+! - Community Bank of Oak Park & River Forest

Jonquitta had a wonderful day. She is willing to learn. She is a team player and is very pleasant.—Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

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