



REY OF HOPE



Newark Mayor Cory Booker celebrates Christ the King Prep's Inaugural with (left to right): Neil Jasey, CTK Prep Board of Trustees Chair; Sr. Maureen Sullivan, S.C., CTK Prep Business Manger; Rev. Edward Glynn, S.J., CTK Prep President; Bishop Edgar da Cunha, Regional Bishop for Essex County; and Dr. Judy Coates, Cristo Rey Network.

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Newark's Cristo Rey School Celebrates Inaugural Festivities

"A Rey of Hope for urban education" - The Star Ledger

"We are now creating a bright beacon of hope within the city of Newark, yet another model that can start to demonstrate not only what we can do for the immediate children within this school,... but that this school itself can unleash a light, a torch of hope, that can cast away the darkness for others as well."

-Mayor Cory Booker at Christ the King Prep Inaugural Festivities-

Christ the King Prep, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark and endorsed by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and the Marist Brothers of the Schools, opened its doors to its inaugural Class of 2011 on September 4, 2007. As Newark's Cristo Rey School, it became the latest member of the nationally acclaimed Network of 19 schools praised and featured in *Time*, *Newsweek* and on CBS' *60 Minutes*.

Christ the King celebrated its opening with a mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church followed by a reception program. All major news media covered the event, including NJN Channel 12, who reported: "The first new Catholic high school to open in Newark in 50 years...." Christ the King is bringing new hope to children in Newark."

At the inaugural liturgy, Father John P. Foley, S.J., President of the Cristo Rey Network and founding President of the first Cristo Rey High School, as well as Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, Regional Bishop for Essex County, and the entire congregation, gratefully celebrated our oneness in the Spirit as together we sang: "We are singing in the light of God!" At the inaugural reception, this light shone brightly in the faces of the over 250 guests present, including corporate partners, parents, trustees, Archdiocesan and religious community partners, community leaders, news media, friends and our students. Newark Mayor Cory Booker energetically declared: "We are now creating a bright beacon of hope within the city of Newark."

After the celebration, one quarter of the students went off to their first day of work while the others went to class. Afterward, Christ the King Prep student Andrew Emmanuel shared, "It was amazing. I'm so grateful for this opportunity to pursue my dreams." CTK Prep student Angelika Arias added, "I know for a fact that if I work hard this school will help me be successful. I plan to be a lawyer."



Angelika Arias and Eugenio Ferreras, CTK Prep Class of 2011, hit the books opening day

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Archbishop's Reception

Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D. sponsored a reception in support of Christ the King Prep on Thursday, November 8 at the Archbishop's residence. Over 70 guests heard the Archbishop Myers invite them to "turn in their friends," asking all present to share the good news of Christ the King with others. By "turning in your friends," he was quoting Trustees Bart Erbach and Jack Brennan and joining them in urging friends not only to support the school and its students, but also to reach out to others and invite them to do the same.

He also talked about the joy he felt when visiting Christ the King, and told guests how impressed he was with the staff and students with whom he spent time. He expressed his gratitude for the Cristo Rey Network and Christ the King Prep's commitment to educating economically disadvantaged young people in the Greater Newark Area. He reiterated his, and the Archdiocese's commitment to serving as sponsor for Christ the King Prep, the first Catholic high school to open in Newark in 50 years.

The Archdiocese of Newark has not only given Christ the King Prep the use of its school building at the site of Our Lady of Good Counsel, but also has helped the school with the promise of \$350,000 over its first three years. President Edward Glynn, S.J. thanked the Archbishop and guests for their interest and support. He also reminded friends that the CTK Prep mission is "all about education, all about work and all about caring for our young people."

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In closing, Trustee Bart Erbach, CEO of Erbach Communications, also thanked the Archbishop for his prayers and support, and echoed the Archbishop's invitation to "turn in your friends," and in so doing, help them become a Rey of Hope for Christ the King Prep students and their families.



Harlem Educational Field Trip

On October 24, Christ the King Prep students Tiffany Adams, Angelika Arias, Andrew Emanuel and Otis Johnson traveled with CTK Prep staff to Harlem to visit the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and take a Harlem civil rights walking tour. On the trip, they explored issues of racial and social justice and civic responsibility. They learned about Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and other African-American leaders who spent time in Harlem and influenced the civil rights movement in the United States. They also engaged in an educational, interactive exhibit at the Schomburg entitled, "Stereotypes to Human-types." It displayed how African-Americans and other minorities have been portrayed in harmful and derogatory ways in popular culture. It also challenged participants to look beyond stereo types, and recognize and celebrate our common humanity. It presented the myriad inspiring contributions to society and achievements made by African Americans and other minorities in America. Our students then visited the Apollo Theatre, Marcus Garvey Memorial Park, Ralph Ellison Memorial Statue, St. Phillip's Episcopal Church and other Harlem historic sites. They also spoke with actors filming a movie on the streets of Harlem. The actors encouraged our students to pursue their dreams and never give up. They ended the day with dinner at Sylvia's Restaurant, famous for

its soul food and celebrity patrons. Tiffany Adams shares, "the trip was very educational and fun. I took every opportunity to participate in discussions. I hope to go back again some day. I will continue to share what I learned with my classmates."

Corporate Partners Praise CTK Prep Student Talent

Our corporate sponsors, whose support makes Christ the King Prep possible, praise the hard work and commitment of our students. Garwayne Gibbs, our student employee of the month for September, received the following accolade from his supervisor at City National Bank of New Jersey: "He has surpassed our prior summer interns with attitude and commitment." Our corporate sponsors recognize that giving our young people opportunities they otherwise would never have is transforming their lives and opening their eyes to a whole new world of possibility. Judge John Gibbons states clearly why they provide our young people the opportunity to work at his law firm, Gibbons, P.C.: "There's a lot of talent among the youngsters in these below-poverty-line families that is currently going to waste. We cannot afford to waste this talent."

CTK PREP VANS

THANK YOU FAPS, INC., MAHER TERMINALS & SKYLINE, LLC!

Thanks to the generosity of August LoBue with FAPS, Inc.; Skyline LLC and Dover Dodger/Chrysler; and Brian Maher with Maher Terminals, Christ the King Prep now has three vehicles that transport our students to and from work and school and proclaim the good news of Christ the King to the Greater Newark Area!



CTK Prep Freshman Otis Johnson next to new CTK Prep bus, donated by FAPS, Inc.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment (Oct. 1, 2007)

103 students
Boys – 52.4% Girls – 47.6%

Cultural Heritage

African American 51.5%
Latino/a – 32%
Caribbean Islander – 7.8%
African – 4.9%
Multi-Racial – 3.9%

Elementary School

Catholic – 53.4%
Public – 28.1%
Charter – 8.7%
Private Non-Catholic – 8.7%

Religion

Catholic – 34%
Christian (non-Catholic) – 52.4%
Non-Christian – 3.9%
Muslim – 1%
Unspecified – 7.8%

Free/Reduced Lunch

Free – 36%
Reduced – 33%

Economic Need

Families Receiving Financial Aid – 88%

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Joseph Della Rosa, CTK Prep Trustee; August LoBue, CTK Prep Trustee & Corp. Partner; Fr. Mario of the Stella Maris Chapel; and Elizabeth Soares, FAPS, Inc. celebrate Inaugural

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IN THE NEWS

Christ the King Prep has received support and praise from the media. The Star Ledger calls Christ the King Prep, "A Ray of Hope for Newark." Our students have also been featured in Progressive Community Magazine, NJ Biz and The New York Times

Hope and Opportunity

Christ the King Preparatory School broadens the horizons of its students in Newark BY ROBIN S. NASH

Black and white photos framed the entrance of the building, leading eager students, escorted by their administrators and support staff, into the bright glow of the auditorium. A sense of pride and excitement filled the air as the students of Christ the King Preparatory School gathered for the Inaugural Ceremony and the opening of the new wing of the school.



Tiffany Adams, Class of 2011, in Progressive Community Magazine

The New York Times covered Christ the King Prep in the October 24 On Education column, entitled: "Eager to Learn, Newark Teenagers Embrace Lessons in Perseverance." Christ the King Prep student Bukhari Washington, whose story was featured in the article, shared: "Christ the King Prep is giving me a great opportunity to pursue my dream." Bukhari and his family have chosen to live in transitional housing, rather than move to another state, in order for Bukhari to be able to attend Christ the King Prep and pursue his dream of going to college. This is the hope Christ the King Prep is giving our students. This is the light our students are giving to our community.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



"Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

This message of "news of great joy" that the Gospel of Luke has the Angel of the Lord announcing to the shepherds is for Christians a proclamation of the Good News that we celebrate each year on Christmas Day. We believe that by God's Word becoming flesh in the birth and subsequent life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, human salvation has been achieved and all of human history has been transformed. Every time, every place and every person is sacred and can play a role in God's work of human salvation. God is present and active in human history and in human lives. We do not walk alone.

Christ the King Preparatory School, Newark's Cristo Rey High School, opened on September 4, 2007, for its first students ever, a first year class of 103 students. In sponsoring Christ the King Prep, which is open to boys and girls of all faiths and races, the Archdiocese of Newark is expressing eloquently and institutionally the profound Christian belief in the sacredness and dignity of every human person and the role that each person can play in God's work of human salvation.

Each morning and afternoon, Monday through Friday, Christ the King Prep vehicles transporting students to and from their corporate work sites, and making their way through the streets of Newark and vicinity, proclaim with their colorful and attractive signage the good news of the presence of Christ the King Prep in the life of the City of Newark.

Edward Hagan, J

BECOME A REY OF HOPE FOR OUR STUDENTS

Rey of Hope Volunteers

Christ the King Prep needs you! Contact us to find out how you can become a Rey of Hope Volunteer. Our students need volunteer tutors, and our administrative team needs volunteers to help out in our admissions and development offices. For more information, please contact Anthony Nicotera, Director of Development at 973-483-0033, x305, or via email: anicotera@ctkprep.org.

Support our Scholarship Fund

88% of our families need assistance in order to pay the \$2,500 per student annual tuition. You can help! Send a contribution to support our Student Scholarship Fund - every gift makes a difference!

Put our Students to Work

As we continue to grow, adding 125 students each year, we need more corporate and community partners to provide jobs for our students. If you are interested in putting our students to work or sponsoring a team of students at a local not-for-profit, please contact [John Neal, Director of the Corporate Work Study Program](mailto:johnlneal@ctkprep.org) at 973-483-0033, x309, or via email: johnlneal@ctkprep.org.



Education,
Work and Caring
For One Another

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We are building our athletic, arts, music, technology and academic programs. We need equipment, instruments, transportation, science labs, infrastructure support, and funding for the development of classrooms, our library and a computer lab. If you are interested in supporting our athletic, arts or academic programs, please contact [Anthony Nicotera, Director of Development](mailto:anicotera@ctkprep.org) at 973-483-0033, x305 or via email: anicotera@ctkprep.org. Thank you!

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