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Donor Newsletter

Welcome to your monthly edition: Keeping Up With All Things Cristo Rey!

AT A GLANCE

- Holiday Cheer
- The Importance of a Solid Estate Plan
- Student Ambassador Highlight



What's New?



Take a look at this past month at Cristo Rey!

December was a great month full of love, cheer, hard work, and excitement. Students, faculty, and staff worked hard to finish up the semester while enjoying holiday festivities! We all reminded ourselves of the true importance of the Holiday Season, and spread positivity to each other.



Daily Advent Reflections-Honoring Our Catholic Faith

A tradition that we have at Cristo Rey is during Advent in which staff members share a reflection each work day about what Advent means to them and their faith. In Christian communities around the world, Advent refers to a four-week season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth.



“This season invites us to not only prepare ourselves but to extend patience and kindness to those around us. Advent teaches us that preparing for Christ’s coming isn’t just about our own heart. It’s about creating space for others to find hope, peace, joy, and love too. By being patient with one another and spreading kindness, we can reflect God’s love and help each other journey through this season of waiting, together.”

-Selena Moran, Director of Admissions.

December Events



Alumni Coordinator and Christ Community Church worked together to put on a Holiday Alumni Luncheon. It was such a fun afternoon of catching up with old friends and indulging in holiday festivities.



The Puma Choir serenaded us into the holiday season with their Christmas Concert!

Did you know?



Take a look at School Statistics.

11 Students: 1 Teacher

"Small teacher student ratios are beneficial because they allow for more individualized attention, personalized learning, and stronger student-teacher relationships, ultimately leading to improved student outcomes."



Student Ambassador Feature



Senior Student Ambassador, Michael, is a great leader and exemplifies an outstanding Cristo Rey student. Michael is a part of Student Ambassadors, and gets involved with spontaneous school activities when he can. He does his Corporate Work Study internship at Museum at PrairieFire. He is proud of his growth and development of his goal-oriented mindset. His dream college is University of Kansas.

Michael is grateful for the help that Cristo Rey provides him with obtaining opportunities. He notes how he has enjoyed getting to meet and know several new people throughout his time at Cristo Rey. When asked which famous person he would eat lunch with, he answered "American Boxer, Floyd Mayweather."

The Importance of Estate Planning

It's almost 2025! If your resolution is to get your estate in order, here are some expert tips on where to start.

The Importance of a Solid Estate Plan

By Jennifer Malone, CFP®, CMFC

When we hear the term “estate planning,” it’s easy to assume it’s reserved for the wealthy or elderly. In reality, each one of us has an estate plan. Your estate plan either outlines your wishes and goals, or it is the default plan created by the laws of the state you reside in, or the “default plan”. When thinking about estate planning, it is important to understand that it’s not just about finances—it’s about protecting your legacy and ensuring your loved ones are cared for after you’re gone.

Much like the mission of Giving Tuesday or choosing the perfect gift for a family member, estate planning is about intentionality. It’s about taking proactive steps today to create a lasting impact tomorrow. A comprehensive estate plan empowers you to make key decisions about your future instead of leaving them to chance. It includes essential documents like a will, healthcare directives, power of attorney, updated beneficiaries, and sometimes a trust document to ensure your wishes are honored and your family isn’t left navigating confusion during an already emotional time.

Beyond protecting your family, estate planning can also support the causes you care most about. By including charitable giving in your plan, you can leave a meaningful legacy that benefits your community for generations. Whether it’s supporting a nonprofit, funding scholarships, or contributing to a cause you’re passionate about, your estate plan can extend your values far into the future.

As a Certified Financial Planner, I’ve seen firsthand how a thoughtful estate plan provides peace of mind to individuals and families. It’s a powerful way to reflect on your priorities and align your resources with your goals. As we embark on a New Year and you gather with family and friends, take time to start the conversation, explore your options, and create a plan that reflects the legacy you want to leave. Your intentionality today can make all the difference tomorrow.

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If you'd like to include Cristo Rey High School in your estate planning, please let us know! [Fill out this form](#) and email it to Jessica Earnshaw at jearnshaw@cristoreyk.org or mail to CRKC
211 W. Linwood Blvd., KCMO 64111

Upcoming Events



See what's going on in January at Cristo Rey!

- January 13th: Shadow Day
- January 14th: Meet & Greet
- January 15th: Community Engagement Nights- FAFSA

- January 17th: Mass at Redemptorist Church (open to the community)
- January 20th: No School- MLK Day
- January 24th: Coffee at Cristo Rey
- January 27th-31st: Catholic Schools Week
- January 30th: Dancing With The KC Stars- The BIG Reveal Party

- Don't forget to **SAVE THE DATE** for DWTKCS 2025!



You Make A Difference!



Thank you for all that you do!

“Giving does not only precede receiving; it is the reason for it. It is in giving that we receive.”

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- RSVP to one of our Meet & Greets [Here!](#)

Come Visit Cristo Rey Kansas City

Join us for an afternoon luncheon where you will hear from student and staff speakers, followed by a personal school tour by one of our student ambassadors.

MEET & GREET!

12:00pm-1:00pm

2024-2025 Dates

- 9/17/2024
- 10/23/2024
- 11/21/2024
- 1/14/2025
- 2/19/2025
- 3/27/2025



- **Mentorship and Tutoring:** We are seeking Mentors and Tutors for our Students. Click [here](#) for more information.
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