

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to introduce our new faculty members to you for the 2017-2018 school year! Please welcome our new 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Simms, and P.E. teacher Mr. Jordan Ellison. Also, we'd like to announce our new preschool teachers, Ms. Christina Michels and Mrs. Lauren Neff. We are thrilled to have them join our CKS family and look forward to a wonderful school year.



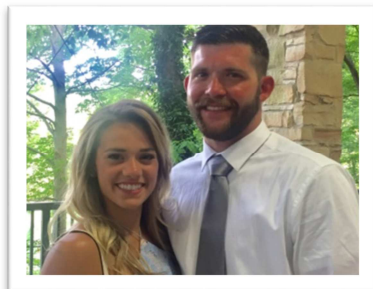
Jennifer Simms is so excited to be the new 2nd grade teacher at Christ the King School!

She was born and raised in Lexington and attended Christ the King from Kindergarten through 8th grade. She went to Lexington Catholic High School and graduated in 2003. She then attended the University of Mississippi and earned a Bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. After working as an event coordinator for a couple of years, Jennifer decided to go back to school to be a teacher. She received her teaching degree through Asbury

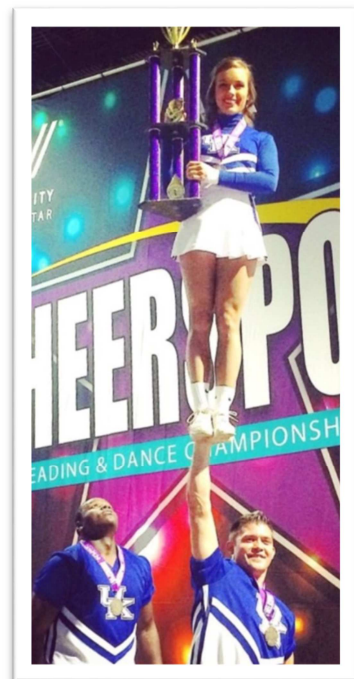
University and earned her Master's degree as a Literacy Specialist in 2014 through the University of the Cumberlands. Mrs. Simms has taught at Veterans Park Elementary for the past five years.

Mrs. Simms has been married to her husband Hunter for five years and have two sweet little boys - Harrison (2 years old) and Field (9 months old)!

Jennifer is really looking forward to getting started in August. She said, "I feel so blessed and honored for the opportunity to work at Christ the King. I can't wait to working with such great kids, parents, teachers, and administrators. Have a great rest of the summer!"



We would like to introduce our new P.E. teacher, Jordan Ellison, who graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Health Promotion in 2016. Mr. Ellison taught P.E. last year at Good Shepherd in Frankfort. Therefore,



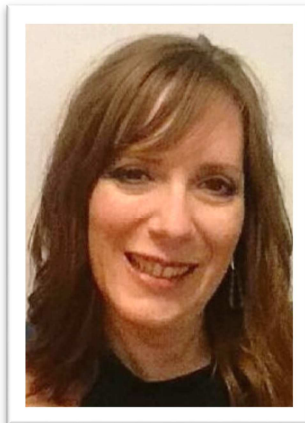
he comes to us with teaching experience in a Catholic School within our district.

Jordan grew up in Liberty, Kentucky. He began gymnastics at the age of four years old which eventually led him to cheerleading. During his last two years of high school, he was an active member of his



school's cheerleading squad. After graduation, he decided to attend the University of Kentucky where he also spent four years as a cheerleader. Mr. Ellison helped lead the White Squad to four National Championships and the Blue Squad to one National Championship.

After his successful career at UK, he began coaching at Premier Athletics. Mr. Ellison indicates that physical activity has always played a large role in his life, and his ultimate goal is to help his students find some form of physical activity that they each can enjoy.



We are also very happy to welcome Ms. Christina Michels. Ms. Michels will be our PreK3 teacher. Ms. Michels graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's degree in education with a concentration in special education. She is also trained in Montessori early childhood education. Her experience is a mix of teaching, case management, and work with families. Although she has taught other age groups, she loves working in preschool!

Christina has been a member of her parish for 16 years and has taught religious education

in a variety of capacities. In her spare time, she enjoys movies, outdoor time, reading and spending time with her family. Her most important job is being a mom of three terrific teenagers. She said, "I am looking forward to working at Christ the King and meeting all the great families."

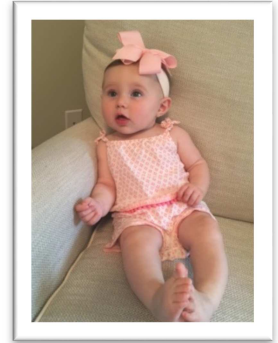




Mrs. Lauren Neff will be our new PreK4 teacher. Lauren has been Mrs. Tracy Cupolo's Instructional Assistant for the past two years. Mrs. Neff has three degrees, including a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication from the University of Missouri, a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, and a Master of Arts in Teaching, both from Columbia College.

Prior to being an Instructional Assistant at Christ the King, Mrs. Neff worked for the University of Missouri as the Admissions Group Coordinator.

Lauren and her husband Ryan, who is a 3rd year Otolaryngology Resident at UK, moved to Lexington two years ago and have a six-month-old daughter Hagan. Lauren Neff looks forward to preparing our students for Kindergarten!



We are looking forward to starting our new school year. We welcome our new faculty and families to Christ the King for the 2017-2018 school year! It is an exceptional place with wonderful, supportive families dedicated to our children's learning. We look forward to our first day of school on August 16th! Please help them all feel welcome.

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Principal