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Christ the King Catholic School earns 2017 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School recognition

LEXINGTON, KY (September 28, 2017) – U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVoss today recognized Christ the King Catholic School (CKS) as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School based on the school's high academic performance. CKS was first recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2005.

"National Blue Ribbon Schools are active demonstrations of preparing every child for a bright future," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to the honorees. "You are visionaries, innovators and leaders. You have much to teach us: some of you personalize student learning, others engage parents and communities in the work and life of your local schools and still others develop strong and forward-thinking leaders from among your teaching staff."

"It is such an honor for the school," said CKS Principal Paula Smith, Ed.S. "The students and faculty have worked very hard to earn this distinction."

Christ the King School strives to build strong moral character in an academically challenging, faith-filled community for grades K-8. All of CKS's teachers are chosen for their competency and dedication to educating the whole child in a beautiful Catholic community.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

This coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

Now in its 35th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 8,500 schools. On Nov. 6-7, the Secretary and the Department of Education will celebrate with these honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

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