



# THE LION'S ROAR NEWSLETTER

January 2026



## CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

### Minute in the Word

As we enter a new year, we're reminded that God delights in newness—new mercies each morning, new beginnings, and new opportunities to serve Him. This year is especially meaningful for Christ the King Lutheran High School, as we prepare to open our doors for the first time. In all the planning, building, and anticipation, we rest in the One who makes all things new. May this season renew our hope, strengthen our purpose, and point us again to Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Washington Circuit Youth Retreat @ Camp Trinity
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> - Chapel @ Immanuel Rosebud
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - CTKLHS Board Meeting
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> - Ebenezer Voters Meeting
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - Work Day @ CTKIHS
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- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> - Work Day @ CTKLHS

### CTKLHS Latest News and Updates



National Lutheran  
School Accreditation

### PRE-ACCREDITED

Christ the King Lutheran High School is working toward pre-accreditation through the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) of the LCMS. NLSA is the official accrediting body for Lutheran schools and ensures that we are building a strong, Christ-centered foundation in academics, leadership, and school quality. Reaching pre-accreditation also positions the school to participate in the MO Scholars Program. This certification will help towards MSHSAA certification. This recognition also strengthens our ability to apply for grants. Thank you for your prayers and support as we move forward toward opening this August.

### Happy New Year!

2026

marks an exciting and historic milestone for Christ the King as we begin accepting students, with classes starting in August 2026. Thanks be to God for His continued guidance and provision. We continue to be amazed at the work of the Holy Spirit in the launch of this high school.

### Sign Up to Receive Mailings



This fall, Christ the King Lutheran High School sent our first-ever mailings. If you'd like to receive future updates, please click the link below to join our mailing list as God continues to build this Christ-centered ministry.

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

### LHSCC Donates School Desks

We are excited to announce that Christ the King received over 25 previously enjoyed desks from Lutheran High School St. Charles. These desks come from their science classrooms. Thank you to Mike Wuerffel and Dylan Eckman for moving the furniture. This gift will be put to great use by our future CTKLHS graduates! Thank you LHSCC Cougars!



### Check Out Our Website

Did you know that Principal Eckman was born in Thailand? Be sure to check out his full biography on our website, along with testimonials from students, parents, and community members, plus all our upcoming events. We keep updating our website—share the link with others! [Click Here](#)

## CTKLHS Student Survey Results

Results from the CTKLHS extracurricular and elective survey show strong student and community interest in fine arts and industrial arts courses. Images below are some shared ideas. This interest will help determine what courses will be offered to CTK graduates.

Fine arts courses would help students grow their creative gifts through classes such as art, music, theatre, and digital media. These courses would focus on creativity, skill-building, teamwork, and seeing the arts as a way to reflect God's creativity and serve others. Industrial arts courses would offer hands-on learning in areas such as woodworking, construction, engineering basics, and technology. These classes would build practical skills, problem-solving, and responsibility, while helping students explore careers and understand work as a God-given calling.



## Christmas Programs

Immanuel students in Washington and Rosebud had the opportunity to share the Christmas story to friends and family. Hearing the Nativity story told through the voices of children is always a blessing. The students sang beautifully, shared speaking parts, and retold the familiar Luke 2 account with confidence and joy. We are thankful for our Lutheran schools and their faithful work in sharing the Good News. We are proud of these future CTK graduates and the ways they proclaim the message of our Savior's birth. We can't wait to see what Christmas worship opportunities CTK students will be a part of in 2026!

## FACTS



Principal Eckman and a team from Christ the King have begun the onboarding process with FACTS, a school management system widely used by private and faith-based schools. FACTS will serve as our all-in-one platform for admissions and enrollment, grade reporting, communication, and financial management. This puts us on track to offer parents and students a streamlined, user-friendly system to access applications, view academic progress, and manage financial accounts—all in one place.



## Campus Work Days at CTKLHS

Join us for our January Work Days! Thanks to our generous donors, many items from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) have arrived. We have several tasks to complete as we prepare for the 2026 school year. If you're able to join us and help get the campus looking school-ready, we would love to have your helping hands! [Click here to see Principal Eckman's list of projects.](#) More details and signup opportunities to come soon!

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Morning: 8:30AM-12:30PM**  
**Afternoon: 12:30PM-4:30PM**

**Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Morning: 8:30AM-12:30PM**

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

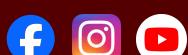
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