

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF Bio's

Jennifer Scalon-Smith- Principal



I grew up in Lenexa, Kansas and attended Notre Dame De Sion high school in Kansas City. I went on to attend the University of Kansas where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and eventually obtained my Master's Degree in School Administration from Baker University.

From a very early age, I've always wanted to be involved in some aspect of education. As a young girl, I can remember playing school with my toy dolls for hours on end. I can remember my 4th grade teacher giving me extra worksheets to take home for my "classroom" in our basement. I began teaching at a preschool when I was 15 years old. Later while completing my degree at the University of Kansas, I was the director of a preschool in Overland Park and Lee's Summit. Before arriving at Christ the King Parish School, I was a teacher for 8 years in the Kansas City Missouri school district where I was fortunate enough to be awarded, 'Charter School Teacher of the Year'. Becoming a principal has always been one of my main goals.

The best aspects about being the principal at CTK are the diversity and the family atmosphere that permeates throughout the school. Strolling through the halls, I am often reminded of my own experiences in elementary school at Holy Trinity in Lenexa. It has always been very important to me that I work with a diverse group of students, families and teachers. I have always said that I don't want to work at a 'cookie-cutter' school. Diverse experiences are important in a professional career, but the same holds true for the learning environment as well.

Here at CTK, we work towards guiding students to believe in themselves, their abilities and instilling the belief that ALL of them can truly succeed. The most rewarding aspect of my job is witnessing the learning process. I love to see the spark in a child's eyes when he grasps a concept or solves a problem. There is truly nothing more rewarding.

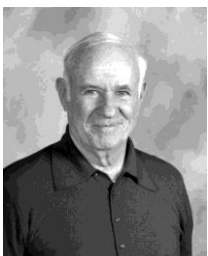
At home and in my free time, I enjoy scrapbooking, collecting children's picture books, teapots and weekends at the lake. Let's not forget cheering for the Kansas Jayhawks and the University of Notre Dame. My future goals include starting a family of my own but for right now, I enjoy spending time with my niece Caroline and nephew, Brady.

My daily mission is to help foster the love and joy of learning to the students and staff of Christ the King Parish School.



Helen Pueschel- Secretary

In 2000, I started as Secretary here. I love what I do so much, it barely seems like a job for me. I get to interact with all of your kids and I get to work in my Faith Community. What could be better?



Clark Galvin- Office Volunteer

In 1997, I began the fun of being the volunteer in the School's Office. I think being around the kids puts me in touch with what they are doing as they progress in school. Also, I definitely believe that God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but what you did to help others like our CTK students. I get a good feeling just being here every day.