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**Christ the King Catholic School Dallas, Texas Named One of the Best in the Nation  
U.S. Department of Education Announces 2021 National Blue Ribbon Schools**

Christ the King Catholic School at 4100 Colgate in Dallas has been named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2021 by U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. This year, CKS is the only Catholic school in the state of Texas recognized as a Blue Ribbon school!

In making the announcement Secretary Cardona said "This year's cohort of honorees demonstrates what is possible when committed educators and school leaders create vibrant, welcoming, and affirming school cultures where rich teaching and learning can flourish. I commend this school and all our Blue Ribbon honorees for working to keep students healthy and safe while meeting their academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. In the face of unprecedented circumstances, you found creative ways to engage, care for, protect, and teach our children. Blue Ribbon Schools have so much to offer and can serve as a model for other schools and communities so that we can truly build back better."

Christ the King Catholic School (CKS) also received recognition as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School in the **Exemplary High-Performing School** category based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates. The Exemplary High-Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

There are 130,930 elementary and high schools in the United States. Only 325 schools were recognized this year, which means CKS is part of only .24% of the schools in the US to be named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. There are 32,461 private elementary and high schools in the US. Only 50 private schools were recognized, which means CKS is part of only .15% of private schools to be named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

CKS has been recognized three times and is one of only a select few schools with back to back National Blue Ribbon School recognitions: 2021, 2015, 1994.

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