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**Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School Hosts Basketball Tourney  
King of Kings Basketball Tournament**

Washington, DC, Feb. 24 ---- All Cristo Rey eyes were on Washington, DC this past weekend, as Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School hosted the inaugural “King of Kings Basketball Tournament.” If you were in attendance, you witness great basketball including an overtime thriller, and phenomenal sportsmanship.

Cristo Rey New York High School, Cristo Rey Jesuit (Baltimore, MD), Christ the King Prep (Newark, NJ), and Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School (Washington, DC) took part in the tournament. They were all uncertain the games were going to be played due to the recent ice storm on the East coast. The opening game originally schedule on Friday was post-poned, delaying the tip-off of the tournament. The call to move forward with the tournament was made late Friday evening, after Tournament Director and Director of Athletics for Don Bosco Cristo Rey, Frank Simpson, was reassured of safe travel for participating Cristo Rey Schools.

The teams finally converged in the Hanley Center for Athletic Excellence (Georgetown Preparatory High School). Father Bill Bucciferro, SDB, presided over the opening ceremony grounding all participants with the faith and mission of the tournament, “providing a venue for students across the Cristo Rey Network to share their unique educational experience.”

The opening game between Cristo Rey New York and Don Bosco Cristo Rey set the tone for all games to be played. Don Bosco Cristo Rey was down by thirteen at the half, rallied to tie the game in the final seconds of regulation, and sent the game into overtime where they eventually prevailed over Cristo Rey New York.

The tournament format, pool play, allowed each team to play all participating teams once for seeding purposes. The top two teams from the pool advance to the championship game and the bottom two teams advanced into the consolation game. Don Bosco Cristo Rey finished pool play ranked number one with a 3-0 record, followed by Cristo Rey New York, Cristo Rey Jesuit, and Christ the King. Christ the King Prep defeated Cristo Rey Jesuit in the consolation game, finishing the tournament in third place. Cristo Rey New York avenged their earlier loss to Don Bosco, taken home the top nod by becoming the first ever King of Kings Basketball Tournament Champion.

The first game of the tournament was also the third time in Cristo Rey Network history that two schools from within the networked competed against each other in basketball and only the seventh time in Cristo Rey Network history that two network schools competed in any sport.. The first two basketball match-ups were both Don Bosco victories over Cristo Rey Jesuit (Baltimore) and the first ever athletic competition between Cristo Rey Network schools had Cristo Rey Jesuit (Baltimore) Girl’s Soccer defeating Don Bosco Girl’s Soccer.

The tournament was truly a great experience for all involved. Many of the teenagers traveled to our nations capital for the first time. They connected with the other schools who share their unique educational experience, their cultural differences, and made potential lifelong friendships. Tentative dates are already set for next year's tournament (Nov. 8-10) For more information, please contact tournament director Frank Simpson.

Pool Play Standings

Don Bosco 3-0  
Cristo Rey New York 2-1  
Cristo Rey Jesuit 1-2  
Christ the King 0-3

Final Standing

Cristo Rey New York 3-1  
Don Bosco 3-1  
Christ the King 1-3  
Cristo Rey Jesuit 1-3

All Tournament Team

Isaiah Boykin, Don Bosco  
Frank Boswell, Christ the King  
Amavry DeDios, MVP, CR NY  
Jordan Birden, Cristo Rey Jesuit  
Lovie Banks-Rose, Don Bosco  
Jaime Poskin, Coach, Cristo Rey NY