



Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep

Our Mission: College Persistence and Graduation

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Community and School

Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep High School (CRSM) is a Catholic, co-educational college preparatory school located in Waukegan, Illinois. CRSM offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and a 10-month school year. Opened in 2004, CRSM is a member of the national Cristo Rey Network of schools, which provides quality, Catholic, college preparatory education to students of limited means and educational options. All students at Cristo Rey Network Schools participate in a work-study program through which they finance the majority of the cost of their education, gain real-world job experience, grow in self-confidence, and realize the relevance of their education. This work-study program is referred to as the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP). CRSM strives to develop the full potential of its students in an atmosphere of mutual respect for the religious and cultural heritage of each individual. The school prepares bright students from urban communities for college acceptance and graduation, a successful career, and the ability to make positive changes in their communities.

Faculty

The faculty consists of 26 teachers, two school counselors, two college counselors, two alumni directors, and three resource teachers. Sixty percent of the teachers hold Master's degrees. The student to faculty ratio is 15:1.

Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP)

Every CRSM student carries a full course load of rigorous college preparatory coursework while working five, 8-hour days each month through the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP). Our business partners are in industries including health care, consumer goods, financial services, engineering, architecture, law, education and non-profit organizations (a full list of our current business partners can be found on pages 3 and 4). Each student has a direct supervisor, receives two performance evaluations each year, and is awarded academic credit for their internship. The CWSP acts as a funding source for our school, where the students' earnings cover over 60% of the cost of their education. Beyond this, the CWSP experience provides students a platform to apply what they are learning in the classroom into the real-world of work. Students develop professional skills like communication, time management and organization, while also interacting and building professional relationships and social capital. We believe these professional habits and relationships allow our students to be prepared for success in college and in careers throughout their lives.

Student Body:

Class of 2021: 90
Class of 2022: 102
Class of 2023: 101
Class of 2024: 105

Total students: 398

Latino: 95%

African American: 4%

Other Ethnicities: 1%

80% of students qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program

97% of students are First-Generation College Students

Average family income in 2019: \$39,732

Average family per capita income in 2019: \$9,224

Average Family size: 4.3



Graduation Requirements

A total of 28 credits are required for graduation. Yearly courses earn 1 credit and semester courses earn 0.5 credits.

The following courses are required for graduation:

- 4 Credits English
- 4 Credits Math
- 3 Credits Science
- 3 Credits Social Studies
- 2 Credits World Language
- 1 Credit Physical Education/Health
- 3 Credits Electives/Fine Arts
- 1 Credit of Theology for each year of attendance
- 1 Credit of Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) for each year of attendance

Curriculum Descriptions:

- Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep offers eleven AP Courses; the maximum number of AP courses a student can take is ten. Students are recommended to take AP courses based off of their academic performance and GPA.
- Sophomores are eligible for two AP courses: World History and Spanish Language & Culture
- Juniors are eligible for four AP Courses: English Language & Composition, Spanish Literature, United States History, and Seminar
- Seniors have five AP Courses from which to choose: Biology, English Literature, Calculus, Physics, and United States Government & Politics

Core Classes

English

- English 1, 2
- English 3 or AP Language and Composition
- English 4* or AP Literature and Composition

Math

- Algebra 1 or Accelerated Algebra 1
- Algebra 2
- Functions and Trigonometry
- Geometry
- Precalculus
- AP Calculus
- Statistics

Theology

- Theology 1, 2, 3, and 4
- AP Seminar (replaces Theology 3)

- Introduction to Psychology*
- Introduction to Sociology
- Intro to Drama

Social Sciences

- World History (regular or AP)
- US History (regular or AP)
- US Government and Politics (regular or AP)

World Languages

- Spanish 1 or Spanish 1 Heritage
- Spanish 2
- Spanish 3
- AP Spanish Language & Composition
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- Spanish Literature

Sciences

- Biology (regular and AP)
- Chemistry
- Physics (regular and AP)
- Earth and Space Science
- Anatomy and Physiology

Electives

- Personal Finance
- Intro to Music
- Personal Fitness and Wellness

**Also offered as Dual Credit for seniors through College of Lake County*

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Grading Scale

The numeric equivalence for letter grades are as follows:

A+= 99-100%	B+= 91-92%	C+ = 83-84%	D+ = 75-76%	F = 0<69%
A = 95-98%	B = 87-90%	C = 79-82%	D = 72-74%	
A- = 93-94%	B- = 85-86%	C- = 77-78%	D- = 70-71%	

Grade Point Average

The grade point average (GPA) is the average value of all accumulated final grades. The following are the numeric equivalents for letter grades:

A+= 4.25	B+= 3.25	C+= 2.25	D+= 1.25
A = 4.13	B = 3.13	C = 2.13	D = 1.13
A- = 4.00	B- = 3.00	C- = 2.00	D- = 1.00

****We do not rank. GPAs are unweighted****

As our school transitioned to e-learning during the spring of 2020, our school abided by ISBE guidelines regarding grading. In an effort to minimize any negative effects on students' grades and academic standing our school moved to a Pass/Incomplete grading model for students that were experiencing challenges at the time and who had different access to support and technology at home.

Counseling Department

Counseling at CRSM has three departments: School Counseling, College Counseling, and Alumni/Graduate Outreach. These departments collaborate daily to provide support to the CRSM community.

School Counseling:

This department consists of two school counselors: Christina Dippold and Deisy Del Rio. This department focuses on serving the students as a whole so they can achieve their best academically, socially and emotionally. Both counselors serve the students through individual meetings, group counseling, and presentations to student classes.

College Counseling:

This department includes two full-time college counselors: Sharon Holdvogt and Lori Felix. Together, they work to create a college-going culture at CRSM, with enrichment programs each year of high school. Focusing on grades 11 and 12, the college counselors facilitate classes on college access, college application completion workshops for seniors, and financial aid workshops for families.

College Representative Visits:

Virtual visits from college representatives are welcome throughout the school year. **Due to the hybrid model, we will be offering virtual visits on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30pm.** Visits may be scheduled by emailing collegecounseling@crstoreystmartin.org.

Alumni Support Program:

The department consists of two alumni directors, Melissa Chavez and Mary Ann Hocter who support alumni of CRSM. Support includes personal outreach to students experiencing academic, financial, social, or emotional challenges in their transition from high school to college. In addition to transitional support, the department also assists alumni in identifying and achieving their career goals through assessments, resume review, interview preparation, and internship/job search strategies.

Class of 2020 Post-Secondary Plans

- 100% of the Class of 2020 was accepted to 4-year colleges/universities
- 87% of the Class of 2020 will pursue a Bachelor's Degree
- 12 % of the Class of 2020 will pursue an Associate's Degree

Corporate Work Study Program Business Partners

- A Safe Place
- Abbott Laboratories
- AbbVie
- The ABIS Group
- ACCO Brands USA, LLC
- The Advanced Group
- Advocate Condell Medical Center
- Alight Solutions
- Allstate Insurance Company
- The Art Center of Highland Park
- American Hotel Register Company
- Aon Hewitt
- Barilla North America
- Baxter International, Inc.
- Boys and Girls Club of Lake County
- Catholic Charities of Lake County
- CDW LLC
- Center for Enriched Living
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Cole-Parmer
- CVS Health
- Discover Financial Services
- EMCO Chemical Distributors, Inc.
- The Evanston Art Center
- First Insurance Funding Corp
- First Midwest Bank
- Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.
- Good Foods Group
- Greenwood School
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hollister Incorporated
- Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
- ITW Construction North America
- Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp.
- K International
- L. Marshall Roofing & Sheet Metal
- Lake County Department of Public Works
- Lake County Health Department
- Lake County Recorder of Deeds
- Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Lake County State's Attorney

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Class of 2020 College Acceptances

Agnes Scott College	Grinnell College	Siena Heights University
Albion College*	Gustavus Adolphus College	Smith College
Allegheny College	Hamilton College	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Alverno College	Haverford College*	Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville*
American University	Hope College*	Southwestern University
American University of Paris	Illinois College	St. Ambrose University
Arrupe College*	Illinois State University*	St. John's University
Augustana College	Illinois Wesleyan University	St. Norbert College
Aurora University	Indiana State University	St. Olaf College*
Barry University	John Carroll University	Trinity College
Beloit College	Kalamazoo College	Union College
Benedictine University	Knox College	University of Dayton
Bradley University*	Lake Forest College*	University of Denver
Brandeis University	Lawrence University*	University of Findlay
Bryant University	Lewis University	University of Hartford
Bucknell University	Liberty University	University of Illinois at Chicago*
Butler University	Loras College	University of Illinois at Springfield*
Calvin College	Loyola University Chicago	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
Cardinal Stritch University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Iowa
Carroll University-WI	Macalester College	University of Michigan*
Carthage College*	Marian University	University of Richmond
Centre College	Marquette University*	University of Rochester*
The Catholic University of America	Michigan State University	University of San Francisco
Coe College	Middlebury College	University of St. Francis
College of Lake County*	Milikin University	University of Washington*
College of St. Benedict	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Wisconsin, Parkside
College of the Holy Cross*	Monmouth College	University of Wisconsin, Green Bay
College of Wooster	Mount Mary University	Valparaiso University
Columbia College	Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles	Villanova University
Chicago*	Muhlenberg College*	Wellesley College*
Columbia College	National Louis University*	Western Illinois University*
Missouri	North Central College	Wheaton College
Concordia University	North Park University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Chicago	Northeastern Illinois University*	Xavier University
Connecticut College*	Northern Arizona University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Cornell College	Northern Illinois University*	
Creighton University	Northland College	
DePaul University	Ohio Northern University	
DePauw University	Ohio Wesleyan University	
Dickinson College*	Pace University	
Dominican University*	Pitzer College	
Drake University	Providence College	
Earlham College*	Ripon College	
Eastern Illinois University*	Robert Morris University*	
Edgewood College	Rochester Institute of Technology	
Elmhurst College	Roosevelt University*	
Florida Institute of Technology	Saint Louis University	
George Washington University	Saint Mary's College*	
Gettysburg College	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota*	
Goshen College	Saint Xavier University	
	Seton Hall University	

***Colleges and universities
where graduates of the
Class of 2020 are attending**



Corporate Work Study Program Business Partners

- Lake Forest Bank & Trust Company
- Lake Forest Graduate School of Management
- Learn Charter Schools
- Libertyville Bank & Trust
- Lions Math and Science Christian Academy
- MacLean-Fogg Company
- Mano-a-Mano
- Northbrook Bank and Trust
- Northpointe Resources
- Northshore University HealthSystem
- North Shore Water Reclamation District
- Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital
- Omnicell, Inc
- Our Lady of Humility Parish & School
- Pasquesi Home and Garden
- Prairie Crossing Charter School
- Ragdale Foundation
- Reynolds Group Holdings Limited
- Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Rust-Oleum Corporation
- Shield's Township
- Snap-on Credit
- Society of the Divine Word
- State Bank of the Lake
- Stepan Company
- Underwriters Laboratories
- University of St. Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary
- US Foods
- Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.
- Waukegan Park District
- Waukegan Township
- Woodland Foods
- YouthBuild Lake County
- YWCA of Lake County