



We are a Catholic learning community that empowers young people of limited means to become men and women of faith, purpose and service. Through a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, integrated with relevant work-study experience, CRSM students graduate ready to succeed in college and life. We exclusively serve families with limited economic means in Waukegan and North Chicago.

Member of the **Cristo Rey Network: 41 high schools; 13,000+ students across 24 states.**

Average family income: \$52,158 Average family size: 4.0; Per Capita Household Income: \$13,039

Innovative Corporate Work Study Program: Students work five full days per month in area businesses to pay for a portion of their tuition and to gain professional experience.

Supportive environment with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum; 11 AP classes offered with 90% of students graduating with at least 1 AP credit.

CRSM opened in 2004 in downtown Waukegan office building; enrollment: 95 students. Moved to old St. Joseph Parish on **Martin Luther King Jr. Ave in 2006**

Moved to current **campus in 2018**. Converted old K-Mart into award winning, state-of-the-art building. Named one of "Chicago's Coolest Office Spaces" by Crain's in 2020 and recipient of the prestigious Richard H. Driehaus Legacy Award for Innovation in 2021.

Total square footage: 120,000. **First phase: 53,000 sq. ft. Phase 2: 47,000 sq. ft** completed in spring of 2021. This space includes gym, science & art labs, classrooms, fitness center, coffee shop and chapel. **Remaining sq. ft: 20,000** being developed for 3 additional CRSM classrooms and satellite campus for Dominican University.

New **Zach Perry Soccer Field** dedicated May 2024.

Current Enrollment: 415 students.

Student demographics: 94% Hispanic; 3% African American; 3% other

56% female & 44% male

97% of students will be the first in their family to earn a BA/BS degree.

Annual cost to educate: \$18,542 per student. Funding: **28% student work-study earnings; 10% family tuition payments; 62% fundraising.**

*Due to COVID work-study earning have dipped significantly. Prior to the pandemic funding: **57% student work-study earnings; 11% family tuition payments; 32% fundraising.**

Corporate Work Study Program: 109 Business Partners. 4 students job share 1 FTE. School acts as employment agency, getting all necessary permits, etc. and invoices business partner: \$45,000 per FTE. 11 vans transport students to and from work each day. Businesses are as far north as Kenosha, south to Evanston, west to Rosemont and Antioch.

77 Staff and Faculty: 22 FT teachers; 2 PT teachers; 43 staff members and 11 drivers; **6.5 CRSM Alumni currently on staff.**

Cristo Rey St. Martin is Breaking the Cycle and Changing a Community!

College Ready

1. This school serves 10% of the total high school population in Waukegan and North Chicago, yet our alumni account for over 71% of all new bachelor's degrees earned by Pell-eligible students. **Current college graduation rates now surpass students from the wealthiest quartile.**
2. Graduates are completing their studies prepared for college with **100% of the class of 2026 seniors accepted into 4-year bachelor's programs, seven years in a row.** 92% direct enrollment into 4-year bachelor's programs for class of 2026.
3. Retention rate from freshman to senior year – **Over 90% average over the past three years.** 96% for the class of 2026. Highest in the Cristo Rey Network.

Work Prepared

1. We have 109 Corporate Work Study Partners in this community. **30% of our alumni with bachelor's degrees are currently working in FT positions for a current or former business partner.**
2. All incoming freshmen attend over 50 hours of training to prepare for the corporate work-study program.
3. **95% of student workers met or exceeded supervisor expectations,** despite the challenges of remote work.

Committed to Faith and Justice

1. 100% of CRSM students participate in grade-level retreats, creating opportunities to deepen their faith, strengthen community and reflect on who God is calling them to become.
2. Although service is not a requirement at CRSM, more than **50% of students volunteer, contributing over 1,100 hours of service annually.**
3. CRSM alumni continue to make a difference in their communities. Alongside leaders in business and other professions, our graduates serve as healthcare workers, teachers, counselors, social workers, nonprofit leaders, and other changemakers.

