

## Frequently Asked Questions

### School Operations

#### **Q: *What is the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School supply list?***

**A:** At the beginning of the school year, your classroom teachers may add to this with specific requirements for their course. This list should provide you with the items that are generally used at Cristo Rey.

- 1.5" 3-Ring Binder
- Tab Index Dividers
- 1 Box of #2 sharpened pencils
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Pens (red, blue, black ink)
- Pencil case
- Metric ruler
- Seven pocket folders
- Graphing Calculator (all ninth-graders receive one)
- Package of post-it notes.
- 3 composition notebooks, marble

#### **Q: *What is the schedule for the first two weeks of school?***

**A:** For the first two weeks of school, August 23 – September 3, school will be in session from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. A bag lunch will be available for each student who wants one at dismissal.

#### **Q: *What is the dress code for the first two weeks of school?***

**A:** Requirements for the acceptable dress for the first two weeks of school only are as follows:

- Students are NOT required to wear a school uniform from August 23 - September 3.
- Students should dress comfortably and appropriately for the school community using the following guidelines.
  - Students are not permitted to wear any clothing with explicit text, graphic images, or logos.
  - Due to safety concerns, long, dangling, or heavy earrings will not be allowed. Hoop earrings shall not be larger than the size of a quarter.

- Clothing should not show midriff or undergarments.
- Shoes should have a rubber bottom (tie-up or velcro).
- Students should not wear flip-flops or slippers.

**Q: What is the Cristo Rey Jesuit school uniform?**

**A:** Beginning Tuesday, September 7, students must wear the CRJ uniform every day they attend class and go to work. Students who arrive at school out of uniform will be sent home for the day. Please contact Dean Lifsey with any questions. Uniforms must be purchased through [Flynn & O’Hara](#) as follows:

<b>Official Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Uniform Standards</b>	
<b>Young Men</b>	<b>Young Women</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Black or Khaki pants with pleats</li> <li>● Black dress socks</li> <li>● White long or short sleeve shirt with a button down-collar</li> <li>● Black leather belt</li> <li>● Sweater Vest with school logo*</li> <li>● Black Eastland leather lace-up or slip-on dress shoes</li> <li>● Long-sleeve sweater with school logo*</li> <li>● CRJ Black Blazer optional for seniors only</li> <li>● Button-up cardigan sweater with school logo*</li> <li>● School tie with logo</li> <li>● Black hoodie with school logo</li> <li>● Black polo with school logo</li> </ul> <p><i>*The sweater, vest, and cardigan are not required; however, <u>no other sweater or jacket</u> is allowed in school.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Black or Khaki pants</li> <li>● Black &amp; white plaid knee-length skirt (“kilt”)</li> <li>● Black Eastland leather shoes with laces or Black Mary Jane leather shoes with strap</li> <li>● White long or short sleeve shirt with a button down-collar</li> <li>● Black or white knee highs or tights</li> <li>● Black leather belt</li> <li>● Sweater Vest with school logo*</li> <li>● Long-sleeve sweater with school logo*</li> <li>● Button-up cardigan sweater with school logo*</li> <li>● CRJ Black Blazer optional for seniors only</li> <li>● School tie with logo</li> <li>● Black hoodie with school logo</li> <li>● Black polo with school logo</li> </ul> <p><i>*The sweater, vest, and cardigan are not required; however, <u>no other sweater or jacket</u> is allowed in school.</i></p>
<b>Additional Dress Code Guidelines</b>	
<b>Young Men</b>	<b>Young Women</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No piercings allowed. Necklaces should not be visible outside clothing. Gold caps are not permitted.</li> <li>● No makeup is permitted. This includes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No body piercings, with the exception of earrings, are permitted. Earrings must be smaller than a quarter. Gold caps are not permitted.</li> </ul>

<p>nail polish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visible tattoos are not allowed. Existing tattoos must remain covered at all times.</li> <li>• Sunglasses may not be worn inside, at work, or at school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makeup including nail polish must remain conservative and natural. Perfume should be used conservatively.</li> <li>• Visible tattoos are not allowed. Existing tattoos must remain covered at all times.</li> <li>• Sunglasses may not be worn inside, at work, or at school.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Required Physical Education Uniform - All students</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold or black t-shirt with school logo</li> <li>• Black nylon shorts with school logo</li> <li>• Black sweatpants with school logo</li> <li>• Black sweatshirt with school logo</li> <li>• Tennis shoes (can be purchased at the store of your choice)</li> <li>• <u>Warm Weather Uniform Option</u> (may be worn from May 1 – October 1 each year):</li> <li>• Khaki (beige) shorts (remainder of uniform must be in place in its entirety as outlined above)</li> </ul>	

**Additional information for Families on hair color/style guidelines:**

- Students with inappropriate hair color or style that cannot be corrected immediately on their workday will not go to work and will be required to make up the missed work day.
- Students will be allowed to attend classes once a school administrator has reviewed the hair situation.
- If the student's hair has not reverted to an appropriate color/style within a three-week period, then the student will be placed on a multi-day suspension from work and school.
- If a student misses four days of work during a semester, then the student may be terminated from work.

**CIP/ Transportation Operations:**

**Q: Will students be going to work?**

**A:** Yes, but not everyone. Freshmen will not be going at all. Some sophomores, juniors, and seniors may need to work remotely in accordance with their individual workplace policies and still others may continue at school.

**Q:What will transportation to job sites be like?**

**A:** We are still trying to determine what is possible and what is best. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who work in DOWNTOWN locations MOST LIKELY will travel to and from work on their own. CRJ will transport all others.

All students who travel to/from work on their own will receive a travel credit each workday equal to the cost of a bus pass.

***Q: Will you still have a morning shuttle?***

**A:** Yes, the morning shuttle will operate. As in the past, it will leave from the BCCC MTA area near Liberty Heights Ave. at 7:15 a.m. each day.

***Q: Will freshmen be a part of the CIP Program?***

**A:** On normal freshman workdays (every Wednesday and some Fridays), all freshmen should report to school as normal. All freshmen will take part in “Leadership Foundations”, a full-year CIP program based on the common elements of personal, professional, and career success. More details will come in the following weeks.

***Q: When will we know about job placements?***

**A:** The CIP team is working hard to finalize placement details and determine what is possible with each partner’s own unique return-to-work schedule. While changes are still being made, we hope to let everyone know their placements during the first week of school, at the latest.

**Health/ Safety School Policies:**

***Q: What is the CRJ Vaccination Clinic Schedule?***

**A:** Cristo Rey will be offering 3 Pfizer vaccine clinics at the school for all students, faculty and staff:

- Tuesday, August 10 from 10am to noon (first dose) / Tuesday, August 31 from noon to 2pm (second dose)
- Tuesday, August 17 from 3pm to 5pm (first dose) / Tuesday, September 14 from 1:30 pm to 3:30pm (second dose)
- Saturday, August 21 from 10am to 1pm (first dose) / Tuesday, September 14 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (second dose)

To register for one of the above clinics, please visit the CRJ website.

***Q: Will CRJ require the students to be vaccinated?***

**A:** All students, faculty, and staff must have received at least one dose of the vaccine prior to the first day of school, August 23rd, unless they receive a medical or religious exemption. This is a part of the multi-layered approach to safely reopening the school. This approach includes:

- A fully vaccinated community
- Mask-wearing for everyone in our school building
- 3 feet between desks in classrooms

**Q: *What is an exemption?***

**A: Medical exemption:** A medical exemption from a COVID-19 vaccination is allowed for certain recognized contraindications. Other medical reasons must include a justification for the exemption by describing the nature, severity, and duration of the individual's impairment and the extent to which the impairment limits the individual's ability to receive the vaccine. The note will require a signature from a medical provider.

**Religious exemption:** If your religious beliefs or practices conflict with CRJ's COVID-19 vaccination requirement, you may request a religious exemption by providing the following information: explaining in your own words why you are seeking a religious exemption, the religious principles that guide your objection to immunization, whether you are opposed to all immunizations, and if not, the religious basis on which you object to COVID-19 immunizations.

**Q: *Will there be a virtual learning option for students?***

**A:**As a small school, we are offering one learning platform, which for the 2021-2022 school year, will be in-person.

Rationale:

- In 2020-2021, we learned that the virtual learning platform is not ideal for student social-emotional learning and academic achievement.
- Students and teachers need to be in school, in-person for optimal teaching and learning conditions.
- Additionally, data collected from our parent community in 2020-2021 indicated a strong desire for students to return to the classroom.

**Q: *Will face masks/ shields be required for those students seeking exemptions? Will the school provide masks?***

**A:** Taking the guidance from the CDC, we plan to require masking for everyone, regardless of vaccination status in our school building as part of our layered approach to safely re-opening school. Masks must fit snugly and cover the mouth and nose. Cristo Rey will provide a reusable Cristo Rey mask for all students, faculty, and staff.

**Q: *What cleaning measures are being put in place?***

**A:** Our facilities staff will continue enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of the school building and frequently touched surfaces.

**Q: *Will classrooms and desks be arranged so that students are 3 feet apart?***

**A:** We will be following the guidance of the CDC which recommends maintaining a physical distance of 3 feet apart where possible. This will be one layer of prevention in addition to the vaccine, masking, and frequent hand-washing.

***Q: Will there be a COVID testing policy?***

**A:** We will participate in a COVID-19 testing program through the Maryland Department of Health to provide routine surveillance testing to students, faculty, and staff. Any individuals with COVID-19 symptoms will be required to obtain a COVID-19 test or an alternative diagnosis from their health care provider before returning to school.

***Q: What if a student contracts COVID-19?***

**A:** If a student receives a positive COVID-19 test, they are to stay home and quarantine for at least ten days. They may return to school when it has been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication AND improvement of other symptoms.

Work will be excused during this time period and students must meet with their individual teachers to review the content and concepts missed.

***Q: What if there is an outbreak of multiple COVID cases throughout the school? Will the school have to close?***

**A:** The risk of a COVID outbreak is greatly reduced with a 100% vaccinated community. We will closely track and trace the cases of COVID and will act in the best interest of the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

***Q: What if I do not get my student vaccinated?***

**A:** Unfortunately, as a small school, Cristo Rey does not have the capacity or staffing to offer in-person *and* virtual learning options. Therefore any student who is unvaccinated will be expected to un-enroll by contacting Chauntay Smith, the registrar, ASAP to begin the transfer process at [csmith@crstoreybalt.org](mailto:csmith@crstoreybalt.org). Students who arrive at school without having received at least their first dose of the vaccine will be sent home.

***Q: What are Cristo Rey's Health and Safety Protocols as it returns to in-person learning?***

**A:** Cristo Rey has put together extensive health and safety protocols to maximize learning and minimize risk as we return to in-person learning. You can access those [here](#).