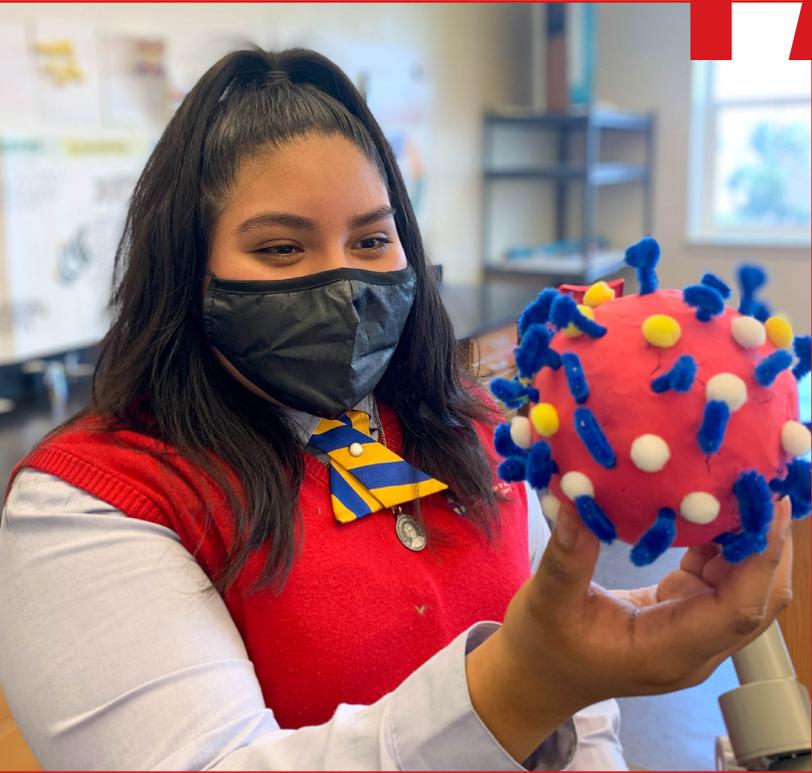




PATHWAYS



Dear Cristo Rey De La Salle Community,

The first day of school is upon us and we are thrilled to begin another year at Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School! Certainly we are saddened that we must begin the year remotely; however, our doors will open as soon as we get the green light from the governor.

We are overwhelmed by the support our community is offering in this time of need. The number one highlight has been the generosity of our school sponsors and spiritual custodians, the Christian Brothers. They recently granted the school \$250,000. The Brothers' support cannot be understated, and this gift will help us weather these turbulent times. Thank you, Brother Donald, for your leadership and generosity!

In addition, our Corporate Work Study sponsors and financial supporters have heroically leaned in at a difficult time. Itamar Goldminz, Principal

Consultant at OrgHacking is conducting 360 GROW professional development assessments of our senior management staff. Teri Rose, Senior Analyst and Project Manager at UCSF, is managing preparations for the reopening of our school. Pete Delisi, Owner of Organizational Synergies and Former Academic Dean and IT Leadership Programmer at Santa Clara University, is launching our rigorous strategic planning process. These saints among us are present for Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay in a period of great need.

As you can see, we are thriving in difficult times. Our staff, students, families and community are ready to begin again. We are determined to live our Lasallian values and respond to St. John Baptist de La Salle's desire for all of us to "do our part to help build up the kingdom of God in the hearts of our students."

May Jesus live in your hearts forever,

Stephen Murphy
President & CEO

Ana Hernandez
Principal

Our Mission

Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School, St. Elizabeth Campus is a diverse, Lasallian Catholic learning community that educates young people to become men and women of faith, purpose and service.

A rigorous and personalized college preparatory curriculum integrated with a corporate work study experience prepares students of limited economic means to succeed in college and in life.

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Back to School, Bigger and Stronger



A different look, but the same spirit

The entire Cristo Rey staff was excited to welcome students back for the first day on August 26, grounded by an online Opening Prayer Service. Not only has our school grown from 56 to 215 students in just two years, but our academic team has continued to expand, too. Nine new teachers, a dedicated college counselor and a Dean of Students join the staff as we kick off 2020-21.

Our juniors will have the wonderful opportunity to take

Advanced Placement courses this year. In addition, they will attend a College Going Culture weekly seminar, in which they will develop their college profiles, deeply explore universities and prepare for the SAT/ACT exams.

Unfortunately, many of our freshman enter Cristo Rey far below grade level, needing nearly eight times the national average of growth to be prepared for college. But their potential, perseverance and desire to succeed in the face of monumental challenges drives our students. The result is that all our graduates meet the CSU/UC admissions requirements.

Our teachers have been preparing diligently this summer and are fully committed to offering the high-quality and rigorous education that you support. Thank you—and please keep our community in your prayers!

Wholeness Program: What Does it Mean?

Nearly all Cristo Rey students have experienced—and some continue to experience—trauma in their lives. Unfortunately, many have experienced complex and chronic trauma. Here at school, we want to serve our students in all aspects of their lives, so that they can achieve their true potential. To address the need for care associated with trauma, one-on-one licensed clinical counseling is available to every student. The school provides a trauma-informed, culturally appropriate climate of care across

the entire school community: students, families, faculty and staff. For families, we facilitate access to mental health resources within the school program, as well as community-based care. We work to improve student and family comfort levels in accessing care by addressing mental health care stigmas and distrust of the system, such as fear of police and health care providers. Cristo Rey students and families have a compassionate and highly skilled Wholeness Program team available every day, year-round.



CRISTO REY DE LA SALLE STUDENT PROFILE

LatinX	80%
Black/ African American	17%
Asian	2%
Pacific Islander	1%

Summer Work Paves the Way for Fall



Report planning during quarantine

Our Corporate Work Study Program nimbly pivoted to adapt to the workforce changes brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak, and our Mustangs are thriving in spite of the challenges. Three teams of students even continued working throughout the summer months.

Rising junior Emilio D. worked remotely from home with **Synergistech**, helping CEO Andrew Davis manage client relations for his recruiting firm focused on technical writers. Sophomore Aleida C. assisted Brad and Janis Levesque's team

at **French Bros. Flooring** with sales, marketing and customer service. And juniors J'Nila W., Justin S. and Raiden G. supported the engineering team at **Cobaltix**, an IT services firm based in San Francisco. Masks, hand sanitizers, temperature checks and keeping distant from colleagues were the order of the day while gaining valuable experience and earning some well-deserved cash!

Mustangs at Cobaltix are getting an in-depth look at the world of information technology and a preview of what college-level work in computer science will look like. Jerry Gomez, an employee, has taken our students under his wing and is helping them develop the skills needed to succeed as both college students and IT professionals. Junior year is crucial for college preparation, and Jerry and his team are helping our students learn what it takes to excel. **Thank you to all CWSP sponsors for going the extra mile for these young adults!**

Sponsor Spotlight: **cobaltix**



Steve Walker, Owner/CEO

East Bay native Steve Walker is the founder and CEO of Cobaltix in San Francisco. In addition to being a successful entrepreneur and executive, Steve is an accomplished open water marathon swimmer, having crossed the English and Irish channels (among many other large, cold bodies of water). His passion, discipline and dedication are evident in his swimming, cycling and business management. "Cristo

Rey provides a great platform for students to unlock their potential. In the IT business, exposure to technology and industry peers is crucial. Partnering with Cristo Rey is good for business and the right thing to do." Interested in becoming a corporate partner? Call or email Steve Mullin at smullin@cristoreydelasalle.org or (510) 519-9216 x401.



Our Vision

We believe that economic status, zip code, gender and ethnicity should not obstruct the pathway to educational and life success.

We accompany students and graduates in their journey to lead lives of wholeness, purpose and agency.

We unite youth and families with educators, corporations, nonprofits and philanthropists through education and work.

We believe in the power of these relationships to transform lives.



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Brezzo Family Endowed Scholarships Transform Lives

Established in 2005 by the Brezzo family, along with 25 other generous donors, the Brezzo Family Endowed Scholarship was originally gifted to St. Elizabeth High School. In 2018, the endowment was generously redirected to Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay. The first distributions were made in the 2019-20 school year in the form of tuition assistance awards to nine students. Every student here at Cristo Rey earns half the cost of their education via participation in the Corporate Work Study Program. Fundraising and tuition, supplemented by endowments and bequests, help round out the school revenue picture and fund the other half of each student's cost of education.

It takes a village to create the opportunity for students to access the life-changing experience of a Lasallian Cristo Rey education. With our Mission and Vision in mind every day, we accompany students in their journey to lead lives of wholeness, purpose and agency. Through donations like the Brezzo's, supporters are working side-by-side with us to provide the lifelong gift of education and transform young lives. Thank you to all who walk with us in this work!

For additional information about how you can support the mission of Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School, please contact: Janet Wilks, Interim Vice President of Mission Advancement, jwilks@crstoreydelasalle.org or 510-334-3525.

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