

Welcome, Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit Class of 2024!

You are days away from beginning an exciting high school journey. Though we have had a couple of opportunities to “meet” before, I am Mr. Harris, your Principal. Though I have had a little bit of a head start, I will be on this freshman journey with you, and I look forward to the day we can meet in person in our school building. Until then, we will conduct our business in the virtual environment, and there are a few bits of information to have in mind before you plug in and get started with classes.

The first thing to remember is that starting school virtually is new for the vast majority of us. Unless you have been home-schooled, chances are this is the first time you have started school in this way. That means everyone is coming into the year with a number of questions and unknowns. Rely on your desire to perform well as a student and on the experience of your teachers to help you through the uncertain times. When it seems that circumstances change quickly, re-focus your efforts and attention on the task at hand. In this way, you can be sure that you are prepared to meet each shift or change ready to continue your learning and not have to catch-up with your learning.

Your teachers will present appropriate challenges to you. These challenges stretch our capacity and help us to build skills we do not currently have, or to improve others. See these challenges for the growth opportunities they are. Be prepared to work diligently and to sometimes have to “start from square one again” in order to fully understand what is being taught. This is how we learn. After all, no one went from crawling to running without a bit of trial and error, right?

You will meet new people, from across the Metro-Atlanta area. You’ll meet them in Zoom Rooms for Geometry, in Advisory, and in any clubs you decide to join virtually. Perhaps most exciting is that you’ll be able to meet them all over again when we’re back in the building!

You will be hearing from your teachers regarding initial information for your classes. Please be attentive to the instructions, and do not hesitate to ask questions if something is unclear or if you encounter obstacles. Your clear communication with your teachers is always important; communicating well during this period of distance learning is even more so.

Again, welcome to the journey. I wish you well in your studies this year and look forward to watching you take step after step into young adulthood and college. There are many worthwhile experiences awaiting you here.

Viva Cristo Rey!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Harris".

Mr. Tony Harris, Principal

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