

COS FAQ's

1. How is *Christ Our Savior* different than other high schools in the area?

Christ Our Savior is more than a typical high school. It is a community that provides spiritual growth where the primary focus is Jesus Christ. Since our goal is a Christ-centered environment, we believe in offering an excellent academic education. We strive to be equal to or better than other educational options within the core secondary school curriculum.

Students at *COS* will learn from a faculty that is committed to students' spiritual, social, and academic development. Students will have the opportunity to participate in athletic and art programs that will embody the gifts that God has given to them. They will explore their interests and connect with other students through a variety of extra-curricular activities. *COS* equips students spiritually and intellectually for service to God and the community.

2. My family and I are not Lutheran and this is a Lutheran high school.

Many of our school families are not Lutheran, we welcome the diversity brought by students from other Christian denominations. We encourage families to be involved in a Christian church of their choice. If families are not members of a church home, we invite them to worship with one of our association congregations and will gladly help families look for a home church their area.

3. I want my child to attend a Lutheran school, but tuition is a concern.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School tuition is \$5,100 for the 2020-2021 school year. Students who are confirmed members in good standing of a Lutheran church in the Lutheran High School Association receive a \$500 discount off full tuition. *COS* offers need-based tuition assistance for families who qualify. Qualifying students can also receive a COSLHS Scholarship for academics, leadership or service.

Nothing is more important than the daily presence of God's Word in the life of your son or daughter. Preparing your child for their life here on earth and in eternity is a priceless gift worthy of your financial sacrifice.

4. Other than the core curriculum, what other classes does *Christ Our Savior* offer?

Other than the core curriculum of Theology, English, Math, Science, and Social Science, *COS* offers Art, Family & Consumer Science, Culinary and Technology classes. Additional opportunities for foreign languages and other electives are offered through Illinois Virtual School. Dual credit classes are offered through agreement with SEMO. Career Ed classes are offered to juniors and seniors through CCSI.

5. We live too far away and transportation is an issue for our family.

Some *Christ Our Savior* families contract with the Monroe-Randolph Transit District to provide a cost-effective, door-to-door service for transporting students to and from school. Other families make car-pooling arrangements.

6. Does your school have sports or clubs?

We have a wide variety of sports and clubs at *Christ Our Savior*. Currently, our school offers volleyball, basketball, cross country, archery, trapshooting, and track. Extra-curricular clubs at *COS* include student council, FFA, drama, dance committee, and yearbook. Every other year, we offer a mission trip to a destination outside of our area.

Just like other high schools, we have spirit weeks, homecoming, prom and post-prom events. We also offer a yearly fall retreat at Camp Wartburg and educational trips. Our students and parents are active in planning these activities.

A typical student is involved in many different activities during his/her time at *Christ Our Savior*. Nearly 100% of our students are involved in an extra-curricular activity. Almost 90% of our students compete on one or more of our athletic teams each year, and we have alumni who have received scholarships to compete athletically at the collegiate level.

We have the privilege of catering to the interests of our students. We've had a golf team, a spirit squad, board game club, Platinum Chef team and a Scholastic Bowl team due solely to student interest. As a small school we can do anything, but we can't do everything. At *COS*, we are committed to our mission of providing a Christ-centered, academically excellent education. We are committed to expanding the opportunities for our students.

7. *Christ Our Savior* is such a small school and doesn't bigger mean better?

Southern Illinois has many high schools with impressive facilities, but *Christ Our Savior* provides advantages that a larger school cannot:

- ❖ *We are a family.* At *Christ Our Savior*, students, parents, and faculty feel as if they are part of a community in which they can take pride and have input. People know each other, and relationships become the foundation for the excellence of the school—not facilities and programs alone.
- ❖ *We focus on environment.* *COS* is a smaller school, but we have a large caring and loving environment. We are dedicated to making connections with all students and creating a Christian family atmosphere. Relationships, not facilities, are what make our school excellent.

8. What opportunities are there for parent involvement?

We love for parents to be involved! We think it is vital for parents to partner with *Christ Our Savior* and to feel a sense of involvement in our school because it is an important component in the continued excellence of our school. We encourage families to attend campus events to support and interact with one another. Also, parents can support *COS* in a variety of ways such as helping with sports events (scoreboard, concessions, etc.), homecoming, prom, class events, fundraisers, and many other school wide activities that benefit from parent help.

9. How can our family receive more information about *Christ Our Savior*?

First and foremost, please visit our school any time. We would love to talk with parents about the opportunities *Christ Our Savior* has for their youths. For more information concerning registration, tuition, transportation, or any other questions you might have, please call the school office at 618-853-7300.