

ACT scores for last year’s high school graduates have been released. Compared with all students around the state, *Christ Our Savior’s* Class of 2010 scored exceptionally well. The average composite score for the school was 26 compared to the Illinois state average of 20.7. The subscores were improved across the board as well. Each category compares in the following way:

| Grad Yr | English | | Mathematics | | Reading | | Science | | Composite | |
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| 2009 | 23.2 | 20.5 | 21.3 | 20.7 | 23.4 | 20.8 | 23.0 | 20.7 | 22.9 | 20.8 |
| 2010 | 25.0 | 20.3 | 25.2 | 20.7 | 28.8 | 20.8 | 24.2 | 20.5 | 26.0 | 20.7 |

In a year when the average composite ACT score in the state of Illinois went down, students at *Christ Our Savior* raised their scores over 3 points.

John Christman, principal: “That’s incredible! I am overjoyed to share these scores. If some people were unaware of how well our school prepares students for college, this is a definitive answer. Our track record on the ACT at *Christ Our Savior* has typically been higher than the state average, but this is the highest they have been in the school’s young history. That is the difference between getting into college and getting into the college of your choice. High ACT scores are indicators for college-readiness and colleges want students like this on their campuses. We could not be prouder of the Class of 2010! 100% of them are enrolled in college for this fall. We look forward to witnessing great things from them for years to come. Congratulations should also be shared with our faculty and families who worked hard to prepare the students. This is a cause to celebrate for the entire school!”

ACT-tested students were also measured for their readiness for College-level coursework. The benchmark score for English is 18, Math is 22, Social Science is 21 and Science is 24. This benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to

indicate a 50% chance of obtaining at B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses. 100% of students taking the ACT at *Christ Our Savior* surpassed this standard for English Composition and Social Science (compared to 64% and 48% respectively of the graduates in Illinois). 80% exceeded the benchmark for College Algebra compared to 40% of Illinois high school seniors.

Ann Ryherd, science teacher & guidance counselor: “*Christ Our Savior* students are being well-prepared for college in the area of sciences. The ACT test scores bear this out. Now with our new lab facilities, I believe our students will be even better equipped for future success.”

Rachel Mehring, English teacher: “Excelling in reading and writing is a key focus across the curriculum. We want our students to be prepared not only for future education, but for their future careers as well. These test scores are just the beginning of what *Christ Our Savior’s* students have to offer.

The minimum ACT score to enroll at SWIC is 18. Though the University of Illinois has no minimum ACT score, the average composite score of the middle 50% of incoming freshmen at ranges from 27-32.

Graduates from *Christ Our Savior* have gone on to complete college with degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, education and ministry.

John Christman, principal: “*Christ Our Savior* provides a rigorous education in a Christ-centered environment that encourages each student to realize their God-given gifts and to use them to serve our Lord and the local community.”

Interested families may contact the school office for more information: 618-853-7300.