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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GUIDE

Schools and stats to consider when you're exploring a Catholic secondary education experience



Catholic Schools
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

Forming our future. Educating for life.

Educating for life.

Dear families,

The decisions we make for and with our children sets their trajectory in life. As parents and guardians, we invest time and resources into opportunities, experiences and activities that we believe will help our children thrive. Among these, our children's education is paramount.

Catholic education is purposefully different. With Jesus Christ at the center, it is a great gift that serves students during their formative years and throughout their entire lives.

We know that researching the best educational options for our children comes with many considerations and much prayer. That's why we are happy to provide this guide to help you and your son or daughter learn more about our 16 Catholic high schools in every corner of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. (Please see page 8 for a map.)

In this Catholic High School Guide, you will find:

- Information about the excellent education our schools endeavor to provide and how students are excelling in rigorous academics and virtue formation
- A helpful research checklist
- A list of schools by city
- Profiles of our 16 Catholic high schools

A Catholic education is an investment in your child — now and forever. Our schools work with families to make a Catholic education attainable through financial aid, payment plans and other opportunities. Our families come from all walks of life, and we're proud to partner with them throughout their children's education.

Whether you're new to Catholic education or already have children in a Catholic school, we hope this guide will aid your search to find the best Catholic high school for your children and family.

Sincerely in Christ,



DR. JASON E. SLATTERY
*Director of Catholic Education
and Superintendent of Schools*



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AT-A-GLANCE

Catholic High Schools

in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

At the start of high school, children are beginning their journey into adulthood. It is a time when they are seeking answers to life's biggest questions:

Who am I?

What is the purpose of my life?

How am I called to serve and work in the world?

To discern the answers to these questions, young men and women need a school that is not just an institution, but a community. They need this community to be filled with teachers and administrators who know and love their students, offering guidance and a witness as they navigate

life. Young men and women need a community in which they develop lifelong friendships that are rooted in a common life of prayer, learning and activities. As part of this community, students need an education that is rigorous yet joy-filled, forming them into adults who will do well in the world.

In a phrase, young men and women need Catholic high schools.

In a Catholic high school of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, young men and women will learn how to live a holistic life, so they can move forward confidently in whatever God has planned for them.



Academic Achievement

11

Catholic high school students were National Merit scholars in the 2023-2024 academic year



The **ACT test** is a curriculum-based education and career planning tool for high school students that assesses the mastery of college readiness standards. In 2024:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

73%

Catholic HS juniors took the ACT

25.0

Average composite score

compared to

MINNESOTA SCHOOLS

66%

State HS students took the ACT

20.7

Average composite score

Source: act.org

Catholic High School Enrollment

7,258

2024-2025 High School Enrollment

Accreditation

All our Catholic schools are accredited by Lumen Accreditation, nationally and locally recognized as a qualified and credible accrediting association. Some of our schools choose to hold dual accreditation.



Visit spmccatholicsschools.org to learn more about Catholic school tuition.

Let the Search Begin!

Although our Catholic schools have their own admissions requirements, the following step-by-step checklist will help you understand the general process.



STEP 1

Research your options

In this guide, view profiles of our 16 Catholic high schools, and visit their websites to learn even more.



STEP 2

Contact the schools

Catholic schools' admissions office staff members will be your main contact as you explore options and move through the process.



STEP 3

Take a tour

Contact the school(s) to schedule a tour during the school day and inquire about other school events to attend.



STEP 4

Apply

Apply to your school(s) of choice. Be sure to note each school's admissions deadlines and submission guidelines.



STEP 5

Enroll

Catholic schools will notify you about your acceptance status as well as next steps and important dates.





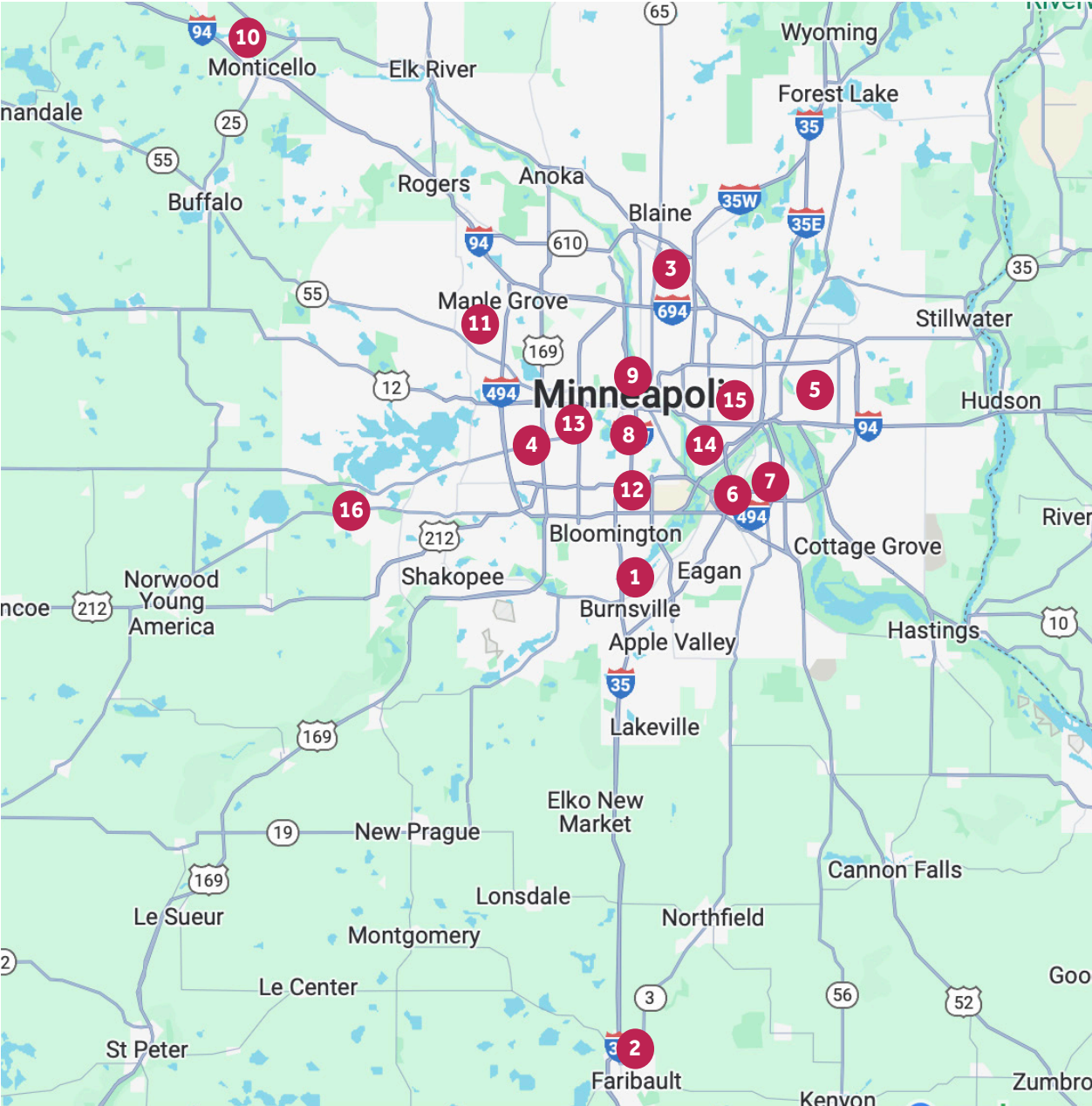
"I can't imagine a better place to be for my high school years. I'm surrounded by people who share my values in a community that cares for me not just as a student, but as a child of God."

Catholic High School Junior



Our Catholic High Schools

Our 16 Catholic high schools span the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis – from Monticello to Faribault, to Victoria to Maplewood and the cities in between. With urban, suburban and rural locations, you'll find a great school for your family.



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spmccatholicsschools.org
for an interactive map
and links to schools' websites.

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Victoria

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Academy of Holy Angels

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Richfield, MN 55423

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academyofholyanimals.org

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ACADEMY OF
HOLY ★ ANGELS

About Us

Academy of Holy Angels is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school community in Richfield, Minnesota, consisting of students, professional staff, parents, alumni, and friends who are actively committed to a common goal: educating each student for life. Mindful that each of us is created in God's image, we respect each other, we serve those in need, we embrace each other's differences, and we are welcoming to those who wish to interact with our community. AHA nurtures students to become confident, prepared, connected in faith, and ready for college and life.

622

Current 9-12 enrollment

1931

Year founded

39%

of students receive financial aid

\$2,700,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Rolling admissions through August.

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Dan Keller, Director of Admissions

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Faith

- All students participate in daily prayer and in Theology coursework
- Weekly all school convocation, celebrating students and service
- Monthly all school Mass and liturgy
- All athletics and activities programs participate in service hours through Faith in Action

33%

of seniors serve on the Campus Ministry Team



Academics

We are one of only three Minnesota Catholic Schools to be recognized as AP Honor Roll Platinum

Class of 2024 at-a-glance:

- 91% attending a 4-year college
- 6% attending a 2-year college
- 2% Military, Jr. Hockey, Gap Year, Employment
- 1% Undecided
- 53 STEM Diplomas; 5 Theater Diplomas; 3 Bilingual Seals

28

College credit courses

25

Average ACT score

21,428

Annual student service hours



Extracurriculars

- Over the past three years, the Stars athletics program has achieved 25 State Tournament appearances, 34 Conference Championships, over 30 Team Academic Awards, 266 All-Conference Players, 40 All-State Recognitions, and 6 State Champions
- No-cut policy for ninth graders
- 2023 Mr. Soccer and Ms. Soccer Award Winners

31

Varsity sports

32

Clubs/activities



Benilde-St. Margaret's

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Saint Louis Park, MN 55416

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bsmschool.org

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Benilde-St. Margaret's

A Catholic, college preparatory school

About Us

Benilde-St. Margaret's provides a Catholic, college-preparatory education rooted in the holistic development of mind, heart, and body. Students participate in an academically rigorous core curriculum that is supplemented by a broad range of elective courses that prepare students for life. At BSM, students are known and supported as unique children of God and challenged to achieve their highest potential. Students participate in activities and athletic pursuits that teach them resilience, teamwork, and how dedication leads to success. The BSM community welcomes students and their families to be a part of something bigger than themselves: a Christ-centered community where students grow to be men and women of character formed in the Catholic faith and prepared to be leaders in the world.

865

Current 9-12 enrollment

1907

Year founded

17%

of students receive financial aid

\$1,900,000+

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Rolling admissions year-round based on availability.

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

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Director of Admissions

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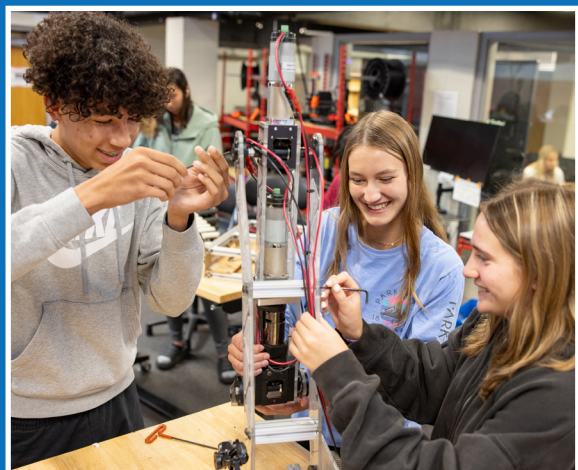
Faith

- Opportunities to engage in service projects with hundreds of local agencies where students put faith in action
- Mass is celebrated regularly in addition to reconciliation, with prayer opportunities specific to each liturgical season and an annual Scripture theme
- Grade-level and small group retreats for students to explore their faith in a nurturing and supportive environment
- A growing peer ministry program that provides students with opportunities to grow in their faith and be retreat leaders and mentors for students at BSM and within the broader Catholic school network



13

unique theology courses



Academics

- 37 National Merit Scholars in the last 10 years
- 87% of faculty have advanced degrees
- 1:182 counselor to student ratio
- 450+ annual visits by college and university representatives
- 11:1 student to faculty ratio with an average class size of 20 students

27

College credit courses

178

Unique course offerings

\$137,235

Average college scholarship offered to graduates



Extracurriculars

- 93% of students participate in at least one activity or athletic program each year
- 35+ students annually receive the President's Volunteer Service Award (100+ hours of community service)
- 75 State Titles in athletics and 273 conference championships
- 197 Hennepin Theatre Trust Awards (since 2015)
- 27 Scholastic Gold Key Art awards (since 2014)

25

Varsity sports

61

Clubs/activities



Bethlehem Academy

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Faribault, MN 55021

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bacards.org

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About Us

Making a difference since 1865, Bethlehem Academy's long tradition of excellence empowers students to achieve personal, spiritual, and academic excellence. Generations of graduates have grown in the Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service. Offering faith experiences, high academic standards, and service learning, our robust academics includes AP, U of MN College in the School classes, PSEO and independent study options. Unique opportunities include an award-winning Ag Sciences program with an on-campus greenhouse and FFA chapter as well as woodworking, intarsia, band, choir, theater, and studio arts. Our students develop leadership skills through programs that include campus ministry, athletics, VexIQ Robotics, National Honor Society, Student Council, Knowledge Bowl, and SADD. Come be a Cardinal and be who God meant you to be!

125

Current 9-12 enrollment

1865

Year founded

51%

of students receive financial aid

\$260,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Rolling admissions

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Kris Sauer, Director of Admissions

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Faith

- Weekly all-school Mass, daily access to the Adoration Chapel
- Campus ministry program, including annual pilgrimage; mission trip opportunities
- Annual class retreats
- Service hour requirements, including a capstone senior service project
- Alumni include 13 priests, including 1 bishop, 1 alumnus in study, 3 brothers, 79 sisters

13

Priest alumni



9

College credit courses

25

Average ACT score

\$40,000

Average college scholarship award



Academics

- 1-to-1 MacBook Air laptop program since 2005
- Nine AP, U of MN College in the Schools classes; PSEO and independent study opportunities
- 67% of BA juniors and seniors take college-level classes
- 69% of BA's AP students earned a score of 3 or above on the May 24 exams
- Recent graduates have been accepted at top colleges including the U.S. Naval Academy, University of Notre Dame, Baylor, Purdue, Carleton, Macalester, U of WI-Madison, College of St. Johns/St. Benedict, Ave Maria University, Benedictine University, and University of Mary, among others.



Extracurriculars

- We are the only Catholic high school in Minnesota to offer intarsia (an artistic form of woodworking), Agricultural Science, and FFA programs.
- Student trips include mission trips to Guatemala and Rome; Close Up trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City, annual campus ministry regional pilgrimages.
- Offering student transportation to students outside Faribault

24

Varsity sports

12

Clubs/activities



Chesterton Academy

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Hopkins, MN 55343

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CHESTERTON ACADEMY
A JOYFULLY CATHOLIC, CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

About Us

Chesterton Academy helps parents raise up a new generation of joyful leaders and saints, educated in the classical tradition and the truths of the Catholic faith. Our rigorous, integrated curriculum unlocks student's potential and prepares students to succeed in college and professional life, and to excel in service of family, of country, and of Christ our Lord. Intellectually, we teach the great ideas of Western thought from physics to philosophy. In character, we help students grow in the four cardinal virtues, which we believe are the foundation of leadership. Spiritually, our students come to understand and embrace the truth of why they exist: to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and be happy with Him forever in the next.

168

Current 9-12 enrollment

2008

Year founded

40%

of students receive financial aid

\$300,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Enrollment deadline May 31, 2025.

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Jeff Mitchell

Director of Admissions and Recruitment

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Faith

- Daily Mass, confession, and adoration
- 1 in 9 of our boys enter seminary
- Grade level small group “head to heart” sessions
- Senior pilgrimage to Italy
- Annual weekend class retreat



Academics

- Average merit based financial package per student for college \$85,700

25

College credits available

79

Average CLT score

13th

Ranked in the country on the Classic Learning Test

Extracurriculars

- 100% participation in art, choir, and theater
- No cut sports
- Annual success with Mock Trial (8th at state 2024)



16

Varsity sports

10

Clubs/activities



Cretin-Derham Hall

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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St. Paul, MN 55116

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cretin-derhamhall.org

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Cretin-Derham Hall

About Us

Cretin-Derham Hall's long tradition of innovative learning supports students to become lifelong learners and change agents in a challenging world. Guided by our sponsors, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, our foundation of faith and values integrates service and justice into the educational experience. CDH is big enough to provide a broad slate of co-curricular opportunities so that each student can find his or her voice, place and passion. And they do—98% of students participate in one or more sports, clubs, or activities. The welcoming and diverse community creates an inclusive environment where students make friends for life.

920

Current 9-12 enrollment

1851

Year founded

64%

of students receive financial aid

\$3,000,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Rolling admissions through August.

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Sean Van Gemert,

Vice President for Advancement and Admissions

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Faith

- Daily Eucharist or prayer in the Blessed Brother James Miller Chapel
- Lasallian Youth Group service opportunities
- Annual class retreat to support student's relationship with God
- Justice education trips
- Year-long service component for 12th grade curriculum

100%

of students live their faith through service



Academics

- 83 applications to "highly selective" universities or colleges were accepted in the Class of 2024
- 47 Honors Courses, 19 AP Courses
- 4 specialists in the Learning Lab
- 66% of students receive 1 or more merit scholarships for post-secondary education
- 18 National Merit scholars over the last five years
- 100% of students are accepted to a college of their choice

19

College credit courses

21

average ACT score

603

AP exams taken



Extracurriculars

- 93% of our students participate in one or more sports with an impressive 98% participate in at least one activity
- Nearly 30% students participate in optional JROTC program
- 70 Clubs and Activities offer options in service, ministry, academic competitions, intramurals and more
- Award-winning fine arts, theater, band and choir programs
- 28 athletic state championships

28

Varsity sports

70

Clubs/activities



Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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Minneapolis, MN 55408

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cristoreytc.org

Content provided by Cristo Rey Jesuit High School



About Us

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School is the only Catholic College Prep high school in the Twin-Cities where our students receive a private, college preparatory education made possible by our unique Corporate Work Study Program. The Corporate Work Study experience coupled with a rigorous academic instruction through a standards-based, college preparatory curriculum and participation in athletics as well as the arts, will form graduates who are socially, intellectually, and spiritually well-rounded and prepared for success in the world. The graduate of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School embodies six characteristics: Open to Growth; Religious; Intellectually Competent; Loving; Committed to Justice; Work Experienced.

425

Current 9-12 enrollment

2007

Year founded

100%

of students receive financial aid

\$4,500,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 24, 2025

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Myriam Vigil, Admissions Director

myriamvigil@cristoreytc.org | 612-545-9704

Faith

- Monthly all-school Mass; Weekly optional Mass
- 1 daylong Grade-Level Retreat each year, plus a 3-day overnight Kairos retreat for seniors
- All students complete at least 60 hours of service over their 4 years
- Multiple opportunities for faith and prayer experiences and reflection



Academics

- 100% of seniors have been accepted to college.
- The 2024 graduating class were accepted to 147 different colleges and universities.
- 84% of students committed to a 4-year school, including University of Notre Dame, Yale University, Villanova University, College of the Holy Cross, Macalester College, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, College of Science & Engineering and Dunwoody College of Technology
- 15 students in the 2024 graduating class were awarded full university tuition.
- Cristo Rey graduates in recent years include Questbridge scholars (University of Notre Dame), Posse Scholars (Macalester), Dell Scholars, Dease Scholars (University of St. Thomas), Dryer Scholars (St. John's/St. Ben's) and Gates Scholars

9

College credit courses

942

Average SAT score

Extracurriculars

- 87% of our student body participates in a club or sport.
- Our Boys Soccer team made it to the State Tournament for the first time in school history in any sport in 2023.
- We have a Cristo Rey Jesuit alum who is in the NBA, Jericho Sims of the New York Knicks.
- The Cristo Rey Jesuit-TC Robotics Team competed in the first Robotics Lake Superior and Minnesota 10,000 Lakes Regional Competitions.
- The Cristo Rey Jesuit choir performs at eight Mass and liturgy services throughout the year.



30

Clubs/activities

15

Varsity sports



DeLaSalle High School

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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Minneapolis, MN 55401

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delasalle.com

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About Us

DeLaSalle High School provides a transformative educational experience deeply rooted in the Catholic, Lasallian tradition. At De, students thrive within a vibrant, diverse community that embraces a broad spectrum of socioeconomic backgrounds, races, family backgrounds, and geographies. Housed in the heart of the Mississippi River, our location offers unparalleled opportunities for partnerships with local businesses and institutions of higher learning. This setting enriches our curriculum and forges valuable real-world connections, equipping students for academic and personal success. At DeLaSalle, we are proud to foster academic excellence and spiritual growth, empowering students to lead with integrity and compassion. Experience a place where faith, service, diversity, and opportunity unite to form the next generation of leaders.

700

Current 9-12 enrollment

1900

Year founded

55%

of students receive financial aid

\$3,500,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 14, 2025

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Theresa Naumann, Director of Admissions

theresa.naumann@delasalle.com | 612-676-7664

Faith

- Weekly Mass is offered to all community members pending priest availability.
- Campus Ministry Leadership Team consists of 50 Juniors and Seniors who help plan and coordinate masses, prayer services, service opportunities, and more.
- Opportunities for international travel to other Catholic, Lasallian Schools through the DeLaSalle Global Pathways Scholar (GPS) Program.
- Father Kevin Kenney '78 was recently named Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis by Pope Francis.

60

Hours of service per student



23

College credit courses

25

Average ACT score



Academics

- 98% of graduates continue to college after graduation
- 1 National Merit Finalist, 2 National Merit Commended students in 2023-24
- Opportunities for college credit through international academic trips.
- Nearly 40 Honors, AP, and courses for college credit offered
- 9 DeLaSalle History Day projects advanced to Nationals in 2023-24



27

Varsity sports

35

Clubs/activities

Extracurriculars

- The performing arts department has been awarded more than any other high school in the State of Minnesota by the Hennepin Theatre Trust's Spotlight Education Program over the past decade.
- Ethics Bowl competed in Nationals at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2024 after winning the State Tournament for the first time.
- Boys' Soccer and Girls' Volleyball programs have each advanced to the state tournament two years in a row. Boys' Soccer won the State Championship in 2022.
- Boys' Basketball has qualified for State in 13 consecutive years and girls' basketball was State Runner-up in 2024.
- 2023-24 saw State Tournament qualifiers and champions in Track and Field, Girls' Golf, Synchronized Swim, Boys' Swim & Dive, Girls' Swim & Dive, and Cross Country.

Hill-Murray

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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Maplewood, MN 55109

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hill-murray.org



Content provided by Hill-Murray



About Us

When you step onto the Hill-Murray campus for your high school years, you're not just joining a school; you're becoming part of a legacy of PIONEERS who have all pursued their passions. As a Hill-Murray student, you'll have the unique opportunity to think, create, work and pray every day in a community that both challenges and supports you. Our academic offerings are intentionally designed to open your mind and heart to new and exciting ideas and opportunities. Hill-Murray is not your typical school experience. Our strong traditions, coupled with an innovative spirit, provide the foundation that inspires students to reach their highest potential. At Hill-Murray, we encourage you to explore as much as possible and to take full advantage of the opportunities as only a PIONEER would.

760

Current 9-12 enrollment

1958

Year founded

33%

of students receive financial aid

\$2,200,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Rolling admissions

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Emily Sharockman, Director of Admissions

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Faith

- As a Benedictine school, we are blessed to have a Benedictine Sister on our staff and an Archdiocesan priest who serves as our Chaplain.
- Peer Ministry is one of our largest student groups. They are a strong faith presence on our campus. They lead prayer in the Chapel, serve as small group leaders on retreats, organize service projects and more.
- Service is an integral part of the Hill-Murray experience. Last year, our students provided more than 10,000 hours of service to the community.
- We have a vibrant sacramental life, including all-school Mass, daily Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also have prayer experiences, including Adoration, Prayer Services, and the Liturgy of the Hours.
- Hill-Murray is Lumen Accredited, which means that HM is distinctly Catholic and one of the first Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese to earn this honor.



Academics

- Graduates of the class of 2024 are attending more than 70 different colleges and universities.
- The Nicholas Center serves high school students who learn differently. It provides integrated support to help students succeed.
- Christian Service Learning is a credit-bearing course that counts toward the Theology graduation requirement.
- Hill-Murray offers pathways to certification in Entrepreneurship as well as Innovation and Design, allowing students to gain experience through internships and other real-world experiences and opportunities.
- The Hill-Murray Scholars Program allows students to take advantage of “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunities. Previous students have starred in a Broadway musical or competed at the national level in equestrian riding.

20

College credit courses

25

Average ACT score



Extracurriculars

- 95% of our high school students participate in Athletics, and Hill-Murray’s teams have qualified for 17 state tournaments and won 3 state championships in the past five years!
- Our award-winning theater program produces seven yearly productions, including the One Act competition through the Minnesota State High School League.
- We offer a variety of instrumental music opportunities: pep band, jazz band, marching band, symphonic band, drumline, flute choir, clarinet choir, and a comprehensive choir and orchestra program.
- We offer innovative TechSports offerings such as Robotics and eSports and clubs that offer career preparation.

24

Varsity sports

50

Clubs/activities



Holy Family Catholic High School

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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Victoria, MN 55386

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hfchs.org

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HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

About Us

Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria offers a nurturing environment where students thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. Committed to excellence, the school provides a Catholic Lasallian college prep curriculum, individualized learning, and a wide range of extracurricular activities, ensuring students can explore their interests and talents. Rooted in Catholic values, Holy Family fosters a strong sense of community, encouraging students to grow in faith and service. Our experienced faculty and state-of-the-art facilities support a well-rounded education, preparing students not only for college but also for a life of purpose and Christian leadership.

515

Current 9-12 enrollment

2000

Year founded

35%

of students receive financial aid

\$1,405,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

Continuous Enrollment

Families are encouraged to apply as early as September to ensure a spot in next year's class.

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Rory Oster, Exec. Director of Admissions

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Faith

- School chaplain Father Aric Aamodt celebrates Morning Chapel Mass four days per week, monthly All-School Mass and Reconciliation during Advent and Lent, and once per week. First Friday Eucharistic Adoration available.
- Two alumni are now priests.
- Lasallian Youth Club, Campus Ministry, Student Council, and other clubs offer regular service opportunities, and the entire school completes a required full-day, all-school service day each year.
- Students contribute to Mass as lectors, Eucharistic and music ministers, altar servers, and slide show/sound technicians.
- We start and end our day in prayer, and Campus Ministry students lead our Daily All-School Convocation.



Academics

- College in the School Dual Credit Program offered through St. Mary's University, College Board Advanced Placement Courses, and PSEO in-school opportunities
- Four college counselors work one-on-one with students to develop individualized, focused learning pathways and college resumes.
- The Class of 2024 graduates attend 71 different colleges and universities. They earned \$16.3 million in college scholarships and accepted \$5.24 million.
- National Blue Ribbon School, College Board AP Silver Honor Roll, Cognia Accredited School and Lumen Accredited School.
- AP Roster for 2024: AP Scholars with Distinction (13), AP Scholars with Honor (12), AP Scholars (19), 2025 National Merit Finalist (1) and 2025 National Merit Commended Student (1)

17

College credit courses

27

average ACT score

Extracurriculars

- History of State Championships in Dance, Boys Basketball, Fencing, Boys Golf, Baseball, Girls Tennis, Math League, Robotics, Quiz Bowl, and Esports.
- 95% student participation; most are involved in multiple activities.
- Co-curricular activities include DECA, Model UN, Mock Trial, Robotics, Math League, Literature Club, and Campus Ministry.
- New campus facilities include a stadium with artificial turf and 1,000-seat bleachers, a performance center, and a dedicated and fully-equipped esports arena.
- 20 student-athletes from the Class of 2024 went on to play college athletics.



30

Varsity sports

35

Clubs/activities



Holy Spirit Academy

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About Us

Holy Spirit Academy is a 9th through 12th grade high school located in Monticello, MN. As a regional independent high school serving the northwest metro area, we draw students from as far west as St. Cloud to as far east as Coon Rapids. Holy Spirit Academy is committed to forming each student as a whole person, body and soul through a vibrant faith life and rigorous curriculum that includes upper-level electives and a broad suite of extracurriculars. Faculty and staff take an oath of fidelity to the Magisterium and understand their roles of forming students in faith and virtue. Our integrated curriculum cultivates a devotion to Christ and His Church. Our graduates go out into the world to evangelize the Truth of Jesus Christ.

65

Current 9-12 enrollment

2013

Year founded

60%

of students receive financial aid

\$106,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

Rolling Enrollment

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

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Faith

- Each day begins with the Morning Offering and Morning Prayer (Lauds) from the Liturgy of the Hours, along with mass attendance Wednesday through Friday and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Each class begins with the prayer, Come Holy Spirit, and ends with the Glory Be. The Angelus is prayed before lunch each day. An opportunity to make a quiet Examen is offered to students at the end of each day in the Church of St. Henry.
- Confessions are available on First Fridays.
- Each year we participate in off-site retreats: Our Lady of the Rosary Retreat in the fall and St. Joseph the Worker Retreat in the spring.
- Currently HSA has two alumni discerning the priesthood at St. John Vianney Seminary



Academics

- Cardinal Newman Guide Recognition – This honor recognizes our school for the five Principles of Catholic Identity in Education.
- NAPCIS Accreditation - Holy Spirit Academy is one of the only schools in Minnesota accredited by The National Association of the Private and Catholic Schools, an association dedicated to strengthening and promoting Catholic education through accreditation.
- We have a four-year curriculum of Humanities, Math, Science, Theology as well as upperclassmen electives.
- Our four-year studio arts program in the classical tradition features pencil, watercolor, charcoal, and oil painting.
- 75% of students attend 2 or 4-year college immediately after graduation and many going on to attend Cardinal Newman recognized universities and colleges throughout the United States.

100%

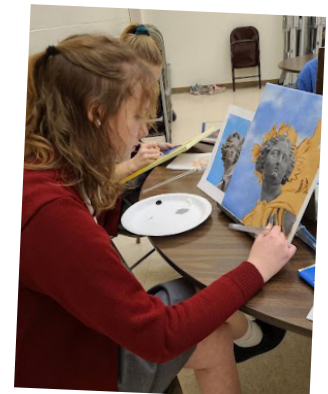
Graduation rate

25

Average ACT score

Extracurriculars

- Our Prolife Club participates in the March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Our Drama Club is a dynamic all-school Shakespearean program.
- The Choir participated in the MSHSL Large Ensemble Competition and earned "Excellent" and "Good" ratings in 2024.
- We offer a cooperative sports program with Maple Lake High School that provides opportunities for leadership and varsity athletic achievements.
- We offer in-school activities that include an underclassmen Physical Education program and various clubs such as media/yearbook, ski club, and trap shooting.
- HSA is launching a boys soccer team in the fall of 2025, with plans to implement a varsity soccer team in the near future.



10

Varsity sports

10

Clubs/activities

Providence Academy

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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About Us

Providence Academy is a leading Roman Catholic, college-preparatory PreK-12th grade school in Minnesota, known for its commitment to academic excellence, character development, and faith-based values. Situated on a lush 42-acre campus in the west metro of Minneapolis, Providence serves over 950 students and has experienced rapid growth since its founding nearly two decades ago. With a rigorous curriculum and diverse extracurricular programs, the school prepares students for college and life's challenges. Accredited by ISACS and other prestigious bodies and offering over 30 varsity sports, Providence ranks among the top private Catholic schools in the country, providing a nurturing, well-rounded education rooted in "Faith, Knowledge, Virtue."

350

Current 9-12 enrollment

2001

Year founded

30%

of students receive financial aid

\$1,800,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Priority deadline;
Rolling admissions thereafter.**

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

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Faith

- Weekly Mass is celebrated on campus, providing students with regular opportunities to participate in the Eucharist.
- Confession is also available, allowing students to receive the sacrament regularly.
- Eucharistic Adoration every Friday following the morning Mass, with Benediction at the end of the school day.
- Providence Academy hosts individual retreats for each grade level.



Academics

- A strong track record of college acceptances and a comprehensive curriculum that includes honors courses, Latin studies, and diverse electives in the arts and sciences.
- Small class sizes ensure personalized attention
- Our extracurricular offerings, including over 30 sports and various student clubs, provide a well-rounded educational experience.
- Providence Academy consistently ranks among the top private Catholic schools in the country.

6

College credit courses

28

Average ACT score

Extracurriculars

- Remarkable success in our varsity athletics programs, including state championships in girls soccer and girls basketball.
- Strong fine arts programs, including band, choir, and theater, and a variety of clubs that cater to diverse student interests.
- Numerous community service opportunities
- Educational trips that broaden students' horizons.



30

Clubs/activities

30

Varsity sports



Saint Agnes School

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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About Us

Saint Agnes School is a co-ed, preschool-12 school rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition and the sacramental life. From the educational philosophy and curriculum to the cultural and aesthetic environment, Saint Agnes is built upon a commitment to Christ and His Church. Our school seeks to instill in students a desire to know, love and serve God in this life and the next. We achieve this by uniting the pursuits of both faith and reason: providing a Catholic education grounded in a challenging, integrated liberal arts curriculum coupled with excellence in fine arts, service and athletic competition. Saint Agnes serves families throughout the Archdiocese and supports parents in their role as the primary educators of their children.

353

Current 9-12 enrollment

1888

Year founded

75%

of students receive financial aid



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Rolling admissions until classes are full

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Joseph Olson, Director of Admissions

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Faith

- Weekly Mass
- Dedicated religious and priests as part of our faculty, including 5 Dominican Sisters
- Weekly opportunity for confession
- Pilgrimages to Rome, France, Holy Land, Portugal
- Oldest and largest pro-life club in the archdiocesan school system
- 92% Catholic

70

Parishes represented among student body



Academics

- Liberal Arts Classical Curriculum
- Latin, Spanish and Greek as foreign Language options
- Socratic Style Classes
- Virtue Formation
- Building Cultural Literacy

28

College credit courses

26

Average ACT score

100%

College acceptance



Extracurriculars

- Virtue formation through competitive athletics
- Multiple traveling opportunities throughout athletics, service, vocational and arts
- Opportunities to create and start new clubs/activities based on interest
- Religious and sacramentally-based clubs / activities
- Band, choir and studio arts-based clubs

30

Varsity sports

24

Clubs/activities



Saint Thomas Academy

SINGLE-SEX, MEN

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**SAINT THOMAS
ACADEMY**

About Us

Five Reasons to Choose Saint Thomas Academy :

1. Boys Learn Differently from Girls. Our teachers implement expert teaching techniques to achieve optimal results.
2. Our Focus is 100% on Boys. Boys are at the center of everything we do.
3. Social Pressures are Less Stressful. Learning in a coeducational setting can cause added stress in early adolescent years. A Saint Thomas Academy education builds confidence without the social distractions.
4. Activities and Athletics. Saint Thomas Academy helps boys discover their passions and develop essential life skills.
5. Brotherhood for Life: Boys at Saint Thomas Academy learn the strong bonds of friendship and teamwork.

418

Current 9-12 enrollment

1885

Year founded

50%

of students receive financial aid

\$3,100,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Priority Deadline February 1, 2025.

Rolling admissions afterward.

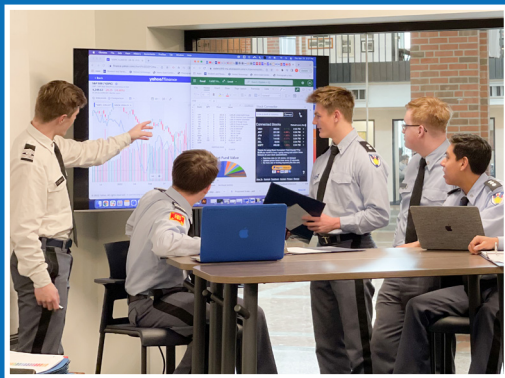
ADMISSIONS CONTACT

David Krieger, Director of Admissions

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Faith

- As a Catholic institution, Saint Thomas Academy is firmly grounded in Catholic values and traditions.
- Students have the opportunity to attend daily Mass, providing a spiritual element to their day.
- A comprehensive theology curriculum is offered, exploring Catholic teachings and their relevance to modern life.
- Regular retreats and spiritual activities are organized to deepen students' faith and foster a sense of community.
- Students are encouraged to participate in community service initiatives, living out their faith through service to others.



Academics

- Small class sizes allow for personalized attention and deeper engagement with the material.
- Saint Thomas Academy offers a dual enrollment program that allows boys to simultaneously earn high school and college credit for certain courses. This means boys can get a head start on their college education while still in high school, saving time and money.
- Saint Thomas Academy graduates attend top colleges and universities across the country, earning over \$15.8 million annually in scholarships and awards.
- Saint Thomas Academy offers a 1:1 technology program, each student receives a MacBook Air laptop computer.
- Saint Thomas Academy students consistently achieve high academic standards, with an average GPA of 3.6. Additionally, a large percentage of our students receive academic awards annually, reflecting our commitment to excellence in education.

36

College credit courses

27

Average ACT score

Extracurriculars

- Saint Thomas Academy offers a wide range of co-curricular activities to cater to boys' interests, from arts and music to academics and athletics, including many clubs that are shared with our sister school, Visitation.
- Strong success in athletics with 65+ championships.
- Renowned success in clubs and competitions like Model UN, Quiz Bowl, and Economics.
- Arts and music programs offer opportunities to explore creative talents. Band, orchestra, and theater are shared programs with our sister school, Visitation.
- Travel is a priority with optional trips in the United States and abroad.
- 96% of students participate in extracurricular activities.



63

Clubs/activities

15

Varsity sports



Totino-Grace

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Totino-Grace
High School

About Us

Totino-Grace is a Catholic, Lasallian school that prepares students for their extraordinary futures. By cultivating the unique gifts that every student possesses, we ensure that everyone who graduates from TG leaves with precious relationships, firm faith, and the quality education they need to follow God's unique will for them.

When you come to Totino-Grace, you join more than a high school: you join a faith community that is dedicated to your success and the success of your family and community. We pride ourselves on caring for far more than the academic side of your high school journey; at TG, you'll prepare for a lifetime of being who God made you to be.

700

Current 9-12 enrollment

1966

Year founded

45%

of students receive financial aid

\$2,211,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

Rolling admissions

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Shari Nichols, Director of Enrollment
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Faith

- Weekly opportunities for Mass, praying the Rosary, adoration, and praise and worship
- Monthly all-school Mass in addition to weekly morning Mass
- Service Immersion Trips bring Catholic Social Teaching to the forefront for students as they travel to different locations in the United States to serve those in need
- Yearly retreats for each class focused on one of four pillars: Community, Learning, Service, and Faith
- Lasallian Youth service opportunities give students a way to serve the world with their unique gifts and talents



Academics

- 19 honors courses
- 100% of our students graduate, 93% attend higher education
- We offer 3 specialized programs:
 - E3 Engineering Institute, a rigorous STEM program
 - Kathleen Murphy Scholars meets the needs of our highest performing students
 - Learning Support Pathways provide support and resources to enable every student to attain their full potential.
- Average teacher-to-student ratio is 1:22, with 52 of our teachers possessing advanced degrees

20

College credit courses

25

Average ACT score

Extracurriculars

- 60 State Championships in athletics
- Nationally recognized show choir
- 4 yearly service immersion trips
- Yearly individual and group awards from Hennepin Arts Spotlight Showcase
- A legacy of excellence in dance, music, theater, and athletics



27

Varsity sports

33+

Clubs/activities

Unity Catholic

CO-EDUCATIONAL

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About Us

Unity Catholic's primary purpose is to form saints by helping each student discern God's will for his life. Unity Catholic provides a thoroughly Catholic education organized around four pillars: academics, virtue, leadership, and service. What makes Unity Catholic unique is its Wednesday 10:10 curriculum, which seeks to educate the whole person so that he may "have life and have it in abundance." We believe it is not enough to educate students only in the typical liberal arts subjects. We are also called to foster development of virtue, the arts, hobbies, practical life skills, and most importantly—faith. Wednesday curriculum includes our "Virtue Series," *Molta Vita* (prayer and worship beyond the Mass), practical electives, hobbies electives, in-depth academic electives, and the arts.

66

Current 9-12
enrollment

2019

Year founded



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 31, 2025

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

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Faith

- Daily Mass 4 days a week
- Confession once a month
- Adoration available 5 days a week
- 4 years of Theology: Scripture, Catechism, Theology of the Body, and Apologetics
- Religious extracurriculars: Chant Club, Militia of the Immaculata, Pro-Life Club, and Molta Vita (Formation in Faith)



Academics

- Integrated curriculum rooted in Catholicism with a focus on virtues
- Unity Catholic's Wednesday 10:10 program offers over 30 electives each semester
- Juniors and seniors can take college classes through Minnesota's Post Secondary Enrollment Options program
- Weekly student schedule consists of 4 days of core curriculum and 1 day of electives

15

Honors classes



Extracurriculars

- The Robotics team has made it to the state competition 4 years in a row
- Unity Catholic has one of the largest Pro-Life Clubs in the state with half of the student body as members and was nominated for the Students for Life America Group of the Year Award
- Unity Catholic has a robust Theater Department putting on two full scale productions a year, one play and one musical
- Unity Catholic's Clay Target team won its conference in its first year as a team

12

Varsity sports

17

Clubs/activities



Visitation School

SINGLE SEX, WOMEN

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About Us

Visitation School provides an excellent education within a Catholic environment infused with Salesian Spirituality and the living tradition of the Visitation Sisters. Founded in 1873, Vis educates boys and girls from Montessori Pre-K through grade five and all girls in grades six to twelve, providing Minnesota's only all-girls middle and high school experience. Grounded in the teachings of co-founders Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Jane de Chantal, our educational philosophy emphasizes the little virtues and fosters creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and resilience. Through innovative academics, diverse co-curriculars, and athletics, we guide students in their formation—an intentional process of intellectual, moral, physical, and spiritual growth. Visitation students enter the world prepared to change it for the better.

257

Current 9-12 enrollment

1873

Year founded

39%

of students receive financial aid

\$2,400,000

Financial aid given this year



Admissions Details:

25-26 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Rolling admissions

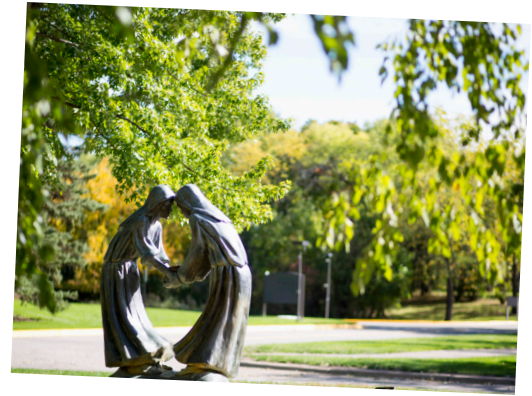
ADMISSIONS CONTACT

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Faith

- Our Salesian charism permeates everything we do as a school.
- The school community gathers for an all-school mass one to two times a month.
- We offer daily mass that our Upper School students and faculty/staff can attend.
- Students devote a minimum of 34 hours to community service and also complete a two-week senior service project. Class of 2024 performed 6,948 hours of service.
- Each grade level participates in 1-2 retreats per year.



Academics

- The Class of 2024 had two finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.
- In 2022-2023, 166 students were enrolled in AP courses; students took 325 exams and 73% of the scores were 3, 4 or 5.
- 41% of the class of 2024 plans to major in the sciences and engineering
- 26% of the class of 2024 were admitted to the most selective colleges where the average admit rate is 15%
- Visitation offers robust global education opportunities for students including trips focused on science research, civics, world languages, art, music, and Salesian Spirituality. Students have recently traveled to Taiwan; Annecy, France; Costa Rica; Nashville; Washington, DC; Zambia; and Japan.
- 2024 Advanced Placement Honor Roll awarded Visitation School with a Platinum recognition, the highest honor possible. Only 7% of schools receive the Platinum Level AP School Honor Roll recognition.

12

College credit courses

28

Average ACT score

Extracurriculars

- Visitation School offers the only all-girls middle and high school athletic program in the state of Minnesota. 87% of students participate in a sport.
- Visitation School Swim & Dive program has won 10 straight state championships and 14 overall. Coach Nate Linscheid was named National Coach of the Year in 2023.
- VISTA Production's *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* received multiple honors from the Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Education. VISTA Productions is the joint theater department of Visitation School and Saint Thomas Academy.
- Three students won Scholastic Art Awards in 2024 and eight students won Scholastic Writing Awards.



40

Clubs/activities

13

Varsity sports

Prayer for the Intercession of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom

O God, infinitely wise,
in order to raise the fallen,
you decreed that the Virgin Mary
should be the dwelling place
of your Wisdom.

Through her intercession
may we avoid the spirit of pride
and, following her example,
serve you with a true
spirit of humility.

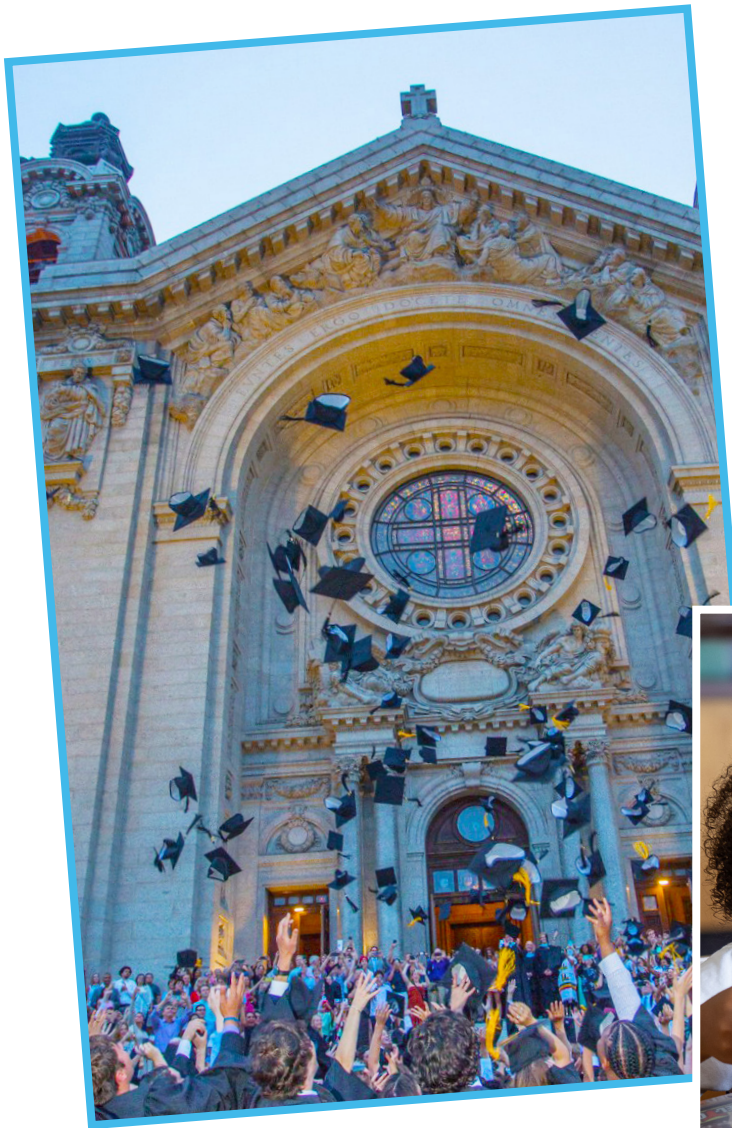
We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.



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