



Cistercian Preparatory School

Foundation

Cistercian Preparatory School was founded with the aim of preparing talented boys for the colleges of their choice by challenging their minds with an excellent academic program, molding their characters through the values of Catholic education, and offering them guidance with both understanding and discipline. The school opened in 1962 with 50 boys in grades 4 and 5. Currently, the student body numbers 350 in grades 5-12; there are 1,118 alumni. Cistercian is accredited by ISAS and TCCED.

Faculty

The faculty is fully integrated: the same departments and teachers provide instruction for both Middle and Upper Schools. Fourteen Cistercian monks teach in the school. Twenty-three of the 49 teachers hold master's degrees in their teaching fields; another 11 of the faculty members hold doctoral degrees. Student to faculty ratio is 7 to 1.

Form Master

Each class, or "form," is assigned to a "Form Master," who moves with his class from one year to the next. The Form Master's main task is to counsel and guide his students in their intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth, advising both parents and faculty about the progress of the boys.

Academic Program

The Cistercian curriculum is a fully integrated, eight-year honors program; it is not organized according to tracks. The curriculum of Theology, English, Foreign Language (Latin in Middle School and Spanish or French in Upper School), Social Studies, Math, and Laboratory Science is identical for all students. The Middle School (Grades 5-8) provides the essential background in Religion, English Language Arts, Latin, Social Studies, Math through Algebra I, Laboratory Science, Health, Fine Arts, and Computer. In the Upper School, students choose one elective course each semester in addition to their main curriculum. A comprehensive introduction to economics is incorporated in the Social Studies and Math curriculum.

Outline of Upper School Curriculum

Freshman	Theology (Systematic Theology), English I (Classical Heritage), Foreign Language I (Spanish or French), World Civilizations and Cultures I, Geometry, Biology, Elective.
Sophomore	Theology (Moral Theology), English II (British Literature), Foreign Language II, World Civilizations and Cultures II, Algebra II with Trigonometry, Chemistry, Elective.
Junior	Theology (Church History), English III (American Literature), Foreign Language III, American History, Precalculus (Elementary Functions), Physics, Elective.
Senior	Theology (Comparative Study of Religions), English IV (World Literature), Foreign Language IV, U.S. Government, Calculus I & II, Science (Biology II, Chemistry II, or Physics II), Elective, and Senior Project.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Cistercian, a student must pass each course of the curriculum and earn an overall cumulative average no lower than C. Each student in the Upper School must complete the following requirements to graduate:

Subject	Credits*	
Theology	2	<i>*One credit is granted if a course is taken for a full school year in four or five weekly periods, one-half credit if it meets for two or three weekly periods.</i>
English	4	
Foreign Language	3 1/2	
Social Studies	4	
Mathematics	4	
Science	4	
Electives (+ Senior Project)	2 1/2	
P.E. /Athletics	2	
TOTAL	26 Credits	

Grades

Cistercian grades in the **core** courses are weighted by a factor of 1.2. This grading system reflects the advanced level of coursework completed by all Cistercian graduates. Grades reflect achievement over the entire year. No "+" or "-" is given in the core classes senior year because of the dual enrollment program. Cistercian does not rank its students.

Honor Roll

Honor Roll recognition is awarded according to the following standards: students with a non-weighted GPA between 3.00 and 3.49 are on the Class Honor Roll. Those who earn at least a 3.50 GPA but do not earn the highest GPA in the class are on the Form Master's Honor Roll. The student with the highest GPA in the class, provided it is above 3.75, is on the Headmaster's Honor Roll. To win a place on the Honor Roll, a student must have at least a B- in his Form Master's conduct grade.

Special Programs: Dual Enrollment and Senior Projects

Through the dual enrollment program, virtually every Cistercian senior earns college credit through the Dallas County Community College District in the four core courses--English, Calculus, American Government, and Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. In his final semester at Cistercian every senior also designs and carries out a Senior Project. Through an intensive, independent study program, seniors pursue interests typically beyond Cistercian's regular curriculum. If appropriate, many senior projects culminate in a presentation or performance. Some of the projects undertaken by the Class of 2009 include the following:

Investment Strategies for a Turbulent Age
One-Act Play: Sibling Rivalry
Bradbury's Cosmic Vision: Readings & Reflections
Bacteriophages & Other Unknown Concepts
Tesla Coil: The Science of High Voltage, Low Risk
Structural Modifications of the Modern Automobile
Crystallography in the Age of New Age Science
Ceramics: The Colors of Mud

Chinese Advanced Placement Exam
The Aesthetics of Baseball: Malamud, Kinsella, & Will
Music of the Spheres: The Violin
Macro-Photography: Our Small World Writ Large
Calculus BC Advanced Placement Exam
Clash of Orthodoxies: Religion & Morality in Crisis
One-Act Play: The Lion's Den (original work)
Diogenes' Lamp: Ethical life of Nichomachean Ethics

Standardized Testing

Advanced Placement Tests Taken 2005 - 2009

Art History	Economics: Macro	Latin Literature
Studio Art--Drawing	English Language & Comp.	Music Theory
Biology	English Literature & Comp.	Physics B
Calculus AB	Environmental Science	Physics C - Mechanics
Calculus BC	European History	Physics C - Electricity & Magnetism
Chemistry	French Language	Psychology
Chinese	German Language	Spanish Language & Comp.
Computer Science A	Gov't. & Politics: US	Statistics
Computer Science AB	Gov't. & Politics: Comparative	U. S. History
Economics: Micro	Human Geography	World History

Advanced Placement Test Scores

Class	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	Averages
Size	40	44	40	44	43	42
Taking AP	38	44	40	41	40	41
Total # AP	182	187	215	167	143	179
Average Score	4.10	4.10	3.98	3.89	3.87	3.99
% 4 or better	77%	75%	70%	66%	67%	71%
% 3 or better	99%	96%	94%	90%	92%	94%

National Merit Recognition: 2006-2010

Class	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	Total
Class Size	44	40	44	43	42	213
Semifinalist	13	14	13	13	9	62
Commended	21	14	11	16	11	73
Recognized	77%	70%	55%	67%	48%	63%

SAT: 2006 - 2009

Class	'06	'07	'08	'09
Class Size	44	40	44	43
Verbal Avg.	715	712	724	704
Math Avg.	717	710	724	716
Writing Avg.	720	696	698	693
Composite	2152	2118	2146	2113

Representative SAT Subject Tests 2005 - 2009

SAT II Scores	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
Biology - Molecular	650 - 750	695	11
Chemistry	640 - 730	688	36
English Literature	670 - 740	700	66
English Writing	680 - 750	721	15
Math Level I	670 - 710	690	22
Math Level II	670 - 790	690	22
Physics	670 - 790	729	60
Spanish	650 - 680	669	14
U.S. History	650 - 750	704	49

ACT: 2005 - 2009

Class	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
# Testers	19	27	25	14	14
Scale	36	36	36	36	36
English	31.2	30.9	30.6	30.5	30.5
Math	30.7	29.9	31.0	30.7	30.9
Reading	29.9	30.4	30.9	30.8	29.4
Sci. Reason.	28.6	28.3	28.5	29.9	28.4
Writing*		28.9	29.0	28.6	28.3
Composite	30.2	29.8	30.5	30.6	29.6

* New in 2006

College Enrollment 2005-2009 The 213 seniors who have graduated over the past 5 years have matriculated at the following 71 four-year colleges and universities:

Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin College
Bard College
Baylor University
Boston College
Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Creighton University
Davidson College
DePauw University
Duke University
Emerson College
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franklin College Switzerland
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Furman University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Northeastern University
Oklahoma State University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Rhodes College
Rice University
Saint Louis University

Santa Clara University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Edward's University
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University-San Marcos
Texas Tech University
The University of Alabama
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Texas, Austin
The University of Texas, Dallas
Trinity University
Tufts University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Dallas
University of Denver
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wheaton College
Yale University



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