



## Community

St. Croix Preparatory Academy is a K-12 charter school that opened in an eastern suburb of Minneapolis/St. Paul in the fall of 2004 and now serves nearly 1,200 students. It offers a demanding classical, liberal arts curriculum with an additional emphasis on development of each student's personal character and leadership qualities.

## Philosophy

St. Croix Preparatory Academy was founded on a classical model of education, grounded in the time-tested methodology of the Trivium. Our model focuses on providing students with lifelong learning tools while encouraging them to think independently. The Trivium corresponds to the student's cognitive development, and recognizes that critical learning skills must precede critical thinking skills: K-4 - Grammar (Knowledge), 5-8 - Logic (Understanding), 9-12 - Rhetoric (Communication). Upper School students focus on synthesis and evaluation across the curriculum.

## Environment

Set on 58 acres in the St. Croix River Valley, the learning environment at St. Croix Prep is centered on an integrated, rigorous, standards-based curriculum in all core areas. One building houses grades K-12, enabling and encouraging interdisciplinary approaches to curriculum as well as cross-grade level opportunities for leadership and mentorship.

## Expectation

St. Croix Preparatory Academy purposefully sets high expectations for all students, staff and parents. St. Croix Prep students develop the skills necessary to be successful at all post-secondary institutions, including highly-selective schools. A St. Croix Prep student understands that a post-secondary education is expected. The school emphasizes character development through community service hours required for graduation.

## College Preparatory Curriculum

St. Croix Preparatory Academy Upper School offers 112 courses within a classical, college preparatory curriculum. This curriculum combines formal classes, laboratory work and Socratic Seminars to draw out each student's inner curiosity and passion. Students have the opportunity to enroll in 34 Honors and AP classes and are expected to have full course loads all four years.

***Rooted in the St. Croix Prep mission of a rich, classically based education, Socratic Seminars feature collaborative, intellectual dialogue facilitated by open-ended questions. Students are challenged to think critically as they use primary sources to explore original texts, artwork and music. Upper School students participate in over 20 Socratic Seminars across content areas each year.***



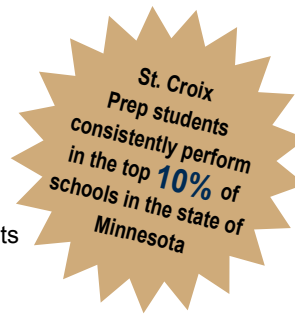
# Colleges and Universities to which 2010-16 Graduates were Accepted

- ♦ Abilene Christian University
- ♦ Adelphi University
- ♦ Alexandria Technical and Community College\*
- ♦ Appalachian State University
- ♦ University of Arkansas
- ♦ Art Institute International
- ♦ Auburn University\*
- ♦ Augsburg College
- ♦ Aurora University
- ♦ Aveda Institute Minneapolis\*
- ♦ Baldwin Wallace College
- ♦ Baylor University
- ♦ Bradley University
- ♦ Bemidji State University\*
- ♦ Benedictine College\*
- ♦ Bethany Lutheran College\*
- ♦ Bethel University\*
- ♦ Boston University\*
- ♦ Bucknell University
- ♦ Buena Vista University
- ♦ Butler University
- ♦ California State University, Los Angeles
- ♦ Calvin College\*
- ♦ Carleton College
- ♦ Carthage College
- ♦ Cazenovia College
- ♦ Central College\*
- ♦ Century College\*
- ♦ Clark University\*
- ♦ Colgate University
- ♦ College of Saint Benedict\*
- ♦ College of St. Scholastica\*
- ♦ College of William and Mary
- ♦ Colorado Christian University\*
- ♦ Colorado State University\*
- ♦ Columbia University - Chicago\*
- ♦ Concordia College, Moorhead
- ♦ Concordia University - St. Paul\*
- ♦ Connecticut College
- ♦ Cornell College\*
- ♦ Cornell University
- ♦ Cornwall College
- ♦ Creighton University\*
- ♦ Dakota State University
- ♦ Dakota County Technical College\*
- ♦ Dallas Baptist University\*
- ♦ Dana College
- ♦ Davidson College\*
- ♦ Denison University
- ♦ DePaul University
- ♦ Dordt College
- ♦ Drake University\*
- ♦ Duke University\*
- ♦ Durham University
- ♦ Embry Riddle Aeronautical University\*
- ♦ Emerson College
- ♦ Finlandia University
- ♦ Fordham University
- ♦ Georgia Institute of Technology
- ♦ Gogebic Community College\*
- ♦ Gonzaga University
- ♦ Grossmont College\*
- ♦ Gustavus Adolphus College\*
- ♦ Hamilton College
- ♦ Hamline University
- ♦ Harding University\*
- ♦ Hennepin Technical College\*
- ♦ Hillsdale College
- ♦ Hobart & William Smith College
- ♦ Hofstra University
- ♦ Hope College
- ♦ Illinois Institute of Technology
- ♦ Illinois Wesleyan University
- ♦ Institute of Production and Recording
- ♦ Inver Hills Community College
- ♦ Iowa State University\*
- ♦ Jamestown College\*
- ♦ Kansas State University\*
- ♦ Kettering University
- ♦ The King's College
- ♦ Knox College
- ♦ Lasell College
- ♦ Lawrence University\*
- ♦ Lewis and Clark College
- ♦ Linwood University
- ♦ Loyola University Chicago
- ♦ Luther College\*
- ♦ Macalester College\*
- ♦ Marist College\*
- ♦ Marquette University
- ♦ Marshall University\*
- ♦ Miami University\*
- ♦ Michigan Technological University\*
- ♦ Milwaukee School of Engineering\*
- ♦ Minneapolis College of Art and Design\*
- ♦ Minneapolis Technical Community College
- ♦ Minnesota State University - Mankato\*
- ♦ Minnesota State University - Moorhead\*
- ♦ Missouri University of Science and Technology\*
- ♦ Model College of Hair Design\*
- ♦ Moody Bible Institute
- ♦ Montana State University - Bozeman\*
- ♦ Morningside College
- ♦ Mount Holyoke College
- ♦ Muhlenberg College
- ♦ Muskingum University
- ♦ North Central University
- ♦ North Dakota State University\*
- ♦ Northeastern Illinois University\*
- ♦ Northern Michigan University
- ♦ Northland College
- ♦ North Park University
- ♦ Oklahoma State University
- ♦ Pace University
- ♦ Pacific University
- ♦ Palm Beach Atlantic University\*
- ♦ Pepperdine University
- ♦ Portland State University
- ♦ Purdue University
- ♦ Regent University
- ♦ Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- ♦ Rhode Island College
- ♦ Richard Stockton College
- ♦ Ripon College\*
- ♦ Rochester Institute of Technology
- ♦ Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- ♦ Salisbury University
- ♦ San Diego City College\*
- ♦ San Diego State University\*
- ♦ Seattle Pacific University\*
- ♦ Seattle University\*
- ♦ Seton Hill University
- ♦ Simpson College\*
- ♦ Smith College
- ♦ South Dakota School of Mines and Technology\*
- ♦ South Dakota State University\*
- ♦ Southwest Minnesota State University\*
- ♦ Stetson University\*
- ♦ St. Andrews University
- ♦ St. Catherine University\*
- ♦ St. Cloud State University\*
- ♦ St. John's University\*
- ♦ St. Mary's University of Minnesota\*
- ♦ St. Olaf College\*
- ♦ St. Paul College
- ♦ St. Petersburg College\*
- ♦ St. Thomas University\*
- ♦ St. Xavier University
- ♦ Simpson College\*
- ♦ Stetson University\*
- ♦ SUNY College at Old Westbury\*
- ♦ SUNY - Purchase College
- ♦ Sweet Briar College
- ♦ Taylor University\*
- ♦ The College of Wooster
- ♦ The University of Arizona\*
- ♦ Thomas Aquinas College\*
- ♦ University of Akron
- ♦ University of California, San Diego
- ♦ University of Colorado - Boulder\*
- ♦ University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
- ♦ University of Colorado - Denver\*
- ♦ University of Connecticut\*
- ♦ University of Denver\*
- ♦ University of Exeter
- ♦ University of Iowa\*
- ♦ University of Kansas\*
- ♦ University of Liverpool\*
- ♦ University of Manitoba\*
- ♦ University of Mary
- ♦ University of Miami
- ♦ University of Michigan
- ♦ University of Minnesota - Crookston
- ♦ University of Minnesota - Duluth\*
- ♦ University of Minnesota - Morris
- ♦ University of Minnesota - Twin Cities\*
- ♦ University of Mississippi
- ♦ University of Missouri - Columbia\*
- ♦ University of Montana - Missoula
- ♦ University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- ♦ University of Nebraska - Omaha
- ♦ University of North Dakota\*
- ♦ University of Northwestern St. Paul\*
- ♦ University of Notre Dame\*
- ♦ University of Nottingham
- ♦ University of Reading
- ♦ University of San Diego\*
- ♦ University of Sioux Falls
- ♦ University of Southern Maine
- ♦ University of Toledo
- ♦ University of Utah
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - Madison\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - Platteville\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - River Falls\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - Stout\*
- ♦ University of Wisconsin - Superior\*
- ♦ Valparaiso University
- ♦ Villanova University
- ♦ Vassar College
- ♦ Vermillion Community College
- ♦ Wartburg College
- ♦ Washington University, St. Louis\*
- ♦ Westmont College
- ♦ Wheaton College\*
- ♦ Wilmington College
- ♦ Winona State University\*
- ♦ Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

\* 2010-16 Students Attend(ed)

## SCPA Graduate Snapshot

- ♦ 95% graduation rate
- ♦ 95% of graduates attend colleges and universities
- ♦ Average ACT Composite Score for class of 2016: 25



## SCPA Graduation Requirements

While the State of Minnesota requires students to take 21.5 credits per year to graduate, St. Croix Preparatory Academy requires its students to take 24.5 credits to graduate.

COURSE	Required By			
	STATE OF MN	ST. CROIX PREP	PRIVATE HS	PUBLIC HS
English	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	3	4	3	3
Social Studies	3.5	4	4	4
Science	3	3	3	3
World Languages	Local Decision	2	3	0
Arts	1	2	3	1
Health/PE	Local Decision	1	.5 and 2.5	.5 and 1
Career & Tech Ed	Local Decision	0	0	0
Electives	7	4	0	6.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>

## Upper School Core and Elective Courses

### LANGUAGE ARTS/ ENGLISH

- ENG 9: Ancient Literature
- HONORS ENG 9: Ancient Literature
- ENG 10: Literature and Composition
- HONORS ENG 10: Literature and Composition
- ENG 11: American Literature and Composition
- AP Language and Composition
- ENG 12: Contemporary Literature
- AP Literature and Composition
- Composition I/II
- Great Ideas - Great Conversations
- Journalism\*\*
- Yearbook
- Drama I, II
- Debate
- Public Speaking
- Creative Writing\*\*
- Shakespeare
- Speech

### SOCIAL STUDIES

- Ancient World History
- AP Human Geography
- Modern World History
- AP World History
- United States History
- AP United States History
- U.S. Economics and Politics

### AP Government and Politics:

- United States\*\*
- AP Microeconomics\*
- AP Macroeconomics\*
- AP Comparative Government
- Archaeology\*
- Leadership
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Capstone Research

### MATHEMATICS

- Intermediate Algebra
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Accelerated Geometry with Functions
- Accelerated Algebra II with Pre-Calculus
- Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry
- College Algebra (for College Credit)
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC with Extended Topics
- Multivariable Calculus (for College Credit)
- Computer Science \*
- Advanced Mathematics\*\*
- AP Statistics\*

### SCIENCE

- Biology
- Honors Biology
- AP Biology

- Astronomy: Solar System
- Stellar Chemistry
- Pre-AP & AP Chemistry
- Physics
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Neuroscience
- Engineering I/II\*\*
- Microbiology & Biotechnology \*\*

### WORLD LANGUAGE:

#### LATIN

- Latin I, II, III
- Honors Latin IVA\*\*
- Honors Latin IVB\*
- AP Latin\*\*

#### SPANISH

- Spanish I
- Accelerated Spanish I/II
- Accelerated Spanish II/III
- Spanish III
- Honors Spanish IV
- AP Spanish

#### MUSIC

- Chamber Orchestra
- Chamber Choir

Grade Point Score		
LETTER	UNWEIGHTED COURSE POINT VALUE	WEIGHTED COURSE POINT VALUE
A	4.000	5.000
A-	3.667	4.584
B+	3.333	4.166
B	3.000	3.750
B-	2.667	3.334
C+	2.333	2.916
C	2.000	2.500
C-	1.667	2.084
D+	1.333	1.666
D	1.000	1.250
D-	0.667	0.834

AP Scholar Awards in 2016			
AP SCHOLAR	AP SCHOLAR WITH HONOR	AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION	NATIONAL AP SCHOLAR
39	16	21	5

- Concert Band
- Concert Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- Prep Choir
- Collaborative Piano
- Music Theory - Independent Study

### FINE ARTS

- Foundations of Art 2D/3D
- Beginning/Advanced Drawing
- Beginning/Advanced Painting
- Beginning/Advanced Ceramics
- Digital Photography I/II
- Digital Graphic Design I/II\*
- Printmaking\*
- Animation\*
- AP Studio Art: 2D Design \*\*
- AP Art History \*
- Art History

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Physical Education 9
- Weights and Conditioning
- Team Sports
- Exercise Science\*\*
- Recreational Sports\*
- First Aid & CPR
- Fitness for Girls\*\*
- Personal Fitness\*\*

### GOLD = WEIGHTED COURSES

- Honors, Advanced Placement, Accelerated, Multivariable Calculus.

\*Offered in alternating school years ending in odd numbers

\*\*Offered in alternating school years ending in even numbers

## Extracurricular Activities

St. Croix Prep offers numerous programs to encourage camaraderie, teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, discipline and responsibility. Nearly 77% of our students participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

### Competitive Athletics

- ♦ **Archery**
- ♦ **Alpine Skiing**
- ♦ **Baseball**
- ♦ **Basketball**
- ♦ **Cross Country**
- ♦ **Dance Team**
- ♦ **Football**
- ♦ **Girls Lacrosse**
- ♦ **Golf**
- ♦ **Soccer**
- ♦ **Softball**
- ♦ **Tennis**
- ♦ **Track**
- ♦ **Volleyball**

### Academic and Activities Programs

- ♦ **A Cappella Choir**
- ♦ **Debate**
- ♦ **Jazz Band**
- ♦ **National Art Honor Society**
- ♦ **National English Honor Society**
- ♦ **National Honor Society**
- ♦ **Pep Band**
- ♦ **Prep Quarterly**
- ♦ **School Newspaper**
- ♦ **Ski Club**
- ♦ **Speech**
- ♦ **Student Council**
- ♦ **Theatre**
- ♦ **Yearbook**

## Recognition Highlights

- ♦ The Vocal Music program received a Superior/Gold rating at the Heritage Festival in Chicago, IL.
- ♦ Archery Team--MN State Champions, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. National Individual Archery Champion 2016.
- ♦ Boys Basketball MCSC Champions, 2013, 2015
- ♦ Girls Basketball, MCSC Champions, 2013
- ♦ Boys Track Team, MCSC Champions, 2013, 2014, 2015
- ♦ National Merit Finalists, National Merit Scholarship Commended Students
- ♦ Multiple honors at the Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards - Gold Key, Silver Key, Honorable Mention and the prestigious "American Visions Award," as well as a Gold Key recipient at the national level.

## Service Hours for Graduation

As an emphasis upon character development, all students are required to perform 50 hours of service in order to fulfill their graduation requirements.

## Yearly Presentations

Every student in the Upper School delivers a presentation at the end of the year. These presentations merge the SCPA mission of academics, character, leadership, with the lived experiences of our students. As a capstone project, the objective of the presentation is to highlight individual experience and growth.

## Educational Travel

St. Croix Prep believes in the value of educational travel and is offered to all Upper School students beginning in 9th grade. Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to participate in a summer trip to Rome and Florence, Italy and/or an annual service trip to Guatemala.



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## School Mission

*St. Croix Preparatory Academy will develop each student's academic potential, personal character, and leadership qualities through an academically rigorous and content-rich educational program grounded in the classical tradition.*