



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. We offer 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 Attended by 2014-17 Graduates

- ♦ Alexandria Technical and Community College
- ♦ Augsburg College
- ♦ Augustana University (South Dakota)
- ♦ Aveda Institute Minneapolis
- ♦ Baylor University
- ♦ Bemidji State University
- ♦ Bemidji State University
- ♦ Benedictine College
- ♦ Bethel University-MN
- ♦ Calvin College
- ♦ Central College
- ♦ Century College
- ♦ Chippewa Valley Technical College
- ♦ Clark University
- ♦ College of Saint Benedict
- ♦ College of St. Scholastica
- ♦ Colorado Christian University
- ♦ Colorado State University
- ♦ Columbia College Chicago
- ♦ Concordia College - Moorhead
- ♦ Concordia University at St. Paul
- ♦ Cornell College
- ♦ Creighton University
- ♦ Dakota County Technical College
- ♦ Davidson College
- ♦ DePaul University
- ♦ Drake University
- ♦ Duke University
- ♦ Dunwoody College of Technology
- ♦ Eastman School of Music of the U of Rochester
- ♦ Gogebic Community College
- ♦ Grossmont College
- ♦ Gustavus Adolphus College
- ♦ Harding University
- ♦ Hennepin Technical College
- ♦ Illinois Wesleyan University
- ♦ Inver Hills Community College
- ♦ Iowa State University
- ♦ Lawrence University
- ♦ Loyola University Chicago
- ♦ Luther College
- ♦ Macalester College
- ♦ Marshall University
- ♦ Marymount Manhattan College
- ♦ McGill University
- ♦ Miami University, Oxford
- ♦ Michigan Technological University
- ♦ Milwaukee School of Engineering
- ♦ Minnesota State University, Mankato
- ♦ Minnesota State University, Moorhead
- ♦ Missouri University of Science and Technology
- ♦ Montana State University, Bozeman
- ♦ North Central University
- ♦ North Dakota State University
- ♦ Northeastern University
- ♦ Palm Beach Atlantic University
- ♦ Ripon College
- ♦ Roosevelt University
- ♦ Saint John's University (MN)
- ♦ Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- ♦ San Diego City College
- ♦ San Diego State University
- ♦ Savannah College of Art and Design
- ♦ Seattle University
- ♦ Simpson College
- ♦ South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- ♦ South Dakota State University
- ♦ St. Catherine University - St. Paul
- ♦ St. Cloud State University
- ♦ St. Olaf College
- ♦ St. Petersburg College
- ♦ Stetson University
- ♦ SUNY College at Old Westbury
- ♦ The Institute of Production & Recording
- ♦ The University of Arizona
- ♦ The University of Iowa
- ♦ United States Army
- ♦ University of Cincinnati
- ♦ University of Colorado at Boulder
- ♦ University of Colorado at Denver
- ♦ University of Connecticut
- ♦ University of Dallas
- ♦ University of Kansas
- ♦ University of Manitoba
- ♦ University of Mary
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Duluth
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Rochester
- ♦ University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- ♦ University of Nebraska at Lincoln
- ♦ University of North Dakota
- ♦ University of Northwestern
- ♦ University of Notre Dame
- ♦ University of Puget Sound
- ♦ University of San Diego
- ♦ University of St Andrews
- ♦ University of St. Thomas
- ♦ University of Virginia
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
- ♦ University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Washington University in St. Louis
- ♦ Wheaton College IL
- ♦ Whitman College
- ♦ Winona State University
- ♦ Wisconsin Indianhead Technical Institute - New Richmond Campus

SCPA Graduate Snapshot

- ♦ 95% graduation rate
- ♦ 95% of graduates attend colleges and universities
- ♦ Average ACT Composite Score for class of 2017: 26.7

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
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Social Studies	3.5	4
Science	3	3
World Languages	Local Decision	2
Arts	1	2
Health/PE	Local Decision	1
Career & Tech Ed	Local Decision	0
Electives	7	4
TOTAL	21.5	24.5

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 2017			
AP SCHOLAR	AP SCHOLAR WITH HONOR	AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION	NATIONAL AP SCHOLAR
33	16	22	3

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
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
Leadership
Psychology
Capstone Research

MATHEMATICS

Intermediate Algebra
Geometry
Algebra II
Accelerated Geometry with Functions
Accelerated Algebra II with Pre Calculus
Pre- Calculus and Trigonometry
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC with Extended Topics
Multivariable Calculus
AP Statistics*
Liberal Arts Math

SCIENCE

Biology
Honors Biology
AP Biology
Marine Biology
Astronomy:
Solar System
Stellar
Chemistry
Pre-AP & AP Chemistry

Physics
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Anatomy & Physiology
Neuroscience
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
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*
AP Studio Art: 2D Design **
AP Art History *
Art History

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education 9
Weights and Conditioning
Team Sports
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**
- ♦ **Track**
- ♦ **Volleyball**

Academic and Activities Programs

- ♦ **A Cappella Choir**
- ♦ **Debate**
- ♦ **Gaming Club**
- ♦ **Jazz Band**
- ♦ **Lego League**
- ♦ **Math**
- ♦ **Music Listening**
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ Orchestra and choir received superior ratings at the MSHSL Festival, and students have been accepted to the All State Choir and All-State Orchestra.
- ♦ Jazz Band received 1st Place in Class D at 2015 Eau Claire Jazz Festival.

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/Enrichment

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.