

2020-2021 School Profile



POPE
FRANCIS
PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

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MISSION STATEMENT

Pope Francis Preparatory School is a Catholic co-educational, college-preparatory school which instills Gospel values and fosters academic excellence in a diverse community of learners. Our mission is to challenge students to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically to become critical thinkers and faith-based leaders who embody justice, peace, service and mercy in the global community.

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COVID-19 STATEMENT

On March 13, 2020 Pope Francis Preparatory School made the decision to transition all their students to remote learning status due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Students began learning synchronously via Zoom or Google Meets, receiving direct instruction from their teachers, and interacting with their peers, just as they would in a normal classroom. Throughout the year instruction continued this way, with teachers following the curriculum, giving varied assessments, issuing grades, and utilizing various types of culminating exams, projects, presentations etc. in order to assess student acquisition of knowledge and skills. All students were issued grades, with the same weight scale being used, and awarding the same credits.

Approximately 90% of students returned to school this fall, choosing to be in-person learners. 10% have chosen to maintain remote learning status. Teachers are delivering instruction to both types of students simultaneously, with all students receiving the same assessments, curriculum coverage and participating in class. We continue to issue grades with the same weight and credit values and have not changed our graduation requirements in any way. With a stringent safety protocol put in place, and a mandatory Covid Code of Conduct, we are hopeful that we will be able to remain open for in-person learning throughout the 2020 -2021 school year.

THE SCHOOL

Pope Francis Preparatory School is a private, four-year co-educational, college preparatory high school of the Diocese of Springfield. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The school moved to its new state of the art facility in September of 2018. The campus boasts a 122,000 square foot building situated on a 38-acre campus. It is located in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, the city of Springfield is the largest city in western New England, and the urban, economic, and cultural capital of Massachusetts' Connecticut River Valley. It is a regional high school serving students from thirty-four cities and towns. Students from all ethnic and religious backgrounds are accepted on the basis of standardized testing, grades, and interviews.

ENROLLMENT

366 Total

110 Freshmen

103 Sophomores

74 Juniors

79 Seniors

CURRICULUM

- **Three instructional levels** based on student ability and achievement: College Prep, Honors, and AP.
- Religion and art classes are heterogeneously grouped. In English, math, social studies, world languages and science, students are placed according to ability and performance. Several Virtual High School courses are available in a variety of disciplines.
- **Advanced Placement** courses offered: AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP U.S. History, AP Studio Art
- **Honors Classes** offered: H English 1-4, H Pre-AP Algebra 1, H Geometry, H Algebra 2, H Precalculus, H Precalculus 2, H Calculus, H Biology, H Chemistry, H Physics, H Aquaculture, H Principles of Design 2, H World History, H U.S. History Survey, H Latin 3-4, H Spanish 1-5, H French 3-4
- The **Academic Pathways Program** allows motivated students to set their career path in motion. Students in the program are provided opportunities to participate in trips to local colleges, email mentorships, internships, access to a variety of workshops, advice from local business people and one on one coaching from the college counselor. The Academic Pathways: Civic Engagement, Communications, Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Performance and Fine Arts, S.T.E.M., and Vocations.
- Community Service Program
- Mission Service Program
- Dual Enrollment with Elms College

TRANSCRIPTS

A minimum of 26 credits are required for graduation: four in English and math, three in science and social studies, and two years of the same foreign language. Religion is required during all four years, and health and wellness is an additional requirement for graduation.

As of the 2019/2020 academic year, PFPS has changed the grade reporting system to report semester grades. Mid semester grade reports are issued for the purposes of eligibility and to serve as a benchmark of progress and will be sent to colleges as a representative of the first quarter grade.

RANK IN CLASS

Academic standing and GPA is computed using the following quality points.

Grade	ADV. PL.	Honors	College Prep
100	5.7	5.2	4.7
99	5.6	5.1	4.6
98	5.5	5.0	4.5
97	5.4	4.9	4.4
96	5.3	4.8	4.3
95	5.2	4.7	4.2
94	5.1	4.6	4.1
93	5.0	4.5	4.0
92	4.9	4.4	3.9
91	4.8	4.3	3.8
90	4.7	4.2	3.7
89	4.6	4.1	3.6
88	4.5	4.0	3.5
87	4.4	3.9	3.4
86	4.3	3.8	3.3
85	4.2	3.7	3.2
84	4.1	3.6	3.1
83	4.0	3.5	3.0
82	3.9	3.4	2.9
81	3.8	3.3	2.8
80	3.7	3.2	2.7
79	3.6	3.1	2.6
78	3.5	3.0	2.5
77	3.4	2.9	2.4
76	3.3	2.8	2.3
75	3.2	2.7	2.2
74	3.1	2.6	2.1
73	3.0	2.5	2.0
72	2.9	2.4	1.9
71	2.8	2.3	1.8
70	2.7	2.2	1.7
69	2.6	2.1	1.6
68	2.5	2.0	1.5
67	2.4	1.9	1.4
66	2.3	1.8	1.3
65	2.2	1.7	1.2
64	2.1	1.6	1.1
63	2.0	1.5	1.0
62	1.9	1.4	0.9
61	1.8	1.3	0.8
60	1.7	1.2	0.7

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Our students applied to and were accepted at more than 125 schools in each of the past two years. The following is a sampling of those colleges and universities:

American International College	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Smith College
American University	Keene State College	Southern New Hampshire University
Assumption College	Lasell University	Spelman College
Babson College	Lesley University	Springfield College
Bay Path University	Lincoln Technical Institute	Springfield Technical Community College
Bentley University	Loyola University, Maryland	Stonehill College
Boston College	Marist College	Stony Brook University
Bridgewater State University	Marymount Manhattan College	Suffolk University
Bryant University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Temple University
California State University, Long Beach	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The George Washington University
Catholic University	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of California, Berkeley
Clark Atlanta University	Merrimack College	University of California, Irvine
Clark University	Mount Holyoke College	University of California, San Diego
Clarkson University	Nichols College	University of Connecticut
College of the Holy Cross	Northeastern University	University of Hartford
Columbia University	Oberlin College	University of Maine
Connecticut College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Cornell University	Providence College	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Curry College	Quinnipiac University	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Dean College	Regis College	University of New England
DePaul University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of New Hampshire
Elms College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New Haven
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Roger Williams University	University of Rhode Island
Emerson College	Roosevelt University	University of Rochester
Emmanuel College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Saint Joseph
Emory University	Sacred Heart University	University of Southern California
Endicott College	Saint Anselm College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Fairfield University	Saint Michael's College	Wellesley College
Fitchburg State University	Salve Regina University	Wesleyan University
Fordham University	Savannah College Art and Design	Western New England University
Framingham State University	Siena College	Westfield State University
Georgetown University	Skidmore College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Grinnell College		
Hawaii Pacific University		
Hofstra University		
Holyoke Community College		
Howard University		
Ithaca College		

