

2022-2023 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 and were awarded the same credits, consistent with pre-pandemic standards. In the fall of 2020 approximately 90% of students returned to in-person learning and 10% chose to maintain remote learning status. Teachers delivered instruction to both types of learners simultaneously, with all students receiving the same assessments, curriculum coverage and participating in class. We continued to issue grades with the same weight and credit values and have not changed our graduation requirements in any way. In the fall of 2021 we returned to full in-person learning.

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-six cities and towns. Students from all ethnic and religious backgrounds are accepted on the basis of standardized testing, grades, and interviews.

ENROLLMENT

424 Total

108 Freshmen

105 Sophomores

117 Juniors

94 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 Computer Science Principles, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, AP U.S. History, AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP Studio Art
- **Honors Classes** offered: H English 1-4, H Pre-AP Algebra 1, H Pre-AP Algebra 2, H Pre AP Geometry with Statistics, H Precalculus, H Precalculus 2, H Calculus, H Biology, H Chemistry, H Physics, H Aquaculture, H Principles of Design 2, H Civics, H World History, H U.S. History Survey, H Latin 3-4, H Spanish 2-5, H French 3-5
- 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 work shops, 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**

TRANSCRIPTS

A minimum of 28 credits are required for graduation: four in English and math, three in science including Biology, three in social studies including Civics, and two years of the same foreign language. Theology is required during all four years and one credit in fitness is an additional requirement for graduation. Class of 2025 and beyond will be required to earn .5 credit in Digital Literacy.

PPFS reports 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	Jacksonville University	Skidmore College
American University	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Smith College
Ana Maria College	Keene State College	Southern New Hampshire University
Assumption University	Lasell University	Spelman College
Babson College	Lawrence University	Springfield College
Bard College	Lehigh University	Springfield Technical Community College
Bay Path University	Lesley University	St. John's University
Bentley University	Loyola University, Maryland	Stonehill College
Boston College	Manhattan College	Stony Brook University
Boston University	Marist College	Suffolk University
Bryant University	Marymount Manhattan College	Syracuse University
Carnegie Mellon University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Temple University
Catholic University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science	The George Washington University
Central Connecticut State University	Merrimack College	Trinity College
Clark Atlanta University	Mount Holyoke College	Union College
Clark University	Nichols College	University of Connecticut
Clemson University	Northeastern University	University of Hartford
College of the Holy Cross	Norwich University	University of Maine
Connecticut College	Oberlin College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Curry College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Dartmouth College	Pepperdine University	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Dean College	Providence College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Eckerd College	Purdue University	University of New England
Elms College	Quinnipiac University	University of New Hampshire
Elon University	Regis College	University of New Haven
Emmanuel College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Rhode Island
Emory University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rochester
Endicott College	Roger Williams University	University of Southern California
Fairfield University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Vermont
Florida Institute of Technology	Sacred Heart University	Vassar College
Florida Southern College	Saint Anselm College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Fordham University	Saint Francis University	Villanova University
Framingham State University	Saint Michael's College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
George Mason University	Salve Regina University	West Virginia University
George Washington University	Savannah College Art and Design	Westfield State University
Georgia State University	Seton Hall University	Western New England University
Grinnell College	Siena College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
High Point University	Simmons University	
Hobart and William Smith Colleges		
Hofstra University		
Holyoke Community College		
Ithaca College		

