



# st.croixprep

## 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 2016-19 GRADUATES

- ◆ American University
- ◆ Augsburg University
- ◆ Augustana University
- ◆ Aveda Institute Minneapolis
- ◆ Baylor University
- ◆ Bemidji State University
- ◆ Bentley University
- ◆ Bethel University-MN
- ◆ California State Polytechnic University - Pomona
- ◆ Calvin College
- ◆ Carroll University
- ◆ Central College
- ◆ Central Piedmont Community College
- ◆ Century College
- ◆ Chippewa Valley Technical College
- ◆ Clark University
- ◆ Coe College
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Davidson College
- ◆ DePaul University
- ◆ Drake University
- ◆ Duke University
- ◆ Eastman School of Music
- ◆ Elmhurst College
- ◆ Elon University
- ◆ Emerson College
- ◆ Gardner-Webb University
- ◆ Georgia Institute of Technology
- ◆ Gogebic Community College
- ◆ Gustavus Adolphus College
- ◆ Hamline University
- ◆ Hennepin Technical College
- ◆ High Point University
- ◆ Illinois Wesleyan University
- ◆ Inver Hills Community College
- ◆ Iowa State University
- ◆ Liberty University
- ◆ Loyola University Chicago
- ◆ Luther College
- ◆ Macalester College
- ◆ Marist College
- ◆ Marquette University
- ◆ Marymount Manhattan College
- ◆ McGill University
- ◆ Michigan Technological University
- ◆ Minnesota State University, Mankato
- ◆ Minnesota State University, Moorhead
- ◆ Montana State University, Bozeman
- ◆ Mount Marty College
- ◆ North Central University
- ◆ North Dakota State University
- ◆ Northeastern University
- ◆ Northern Michigan University
- ◆ Reed College
- ◆ Roosevelt University
- ◆ Saint John's University, Minnesota
- ◆ Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- ◆ San Diego City College
- ◆ San Diego State University
- ◆ Sarah Lawrence College
- ◆ Savannah College of Art and Design
- ◆ Seattle University
- ◆ South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- ◆ Southern Methodist University
- ◆ St. Catherine University
- ◆ St. Olaf College
- ◆ SUNY College at Old Westbury
- ◆ Tennessee Technological University
- ◆ The George Washington University
- ◆ The Institute of Production & Recording
- ◆ The University of Arizona
- ◆ The University of Iowa
- ◆ The University of Sheffield
- ◆ The University of Tampa
- ◆ United States Air Force
- ◆ United States Army
- ◆ University of Amsterdam
- ◆ University of Cincinnati
- ◆ University of Colorado at Boulder
- ◆ University of Dallas
- ◆ University of Kansas
- ◆ University of Manitoba
- ◆ University of Mary
- ◆ University of Minnesota, Crookston
- ◆ University of Minnesota, Duluth
- ◆ University of Minnesota, Morris
- ◆ University of Minnesota, Rochester
- ◆ University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- ◆ University of North Dakota
- ◆ University of Northwestern
- ◆ University of Notre Dame
- ◆ University of Oregon
- ◆ University of Puget Sound
- ◆ University of Rochester
- ◆ University of San Diego
- ◆ University of South Dakota
- ◆ University of St. Andrews
- ◆ University of St. Thomas
- ◆ University of Vermont
- ◆ University of Virginia
- ◆ University of Washington
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, Madison
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, River Falls
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, Stout
- ◆ University of Wisconsin, Superior
- ◆ University of Wyoming
- ◆ Wabash College
- ◆ Wheaton College
- ◆ Whitman College
- ◆ Winona State University

## SCPA GRADUATE SNAPSHOT

- ♦ 95% graduation rate
- ♦ 95% of graduates attend colleges and universities
- ♦ Average ACT Composite Score for class of 2018: 25.7

## 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>

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 2018			
AP SCHOLAR	AP SCHOLAR WITH HONOR	AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION	NATIONAL AP SCHOLAR
33	18	35	10

## UPPER SCHOOL CORE AND ELECTIVE COURSES

### CAPSTONE

*AP Capstone Research*  
*AP Capstone Seminar*

### FINE ARTS

*Beginning/Advanced Drawing*  
*Beginning/Advanced Painting*  
*Beginning/Advanced Ceramics*  
*Digital Photography I/II*  
*AP Studio Art: 2D Design \*\**

### LANGUAGE ARTS/ ENGLISH

ENG 9:  
*Ancient Literature*  
HONORS ENG 9:  
*Ancient Literature*  
ENG 10:  
*British Literature and Composition*  
HONORS ENG 10:  
*British Literature and Composition*  
ENG 11:  
*American Literature*  
*AP Language and Composition*  
ENG 12:  
*Contemporary Literature*  
*Debate*  
*Drama*  
*Literature and Madness*  
*AP Literature and Composition*  
*AP Lit: Victorian to Modernism*  
*AP Lit: War and Peace*  
*Science Fiction*  
*Shakespeare*  
*Speech*  
*Yearbook*

### MATHEMATICS

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

### MUSIC

*AP Music Theory*  
*Concert Band*  
*Chamber Choir*  
*Chamber Orchestra*  
*Collaborative Piano*  
*Concert Orchestra*  
*Jazz Band*  
*Prep Choir*

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

*First Aid & CPR*  
*Fitness for Girls\*\**  
*Personal Fitness\*\**  
*Phy Ed & Health*  
*Recreational Sports\**  
*Team Sports*  
*Weights and Conditioning*

### SCIENCE

*Anatomy & Physiology*  
*Biology*  
*Biotechnology \*\**  
*Honors Biology*  
*AP Biology*  
*Chemistry*  
*Pre-AP & AP Chemistry*  
*AP Physics C: Mechanics*  
*AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism*  
*Neuroscience*  
*Physics*

### SOCIAL STUDIES

*American Law*  
*AP World History: Modern*  
*Comparative World Religions*  
*Modern World History*  
*Philosophy*  
*Psychology*  
*United States History*  
*U.S. Economics and Politics*  
*AP Comparative Government*  
*AP Government and Politics: United States\*\**  
*AP Human Geography*  
*AP Microeconomics\**  
*AP Macroeconomics\**

### WORLD LANGUAGE:

#### LATIN

*Latin I, II, III*  
*AP Latin\*\**  
*Honors Latin IV*

#### SPANISH

*Spanish I, II, III*  
*Accelerated Spanish I/II*  
*Accelerated Spanish II/III*  
*Honors Spanish IV*  
*AP Spanish*

#### 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
- ♦ Boys Hockey
- ♦ Boys Golf
- ♦ Cross Country
- ♦ Dance Team
- ♦ Football
- ♦ Girls Tennis
- ♦ Girls Hockey
- ♦ Girls Lacrosse
- ♦ Golf
- ♦ Soccer
- ♦ Softball
- ♦ Track
- ♦ Volleyball

### ACTIVITIES

- ♦ A Cappella Choir
- ♦ Debate
- ♦ Gaming Club
- ♦ Jazz Band
- ♦ Lego League
- ♦ Math League
- ♦ Music Listening
- ♦ National Art Honor Society
- ♦ National English Honor Society
- ♦ National Honor Society
- ♦ Pep Band
- ♦ Prep Quarterly
- ♦ School Newspaper
- ♦ Ski Club
- ♦ Speech
- ♦ Student Council
- ♦ Tennis
- ♦ Theatre
- ♦ Yearbook

## RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ The Vocal Music program received a Superior/Gold rating at the Heritage Festival in Chicago, IL.
- ♦ Boys Basketball Section Runner Up - 2019
- ♦ Boys Soccer Conference Champions - 2017, 2018 (MCAA)
- ♦ Softball Conference Champions - 2019 (MCAA)
- ♦ Boys Golf Conference Champions - 2018 (MCAA)
- ♦ Baseball Conference Champions - 2019 (MCAA)
- ♦ Football Section Runner Up - 2016
- ♦ 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.*