



# SAINT LOUIS PRIORY SCHOOL

## PROFILE 2016-2017

The Mission of Saint Louis Priory School is to provide a Benedictine, Catholic, college preparatory education of the highest excellence so as to help talented and motivated young men develop their full potential as children of God.

### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF A PRIORY EDUCATION

More than 30 Benedictine monks of Saint Louis Abbey continue the Order's centuries-old, global tradition of providing a liberal arts education. The students who enter Priory graduate six years later ready for advanced study and grounded in the Benedictine principles of love of knowledge and an appreciation for the exchange of ideas. These young men leave Priory developed in mind, body, and spirit, and make a difference through their daily search for God, dignity of work, respect for others, stewardship, peace, and moderation.

#### What does Benedictine at Priory mean?

- The Benedictine focus on the discussion of knowledge and the **exchange of ideas** is an integral part of our classrooms, where regular participation in discussion is expected.
- The Benedictine **commitment to community** is displayed most visibly through our Tutoria program, a mentoring program in which high school students lead junior school students in an exploration of the Scriptures through prayer, discussion, and shared activities.
- An ability to **synthesize, analyze, and critique** honed through six years of classical liberal arts course work and a capstone Senior Thesis, an independent project under the direction of a faculty mentor. Most students write an in-depth argumentative paper. Students with a demonstrated ability may elect to do a creative work.
- An **appreciation of and respect for all** is partially emphasized through study of both a classical and modern language. Four years of Latin language and culture are required, and five years of modern language. Most languages extend beyond the required and allow students to pursue advanced honors or AP level work. Additionally, Priory School welcomes various students from Chile, France, Ireland, The Republic of China (Taiwan), and The People's Republic of China as part of a cultural exchange.
- Priory's athletic requirement reflects the Benedictine mission to educate the total student, **mind, body and spirit**. All students are required to participate in a team sport or group activity throughout the year.
- All juniors and seniors donate at least forty hours of their time to **service with a special emphasis on engagement with the poor and disadvantaged**. Many students complete more than 100 hours of service, thus earning the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award.

### OUR COMMUNITY

1956

Year Established

405

Students in Grades 7-12

150

Acres of Park-like Campus

58

Faculty including  
17 Teaching Monks and  
41 Lay Teaching Faculty

50+

Zip Codes in the St. Louis  
Metropolitan Area  
Represented by our  
Student Body

2500

Graduates

### ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.  
Headmaster

Dr. Jared Rashford  
Assistant Headmaster

### ACCREDITATION

Independent Schools  
Association of the  
Central States

## GRADING POLICY AND HONORS

**Transcript, Grading and Rank** — Courses are offered for either a single trimester or for the entire year. All courses, except Art History, have a final grade incorporating work from each of the three trimesters; some courses also include a comprehensive final exam. Separate trimester grades are recorded in all subjects for seniors with no final grade. **We do not rank our students.** Our grading scale is:

A+ = 4.5	B+ = 3.5	C+ = 2.5	D = 1.0
A = 4.3	B = 3.3	C = 2.3	F = 0
A- = 4.0	B- = 3.0	C- = 2.0	

Passing Mark is a 60

**Weighting** — Students who earn a B- or better in an honors course receive an additional .3 for that course. Students who earn a B- or better in an AP course receive an additional .5 for that course.

**Honor Roll** — At the end of each term, students who earn a 4.00 or better un-weighted cumulative GPA for the year with no C for an End-of-Year grade are awarded First Honors. At the end of each term, students who earn between a 3.5 and 3.99 un-weighted cumulative GPA for the year with no C for an End-of-Year grade are awarded Second Honors. Please note: only the End-of-Year Honor Roll designation is indicated on the transcript.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY AND CURRICULUM

**Course of Study** — Students typically enroll in 8 courses each trimester in the freshman and sophomore year and 7 in the junior year. Courses meet from 2 to 5 class periods each week. A senior will enroll in 5 courses each term and complete a Senior Thesis, an independent honors level project taking two trimesters. Special Note: Due to the scope of the Senior Thesis, seniors are restricted to 5 additional courses. All enroll in English, Math and Theology. Seniors then choose 2 additional courses from Social Studies, Modern Languages or the Sciences.

### Curriculum By Discipline and Year

#### Computer Science

Grade 11:	Computer Assisted Research, Intro to Advanced Computer Programming
Grade 12:	AP Computer Science, Computer Science Seminar

#### English

Grade 9:	Expository writing, Drama, Short Story, The Novel
Grade 10:	Poetry, Novel, Short Stories and Essays, Vocabulary, Prose Devices, Shakespeare: Henry IV, Part I
Grade 11:	The Hero, The Outsider, Innocence and Experience
Grade 12:	Students all take 2 of the following and Thesis I: Madness in Literature, Shakespeare, Grace and the Human Spirit, War in Literature, Detective Fiction, Creative Writing

#### Fine Arts

Grade 9-10:	Studio Art, Photography, Acting, Medieval Stained Glass, Mass Media and Production, Vocal Music
Grade 11:	Art History, Vocal Music, Studio Art, Medieval Arts, Photography, Mass Media & Production, Theater/Communication Arts
Grade 12:	Independent Study (Creative Senior Thesis)

#### Classical and Modern Languages

Greek:	I, II, New Testament Greek
Latin:	III and IV (standard & honors), V, V (AP), Classical Civilizations, Greek & Roman History, Anglo-Saxon Monasticism
French:	III, IV, V (standard & honors), VI and VI (AP)
Spanish:	III, IV, V (standard & honors), VI and VI (AP)
Mandarin:	I, II, III

#### History/Social Studies

Grade 9:	World History II/US History I
Grade 10:	World History II
Grade 11:	AP US History, US History
Grade 12:	Social Studies Seminar, US Civil War, AP American Government

#### Mathematics

Grade 9:	Geometry (standard & honors)
Grade 10:	Pre-calculus (standard & honors) — Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry
Grade 11:	Analytic Geometry and Trigonometry (standard & honors), AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC
Grade 12:	AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics and Probability, AP Statistics and AP Calculus BC Completion, Introduction to Special Relativity

#### Science

Grade 9:	Biology (standard & honors)
Grade 10:	Chemistry (standard & honors)
Grade 11:	Physics (standard & honors), AP Physics
Grade 12:	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Senior Science Seminar

#### Theology

Grade 9:	Church History
Grade 10:	Fundamentals of Catholic Doctrine
Grade 11:	Fundamentals of Catholic Morality
Grade 12:	2 of the following: Biblical Themes in Literature, Apologetics, The Church and The Poor, Christology and Film, 'Ology, The Mass, Friendship with God

# COLLEGE COUNSELING AND OUTCOMES DATA

## Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Barbara Sams, *Director*, bsams@priory.org

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## TESTING RESULTS: THREE YEAR PROFILE

### Total Students in Class 2014-2016: 225

(2014 = 77, 2015 = 68, 2016 = 80)

### ACT composite data # tested: 220

(2014 = 76, 2015 = 68, 2016 = 76)

MEAN	MIDDLE 50%
30	28-32

### SAT scores # tested: 164

(2014 = 67, 2015 = 50, 2016 = 47)

	MEAN	MIDDLE 50%
CRITICAL READING	640	570-690
MATHEMATICS	660	620-700
WRITING	635	570-710

## Advanced Placement Exams

Priory School offers 14 different AP courses in the junior and senior years. In addition, our curriculum prepares students to sit for several other AP exams. All Priory courses are considered accelerated. Junior and senior students are recommended to enroll in a maximum of three AP courses per year. Based on faculty and assistant headmaster approval, a limited number of juniors are allowed to enroll in 4 APs.

Over the course of the past 3 years, Priory students have scored a 3 or better on 80% of the tests they have taken. On average, more than 60% of our graduates who take AP exams are recognized each year with an AP Scholar or higher distinction.

In May 2016, 120 students (84% of all juniors and seniors) sat for 258 exams.

## National Merit Scholarship Program

On average, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized approximately 25% of our seniors as National Merit Finalist, Semi-Finalist, or Commended Student or as a National Achievement Recognized Student.

Priory School **CEEB Code: 260782**

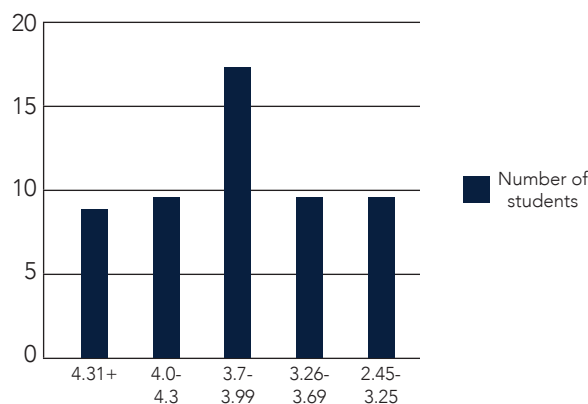
To schedule a high school visit, contact Stasia Frentzel at 314-434-3690 x142

## Mission Statement of the Office of College Counseling

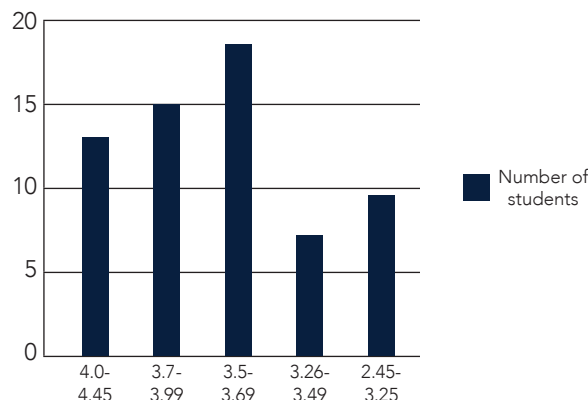
*Saint Louis Priory School provides a Benedictine, Catholic, college preparatory education of the highest excellence, which prepares our students for admission to appropriate distinguished colleges or universities. The Office of College Counseling assists students and their families as they navigate the college choice process. Our counseling philosophy focuses on defining the student's best-fit options within the parameters of the individual student's interests and family context and values. We strive to teach students to take responsibility for the process and for their decisions. We follow the tenets of the Rule of Saint Benedict including treating all with respect, justice, and community. We adhere to the best practices of our professional associations; we believe in professional outreach and active participation in the national dialogue.*

## CLASS OF 2016 - 80 STUDENTS

### Cumulative Weighted GPA (through the end of junior year)



### Cumulative Unweighted GPA (through the end of junior year)



# COLLEGE ADMISSION

345 Graduates from the classes of 2012-2016 were admitted into at least one of the following colleges and universities. Bold indicates at least one student matriculated.

The University of Alabama  
in Huntsville  
**The University of Alabama**  
Allegheny College  
**Arizona State University**  
The University of Arizona  
**University of Arkansas**  
**Auburn University**  
Ave Maria University  
Babson College  
Baldwin Wallace University  
**Bard College**  
**Baruch College of the CUNY**  
**Baylor University**  
Bellarmine University  
**Belmont University**  
Beloit College  
**Benedictine College**  
**Berklee College of Music**  
**Boston College**  
**Boston University**  
**Bowdoin College**  
Bradley University  
**Brown University**  
Bucknell University  
**Butler University**  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa  
Barbara  
Canisius College  
Carleton College  
**Case Western Reserve University**  
**The Catholic University of  
America**  
University of Central Missouri  
Centre College  
Champlain College  
**Chapman University**  
College of Charleston  
**University of Chicago**  
Clemson University  
**University of Colorado at Boulder**  
Colorado College  
Colorado School of Mines  
**Columbia College Chicago**  
**Columbia University**  
University of Connecticut  
Cornell College  
Cornell University  
**Covenant College**  
**Creighton University**  
**University of Dallas**  
Davidson College  
**University of Dayton**  
University of Delaware  
Denison University  
**University of Denver**  
**DePaul University**  
**DePauw University**  
Dickinson College  
Drake University  
Drexel University

**Drury University**  
**Duke University**  
Durham University (England)  
**Elon University**  
Emory University  
**University of Evansville**  
Fairfield University  
**Florida Southern College**  
University of Florida  
**Fordham University**  
**Franciscan University of  
Steubenville**  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Franklin University (Switzerland)  
Furman University  
**The George Washington  
University**  
**Georgetown University**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
The University of Georgia  
Gettysburg College  
University of Glasgow (Scotland)  
Grinnell College  
Hampshire College  
Harvey Mudd College  
**High Point University**  
**College of the Holy Cross**  
**University of Illinois  
Urbana-Champaign**  
**Illinois Wesleyan University**  
**Indiana University at  
Bloomington**  
Iowa State University  
The University of Iowa  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kansas State University  
**University of Kansas**  
University of Kentucky  
Kenyon College  
Kettering University  
Knox College  
Lake Forest College  
University of Leeds (England)  
Lehigh University  
**Lindenwood University**  
Louisiana State University  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Loyola University Maryland**  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Macalester College  
**Marquette University**  
University of Maryland,  
College Park  
Maryville University,  
University of Massachusetts,  
Amherst  
**Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology**  
McGill University (Canada)  
McKendree University  
**Miami University, Oxford**

**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan**  
**Middlebury College**  
Millikin University  
University of Minnesota,  
Twin Cities  
**Mississippi State University**  
**University of Mississippi**  
Missouri State University  
**Missouri University of Science  
and Technology**  
**University of Missouri Columbia**  
**University of Missouri,  
Kansas City**  
**University of Missouri, Kansas  
City School of Medicine**  
**University of Missouri, St. Louis**  
**The University of Montana,  
Missoula**  
Murray State University  
Muskingum University  
**New York University**  
Newman University  
The Un of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill  
North Carolina State University  
**North Central Michigan College**  
Northeastern University  
**Northwestern University**  
**University of Notre Dame**  
University of Nottingham (England)  
Ohio University  
**The Ohio State University**  
**The University of Oklahoma**  
**University of Oregon**  
**University of the Pacific**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
University of Pittsburgh  
**Princeton University**  
**Providence College**  
**Purdue University**  
**Quincy University**  
University of Redlands  
Regis University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Rhodes College**  
**Rice University**  
**University of Richmond**  
**Rochester Institute of Technology**  
University of Rochester  
Rockhurst University  
Rollins College  
**Rose-Hulman Institute of  
Technology**  
**Saint John's University (MN)**  
**Saint Louis University**  
Saint Michael's College  
**University of San Diego**  
University of San Francisco  
**Santa Clara University**  
University of the Sciences  
Philadelphia  
Seton Hall University

University of South Carolina  
Southeast Missouri State University  
**University of Southampton  
(England)**  
**University of Southern California**  
**Southern Illinois University-  
Carbondale**  
**Southern Illinois University-  
Edwardsville**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
**Spring Hill College**  
University of St. Andrews  
(Scotland)  
St. Edward's University  
St. John's College  
University of St. Thomas  
**Stanford University**  
Stonehill College  
Swansea University (England)  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
The University of Tampa  
**Temple University**  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Texas A&M University  
**Texas Christian University**  
**The University of Texas, Austin**  
**The University of Texas, Dallas**  
Thomas Aquinas College  
Trinity University  
**Truman State University**  
**Tufts University**  
**Tulane University**  
**University of Tulsa**  
United States Merchant Marine  
Academy  
**United States Naval Academy**  
University of Utah  
**Vanderbilt University**  
University of Vermont  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth  
University  
**Virginia Tech**  
University of Virginia  
Wabash College  
**Wake Forest University**  
Washington and Lee University  
**Washington University in  
St. Louis**  
University of Washington  
Webster University  
**Westminster College**  
**College of William and Mary**  
William Jewell College  
**University of Wisconsin,  
Madison**  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
**Xavier University**  
**The Young Americans College  
of the Performing Arts**