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MISSION

Devon Prep is a private, Catholic, college preparatory school, grades 6-12, focused on the holistic education of young men for life.

PIARIST ORDERS MISSION AND PRINCIPLES

The Piarist order is committed to the holistic education of youth. Founded with the motto “Pietas et Litterae”, meaning “Piety and Learning”, the order continues to evolve at and with Devon Prep and our school serves as an important priority to enabling the Piarist order to carry out its mission of preparing young men for the rigors of Twenty-First century life, by modeling in word and deed, the Piarist values of charity, humility, patience, respect and simplicity. Today, there are over 1,400 Piarists working in more than 200 communities in over 30 countries.

SCHOOL FACTS

Through a challenging college preparatory program in the sciences and humanities, Devon Prep fosters a lifelong pursuit of creativity, intellectual curiosity, and academic excellence. Guided by a Piarist education rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, Devon Prep graduates are prepared to be responsible, compassionate leaders who serve God by providing service to humanity.

Devon Prep is situated on a picturesque 20 acre estate in Chester County with facilities including a mansion, state-of-the-art laboratories, classrooms, library, gymnasium, training center, athletic fields, computer center, art studio, music center, and a chapel. We recently completed a multi-million renovation of our original school building, erected in 1960. The project, included installing new electrical components, a brand-new HVAC system, energy efficient windows, state of the art LED hallway and classroom lighting, interior and exterior re-finishing, a school oratory, modernization of the Student Dining Hall and modern science labs.

ADMISSION

Admission is selective, based on high academic achievement, consistent exemplary discipline and rounded interest in activities. We administer an intensive entrance examination, family interview and multiple forms of recommendation. Current total school enrollment is 298 young men; 229 in the High School (grades 9-12); 69 in the Middle School (grades 6-8).

FACULTY

Devon Prep’s faculty consists of 70 teachers. More than 70% hold advanced degrees with six holding doctorate degrees. Among the faculty and staff are 7 alumni and 4 Piarist Fathers. The average class size is 10.5 students and the student faculty ratio is 5:1.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education

Institutional Member of the College Board

Member of the National Association of Independent Schools, National Catholic Education Association, Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools, Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Our curriculum is designed for academically talented students in an atmosphere of support. Our faculty places unusually high demands on our students while making themselves available during and after school to work with students, ensuring that all of our graduates receive the utmost foundation for success at the university level and beyond.

Students have seven class periods lasting between 43-75 minutes. Each day there is an Advisory period in which students will meet their Advisor and/or participate in club meetings or extra-help. Students will develop time management and study skills and an independent work ethic to excel at Devon Prep.

DISCIPLINE CODE

Discipline infractions that result in suspension or expulsion will be reported to colleges and universities. We will guide our senior students to fully disclose any serious infractions that occur before and after applications have been submitted to colleges.

Required Credits:

English (4), Mathematics (4), Laboratory Sciences (3), Religious Studies (4), World Languages (2), Social Studies (3, including one year of American History), Art (1) and Physical Education (1).

Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement courses are available to qualified students in their Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. All Advanced Placement Courses have been approved by the College Board as officially authorized Advanced Placement offerings. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP Exam. AP courses offered this academic year include:

ENGLISH:

English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

French Language & Culture, German Language & Culture, Latin, Spanish Language & Culture

MATHEMATICS:

Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

SCIENCES:

Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science A*, Computer Science Principles, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C:Electricity & Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Comparative Government, European History*, Human Geography, Macroeconomics*, Microeconomics, United States History, U.S. Government & Politics*

ARTS:

Music Theory, Studio Art-2D, Studio Art-3D, Studio Art-Drawing

* Offered in alternating years

Historically more than half of our students become AP Scholars or higher by graduation.

NOVA High School – Academically qualified Devon Prep seniors will have the opportunity to enroll in undergraduate and professional studies courses at Villanova University. Courses are taught by Villanova professors and taken on-campus with college students.

Electives offered - In addition to the AP courses offered above, students may choose from the following electives:

Art of Persuasion, Agricultural Science, Applied Statistics, Art History, Ceramics I & II, Chorale, Civics & Citizenship, Cold War Seminar, Creative Writing, Design of Engineering Systems, Design Thinking I & II, Film Production I & II, Fitness & Weight Training, Forensic Science, French History, Graphic Design I & II, Greek & Roman Empires, History of Music, History of the U.S. Supreme Court, Human Triumph, Integrated Science, Int'l Film & Literature, Intro. to Accounting, Intro. To Business Ethics, Intro. To Business Law, Intro. to Communication Studies, Intro.to Finance & Entrepreneurial Studies, Intro. to Legal Studies, Intro. to Economics, Intro. to Marketing & Management, Intro. to Philosophy, Intro. to Psychology, Jazz Band, Latin I & III, Leadership Practice & Principles, Maker Space: Sculpture & Construction I, Modern Journalism, Music Theory I, Oceanography, Organic Chemistry, Physical Education, Presentation Skills, Robotics I & II, Rock Band, Shakespeare is Dead, Sports Physiology, Studio Art I & II, 20th Century World History, and War Literature.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	Range	Quality Pts.
A+	97-100	4.25
A	93-96	4.00
A-	90-92	3.75
B+	87-89	3.50
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.75
C+	77-79	2.50
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.75
D+	67-69	1.50
D	65-66	1.00
F	64 & below	0.00

Weighting and Honors

A student's GPA is determined by multiplying the number of credit hours for each course by the allotted quality points for the grades received and dividing the total quality points by the total credit hours.

AP courses are weighted with a 1.15 multiplier.

Distinguished Honors is 4.0 GPA or higher.

First Honors is between 3.8 to 3.99 GPA

Second Honors is between 3.0 to 3.79 GPA

Class Rank

Devon Prep does not rank its students. Because of the small size of each class and the selective process used to admit students to our school, we believe that assigning either a numerical or percentile ranking does not reflect their standing in our academic community

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS (at end of junior year):

Class of	2021
AP Scholar with Distinction	8
AP Scholar with Honor	4
AP Scholar	13
Students in senior class	54

SAT

Class of	2020
EBRW middle 50%	550-690
Math middle 50%	530-680

ACT

Class of	2020
Middle 50% Composite	21-32

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALIST STUDENTS

(Class of 2021): 1

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

(Class of 2021): 3

As schools across the nation shutter for indeterminate periods of time, Devon Prep knew the school had to find a way to continue. Not having class wasn't an option. In only three days Devon Prep was able to move itself online, continuing students' course work and class time with minimal interruption.

On March 16, 2020, school resumed in a synchronous, on-line format. Students continued to have a full day of classes, starting at 8:30am and ending at 2:35pm, including seven class periods and an hour-long lunch break. Attendance was taken at the beginning of each class and submitted to administration like normal. Each teacher had the autonomy to go live with their class via Zoom/Schoology Conferences or pre-record their lecture and upload.

The 2020-21 academic year began in-person, meeting five days a week from 8:05am - 2:45pm with seven class periods and 25 minute lunch break. Temperatures are taken daily and all students/faculty are required to wear a facial shield and mask while in the building. A handful of students have opted to participate in 100% distance learning for the first quarter due to personal/health issues. Those participating in distance learning are synchronous and responsible for all work like their classmates participating in-person.

The grading system at Devon Prep has remained constant throughout the pandemic.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

We want an engaged and energized student body with a focus on guidance, spirituality, and school pride. We want to achieve this goal through:

Athletics

Devon Prep is a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Philadelphia Catholic League. 88% of our students participate in interscholastic athletics.

Fall Sports: Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Crew.

Winter Sports: Basketball, Bowling, Indoor Track and Field, Squash, Swimming.

Spring Sports: Baseball, Crew, Lacrosse, Track and Field, Tennis.

Championship titles in 2018-19:

<i>Varsity Soccer:</i>	Qualified for PCL Playoffs, District XII Champions, PIAA Qualified Team
<i>Varsity Golf:</i>	3rd place PCL finish, District XII Champions, Regional Champions, PIAA Qualified Team
<i>Varsity XC:</i>	District XII Runner-Up, PIAA Qualified Team
<i>Varsity Baseball:</i>	District XII Champion, PIAA 2A State Champions
<i>Varsity Track:</i>	3rd place District XII, 10 District qualifying athletes in 18 events, 4 PIAA qualifying athletes in 5 events, District 12 Champion in Triple Jump

Extracurricular Activities

Devon Prep provides a broad range of extracurricular activities for its students, including (but not limited to):

Academic Challenge Team, Altar Server Club, Art Club, Chemistry Club, Chess Club, Choral Ensemble, Computer Club, Concert Band, Dances, Debate Club, Diversity Club, Drama Club, Environmental Society, Fishing Club, Forensics Club, French Honor Society, German Exchange Program, German Honor Society, Homework Club, Java Club, Jazz Band, Key Club, Literary Magazine, Mathletes, Mission & Ministry, Mock Trial Program, Model United Nations Program, Musical Theatre, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Ping-Pong Club, Pro-Life Club, Quill & Scroll International Honor Society, Robotics Club, Sailing Club, Science Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Shakespeare Club, Sketch Comedy Club, Ski & Snow Board Club, Solar Car Club, Spanish Club, Spanish Exchange Program, Spanish Honor Society, Sports Analytics Club, Squash Club, Stage Crew, Stock Market, Student Council, Ultimate Frisbee Club, and Yearbook.

Community Service

As a Catholic School, Devon Prep instills in its students the responsibility to help those who are less fortunate through our Christian Service Program. Students in the Upper School are required to complete a minimum of 25 hours each year.

Colleges & Universities Accepting Devon Prep Students (2016-20)

Albright College
American University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Babson College
Baylor University
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Cabrini College
Cambridge University (UK)
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Chestnut Hill College
Christendom College
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Cooper Union
Cornell University*
Dartmouth College
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical U.
Fairfield University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franciscan University
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Gwynedd Mercy University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Immaculata University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Jefferson University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Juniata College
Lafayette College

LaSalle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
LeMoyné College
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University - Chicago
Loyola University - Maryland
Loyola University - New Orleans
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel University
McGill University
Merrimack College
Miami University
Michigan State University
Millersville University
Monmouth University
Mount St. Mary's University
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
The Ohio State University
Olin College of Engineering
Penn State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Randolph Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose Hulman Institute of Technology
Rosemont College
Rutgers University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
St. Francis University
St. John's University
St. Joseph's University
St. Louis University
St. Vincent College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stockton University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY-Environmental Science & Forestry
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
Thomas Aquinas College
Towson University
Trinity College
Tufts University

Tulane University
University of California- Davis
University of California - Irvine
University of California - Riverside
University of California - San Diego
University of California- Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Illinois- Urbana
University of LaVerne
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of the Sciences
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ursinus College
US Merchant Marine Academy
US Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington & Lee University
Washington College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Chester University
West Virginia University
Widener University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

BOLDED institutions indicate a DP Alumnus is currently enrolled.