

**Boarding School**

**"Saint John's Prep is an excellent school. Their college prep, challenging course work, and teachers that are willing to help are a highlight."**

# Saint John's Preparatory School Minnesota

Founded in 1857 by the Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey, Saint John's Preparatory School is Minnesota's oldest secondary school. Located on a scenic 2,700-acre campus, it offers a rigorous liberal arts education that fosters academic excellence, creativity, and global understanding in a close-knit community



## Quick Facts

**Founded: 1857**

**Niche.com Score: A+**

**Students: Co-educational**

**Climate: Cold winters / Mild summers**

**Population: 3,000**

**School Population: 280**

**High School Population: 271**

**Accepting students: Grade 8-12**

**Diploma Year offered: Yes**

**Interview Required? Yes**

**English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes**

**University Acceptance rate: 100%**

## Academic Excellence

Saint John's Preparatory School combines Benedictine values with academic rigor, offering AP and dual-enrollment courses that prepare students for university-level study. With an 11:1 student-faculty ratio, small classes ensure personalized support and mentorship. The school emphasizes **liberal arts, critical thinking, and leadership**, while students can also take college courses through nearby Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict. A quarter of the student body is international, creating a diverse and global learning community.

## Student Accomplishments

- Ranked the top Catholic high school in Minnesota
- Class of 2024 graduates accepted to 28 universities worldwide
- Strong record of success in regional and state academic competitions
- Students regularly receive scholarships for academics and arts



## Recent University Acceptances

- Harvard University
- Yale University
- Boston College
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Columbia University
- Emory University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- George Washington University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lake Forest College
- Loyola University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Minneapolis College of Art & Design
- New York University
- Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences
- Occidental College
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University
- Saint John's University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- University of California – Berkeley
- University of Illinois – Chicago
- University of Washington – Seattle
- Vassar College
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute



## Stats

15

# of AP Courses

81%

Teachers with  
Advanced Degrees

#1

of the Best Catholic  
School in MN-Niche

100%

University and College  
Acceptance

11:1

Student Teacher  
Ratio

8-12

Grades at School

29

Average ACT Score

1440

Average SAT Score



## Campus Facilities

Set on a breathtaking 2,700-acre campus shared with Saint John's University, the school features **modern classrooms, science labs, art studios, and performance spaces.** Students have access to university amenities, including sports facilities, arboretum trails, lakes, and the Benedicta Arts Center. The campus blends natural beauty with advanced learning environments that encourage both reflection and exploration.

## Residential Life

The boarding program at Saint John's Prep offers a **safe, inclusive environment** for students from across the U.S. and 14 countries. Dormitories feature shared rooms, lounges, study spaces, and access to nearby university amenities. Supervised by dedicated residential staff, students enjoy weekend trips, cultural celebrations, and outdoor adventures that strengthen global friendships.

## Athletics and Arts

Athletics are integral to student life, emphasizing teamwork and personal growth. The school's teams frequently compete at regional and state levels.

The arts program nurtures creativity through visual arts, ceramics, and music. Students perform in concerts, exhibitions, and drama productions throughout the year, developing both skill and confidence in artistic expression.



## Highlights

### Sports:

**American Football, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Ice Hockey, Nordic Skiing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field**

### Arts:

**Visual Arts, Music**

### Advanced Placement courses:

**Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Chinese Language and Culture, English Literature and Composition, European History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics 1, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Statistics**

### Clubs and extracurriculars:

**3D Printing Club, Envirothon, Knowledge Bowl, Math Team, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Newspaper Club, Robotics Club, Student Council, World Club, Yearbook Club**

### Tech and innovation courses:

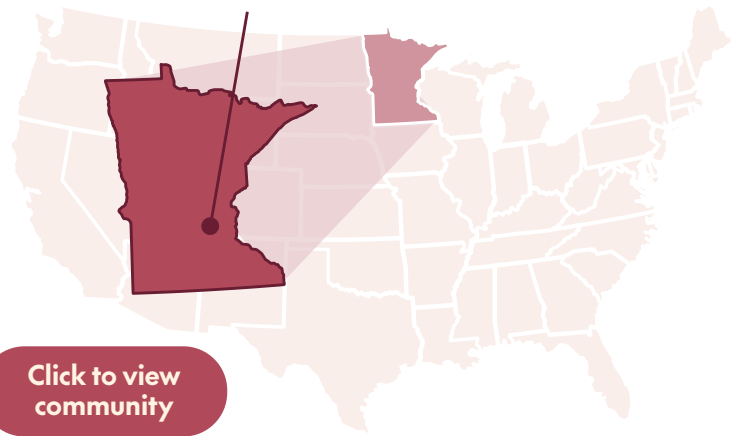
**3D Printing, Robotics, Precalculus, Statistics, Computer-based design**

## Community

Collegeville is a peaceful lakeside community of about 3,000 residents in central Minnesota. Just 12 miles from St. Cloud and 70 miles from **Minneapolis–Saint Paul International Airport (MSP)**, it offers safe surroundings and easy access to cultural and recreational opportunities, including theaters, hiking trails, and campus events.

## Climate in Minnesota

Collegeville experiences a four-season continental climate, with cold, snowy winters and mild, pleasant summers. Average high temperatures range from 20°F (–6°C) in January to 80°F (27°C) in July, with about 28 inches (710 mm) of annual precipitation.



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**"My kids have thrived at this school and have been afforded amazing opportunities to grow, not only as students, but also as human beings. The environment encourages individuality, supports different cultures and backgrounds, and prepares its students for future success by offering a real-life sampling of what they will encounter in college and beyond."**

Parent

**"At Saint John's Prep, everyone here is very welcoming and everyone each has their own unique personality."**

Brenna, student

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