



DEVON
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Piarist Fathers

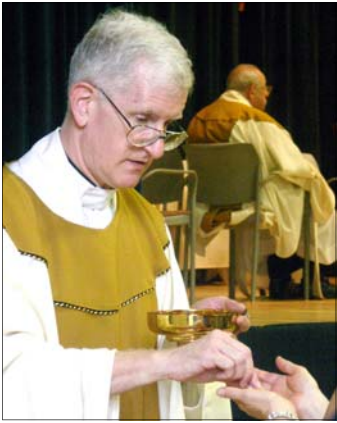


Goals of a Devon Prep Education

- Promote Piarist traditions of educating youth.
- Within a Roman Catholic framework, help each student to understand his relationship with God, his place in God's plan, and his responsibilities to his fellow man.
- Enable students to put their faith into action through activities designed to help those less fortunate, both intellectually and materially.
- Foster a spirit of respect among all members of the Devon Prep Community.
- Maintain and develop curricular and extracurricular programs that challenge the intellectual capability and curiosity of students and thereby strengthen their skills of inquiry, critical analysis, decision-making, and communication.
- Maintain and develop extracurricular programs that nurture the diverse skills and interests of students and thereby strengthen their mental, physical, social, and leadership abilities.
- Through coursework, extracurricular activities, and assemblies, teach students to be good citizens in our pluralistic society.
- Through effective classroom management, establish environments conducive to learning, where creative and independent thought is enthusiastically encouraged and respectfully considered.

CHRISTIAN VALUES. CHALLENGING ACADEMICS. COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS. COMMITMENT TO SERVICE.

DEVON PREP
A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS.



DEVON PREPARATORY SCHOOL GRADES 6 -12



Devon Prep is an independent, Catholic, college preparatory school for young men in grades six through twelve, conducted by the Piarist Fathers. The school, located on a picturesque 20 acre campus in Devon, PA, enrolls nearly 300 students from Chester, Montgomery, Delaware, and Bucks counties, as well as parts of Philadelphia.

Devon Prep's approach to education is based on the Piarist Fathers' 400-year tradition of educating youth. Fundamental to their philosophy is the development of beliefs that foster a love of God, a positive self image, and respect for others.

Devon Prep draws on more than 50 years of experience to mold each student's future with the latest technology and educational thinking. In a trusting and supportive atmosphere our students are motivated to excel academically, to think critically and creatively, to pursue careers in diverse fields, and to enjoy extracurricular activities, both in school and in the community.

One of the most compelling reasons to choose Devon Prep is the superior academic preparation our students receive for college. Our experienced and dedicated teachers are committed to working with each student so he can realize his highest potential. With an average class size of fifteen, the faculty is able to provide individual attention to all students, a key ingredient to a quality education. Our students begin their college work early by taking many Advanced Placement courses offered in science, social studies, foreign languages, English, and mathematics.

Through Devon Prep's athletic and extracurricular programs our students develop loyalty, sportsmanship, perseverance, and leadership. In addition, our commitment to community service and devotion to Christian values help to develop not just students, but also well-rounded individuals.

It is our goal at Devon Prep to inspire in our students a commitment to values that will enable them to become responsible leaders. Focusing on each student's potential, we believe that the school and the family must work together to foster a love of learning which will propel the student into a lifelong quest for excellence.

FAITH

As a Roman Catholic school, Devon Prep welcomes students of all faiths, with religious education being an important part of daily life for everyone. The curriculum instills in our students a strong personal faith and stresses prayer, spiritual development, sacramental life, moral development, doctrine, and social justice. Growth in faith and moral values is enriched through regular worship during the year as well





as on holidays. Devon Prep students develop their spirituality through annual retreats, culminating with a three-day retreat in their senior year.

ATHLETICS

Devon Prep's athletic and physical education program develops our students' physical skills, while encouraging good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and fun. A spacious gymnasium, modern locker room, and two athletic fields provide the cornerstone for this program.

The Middle School teams compete independently against local Catholic, public, and private schools. The Upper School freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams compete in the Bicentennial League.

Our sports program encourages students to reach their highest physical potential. Realization of this potential has been demonstrated by our division, league, and district championship - winning teams in cross country, indoor and outdoor track & field, basketball, baseball, golf, soccer, and tennis. In addition, Devon Prep recently established a program in lacrosse.

GUIDANCE & HEALTH

Devon Prep's School Guidance and Health Department exists to support each student as he continues his educational journey. The graduate-degreed counselors and nurses are concerned with the success of the whole student: physically, mentally, and emotionally. The Department promotes the development of life skills and provides comprehensive counseling services for all students regarding personal or academic concerns. In addition, the Guidance Department offers parental consultation.

The Guidance and Health Department sponsors programs throughout the school year including: *Student Assistance Program (SAP)*, *Safe Home and Smoking Cessation Programs*, *7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS*, *Adventure Education Day (team building)*, and "Letting Go" for parents of seniors.

COLLEGE PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

The college process begins in the freshman year. Each student and the Director of College Planning and Placement form a team to determine the best colleges and universities for him. The director guides the student and his family through every step of the college admissions process - selection, application, interview, and campus visit - to ensure that he and his family can make an informed decision. Each fall our students have the opportunity to meet with recruiters from over 50 nationally known colleges and universities. Finally, the director helps families with scholarship and financial aid applications. Each year 100% of Devon Prep's graduates are accepted to a four-year college or university.



SERVICE

Our students also show their Christian commitment to the community by participating in service projects throughout the year ranging from collecting food and clothing for the needy to sponsoring a Christmas party for residents of St. Edmond's Home for Children. Through these projects our students begin to appreciate the value of volunteering, which they carry into their adult lives.

FIELD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Because we believe that education should include an experiential "hands-on" element, we have established an extensive *Field Education Program*. Both Middle School and Upper School students take field trips lasting from three to seven days to various parts of the United States including Florida, Maryland, Virginia, and Massachusetts. These trips combine educational experiences with invaluable lessons in group dynamics.

FINE ARTS

Developing creativity and creative thinking skills is the foundation of Devon's Fine Arts program. To cultivate their artistic talents, our students are exposed to, and develop an appreciation of, different art forms in studio art, instrumental and vocal music, and drama. Our students can sing in a choral group, perform in a jazz band or musical group, perform as actors, singers or dancers in the annual spring musical or fall drama, or participate in the annual art exhibition.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Almost all students participate in extracurricular activities. These activities help students find new talents and interests, hone leadership skills, and form new friendships. Students can choose from a variety of different clubs, ranging from service-oriented such as CAP, the Christian Action Program, to special-interest clubs such as the Computer Club or Academic Challenge Team. Whether it's by joining a group of friends at a basketball game, working together on the school's theatrical production, or planning a student council event, our young men enjoy the many friendships and relationships that they develop at Devon Prep – friendships that last a lifetime.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

Our 20-acre campus features seven buildings, two soccer fields, and a baseball field. The school is situated on the estate once owned by Philadelphia publisher Dr. Charles M. Lea.

Calasanctius Hall The "mansion," built in 1913, is now home to our Middle School, with six classrooms on the second floor. On the first floor is a large hall



"We've become more than a community of learners; we've become a fellowship of young men as we've learned to celebrate our differences to respect and support one another."

*Umberto Degli Esposti
Class of 2007*



(used for presentations, school plays and receptions), the Admissions Office, Art Center, and Alumni Center. The second floor also houses the Study Center and Summer Program Office. The Piarist Fathers live on the third floor.

Main Building The main building includes nine classrooms, a Biology lab, a Physics lab, the College Guidance Center, the Health Center, and various administrative offices.



St. Anthony Hall Completed in 2004, this is Devon Prep's newest facility. The nearly 18,000-square foot building includes six classrooms, a science lab, computer center, and new library.

Gymnasium A full-sized basketball court hosts exciting home games for our Middle School CYO teams and our Upper School Freshman, J.V., and Varsity teams. A large stage makes the gym an excellent all-purpose auditorium for assemblies, theatrical performances, and dances, as well as major events such as graduation.

Carriage House Once the place where Charles Lea repaired his wagons, this building has been converted into a Chemistry Lab on the first floor and a Music Center on the second floor.

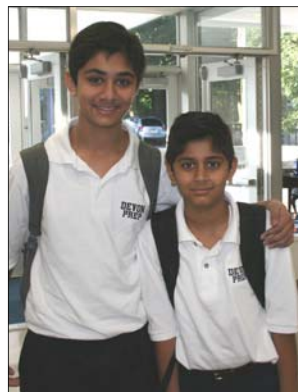
St. Mary's Chapel Formerly a stable, the chapel is used for small gatherings and services, seating 125.

Activities Cottage A guesthouse of the estate is now used as a meeting place for various student activities.

Edwin D. Keller Memorial Field Our athletic fields can accommodate two concurrent soccer games or a baseball game.

RECOGNITIONS

In 2007 Devon Prep was the only Pennsylvania school recognized in the College Board's *Advanced Placement Report to the Nation 2007*. Devon Prep was cited for outstanding student performance in the AP Physics B program. More Devon Prep students received a 3 or higher on the AP Physics B exam than any other similarly sized school in the nation.



In September 2006 *Philadelphia Magazine* recognized Devon Prep as one of the "40 Best High Schools" and one of the "Top Five Boys' Schools" in the Philadelphia area.

In October 2006 readers of the *Main Line Times* newspaper voted Devon Prep the "Best Boys' School on the Main Line."

ADMISSION

Devon Prep encourages all qualified students to apply for admission. Admission to Devon Prep is based on personal and academic criteria. Our Admissions Committee assesses each applicant's ability to succeed in Devon Prep's environment based on an entrance test, school record, interviews, and recommendations.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, Devon Prep awards scholarships to sixth graders for their Middle School years and ninth graders for their Upper School years who have demonstrated academic achievement and who display potential for continued success. Top scorers on designated entrance exams will be notified of their eligibility to win scholarships. Scholarship candidates will be required to visit campus for an interview and will be given a deadline for completing their application files.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Those unable to afford full tuition who wish to be considered for financial aid must submit an application package to the School and Student Service for Financial Aid in Princeton, New Jersey. Because resources are limited, we recommend applying for aid as early as possible. We begin reviewing financial applications as early as February of the school year prior to enrollment.

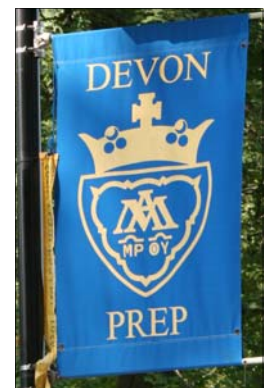
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- * National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)
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*“The further I’ve gone
and the more that I’ve
done in life, the more
apparent it’s become just
how important my years at
Devon were. They’ve
shaped who I am, how I
approach the world and
the decisions I’ve made.”*

*Michael Cognato
Class of 2000*



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