



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CHESTERTON ACADEMY

Discover the  
Chesterton  
Difference

Chesterton Academy students experience the joy of Christ, an education for college and for life, a sense of community, and unique opportunities to develop leadership skills and grow in character.



# Realize Your Full Academic Potential

THE INTEGRATED, CLASSICAL CURRICULUM PREPARES YOU FOR COLLEGE—AND FOR LIFE

Chesterton Academy students enjoy a cohesive, content-rich education. They benefit from a broad exposure to many different disciplines, which helps them expand their interests and their ability to think critically.

The Chesterton Academy model begins with a classical, integrated curriculum. You'll read Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Euclid, Virgil, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, Dostoyevsky... and G.K. Chesterton.

Chesterton students study the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. History, literature, philosophy, and theology are braided together. The sciences and the humanities are also intimately connected, so that the logic of math is seen in philosophy, and God's handiwork is seen in the sciences.

Faith and reason meet in every class.

Equal emphasis is given to the arts, so that every student learns to draw and paint, sing in the choir, act on the stage, give speeches, and engage in debate.

Each year builds on the previous, so that by the end of senior year, students develop into articulate, clear-thinking, well-rounded, and, very importantly, joyful individuals.

Nothing could be a better preparation for success at college. Our classically-educated students fare very well on standardized tests and college admissions. Yet our mission does not end with merely getting students into college. We are preparing them for life, which includes finding their vocation.

*A Chesterton Academy education helps students discern and follow God's calling for their lives.*



## Grow in Leadership & Virtue

EXPERIENCE TRUE FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR HOUSE SYSTEM

The Chesterton Academy House system draws on the 1,000 year-old tradition of Christian education exemplified in the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge.

Houses provide real, tangible community within the larger school, giving our students the opportunity to take ownership, to exercise true leadership, and to grow in virtue.

Each student is assigned to one of four houses for their tenure at Chesterton Academy and has the opportunity to lead as an elected House Prefect during their junior and senior year or Assistant Prefect during their sophomore year. The Houses are named for the four saints who hold up the Chair of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica: Saints Ambrose, Augustine, Athanasius, and Chrysostom.

# Curriculum Overview

A RIGOROUS FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM TAUGHT THROUGH THE LENS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

	FRESHMAN YEAR THE ANCIENT WORLD	SOPHOMORE YEAR THE EARLY MEDIEVAL PERIOD	JUNIOR YEAR HIGH MIDDLE AGES TO THE RENAISSANCE	SENIOR YEAR THE MODERN WORLD
<b>HUMANITIES</b>				
LITERATURE	Homer, Aeschylus, Virgil <b>G.K. Chesterton:</b> <i>Common Sense 101</i>	Augustine, Chaucer, Shakespeare <b>G.K. Chesterton:</b> <i>St. Francis, Orthodoxy</i>	Dante, Shakespeare, Cervantes <b>G.K. Chesterton:</b> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	Goethe, Dickens, Dostoyevsky, Orwell <b>G.K. Chesterton:</b> <i>The Everlasting Man</i>
HISTORY	Early Civilization, Greece, Rome	Early Church History, Early Medieval, Crusades	High Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation	American Revolution, French Revolution, Civil War, WWI and WWII, Communist and Cultural Revolutions
PHILOSOPHY	Pre-Socratics, Intro to Plato and Aristotle, Formal Logic	Plato and Aristotle	Scholasticism and Early Modern Philosophy (St. Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Hobbes)	Politics and Economics (Locke, Rousseau, Founding Fathers, Marx, G.K. Chesterton, Belloc)
THEOLOGY	Catechism; Old Testament	New Testament	Catechetical Topics I	Catechetical Topics II
LANGUAGE	Latin I	Latin II	Latin III or Spanish I	Latin IV or Spanish II
DEBATE		Debate		
<b>MATH AND SCIENCE</b>				
MATHEMATICS	Euclid's <i>Elements</i> , Analytical Geometry	Algebra II / Trigonometry	Pre-Calculus	Calculus or Statistics
SCIENCE	Introductory Physics	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
<b>THE FINE ARTS</b>				
MUSIC	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation
ART	Ancient Art History, Calligraphy, Drawing	Late Roman, Early European, Byzantine, Pastels, Color	Late Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Oils	Classical, Romantic, Modern, Oils, Watercolors
DRAMA		Full Length Play (Comedy)	Full Length Play (Drama)	Full Length Play (Shakespeare)

# Encounter Christ

Every Chesterton Academy, begins each day with Mass, so students are able to experience daily the love of Christ through the Eucharist. The spiritual life of each school includes retreats, formation, pro-life outreach, and ongoing opportunities for service.



## Students find their place at Chesterton Academy

From drama programs to prolife clubs to a capstone pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, there's always something happening at Chesterton Academy...and students are always working together to launch and lead something new.



*"A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it."*

— G.K. CHESTERTON

## Join Us!

### THE CHESTERTON SCHOOLS NETWORK

The Chesterton Schools Network is an initiative of The Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, a canonical private association of the Christian faithful dedicated to evangelization, Catholic education, and the social teaching of the Church.

The mission of the Chesterton Schools Network is to help inspire and encourage schools across the nation, offering affordable, rigorous, classical curriculum taught through the lens of the Catholic faith.

Be one of the first to experience the Chesterton difference.

- Integrated liberal arts curriculum in the Catholic intellectual tradition
- Academically rigorous, with a mixture of Socratic method and lecture format
- Affordable tuition
- Daily Mass
- Faculty, Board, and staff take Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church
- Training young men and women who will bravely witness their faith through excellence in their vocations and their relationships with Jesus Christ

### LEARN MORE

To learn more about the curriculum and explore what opportunities a Chesterton Academy may mean for your family, please visit our website. Parents are highly encouraged to contact us to schedule a meeting.

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