

SHAPING THE WORLD

St. Croix Lutheran educates the total student – spiritually, intellectually and physically – in a caring, Christian family community.

Students are taught the truths of God's Word and given opportunities for **spiritual growth** through active study of the Bible, daily devotions, and service projects.

Students are prepared to be **life-long learners** and challenged to think critically and creatively with a global perspective.

Students compete **athletically** to increase strength and build endurance; perform in **fine arts** to entertain and encourage; and **serve**

creatively to give them a hand in shaping the world.

Ultimately, a SCL education will guide students in recognizing who they are - valued children of God, serving the world with their gifts.

**Spiritually, intellectually
and physically.**

ST. CROIX LUTHERAN IS:

- A private Christian college-preparatory school that enrolls 500 students in grades 6-12, including 120 international students from over 15 countries on five continents.
- A partner in education. In addition to our core curriculum with many college credit offerings, the unique Learning Resource Center provides additional support and resources for students with special circumstances.
- The largest Lutheran school in the United States to offer a boarding school option.





A PLACE FOR YOU!

The safe, welcoming community allows students the freedom to grow spiritually, physically, and intellectually. Students gain an excellent education and the tools they will need in adulthood.

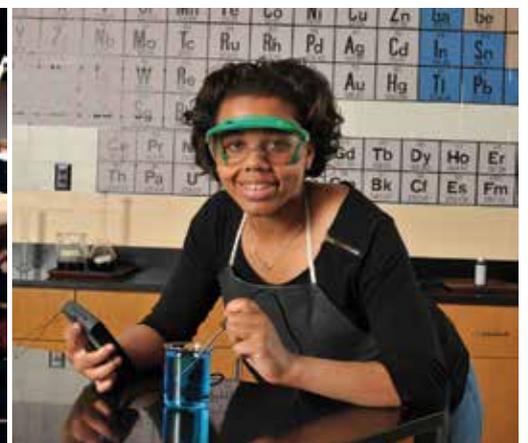
Whatever a student is interested in – science or literature, football or drama – the Bible is at the center of the SCL learning experience. Everything is rooted in the truths of God's word, and students are encouraged to challenge and defend those truths during Bible class and devotional time in SCL's beautifully appointed chapel.

Students who are new to or unfamiliar with the Christian faith are given opportunities to increase their knowledge in before- and after-school student and faculty-led Bible studies.

Students put faith into action through community service projects including food drives, blood drives, and mission trips.

“What I will miss most about SCL is the time we spent in chapel. It was the best time of the day.”

– Crystal Carmichael, 2014 graduate





EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

St. Croix Lutheran provides a college-preparatory curriculum during a two-semester school year.

With courses in fundamental, accelerated, and advanced placement, **college credit offerings**, and a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program in cooperation with the University of Minnesota, SCL students are well prepared for their post-secondary education.

Students consistently **score above** the Minnesota state and national averages on the ACT and SAT college placement exams.

65% of St. Croix's teaching staff hold **advanced degrees.**

The student-to-teacher ratio is **13 to 1** and the average class size is 20.

SCL graduates have been accepted to some of the most distinguished universities in the world including the University of California-Berkeley; Harvard; MIT; and Johns Hopkins University.

95% of graduates continue to post-secondary studies.



COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

- AP Biology (online)
- AP Calculus A/B
- AP Calculus B/C
- AP Chemistry
- AP English
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics
- AP Psychology
- AP U.S. History
- Introduction to Engineering and Design
- Principles of Engineering
- Computer Science and Software Engineering

ONLINE COURSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT MAY INCLUDE:

- Financial Accounting
- Principles of Economics
- Principles of Marketing
- Principles of Management
- Civilization & Worldviews Literature
- Introduction to Writing
- Introduction to Business Writing
- Interpersonal Communication
- College Introduction to Fiction
- College Writing I
- Foundations of Computer Science
- Introduction to Sociology
- American Government
- Introduction to Psychology

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

The Learning Resource Center aids students with learning challenges and offers support for families and teachers by providing tools to encourage academic achievement.



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The co-curricular program at St. Croix Lutheran is designed with the total student in mind. There are award-winning opportunities in athletics, the arts, and academic programs so that everyone has an opportunity to identify, strengthen, and use their talents.

ATHLETICS

The SCL Crusaders compete in 22 sports interscholastically, from baseball to wrestling. The athletic complex includes one of the best tracks in the metro area, a football field, soccer fields, baseball and softball diamonds, and tennis courts, as well as a gymnasium and weight room.

St. Croix Lutheran athletes compete at the middle school, freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity levels, based on ability. An athlete's eligibility is established by the guidelines of the Minnesota State High School League. St. Croix Lutheran is a member of the Tri Metro Conference, which includes area private and public schools.

“Going to a school where the academic concern is as high as the athletic concern opened doors for me to further my education and also my career in sports.”

– Jeff Dubose, Class of 2010

75% of students participate in at least one co-curricular.

FALL

- Bowling • Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country • Football • Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer • Girls Tennis • Volleyball

WINTER

- Boys Basketball • Girls Basketball
- Girls Bowling • Dance • Boys Hockey
- Girls Hockey • Wrestling

SPRING

- Baseball • Clay Target • Boys Golf • Girls Golf
- Boys Lacrosse • Softball • Boys Track and Field
- Girls Track and Field

SCL teams consistently name all-conference and all-state players. A partial listing of our most recent team awards includes:

- Football Section Champions: 2006, 2011-2017
State Class AAA Champions: 2011, 2013
- Boys Track Section Champions: 2007-2009, 2012-2018
State Class A Champions: 2009
Girls Track Section Champions: 2007-2009, 2012
- Volleyball Section Champions: 2012
- Boys Basketball Section Champions: 2012, 2014-2016
- Boys and Girls Golf Section Champions: 2011, 2012

awards





OF THE SCL FAMILY

FINE ARTS

Choral, instrumental, dramatic, and visual arts programs are an integral part of the comprehensive curriculum and community. SCL directors and leaders are enthusiastic about music and the arts and have helped students achieve numerous awards in music, drama, and visual arts events and competitions throughout the school year.

The arts are integral to our curriculum.

CHORAL

- Middle School Choir • Crusader Chorus • Chorale • Concert Choir • Croixaliers

INSTRUMENTAL

- Middle School Band • Crusader Band • Jazz Band • Pep Band • Strings Ensemble

DRAMA

- Middle School Drama • Children's Theatre • Spring Play/Musical • One-Act Play

VISUAL ARTS

- Drawing • Lettering and Printmaking • Painting • Ceramics • Sculpture
- Fall Concert
- WELS Choral Festival
- Middle School Christmas Concert
- High School Christmas Concert
- Tri Metro Honors All-Conference Concert
- Gathering Grounds Variety Show
- WELS Band Festival
- Mid-Winter Band Concert
- Spring Sacred Choral Concert
- Twin Cities Fine Arts Festival
- Middle School Spring Concert and Play
- Spring Concert
- Croixaliers Advanced Choir Tour

events

“Through my involvement in speech competitions and the entire experience of studying at St. Croix, I have learned an insistence on success and a perseverance in new things that I try.”

– Xita Kaiser, Salutatorian
Class of 2010; University of Illinois

LEADERSHIP

At SCL, students are encouraged to develop their talents and leadership skills within and outside of the classroom.

The **award-winning** speech team consistently qualifies individuals for and ranks at the state competition each spring.

Students who wish to build the qualities and skills of a leader will find many opportunities for personal growth in our leadership and service programs which include:

- Art Club
- Business Club
- Global Leadership Team
- International Student Mentors
- Math Team
- National Honor Society
- New Friends
- Peer Tutors
- Robotics Team
- School Ambassadors
- Speech Team
- Stream Team
- Student Council
- Youth in Government

“I greatly appreciated that at SCL I was encouraged to be involved in a range of activities that broadened my experiences.”

– Dr. Wendy Potratz, Class of 1995





MIDDLE SCHOOL

Serving students in grades 6–8, St. Croix Lutheran’s middle school fosters a caring, Christian community of active learners and explorers.

The middle school years can be challenging as students experience the normal physical, social, and emotional changes that occur as they transition into independent adults. It is important for these students to engage in their education through exploration.

Utilizing technology and a collaborative learning environment (including study groups and experiences outside of the classroom), a SCL middle school education is designed to encourage students to define themselves and explore the world.

“We take great delight in working side-by-side with students to develop a greater, more meaningful understanding of our world.”

– Principal Nate Kallies

EXPERIENTIAL TRIPS INCLUDE:

- Overnight Trips (Eagle Bluff, End-of the Year Trip)
- Music and Theater Performances (Ordway)
- Service Projects
- Outdoor Activities (Skiing)
- Business Partnerships
- Museums

TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

- Chromebook Laptops
- Google School Platform
- Interactive Smart TV Technology



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– GRADES 6-8

“When we relocated, finding a good school was our main task. After one visit, we knew this was the school. Our son had an outstanding year academically, socially and spiritually.”

– Denise Lockart, SCL Parent

CHALLENGING ACADEMICS

With a curriculum that is challenging, exploratory, integrative, and firmly grounded in God’s Word, the middle school at SCL is dedicated to educating the total student—spiritually, intellectually, and physically.

The academic programming is designed to meet the individual needs of each child. Using placement testing, students are grouped by ability and given the opportunity to take high-school-level math, literature, and world language courses during their middle school years. In addition, students enjoy taking engineering, science, U.S. History, art, music, and more. Small class sizes and the highly-trained, caring teachers are prepared to challenge each child to new levels of success.

ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS

- Bowling (grades 7-8)
- Cross Country (grades 7-8)
- Football (boys grades 6-8)
- Soccer (grades 7-8)
- Swim Team (girls, grades 7-8)
- Tennis (girls, grades 7-8)
- Volleyball (girls grades 6-8)

WINTER SPORTS

- Basketball (grades 6-8)
- Dance (girls, grades 7-8)
- Hockey (boys and girls, grades 7-8)
- Wrestling (boys, grades 7-8)

SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball (boys grades 7-8)
- Clay Target (grades 6-8)
- Golf (grades 7-8)
- Lacrosse (boys, grades 7-8)
- Softball (girls, grades 7-8)
- Track and Field (grades 6-8)

FINE ARTS

- Middle School Drama
- Choir
- Band
- Visual Arts
- Speech

TEAM BUILDING

Engaging opportunities for team building occur inside and outside of the classroom.

In addition to athletics, the middle school offers several after-school clubs and opportunities with music, theater, and visual arts.

- Speech
- Math
- Visual Recording Arts
- Robotics

PERSONAL GROWTH

During homeroom, small groups focus on areas of life preparation to gain and refine valuable life skills such as:

- Conflict resolution
- Handling peer pressure
- Etiquette and manners
- Christian leadership
- Christian decision-making
- Goal setting
- Study skills



ON-CAMPUS DORMITORIES

Each day, over 350 SCL students carpool or bus from the Twin Cities and surrounding metro area to attend St. Croix Lutheran. For those students who live further from our campus, SCL offers convenient on-campus accommodations with lakeside views.

LOCATION

St. Croix Lutheran is located in a residential park-like setting in a suburb of St. Paul, Minnesota. It is within walking distance of over 50 stores and restaurants, five minutes from downtown St. Paul, and 15 minutes from the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport, the Mall of America, and the city of Minneapolis.

SUPERVISION

- Six adult instructors live onsite
- Activities are scheduled each weekend
- Quiet study time is observed Monday-Thursday

ACTIVITIES FOR DORM RESIDENTS

Students who live in the dorm are offered a wide variety of activities (ski trips, concerts, sports events, and cultural activities), and are encouraged to attend a weekend worship service. Shuttle transportation is offered for weekly worship, shopping trips, and traveling to the airport.

Students come from over 15 countries.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

American students in the dormitory have the opportunity to interact with students from over 15 different countries. International students place a high value on a SCL education and on friendships with American students.

DORM AMENITIES

- 152-bed, three-story dormitory for boys and girls (separate wings)
- Two-person accommodations
- Secured access to dorm entrances and rooms
- Food program and fully-staffed cafeteria
- Laundry facilities
- Storage units
- Dining area overlooking beautiful Thompson Lake
- Six student lounge areas (one per floor/wing) and an activity center
- Wireless connectivity
- Cultural diversity

“St. Croix Lutheran is a great school because they care about students. They provided me with a caring community and a nice supportive system, which I desperately needed because I was far from my home and family.”

– Daniel Yang, Valedictorian, Class of 1998; Cornell University Senior Business Executive at Capital One

ST. CROIX LUTHERAN AT-A-GLANCE

- 500** Enrollment in grades 6-12
- 15** Countries students come from
- 5** States students come from
- 42** Faculty members
- 65%** Faculty with advanced degrees
- 20** Average class size
- 13/1** Student/Teacher ratio

- 3.4** Average GPA
- 70%** Juniors & Seniors taking university-level courses
- 68%** Advanced Placement (AP) pass rate
- 24** Average composite ACT score
- 99%** Graduation rate
- 95%** Graduates pursue post-secondary education

TECHNOLOGY

The SCL campus is 100% wireless internet accessible. All classrooms are equipped with interactive technology. The middle school uses assigned Chromebooks. High school students bring their own devices according to SCL guidelines. SCL uses a Google School platform.