



Downtown St. Paul is less than 4 miles from St. Croix Academy

ABOUT ST. CROIX ACADEMY

The beautiful state of Minnesota is known for:

- The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul – the second cleanest, healthiest city in the United States.
- The rugged north shore along Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world.
- The more than 10,000 lakes which are perfect for fishing and recreation.
- The source of the scenic Mississippi River, the longest river in the United States.
- Four distinct seasons - winter, spring, summer, and fall.
- The Mall of America, the largest indoor shopping center in the USA.
- Headquarters to the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, 3M, Best Buy, Target, and Medtronic.
- Elite universities such as the University of Minnesota, Macalaster, St. Thomas, Hamline, and Carleton.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP) has daily international flights.



St. Paul/Minneapolis, Minnesota

ST. CROIX IS:

- A private Christian university preparatory school that enrolls 500 students in grades 6-12, including 120 international students from over 15 countries on five continents.
- Recognized by the State of Minnesota Department of Education and accredited by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association.
- A partner in education. In addition to our core curriculum with many university credit offerings, our unique Learning Resource Center provides more support.
- Five minutes from downtown St. Paul and within walking distance of the Mississippi River.
- The only boarding school on a lake in a top five USA city.



A PLACE FOR YOU!

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

An international advisor supports all international students with day-to-day needs, communicates with parents, and assists with necessary medical needs and more.

Two levels of English as a Second Language courses are offered, as well as ESL U.S. History. Many new students choose to come early to the ESL summer camp.

Special assistance is given for course planning and university planning and preparation; assistance is available in making visits to university campuses. TOEFL prep courses are offered on campus.

Students are encouraged to participate in activities outside the classroom in cross-cultural activities, leadership, service, drama, music, and athletics.

International students at St. Croix experience a broad interaction of cultures in daily life and through organized programming.

“Teachers at St. Croix were always caring and friendly. They were always willing to help, yet they never treated me differently.”

– Anthea, Class of 2002
University of Washington, M.A. Cornell University
HR Employee at Microsoft Corporation





EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS

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

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

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

More than 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.

Our 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.

100% of international graduates are accepted to a university.
(99% to a U.S. university)



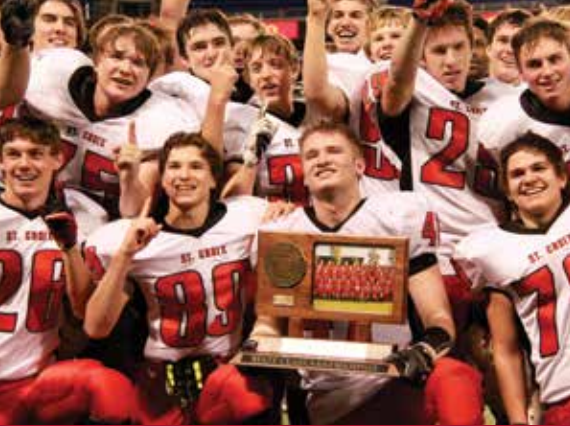
COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

- AP Calculus A/B
- AP Calculus B/C
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Psychology
- AP U.S. History
- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering
- Computer Science Principles
- AP Biology (online)
- Online dual-credit courses

COLLEGE GUIDANCE FOR GRADES 9-12

- Homeroom advisors
- One-to-one guidance consultations
- Personality inventory
- College fairs
- College information library
- ACT preparation classes
- TOEFL preparation classes
- Online SAT preparation classes
- ACT/SAT scheduling/travel
- College application assistance
- Recommendation letter guidance
- College admission counselor visits
- College visit assistance
- Pregraduation consultation





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

ATHLETICS

The St. Croix Crusaders compete in 22 sports interscholastically, from baseball to wrestling. Our recently expanded and upgraded 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 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 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 • 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





THE ST. CROIX FAMILY

FINE ARTS

Choral, instrumental, dramatic, and visual arts programs are an integral part of our comprehensive curriculum and community. Our 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 the curriculum.

CHORAL

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

INSTRUMENTAL

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

DRAMA

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

VISUAL ARTS

- Drawing • Painting • Ceramics • Sculpture • Video Recording Arts

- Fall Concert
- WELS Choral Festival
- Middle School Christmas Concert
- 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 Kaisa, Salutatorian
Class of 2010; University of Illinois

LEADERSHIP

At St. Croix, we encourage students to develop their talents and leadership skills within and outside of the classroom.

Leadership and Club Activities

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

- Art Club
- Athletic Student Leadership Team
- 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 SC 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’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.

Through technology, a collaborative learning environment including study groups, and experiences outside of the classroom, a St. Croix 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
- Music and Theater Performances
- 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

“As the parent of a middle schooler, I am impressed with the quality and dedication of the faculty and staff at St. Croix. My child is thriving as she enters the difficult teen years.”

CHALLENGING ACADEMICS

With a curriculum that is challenging, exploratory, and integrative, the middle school at St. Croix is dedicated to educating the total student—spiritually, intellectually, and physically.

Our academic programming is designed to meet the individual needs of each child. Through placement testing, ability grouping gives our students 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 our 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 (grades 7-8)

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 as well as opportunities with music, theater, and visual arts.

- Speech
- Math
- Visual Recording Arts
- Robotics

JUNIOR BOARDING PROGRAM

St. Croix dorm staff cares for the daily needs of our youngest students outside of the academic day through personalized programming. Students grow in social skills, organizational habits, and self-reliance, and are gradually able to take on more responsibility and leadership. The program includes a wake-up routine, device counseling, weekly house meal, off-campus oversight, and homework guidance.



ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

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

LOCATION

St. Croix 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 St. Croix 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 internet access
- Cultural diversity

“St. Croix 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 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%** Jrs & Srs 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 St. Croix campus is 100% wireless internet accessible. In addition, 88% of classrooms have interactive whiteboard or smart TV technology. The middle school uses assigned Chromebooks. High school students supply their own laptop/tablet device with our 1:1 program.