



ST. ANSELM'S

ABBAY SCHOOL

4501 South Dakota Avenue, NE
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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anselm's Abbey School is a Catholic, Benedictine community that nurtures the spiritual, personal and intellectual development of young men with demonstrated academic achievement through rigorous study of the liberal arts and sciences, preparing them for the demands of college and a life of learning and service to others.

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CLASS OF 2021 PROFILE

St. Anselm's Abbey School is a Catholic boys school of 249 students in grades 6-8 (Middle School) and 9-12 (Upper School). There are 163 students in the Upper School. The School is conducted by the Benedictine monks of St. Anselm's Abbey and lay faculty. Founded in 1942, the School offers a rigorous classical liberal arts education and welcomes all students able to benefit from its programs regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or economic status. Forty percent of all students receive financial aid. There are 41 students in the Class of 2021.

ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Beginning March 18, St. Anselm's conducted academic instruction entirely in a distance learning mode. The grading policy for the 2020 Spring Semester remainder indicated that grades would not register below students' grades achieved by March 18. Final spring semester grades could be increased based on student work from that day forward. If any student exhibited complete disengagement and no effort in his studies, the school reserved the right to register lower grades for that student for the spring semester. The school did not have to exercise this right with any of the 2021 graduating class members. For the Fall 2020 semester, the school is also managing instruction completely through distance learning, and will reassess this academic management approach in October. There will be no repeat of the grading policy employed during the past spring semester.

GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

GPA's are current as of September 2020. Fall Semester 2020 grades are issued in January 2021.

Range	Number of Students	% of Students
3.75 - 4.00*	24	59%
3.50 - 3.74	3	7%
3.25 - 3.49	6	15%
3.00 - 3.24	6	15%
2.75 - 2.49	1	2%
2.50 - 2.74	1	2%

*16 seniors (39%) have a 4.00

STANDARDIZED TESTING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Because of several issues related to the COVID pandemic during the spring and fall semesters of 2020, only a limited number of seniors have taken either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT. Most testing sites in our area cancelled administration of both the SAT and ACT. Due to our local situation, St. Anselm's cannot offer in-school standardized testing. There has been an increase in the number of young people in many areas testing positive for COVID. Both students and parents have expressed concern about the precarious safety and health risks involved in leaving a quarantine situation at home for a non-critical necessity, as most colleges have adopted a test-optional policy or have suspended the standardized testing requirement for the 2020-2021 admissions year. As a result, St. Anselm's is not including a testing range chart in this profile for the Class of 2021.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

The 41 students in the Class of 2021 have taken 197 AP exams. Seventy-five percent of scores are 3, 4, or 5. Forty-nine percent of scores are 4 or 5; with 22% a score of 5 and 27% a score of 4. Already, 71% of the seniors have earned AP Scholar standing or higher as follows:

AP Scholar Awards	Number of Students
AP Scholar with Distinction	10
AP Scholar with Honors	8
AP Scholar	10

One AP Scholar with Distinction was named a National AP Scholar as a junior.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The school day consists of ten 40-minute periods. The Upper School (grades 9 through 12) is on a semester system.

Marking System and Related Procedures

<i>Letter Grade Equivalent</i>		<i>Unweighted GPA Equivalent</i>			
A	= 90-100	93-100	= 4.0	75	= 2.5
B	= 80-89	90	= 3.7	70	= 2.0
C	= 70-79	85	= 3.2	65	= 1.5
D	= 65-69	80-83	= 3.0	Below 65	= 0
F	= Below 65				

The grade point average is computed based on all courses in grades 9 through 12, with the exception of physical education. For the academic years 2014 through 2017, the lowest passing grade was 65. Starting with the academic year 2017-2018, a student must earn a final grade of 70 or higher to receive full passing credit for an academic course. Students who earn a final course grade between 65 and 69 are now required to remediate that course over the summer to bring the final grade up to a 70. Summer remediation is also required for students who earn a final grade that is lower than 65 but in such cases, successful remediation will only bring the final course grade up to a 65. Students who earn a final grade of 65 after summer remediation or who fail to successfully remediate a final grade between 65 and 69 will receive a Provisional Pass in that course.

OUR STUDENTS ARE NOT RANKED AS CLASS SIZE IS TOO SMALL FOR MEANINGFUL COMPARISON. ST. ANSELM'S DOES NOT WEIGHT ANY GRADES. HOWEVER, A WEIGHTED GPA SUMMARY IS PROVIDED ON THE SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT FOR COLLEGES WHICH REQUEST ONE. THE WEIGHTED GPA IS COMPUTED BY ADDING 0.5 TO ALL ACADEMIC COURSE GRADES.

St. Anselm's offers 26 Advanced Placement courses: Art History; Studio Art; Music Theory; Computer Science A; English Language and Composition; English Literature and Composition; European History; French Language; Spanish Literature; Spanish Language; Latin: Vergil/Caesar; Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Statistics; Biology; Chemistry; Environmental Science; Physics C (Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism); Psychology; Economics (Macro and Micro); Comparative Government and Politics; U.S. Government and Politics; U.S. History, and World History. Students are limited to FOUR AP COURSES PER SEMESTER. However, upon petition, a student may take a fifth AP course in a semester.

St. Anselm's has a rigorous curriculum. ALL ACADEMIC COURSES ARE ON AN HONORS LEVEL. The School provides a relatively set curriculum in Form III (Grade 9) and in Form IV (Grade 10) with few student selections. Students in Form V (Grade 11) choose some electives in order to fulfil course requirements. Form VI (Grade 12) students have more electives available in meeting course requirements.

All students take math, English, and religion courses through their senior year. All juniors take AP Language and Composition for one semester. For their remaining three semesters of English, juniors and seniors traditionally take at least two semesters of AP Literature and Composition, and some take one semester of a non-AP English elective. By the time a student has completed Form V, he will have taken chemistry, physics, and AP Biology on the high school level. Each student must complete at least two semesters each in American social studies and in fine arts in order to graduate.

Students begin Latin in Form I (Grade 7) and a modern foreign language — French, Spanish, or Arabic — in Form II (Grade 8). They continue with both Latin and the same modern language for a minimum of four years each. Students who enter St. Anselm's in Form III take a minimum of three years of a modern language and Latin.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

St. Anselm's offers a comprehensive athletic program at the Upper School level. Some teams accept all participants, while others require tryouts. Students compete in a variety of interscholastic sports: soccer, cross country, basketball, wrestling, swimming, baseball, tennis, track and field, fencing, golf, and lacrosse. St. Anselm's is a member of the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference (PVAC). Throughout the time of distance learning, St. Anselm's athletes meet virtually with coaches and work at home on skill drills, and occasionally have sport-specific strategy discussions virtually. This keeps the athletes fit, involved with their sport, and improving their skills and abilities while actual competitions are not allowed.

St. Anselm's also offers many co-curricular activities. Among them are the student newspaper, the *Priory Press*; the *Priory Perspective*, the school yearbook; Model United Nations; and *It's Academic*, the Quizbowl team. Musical groups include an orchestra, a jazz band, and a men's chorus. The School has a long tradition in theater. The dramatic troupe in the Upper School, the *Priory Players*, has been in continuous existence since 1946.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The community service program plays an important part in the lives of juniors and seniors. All Form V and Form VI students spend each Tuesday morning volunteering in local hospitals, day-care centers, soup kitchens, nursing homes, food banks, and schools, for a total of 62 hours of service per year. Participation in the community service program is a requirement for graduation. During the distance learning period of the spring semester 2020, the students attended virtual presentations by area community service leaders.

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Please Note: This list is based upon the transcripts of the members of the Class of 2021. It does not necessarily reflect the course sequence for all students for the academic year 2020-2021.

Form III (Grade 9)

Algebra II
English: Literature and Composition (9)
AP World History I
Chemistry
Arabic II or I; French II or I; Spanish II or I
Latin II or Latin I
Religion
Speech (one semester)
Art (one semester)
Physical Education
Intramural Athletics

Form V (Grade 11)

Minimum course load: six courses

Pre-Calculus AB (full year) or
Pre-Calculus BC (fall) and AP Calculus BC I (spring)
AP Language and Composition (one-semester required)
AP Literature and Composition (various one-semester electives)
Reading and Writing Poetry (one-semester elective)
ESOL
Fine Arts electives (see below)
AP French Language; AP Spanish Language; French IV or French III; Spanish IV; Arabic IV or Arabic III; Latin III; Latin Literature I; AP Latin: Vergil/Caesar
AP Biology
Science electives: AP Chemistry; AP Environmental Science; Biotechnology; Anatomy & Physiology
Independent Study in Science (pass/fail) AP Computer Science A; Robotics I & II
Engineering electives (see below)
Christian Ethics
Social Studies electives (see below)
Independent Study in Humanities (pass/fail)
At least one team sport or Physical Education independent study

Form IV (Grade 10)

Geometry
English: Literature and Composition (10)
ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) 10
AP World History II
Physics
French III or French II
Spanish III or II
Arabic III or II
Latin III or Latin II
Religion
Humanities
Physical Education
Intramural Athletics

Form VI (Grade 12)

Minimum course load: six courses

AP Calculus AB or BC; AP Statistics; Multi-variable Calculus
AP Literature and Composition (various one-semester electives)
Reading and Writing the Short Story (one-semester elective)
Fine Arts electives (see below)
Foreign Language electives: AP French Language; French IV; AP Spanish Language; Spanish IV; Arabic IV; Greek I
Science electives: AP Chemistry; AP Environmental Science; AP Physics C (Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism); Biotechnology; Anatomy & Physiology; Independent Study in Science (pass/fail)
AP Psychology (elective)
AP Computer Science A (elective); Robotics I & II (electives)
Engineering electives (see below)
Religion electives: Bioethics; Unity and Division in Christianity; Religious Themes in Modern Literature
Social Studies electives (see below)
Independent Study in Humanities (pass/fail)
At least one team sport or Physical Education independent study

ELECTIVES FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Social Studies: AP U.S. History; AP Economics (Macro and Micro); AP European History; AP U.S. Government and Politics; AP Comparative Government and Politics; International Relations; Latin American History (in English); Native American Studies; Physical Anthropology; U.S. Constitutional Law; U.S. History: 1876-1995; District of Columbia History

Fine Arts: AP Art History; AP Music Theory; AP Studio Art; Studio Art; History of Film; Men's Chorus; Acting

Engineering: Introduction to Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Electrical, or Mechanical)

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2018-2020

Allegheny College (2)	Lewis & Clark College	University of British Columbia
American University (3)	Louisiana State University	University of California - Riverside
Augsburg University	Loyola Marymount University	University of California - San Diego (3)
Babson College (2)	Loyola University Chicago	University of California - Davis (2)
Bates College	Loyola University Maryland	University of California - Irvine (2)
Baylor University	Loyola University New Orleans (7)	University of California - Santa Barbara (2)
Belmont Abbey College	Macalester College	University of California - Santa Cruz
Bentley University	Marquette University (2)	University of Chicago (3)
Binghamton University (2)	Marymount University	University of Colorado - Boulder (7)
Boston College (13)	McGill University	University of Connecticut
Boston University	Miami University - Ohio (8)	University of Dayton (2)
Bridgewater College	Middlebury College (2)	University of Delaware (4)
Bucknell University (2)	Mount St. Mary's University, Maryland	University of Denver
Carleton College (2)	Muhlenberg College	University of Florida (2)
Carnegie Mellon University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Hawaii - Manoa
Case Western Reserve University (11)	New York University	University of Illinois - Urbana - Champaign (4)
Catholic University of America (2)	North Carolina State University - Raleigh	University of Iowa
Claremont McKenna College	Northeastern University (6)	University of Kansas (2)
Clemson University (3)	Norwich University	University of Maryland - Baltimore County (9)
Colgate University (2)	Oberlin College (5)	University of Maryland - Eastern Shore
College of Charleston (3)	Old Dominion University (2)	University of Maryland - College Park (17)
College of the Holy Cross (6)	Pace University	University of Massachusetts- Amherst (2)
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	Pennsylvania State University (6)	University of Michigan (7)
Columbia University	Princeton University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities (5)
Cornell University (2)	Providence College (6)	University of Mississippi (2)
Creighton University (2)	Purdue University (3)	University of Nevada - Las Vegas
Culinary Institute of America	Randolph-Macon College	University of New Hampshire
Dartmouth College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)	University of Notre Dame (7)
Davidson College (4)	Rhodes College (2)	University of Oklahoma (2)
Denison University	Rice University	University of Oregon
DePauw University	Rochester Institute of Technology (9)	University of Pennsylvania (3)
Dickinson College (13)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (2)	University of Pittsburgh (15)
Drexel University (12)	Rowan University	University of Rhode Island (2)
Duke University (2)	Rutgers University -New Brunswick (3)	University of Richmond (5)
Duquesne University	Saint Joseph's University (3)	University of Rochester (6)
Eckerd College (4)	Salisbury University (2)	University of San Francisco
Elizabethtown College	San Diego State University	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Elon University	Seattle University	University of Southern California (5)
Emory University (5)	Seton Hall University (2)	University of Toronto
Florida Institute of Technology (2)	Sewanee: The University of the South (4)	University of Utah (2)
Fordham University (10)	Southern Methodist University	University of Vermont
Franklin and Marshall College (3)	St Lawrence University	University of Victoria
George Mason University (8)	St Olaf College (2)	University of Virginia (14)
George Washington University (4)	St. John's College, Maryland	University of Wisconsin - Madison (7)
Georgetown University (4)	St. John's University, Minnesota	Ursinus College (2)
Georgia Institute of Technology(4)	St. John's University, New York (5)	Vanderbilt University (2)
Gettysburg College (4)	St. Mary's College of Maryland (2)	Vassar College (2)
Goucher College (3)	Stetson University	Villanova University (5)
Grinnell College (3)	Stevens Institute of Technology (2)	Virginia Commonwealth University (3)
Hamilton College (3)	Stony Brook University	Virginia Military Institute
Hampshire College (2)	Syracuse University (2)	Virginia Tech (10)
Haverford College (2)	Temple University	Wabash College
Hillsdale College	The College of Wooster (2)	Wake Forest University (2)
Hobart College (2)	The University of Manchester	Washington and Lee University (3)
Illinois Institute of Technology	The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (2)	Washington University in St Louis (5)
Indiana University- Bloomington (3)	The University of Scranton (2)	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	The University of Texas at Austin	Wesleyan University (2)
Iowa State University	The University of Warwick	Westminster College, Pennsylvania
James Madison University (2)	Towson University (2)	Whittier College
Johns Hopkins University	Transylvania University	William and Mary (16)
Johnson & Wales University, Providence	Trinity College, Connecticut	Williams College
Juniata College	Trinity University, Texas	Wingate University
Kenyon College (3)	Tufts University (3)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)
King's College London	Tulane University of Louisiana (3)	Xavier University (3)
Lafayette College (7)	Union College (3)	
Le Moyne College	University College London	
Lehigh University (4)		