



Fairfield College Preparatory School

A Jesuit, Catholic School of Excellence

What is a Jesuit Education?

The Jesuit Order, formally known as the Society of Jesus, is well known for its widespread missionary activity and is best known for nearly 470 years of excellence in education in Jesuit high schools and colleges throughout the world.

It was in 1548 that St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, opened the first Jesuit school. Today the Jesuits maintain 60 secondary schools and 28 colleges and universities in the United States alone. Currently, 1/3 of the US Supreme Court Justices and 11% of the US Congress are graduates of Jesuit universities or high schools.

The distinctiveness of a Jesuit education stems from its deep-rooted history and a mission grounded in faith and intellectual rigor. Since its beginnings in the 16th century when the first Jesuit institution opened its doors in Messina, Sicily, Jesuit higher education remains committed to academic excellence, service, leadership, and caring for the whole person. Jesuit high schools embody a tradition that has stood the test of time, and have the proven experience of forming ordinary boys and girls into extraordinary “Men and Women For Others.”

Why Fairfield Prep?

Founded in 1942, Fairfield Prep is situated on the 200 acre campus of Fairfield University. We are the only Jesuit Catholic secondary school in Connecticut, with a diverse student body representing 54 different towns. Prep’s mission is to form young men of intellectual competence, who possess the conscience to make wise decisions, a compassion for others, and a commitment to justice in our global society.

As a Catholic school, Prep helps young men to grow in their faith and understanding of the teachings of the Church and to learn to put their faith into action in the service of others. We welcome students of all faiths, believing that conscious reflection on one’s faith, whatever it may be, leads to spiritual maturity and a commitment to serve others.

A Fairfield Prep education centers on the education of the whole person: mind, spirit and body. The Jesuits call this *cura personalis* (Latin for “care for the entire person”) and is accomplished through a holistic curriculum that encompasses both the classroom and the world around us.

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