



ST. CROIX LUTHERAN ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GR 6-8

HIGH SCHOOL  
GR 9-12

Christ-centered. Academic Excellence. Global Community.





## Welcome to St. Croix Lutheran Academy!



15+ Countries  
Represented



13:1 Student/  
Teacher Ratio



60% Teachers  
Advanced Degrees



Academic and  
Social Support

**50+**

Co-Curriculars

**75%**

Students in  
Activities

**20**

Average Class  
Size

**70+**

School Teachers  
and Support Staff



SCLA's caring, global community welcomes about 500 students in grades 6-12 from the greater Twin Cities area, the United States, and around the world.

Since 1958, we have served students from more than 50 countries and 18 states by providing an affordable but academically rigorous Christian education in a safe, caring environment.



Visit [StCroixLutheran.org](https://StCroixLutheran.org) for a virtual tour or to schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor.





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

## Why SCLA?

Choosing the right school for your student is one of the most important decisions you'll make for their future. At St. Croix Lutheran Academy, we provide more than just a high-quality education—we nurture students in a Christ-centered environment where faith, knowledge, and character grow together.

With a strong reputation for academic excellence, our caring and highly qualified teachers are committed to putting students first, helping them reach their full potential. Whether in the classroom, on the field, on stage, or serving the community, your child will have countless opportunities to discover their talents, build lifelong friendships, and develop the confidence to succeed on their personal journey.

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8-9**



### SCLA FAST FACTS

- Grades 6-12
- 500 students
- 120 international students from over 15 countries
- Highly qualified Christian teachers
- College-preparatory and career-guidance school
- Accredited by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association.
- Recognized by the State of Minnesota Department of Education.
- The only boarding school on a lake in a top five USA city.



## CARING COMMUNITY



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*I love all the cultural diversity in our school and how I have friends from all over the world!  
I also love the small class sizes and how the teachers care about me.  
– Caitlyn, Class of 2023*

## Highly Qualified Staff

Our **dedicated and experienced teachers** are passionate about helping students discover their unique gifts and talents, while our **close-knit, supportive community** ensures every student feels valued and encouraged.

## Comprehensive Support

SCLA employs teaching specialists, full-time pastoral staff, a dedicated, highly trained career guidance team, and a partnership with a licensed therapy provider.

A portion of our 500 students receive **academic assistance** through our Learning Resource Center. Through personalized learning support plans, we tailor educational strategies to meet each student's unique needs.



Educating the total student—  
spiritually, intellectually, and physically—  
in a caring, Christian family community.





## Science and S.T.E.M. Classrooms

Four dedicated laboratories and additional classrooms for:

- Biology
- Chemistry / AP Chemistry
- Physics / AP Physics
- General Science
- Computer Science / Engineering
- Anatomy and Physiology

### CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

SCLA's expanding CTE program reflects the growing demand for skilled professionals in technical fields.

## College Credit in High School

Dual-credit college courses taught on campus:

- Applied Algebra & Trigonometry
- Introduction to Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Programming 1
- Introduction to Programming 2



## AP Courses

- AP Precalculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1
- AP U.S. History

**SCLA provides a college-preparatory curriculum during a two-semester school year.**

*\* Offerings are subject to change.*



## COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION



### Dedicated Guidance Professionals

As students explore potential paths, they work closely with the SCLA guidance team to **research careers and colleges**, ensuring they are well-prepared for their next steps. SCLA teachers and guidance staff coordinate classroom visits from local professionals across various career fields, giving students **valuable insight** into the connection between their coursework and future career opportunities.

Counselors work personally with students through scheduled meetings. Each year of high school focuses on a specific phase of post-secondary planning. This **tailored approach** ensures that every student is equipped to discover and pursue the path that best fits their goals after graduation.

#### Grade 9 - Freshman

Focus on starting strong and getting involved in high school, taking a learning inventory to drive future-thinking conversations.

#### Grade 10 - Sophomore

Begin taking career interest inventories and exploring college options, while figuring out what you enjoy, your strengths, and your weaknesses.

#### Grade 11 - Junior

Prepare for post-secondary options by taking ACT or SAT tests, connecting with career professionals, visiting potential schools, and discussing next steps more specifically.

#### Grade 12 - Senior

Continue post-secondary research and discussion, while completing deadlines for scholarships and FAFSA, applications, and admissions requirements.



92% of graduates pursue post-secondary education.





## ACTIVITIES



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*It is a fantastic Christian environment. The entire faculty is always nice and the student body is welcoming. We can do multiple sports and other co-curricular activities. All in all, this is a fantastic school!*  
— Silas, Class of 2023

### Fall Sports

Bowling (6-12)  
Cross Country (7-12)  
Football (6-12)  
Girls and Boys Soccer (6-12)  
Girls Tennis Club (6-12)  
Girls Volleyball (6-12)

### Winter Sports

Girls and Boys Basketball (6-12)  
Girls Bowling (6-12)  
Cheerleading (6-12)  
Dance (7-12)  
Girls and Boys Hockey (7-12)  
Girls and Boys Wrestling (7-12)

### Spring Sports

Baseball (6-12)  
MS Bowling (6-8)  
Clay Target (7-12)  
Girls and Boys Golf (7-12)  
Boys Lacrosse (7-12)  
Girls Softball (7-12)  
Girls and Boys Track & Field (6-12)

### Academic Teams

Math (7-12)  
Robotics (6-12)  
Speech (7-12)

### Leadership Teams

Athletic Leadership (11-12)  
Global Leadership (10-12)  
National Honor Society (10-12)  
Student Council (6-12)

### Service Clubs

Ambassador Club  
International Mentors  
New Friends  
Tech Team  
and more...

■ 75% of SCLA students are involved in at least one activity outside of the classroom.

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL



### Safety, Care, and Support

Middle school is a time of tremendous growth and opportunity. Academic planning in the St. Croix Lutheran Academy middle school is designed to meet the individual needs of each student. SCLA provides:

- a safe, **nurturing environment**.
- academic, social, and spiritual support.
- hands-on, **experiential learning** to develop critical thinking, creativity, and a love for lifelong learning.
- character, leadership, and faith development, guiding students to use their gifts to make a positive impact at school, in the community, and around the world.
- placement testing to **group students by ability**
- opportunities to take high-school-level math and English during their middle school years.
- S.T.E.M, science, art, music, woodshop, and more **electives**.
- **small class sizes** and highly trained, caring teachers.

### Experiential Trips

Education that occurs outside of the middle school classrooms might include:

- Science and history lessons at **local museums**
- Service events
- Visits to Twin Cities arts and theatre venues
- Trips to local **sports arenas**
- Physical education at area recreational facilities
- Twin Cities overnight **end-of-year trip**

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*SCLA is an amazing school. Teachers and staff are very supportive and my son loves this school.*

*- SCLA Parent*

### Middle School Activities

Grades 7-8 can participate in most high school teams. All middle school students may participate in:

- Football (fall)
- Girls Volleyball (fall)
- Co-ed Soccer (fall)
- Robotics (fall/winter)
- Girls Basketball (winter)
- Boys Basketball (winter)
- Speech (winter)
- Baseball (spring)
- Bowling (spring)
- Track and Field (spring)
- Student Council





# We Are...

Middle school teachers instill the following core values so students grow into compassionate, responsible, and faithful individuals, prepared for the future and committed to serving their Lord and peers in all aspects of life.

## Saved by Grace

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

## Connected & Caring

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. *Colossians 3:12-14*

## Learners & Leaders

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. *1 Timothy 4:12*

## Active in Service

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. *1 Peter 4:10*



Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*





## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING



### Students from Around the World

The majority of SCLA students live within 10 miles of campus, but for those far from home, on-campus housing is available in our modern dormitory. Professional on-site faculty and staff and a well-maintained facility welcome over 100 international and domestic students annually.

#### Location

- Lakeside setting near park and **walking trails**
- **Safe** residential neighborhood
- Within walking distance of over 50 shops and restaurants
- **Convenient** access to all the Twin Cities has to offer and the MSP airport

#### Student Care

- Six adult supervisors live **onsite**
- **Academic supervision** and support
- Regular parent communication
- Dedicated pastoral program and group meetings
- American and dormitory **mentor for new students**

#### Activities

Weekly and monthly dorm activities include:

- Community service
- Outdoor experiences
- Sporting events
- Shopping trips
- Cultural excursions
- Weekend worship

#### DORMITORY AMENITIES

- 152-bed, 3-story dormitory for boys and girls (separate wings)
- 2-person accommodations
- Secured entrances and room
- On-site chef, three meals/day
- On-site laundry









## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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