St Benedict
AT AUBURNDALE



DISCOVER. PURSUE. SERVE.



St. Benedict has changed me as a person by giving me the best experiences. My best memories are performing in the musical, cheering at the football games, playing guitar in concerts, and competing in tennis.

These experiences have taught me that nothing worthwhile comes without effort. If I want an opportunity, I must be willing to work for it.

- HUDSON COVEY, CLASS OF 2027

DISCOVER.

WHY ST. BENEDICT?

Dear Future Eagles

Choosing the right school is an important decision, and at St. Benedict we welcome every family into a community rooted in faith, learning, and growth. At St. Benedict, we believe deeply that every child deserves a high quality Catholic education - one that nurtures the mind, shapes the heart, and inspires a life of purpose.

At St. Benedict, students **discover** who they are and who God is calling them to become. Supported by dedicated faculty and staff, each child is known, valued, and encouraged to explore their interests, recognize their strengths, and grow in faith and confidence.

Our students are inspired to **pursue** knowledge through a challenging and engaging Catholic education. In every classroom and program, they develop a lifelong love of learning, strengthen their character, and build the academic foundation needed to succeed in college and beyond.

Students also learn what it means to **serve** and lead with compassion. Whether representing the Eagles in athletics, performing on stage, participating in clubs and organizations, or helping others in the community, they form lasting friendships and learn to use their talents for the good of others.

Our vision is to prepare young people not only for college, but also for life. Every classroom, every program, and every experience at St. Benedict is designed to ensure that our students are ready for the future - equipped with strong values, knowledge, and a lasting sense of community.

As you consider the next step in your child's educational journey, I invite you to discover the difference of a St. Benedict education. Here, your child will be welcomed, known, and supported by dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to walking alongside them each step of the way.

We look forward to welcoming you into our St. Benedict family and sharing in the exciting journey ahead.



RAMON VILLACURA
Principal
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OUR MISSION

Rooted in Christ and committed to excellence, we foster an exceptional learning environment where students discover their gifts, pursue knowledge, and serve others as compassionate leaders.



OVER **$15.5M**

MILLION RECEIVED BY THE CLASS OF 2025 IN MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

100%

2026 PASS RATE FOR CHEMISTRY, STUDIO ART: TWO DIMENSIONAL DESIGN, PHYSICS, SPANISH, GOVERNMENT & POLITICS, UNITED STATES HISTORY, WORLD HISTORY

16

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION, CLASS OF 2026

9

AP CAPSTONE GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2026

86%

AP PASS RATE FOR SBA STUDENTS
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 25%

PURSUE.

ACADEMICS

College Prep Curriculum

A strong and balanced college-prep curriculum that equips students with the knowledge and habits they'll need for success after graduation.

Advanced Curriculum

A curriculum ready to meet the needs of students who want a more rigorous college-prep curriculum that promotes independent learning, critical thinking, and academic distinction.

Honors & AP® Curriculum

Our most rigorous curriculum, designed for highly motivated students who thrive on academic challenge, the pursuit of excellence, and are ready to engage in college-level learning. AP® courses give students the chance to pursue college level work and earn college credit based on test performance.

AP® Course List

Biology
Business with Personal Finance
Calculus AB/BC
Chemistry
Computer Science Principles
Environmental Science
European History
Government & Politics
Language & Composition
Literature
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Music Theory
Physics C
Pre-Calculus
Psychology
Research
Seminar
Spanish
Statistics
Studio Art: Drawing
Studio Art: Two Dimensional Design
United States History
World History

AP Capstone™ Program

A prestigious two-year sequence that develops advanced research, writing, and presentation skills. Earning the Capstone Diploma™ is one of the most rigorous and selective academic opportunities available. Because few schools in Tennessee can offer AP Capstone™, participation demonstrates to colleges that St. Benedict students have pursued the highest levels of academic challenge.

Dual Enrollment

In partnership with the University of Memphis, St. Benedict offers dual enrollment classes in which students can take a college course and earn credits. Courses offered include English Composition, College Algebra, and French.

PLUS Program

For students with a diagnosed learning difference, this program provides students with an added layer of support and guidance through individualized instruction or integrated into classrooms at any curriculum level.

"Whether students need the added challenge of Honors or AP courses, a strong foundation through our college prep courses, or extra support through the PLUS Program, we meet each student where they are."



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St. Benedict's STEM program has been both a resource for growth in technical leadership for me, as well as a fun environment where I can nurture my engineering interests with like-minded students.

- AUSTIN VILLEM, CLASS OF 2027

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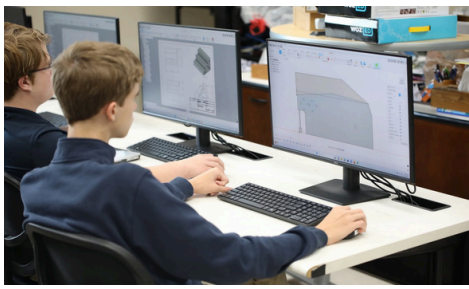
EXPLORE WHAT'S POSSIBLE

In addition to their core classes, St. Benedict students are encouraged to explore their interests and future careers through a diverse selection of electives. These courses give students opportunities to discover new talents, develop practical skills, and gain valuable insight into fields they may wish to pursue. By trying new subjects in a supportive environment, students can build confidence, broaden their perspectives, and make more informed decisions about college, careers, and life beyond the classroom.







ENGINEERING & STEM
Introduction to Engineering Design
Principles of Engineering
Introduction to Drones
Computer Science Principles
Physics
Environmental Science

HEALTHCARE
Healthcare Career Exploration
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Injury Care

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Forensic Science
True Crime Literature

GOVERNMENT & HISTORY
Government & Politics
United States History
European History

BUSINESS
Introduction to Business & Marketing
Accounting
Investing & Financial Planning
Marketing
Fundamentals of Sports & Entertainment Marketing
Sports Event Management
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics

PSYCHOLOGY & MENTAL HEALTH
Sociology
Psychology
Human Geography

FOREIGN LANGUAGES
Spanish I-IV
French I-IV

ENGLISH & WRITING
Creative Writing
Southern Studies

1st

PLACE BAND AT THE 2026 MUSIC IN THE PARKS COMPETITION

11

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD WINNERS (2023–2025)

20

ORPHEUM HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE NOMINATIONS IN 2026



SYDNEY GRANGER, CLASS OF 2027
ORPHEUM HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS WINNER

WHERE CREATIVITY TAKES FLIGHT

St. Benedict's Fine Arts program offers various elective classes, along with opportunities to join groups through after school rehearsals. Students who complete four consecutive years of Fine Arts courses, with at least three classes in the same area, will graduate with a Fine Arts concentration.

CLASSES AND ENSEMBLES

INSTRUMENTAL
Beginning Band
Concert Band
Orchestra
Rock & Soul Band
AP Music Theory

VOCAL
Concert Choir
Women's Chorale

THEATRE
Acting
Advanced Acting
Technical Theatre

VISUAL ART
Art I, II & III
Drawing and Painting
Photography I & II
Ceramics I & II
AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2D Design











Being an athlete at St. Benedict reminds us we are surrounded by Christ at all times, on the field and in the classroom.

- NELSON GUDIEL, CLASS OF 2027

PURSUE.

ATHLETICS

By joining one of our many teams at St.Benedict, students discover the importance of teamwork, competition, character, and sportsmanship. Our athletes have consistently been acknowledged by *The Commercial Appeal* and *The Daily Memphian* for their outstanding performance. Moreover, St. Benedict alumni athletes are currently competing at the highest levels, including in the **NFL** and **MLB**. Become an Eagle and soar in these exciting sports:

Teams

Baseball
Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Bowling
Cheerleading
Cross Country
eSports
Football
Flag Football (Girls)
Golf
Lacrosse (Girls)
Soccer (Boys & Girls)
Softball
Tennis
Track & Field
Trap & Skeet
Volleyball

State Qualifying Teams 2023-26

Bowling
Softball
Track & Field
Trap & Skeet
Cross Country

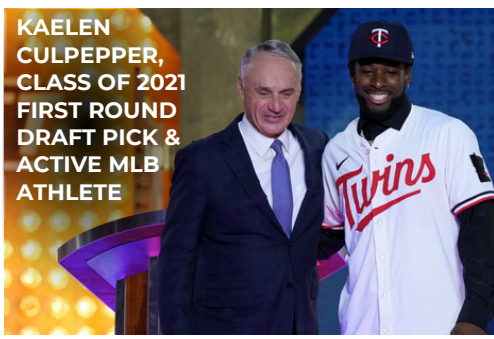
State Championship Runners-Up in 2025

Softball
Boys Bowling
Girls Bowling
Trap & Skeet
Cross Country

GOD BLESS & GO EAGLES!









There is no place like St. Benedict. The school offers endless ways to grow and find your voice.

The best part of St. Benedict is the community and lifelong friendships you make.

- NOELLE WILLIAMS, CLASS OF 2027

DISCOVER.

IGNITE YOUR PASSION

St. Benedict encourages and supports student involvement inactivities that contribute to a balanced education, promote good health, and allow students to use or gain unique talents or interests.

CLUBS

Join one or start your own!

Art Club
Aviation Club
Baking Club
Bible Study
Book Club
Diversity Club
Engineering/Robotics Club
French Club
Gardening Club
HOSA (Health Occupation Student Association)
Kite Club
Manus Dei (Service Club)
Photography Club
Protect Our Planet Club
Random Acts of Kindness Club
Rock Climbing Club
Slime Club
Social Media Club
Spanish Club
St. Jude/Make a Wish Club
Students for Life Club
Studies in Women's Literature Club
Wordsmith (Competitive Writing Team)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Cultivate leadership skills, make meaningful contributions, and inspire others.

Class Officers
Core Team (Campus Ministry)
Student Ambassadors
Student Government Association

"STUDENT LIFE IS ABOUT CREATING A SPACE WHERE EVERY STUDENT FEELS WELCOMED, SUPPORTED, AND CHALLENGED IN MEANINGFUL WAYS."

HONOR SOCIETIES

Celebrate academic excellence and connect with fellow driven peers.

French National Honor Society
International Thespian Society
Mu Alpha Theta
National Art Honor Society
National English Honor Society
National Honor Society
Quill & Scroll Journalism Honor Society
Rho Kappa (Social Studies)
Science National Honor Society
Spanish National Honor Society



ST. JUDE FUNDRAISING CLUB



MARCUS BELL
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NFL Defensive Lineman, 2001 - 2007



MASS

CELEBRATED REGULARLY WITH DAILY 7:00 AM SERVICES, THEOLOGY CLASSES, AND ALL SCHOOL GATHERINGS

5,000

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS COMPLETED BY ST.BENEDICT EAGLES EACH SCHOOL YEAR

SERVE.

CATHOLIC FAITH

St. Benedict is a community grounded in the Catholic teachings.

Our mission is to guide everyone who enters our campus towards a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. While not all of our students are Catholic, we encourage each individual to grow in their own Christian faith.

As a Catholic high school, our primary aim is eternal — we are dedicated to fostering saints. Named after St. Benedict of Nursia, the patron saint of students, our school reflects his legacy. He, the son of a Roman noble, chose to leave a life of privilege to devote himself to prayer and contemplation. This spirit of recognizing that each person's journey is unique continues to inspire us today.

We are committed to the core Benedictine values: seeking God, love of learning, community, service, hospitality, and the Benedictine motto of *Ora et Labora*, or "prayer and work."

SBA STUDENTS ON MISSION IN PERU







FATHER ANDREW RAFFANTI, CLASS OF 2014



DISCOVER.

ADMISSIONS

The Admissions process at St. Benedict is designed to be straightforward and welcoming, guiding prospective students and their families through each step to ensure a smooth transition into high school at SBA. Visit our website to set up a campus tour, apply, or receive more information about scholarships and financial aid.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

St. Benedict at Auburndale is an affordable choice within private education. We are committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, and socially in a warm and inclusive environment. Families seeking financial aid have multiple options to explore, including the state-based Tennessee programs Education Freedom Scholarship (EFS) and Education Savings Account (ESA).

We're here to help!

Please schedule an appointment with our admissions office for on-site support. Assistance is available in both English and Spanish, with laptops provided for convenience. We can help you with your application for admission as well as financial aid applications, including Tennessee ESA and EFS.

¡Estamos aquí para ayudarle!

Contamos con consejeros que hablan español para ayudarle con su solicitud de admisión en St. Benedict, con las solicitudes de ayuda financiera o para responder a cualquier pregunta que pueda tener. Solicite una cita con nuestra oficina de admisiones para recibir asistencia. Disponemos de computadoras portátiles para la comodidad de los padres. Para programar su cita, envíe un correo electrónico a zalzmanl@sbaeagles.org o llame al 901.260.2840 durante el horario de oficina.







"ADMISSIONS AT ST. BENEDICT IS WHERE OPPORTUNITY BEGINS - WELCOMING STUDENTS INTO A COMMUNITY THAT VALUES FAITH FORMATION, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE WHILE PREPARING THEM FOR COLLEGE AND BEYOND."



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COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION: SBAEagles.org/Admissions

BECOMING AN EAGLE

Key Dates, Tuition & Financial Information

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

APPLICATION OPENS *Online application for admission and financial aid opens.*	**October 1**
OPEN HOUSE *Tour campus; meet our faculty, students, and coaches; and discover what makes SBA so special.*	**November 15**
ADMISSIONS PLACEMENT TESTING *Placement test for incoming freshmen.*	**December 15 & January 12**
PRIORITY DEADLINE *Submit your admission and financial aid application by the priority deadline to receive early consideration for admission and available tuition assistance.*	**January 5**
FAMILY MEETING *Applicants will meet with an admissions representative.*	**Mid - January**
ADMISSIONS NOTIFICATION *Families will receive admission decisions.*	**Late January**

2026-2027 TUITION AND FEES

TUITION & FEES	**$17,880**
DINING PLAN	**$1,400**
UNIFORMS	**≈ $400**
PAYMENT PLAN FEE (ONE TIME)	**$55**
ENROLLMENT FEE (ONE TIME)	**$150**
BUS FEE (ONLY FOR STUDENTS RIDING THE BUS)	**$45/week**
BOOKS (VARIES BY CLASS)	**≈ $300**
LAPTOP CASE (ONE TIME)	**≈ $30**
PARKING (11th - 12th)	**$15**



THREE PATHS TO A ST. BENEDICT EDUCATION

TN ESA
EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

State-funded tuition assistance for eligible students zoned to Memphis-Shelby County Schools and other qualifying Tennessee districts.

$10,132.54

2026-2027 Award Amount

**Award amounts and dates are set by the State of TN and are subject to change.*

KEY DATES

Full Year Application Opens
February 2027

Full Year Application Closes
March 2027

2nd Semester Application Opens
September 2027

2nd Semester Application Closes
October 2027

School Verification Deadline
July 2027

Scan to Apply!

FACTS
NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

St. Benedict awards institutional financial assistance to qualifying families. Complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application to be considered.



KEY DATES

Application Opens
October 1

Priority Deadline
January 5

Award Notifications
March 1

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TN EFS
EDUCATION FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

Available to eligible Tennessee K-12 students attending participating non-public schools. Unlike ESA, EFS is a statewide program.

$7,530

2026-2027 Scholarship Amount

**Award amounts and dates are set by the State of TN and are subject to change.*

KEY DATES

Renewal Application Opens
December 2026

New Application Opens
January 2027

Applications Close
January 30, 2027

School Verification Deadline
July 2027

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**DR. JOHN C. HYDEN, M.D. CLASS OF 1993
WITH HIS SON JACK, CLASS OF 2028**

St. Benedict has been a part of my life since I began high school in 1989. My experiences there built a strong foundation that allowed me to be successful in college, medical school, and my professional career as a physician. I am proud to share this tradition with my son Jack, who is excelling as a current student at SBA.

- DR. JOHN HYDEN, M.D. CLASS OF 1993

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