



THE CHESTERTON SCHOOLS NETWORK

JOYFULLY CATHOLIC, CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOLS



Discover Chesterton

The Chesterton Schools Network (CSN) works to raise up a new generation of leaders and saints by inspiring and encouraging the establishment of parent-led, faithful, affordable Catholic high schools.



Realize Your Full Academic Potential

OUR INTEGRATED, CLASSICAL CURRICULUM WILL PREPARE YOU FOR COLLEGE—AND FOR LIFE

At Chesterton Academy, our students enjoy a cohesive, content-rich education. They benefit from a broad exposure to many different disciplines, which helps them expand their interests and their ability to think critically.

The Chesterton Academy model begins with a classical, integrated curriculum. You'll read Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Euclid, Virgil, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, Dostoyevsky. . . and G.K. Chesterton.

Chesterton students study the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. History, literature, philosophy, and theology are braided together. The sciences and the humanities are also intimately connected, so that the logic of math is seen in philosophy, and God's handiwork is seen in the sciences.

Faith and reason meet in every class.

Equal emphasis is given to the arts, so that every student learns to draw and paint, sing in the choir, act on the stage, give speeches, and engage in debate.

Each year builds on the previous, so that by the end of senior year, students develop into articulate, clear-thinking, well-rounded, and, very importantly, joyful individuals.

Nothing could be a better preparation for success at college. Our classically-educated students fare very well on standardized tests and college admissions. Yet our mission does not end with merely getting students into college. We are preparing them for life, which includes finding their vocation. A Chesterton Academy education helps students discern and follow God's calling for their lives.



The Chesterton Academy House system draws on the 1,000 year-old tradition of Christian education exemplified in the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge.

Houses provide real, tangible community within the larger school, giving our students the opportunity to take ownership, to exercise true leadership, and to grow in virtue.

Each student is assigned to one of four houses for their tenure at Chesterton Academy and has the opportunity to lead as a Captain or as an elected House Prefect during their junior and senior year. The Houses are named for the four saints who hold up the Chair of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica: Saints Ambrose, Augustine, Athanasius, and Chrysostom.

Curriculum Overview

A RIGOROUS FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM TAUGHT THROUGH THE LENS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

	FRESHMAN YEAR THE ANCIENT WORLD	SOPHOMORE YEAR THE EARLY MEDIEVAL PERIOD	JUNIOR YEAR HIGH MIDDLE AGES TO THE RENAISSANCE	SENIOR YEAR THE MODERN WORLD
HUMANITIES				
LITERATURE	Homer, Aeschylus, Virgil G.K. Chesterton: Common Sense 101	Augustine, Chaucer, Shakespeare G.K. Chesterton: St. Francis, Orthodoxy	Dante, Shakespeare, Cervantes G.K. Chesterton: St. Thomas Aquinas	Goethe, Dickens, Dostoyevsky, Orwell G.K. Chesterton: The Everlasting Man
HISTORY	Early Civilization, Greece, Rome	Early Church History, Early Medieval, Crusades	High Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation	American Revolution, French Revolution, Civil War, WWI and WWII, Communist and Cultural Revolutions
PHILOSOPHY	Pre-Socratics, Intro to Plato and Aristotle, Formal Logic	Plato and Aristotle	Scholasticism and Early Modern Philosophy (St. Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Hobbes)	Politics and Economics (Locke, Rousseau, Founding Fathers, Marx, G.K. Chesterton, Belloc)
THEOLOGY	Catechism; Old Testament	New Testament	Catechetical Topics I	Catechetical Topics II
LANGUAGE	Latin I	Latin II	Latin III or Spanish I	Latin IV or Spanish II
DEBATE		Debate		
MATH AND SCIENCE				
MATHEMATICS	Euclid's <i>Elements</i> , Analytical Geometry	Algebra II / Trigonometry	Pre-Calculus	Calculus or Statistics
SCIENCE	Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
THE FINE ARTS				
MUSIC	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation	Choir, Music Theory and Appreciation
ART	Ancient Art History, Calligraphy, Drawing	Late Roman, Early European, Byzantine, Pastels, Color	Late Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Oils	Classical, Romantic, Modern, Oils, Watercolors
DRAMA		Full Length Play (Comedy)	Full Length Play (Drama)	Full Length Play (Shakespeare)

Encounter Christ

At Chesterton Academy, we begin each day with Mass, so our students are able to experience daily the love of Christ through the Eucharist. The spiritual life of the school includes retreats, Adoration, formation, pro-life outreach, and ongoing opportunities for service.



Find your place at Chesterton and join the adventure.

From sports, to clubs, to our capstone pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, there's always something happening at Chesterton Academy...and our students are always working together to launch and lead something new.



"A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it." G.K. Chesterton

About the Network

Chesterton Schools Network guides parent groups and dioceses through a stage-gate process to discern, launch, and operate new brick and mortar schools in their local communities. Member schools are sponsored by the Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, a private association of the Christian faithful. Divided by stages, our process provides:

DETAILED CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

A 4 year, integrated, classical curriculum taught through the lens of the Catholic faith.

A NETWORK OF SUPPORT

Connect with schools whose journey and needs are similar to yours for support and best practices.

PERSONALIZED CONSULTING

We walk with each school through the process of getting established and provide support as they develop.

YEARLY CONFERENCES

Annual conferences for faculty, staff, boards, students, and parents.

BRANDING/MARKETING MATERIALS

We provide a brand design with logos, fonts, colors, and stock photography to strengthen identity and marketing.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A curated list of resources for web design and other vendors; play scripts by Dale Ahlquist; and much more!

Start a School

Interested in starting a school? Learn about the Chesterton Schools Network's approach, model, and curriculum to discern whether our mission and identity correspond with your vision for Catholic education.

We know how difficult it can be to navigate the school start-up process. We've created a multi-phase process to help you get your dream of a Catholic, classical high school off the ground.

Talk to us today about next steps!

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