



History and Mission

Church Farm School was founded in 1918 and is a college preparatory, independent, boarding and day school for boys in grades 9 through 12. The school's mission is to ***“Prepare a diverse group of boys with academic ability and good character to lead productive and fulfilling lives by making a college preparatory education financially accessible.”***

Every boy at Church Farm School is chosen for his potential to grow as an impactful leader. The school's 75 exceptional faculty and staff members guide approximately 180 students through a rigorous academic curriculum, along with a full program of athletic, artistic and spiritual activities that create a caring, close community.

CFS is part of the National Association of Episcopal Schools that are Christian communities valuing intellectual inquiry, service to others, and seeking to be inclusive of other denominations and faith traditions. Spiritual formation develops out of a healthy respect for the dignity of every human being which is reflected in our Honor Code, Profile of a CFS Graduate, and Diversity Statement. The Chapel of the Atonement serves as the spiritual center of a religiously diverse school community willing to talk about and live into God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is a sanctuary where scholars and adults gather for services and presentations by scholars, faculty, and guest speakers. Regular Chapel services and choral concerts are part of campus life at CFS.

Community

Our students engage with our history and traditions throughout the school year. Our strong community service program provides opportunities for our students to give back to the broader Episcopal community and our local township, mentor young children and participate in activities that enrich their worldview. Our wonderful choir performs at various local, regional and national venues, and our students participate annually at community events, diversity and leadership conferences and STEM competitions where they can showcase their vast talents.

The Church Farm School community is very diverse, with students coming from across the country and around the world. The school is a member of the National Association of Colleges and Independent Schools and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. One hundred percent of Church Farm School students are accepted to leading colleges and universities, with current graduates attending schools including University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Cornell, Williams, Swarthmore and Johns Hopkins University.

Class of 2023

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES



Overview

- CFS is located on 150 acres of land in Exton, Pennsylvania; 30 miles west of Philadelphia
- The school recently underwent a \$15M campus modernization project, which includes a state-of-the-art Center for the Arts
- The school has an extensive Residential Life program with 18 students per cottage and 2 full time faculty assigned to each dorm
- Average class size =10
- Each student receives a school-issued laptop computer
- 70% of the CFS faculty have advanced degrees
- 100% of students are accepted to college
- 30 athletic teams for 11 sports

Curriculum and Academics

- All courses meet for 70-minute periods, three times a week. This approach allows time for intensive and project-based class work while introducing students to a schedule that is similar to college classes.
- The school is phasing out Advanced Placement courses and offers a number of Honors and Advanced courses.

GPA/Rank

- The GPA is calculated beginning in grade 9 with all subjects factored. Grades are recorded on the transcript and computed in June.
- CFS does not rank students.

Additional Requirements

All CFS students are required to participate in the CORE (Challenge of Required Experience) program. CORE is a co-curricular program designed to provide students with many opportunities for community service and outdoor educational experiences, as well as exposure to the cultural / creative arts and leadership training.

Athletically, CFS is a member of the Bicentennial Athletic League (PIAA), and fields competitive programs in soccer, cross-country, golf, basketball, wrestling, bowling, winter and spring track, tennis, and baseball. Our athletic program includes: 30 athletic teams, 11 sports, 4 soccer fields, 6 tennis courts, 1 running track (newly enhanced in 2022), 3 basketball courts, 1 baseball field, 1 multi-purpose field house, 1 gymnasium and an outdoor swimming pool. Physical Education is through our afterschool sports program and a 1/4 credit is earned in each year through participation in at least two seasons of athletics.

Awards and Distinctions

- QuestBridge Scholars and Finalists
- National Merit Finalists and Commended Students
- Chick Evans Scholars
- Gates Millennium Scholars
- Coca Cola Scholar
- “Most Beautiful Private School in Pennsylvania” (Architectural Digest 2018)
- Top 10 Chester County High Schools (Main Line Today 2021)
- Top 10 Boarding Schools in PA (Niche 2022)

Application Process

Applications may be submitted through the CFS website with our online application or the Standard Application Online (SAO) common application from the SSAT organization:

- Register and schedule a date for the SSAT or ISEE test. International applicants must also submit a TOEFL score. In each case test scores must be reported directly from the testing source. CFS will not accept applicant copies of score reports.
 - **SSAT:** ssat.org | CFS School Code 2236
 - **ISEE:** www.erblearn.org/parents/admissions-testing-isee | CFS School Code is 393150
 - **TOEFL:** www.ets.org/toefl | CFS School Code 7218
- Transcripts: 3 years, current year and two previous years.
- Teacher Recommendations: English, Math and Guidance
- Admissions Interview (In Person or Virtual)

Administration/Admissions Team

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