

Canterbury School

A Place Where Academics and Values Come Together



This fall, Canterbury School will celebrate the opening of its new Steers Center. The stunning 22,000 square-foot building set on the 150-acre campus is emblematic to the school's core mission of developing critical thinkers and ethical leaders in an increasingly complex world. We spoke with Head of School Rachel Stone about this impressive new addition to the school, Canterbury's unique location in Litchfield County, and what it means to be a Canterbury Saint.

With its two-story wall of windows overlooking the Litchfield Hills, the Steers Center is an architectural gem.

Can you explain how it will serve the Canterbury community? The Steers Center will be a truly unique blend of carefully planned spaces that will not only support our students' intellectual and social development but will also inspire their growth as individuals.

Inside, you'll find our new Innovation & Design and Digital Media Labs, spaces that will allow our students to develop critical-analysis, design-thinking and digital competencies, which we know are essential

for success in college and life beyond. On the floor above, you'll find our M. & D. D'Amour Center for Faith, Service and Justice, which will serve as the central hub for all of our community service, social justice advocacy, student retreats, and leadership programming. Finally, the Steers Center will have a welcoming student center and café. As an intentionally small school, we are a close, tight-knit community; our students really know each other, and our faculty truly know our students. We can't wait to see how our whole community comes together in this new space.

Canterbury School has been a part of the New Milford community since the school's founding in 1915. Its proximity, just a stone's throw from downtown, is an advantage compared to other college preparatory schools in the area. Why is this a plus? Our stunning and secure campus is only 1.5 hours from New York City and a three-minute walk from quaint downtown New Milford. Students walk into town for shopping, restaurants, movies, and more, allowing

them to develop independence and self-sufficiency in a safe environment.

Canterbury was founded on the Catholic tradition. What defines a Canterbury student today? Our Saints take pride in playing an active role in building and participating in our Canterbury community, and the world beyond. Our 325-member student body is well-represented across 16 states and 17 countries, bringing a diversity of cultures, beliefs, and interests to this hilltop. Grounded in the Catholic tradition, our Five Values—Honesty, Respect, Compassion, Spirituality, and Self-reliance—help guide and inspire us in everything that we do. We are open and inclusive to students of all faiths and encourage intellectual and spiritual exploration. We recognize that athletic, artistic, social, and emotional growth are vitally important elements of a complete education, and we are committed to challenging our students intellectually and ensuring they reach their full potential. They leave us well-prepared for leading colleges and universities, and for life.