



# CHURCH FARM SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

### Community

The Church Farm School (CFS), founded in 1918, is a college preparatory, independent, boarding and day school for boys in grades 9 through 12. Located in beautiful central Chester County, PA, the school is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools and the National Association of Independent Schools. Our school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Originally established to serve the needs of boys from single-parent homes, it is now the mission of CFS to "provide a rigorous, well-rounded, college-preparatory education in a Christian, caring environment that will best prepare our students for productive and fulfilling lives."

### School

CFS has an enrollment of 160 students in grades 9 through 12, with a group of 44 seniors expected to graduate in May 2021. We are committed to diversity at CFS, and minority and international students make up more than half of the student body.

The overwhelming majority of CFS graduates go on to four-year colleges and universities for further study. There are 33 members of the teaching faculty, most of whom hold advanced degrees. Our student-faculty ratio is 5:1.

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# Curriculum & Academics

All courses meet for 70-minute periods, three times a week. Our goal is to allow time for more intensive and project-based class work, and introduce students to a schedule similar to what they will experience in college. CFS follows an A/B week schedule rotation, with each class meeting at different times on different days. This ensures that all classes are equally impacted by late arrivals, early athletic dismissals and other events.

Minimum graduation requirements at CFS include 22 credits, distributed as follows: English (4), mathematics (3), social studies (4), laboratory science (3), modern foreign language (2), visual and performing arts (1), world religions (0.5), health (0.5) and electives (4). Most students complete additional credits, especially in math, science and language.

Seven (7) Advanced Placement courses are offered: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology\*, Chemistry, English\*\* (Language & Composition), Spanish\* and U.S. History. We are developing a series of advanced courses of our own, which will replace AP classes. We currently offer six elective courses in the humanities each semester, which incorporate college-level research, writing and discussion.

Five (5) Honors courses are currently offered: Algebra II, Pre-calculus, English 10 (American Literature), History 10 (Modern Global) and Spanish III.

\*AP Biology and AP Spanish Language will not be offered during the 2020-2021 school year due to low enrollment.

\*\*In 2019-2020 we offered Advanced English Language. The course followed the AP English Language syllabus and students were prepared to sit for the AP English Language Exam.

Students qualify for AP and/or Honors courses using the following criteria:

- Overall GPA of at least 87
- Minimum average of 92 in a regular course in that subject areas. Students already in AP/Honors courses must have at least an 87 average to continue to the next level
- Recommendation from current teacher
- Approval by department chair
- Courses are limited in enrollment with the most qualified students having first priority
- Students taking more than two AP/Honors courses must have approval from the Director of Academics

CFS distributes grades four times per year. Grades are given to recognize both achievement and effort.

The Academic Honor Roll is announced four times per year and is achieved by earning a marking period average of 92 or above, with no grade below an 83. CFS continues to be an active member of the National Honor Society.

CFS Scale	Equivalent letter grade	Equivalent points on 4.0 scale
95 – 100	A	4.0
92 – 94	A -	3.7
89 – 91	B +	3.3
86 – 88	B	3.0
83 – 85	B -	2.7
80 – 82	C +	2.3
77 – 79	C	2.0
74 – 76	C -	1.7
71 – 73	D+	1.3
68 – 70	D	1.0
65 – 67	D-	0.7
0 – 64	F	0.0

# GPA

The GPA is calculated beginning in ninth grade with all subjects factored. Courses taken at schools other than CFS are not used in computing the GPA. All courses are averaged in the GPA. We no longer offer a weighted GPA. This is a change for the 2020-21 school year from prior years, where we were on a 4.3 scale and provided a weighted GPA.

# Rank

CFS does not rank students.

# Additional Requirements

In addition to academics, CFS students are required to participate in athletics, community service activities, outdoor educational experiences and leadership development. 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, lacrosse and baseball. Physical Education is through our afterschool sports program and a ¼ credit is earned each semester, but not placed on the transcript.

All juniors participate in college planning seminars during the spring semester, and all seniors participate in a seminar series focused on the transition to college during their final semester.

# Alumni Success Program

The Alumni Success Program was created in 2016 to increase the percentage of Church Farm School students who graduate from a four-year college within six years. CFS staff contact students in college via text, email, phone and personal visits to assure alumni academic persistence and completion at the college level. Initial results of this program reflect a substantially increased persistence rate in college for our graduates.

The Class of 2020 had 92 percent of graduates attending a four-year college or university. Eight percent of graduates attended a two-year college.

# Covid-19 Addendum

On March 6, 2020, Church Farm School left for spring break and did not return to campus for the rest of the school year. The second half of our spring semester was completely remote, and without athletics, clubs, activities, etc. CFS moved to a virtual school platform using Zoom meetings. Classes met twice a week for one hour, Monday-Friday. We did not change our grading system during that time. All students received numerical grades for their classes.

For the first semester of 2020, we opted to open remotely. Students can participate virtually on campus or at home. We will not be offering an interscholastic fall sports season due to local regulations. We hope to resume in-person learning for our second semester in February of 2021. We will continue to provide numerical grades for students.

## SAT Summary Class of 2020

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>% at or Above Benchmark</u>	<u>Range</u>
<b>ERW</b>	571	93%	420-760
<b>Mathematics</b>	582	62%	380-790

## SAT Summary Class of 2019

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>% at or Above Benchmark</u>	<u>Range</u>
	583	90%	380-790
	607	75%	430-800

**\*No SAT data is available for the Class of 2021 due to COVID-19.**

# College Matriculations 2016-2020

Albright College	Macalester College	Tufts University (2)
Allegheny College (5)	Manhattanville College	Union College (New York) (2)
Baltimore Community College	Middle Georgia State University	United States Naval Academy
Bard College	Middle Tennessee State University	University of California, Davis
Bates College (2)	Middlebury College	University of California, Irvine
Berea College	Montgomery County Community College	University of California San Diego (2)
Binghamton University (2)	Morgan State University	University of California Santa Barbara (2)
Binghamton University (2)	Muhlenberg College	University of Central Arkansas
Boise State University	Neumann University	University of Connecticut
Boston University (2)	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Louisville
Bowdoin College	New York University	University of Maryland College Park
Brandeis University (2)	Northeastern University	University of Miami (3)
Brown University	Northwestern University	University of Pennsylvania (2)
Bucknell University (2)	Oberlin College (2)	University of Pittsburgh
Cabrini University	Pennsylvania State University Brandywine	University of Pittsburgh Bradford
Case Western Reserve University	Pennsylvania State University Harrisburg (2)	University of Richmond
Central Washington University	Pomona College (2)	University of Rochester
Chestnut Hill College	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Virginia
Cleveland State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Washington, Seattle
Colgate University	Rider University (5)	University of Waterloo
CUNY Hunter	Rochester Institute of Technology	Ursinus College
SUNY New York City College of Technology	Rockland Community College	Vanderbilt University (3)
Davidson College	Rosemont Community College	Vassar College (4)
DeSales University	Rowan University	Villanova University
Dickinson College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick (3)	Virginia State University
Duquesne University	Rutgers University-Newark (2)	Virginia Wesleyan University
Elizabethtown College	Saint Louis University (2)	Washington and Jefferson College
Emory University (3)	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wesley College
Franklin & Marshall College	Siena College	West Chester University (3)
Gateway Community College	Skidmore College (3)	Williams College (2)
George Washington University	St. John's University	Williamson College of the Trades
Georgia State University Perimeter College	St. Louis College of Pharmacy	Wilmington University
Hamilton College (3)	Stevenson University	Yale University
Hampton University	SUNY Buffalo State College	
Holy Family University	SUNY College at Geneseo	
Howard University (4)	SUNY Maritime College	
Indiana University of Pennsylvania Main Campus	Swarthmore College	
Iona College	Syracuse University (2)	
Ithaca College	Taylor University	
Johns Hopkins University (3)	Temple University (2)	
Juniata College (7)	Texas Christian University	
Lafayette College (2)	The College of New Jersey (2)	
Lehigh University (4)	The College of Wooster (2)	
	The New School - All Divisions	