



CFS Profile 2020-2021



History and Mission

Church Farm School founded in 1918 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."*

Church Farm School began as a working farm, however our students no longer perform farm work. The School's endowment, created by the sale of the farmland, and annual philanthropic support enable most of our students to receive substantial financial aid.

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 whose missions integrate spiritual formation into all aspects of the educational experience. The Chapel of the Atonement serves as the spiritual center of a religiously diversified school community. It is a sanctuary where students and adults gather for regular services and presentations by students, faculty and guest speakers. Regular chapel services and choral concerts are a part of campus life at CFS.



Community

The Church Farm School community welcomes students coming from across the country and around the world. We offer a positive, structured home life, an outstanding private school education, a competitive athletic program and recreational opportunities. Although the school has necessarily evolved and changed to keep pace with the world around it, what remains unchanged is its steadfast allegiance to its founding principles. All students are required to attend weekly chapel services and to participate in their choice of numerous diverse community service programs. For over 100 years, CFS has provided a safe environment and a commitment to personal growth for thousands of young men throughout the U.S. and internationally.

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 are able to showcase their vast talents. The CFS Choir has performed at esteemed venues including: The National Cathedral, Carnegie Hall and has been on tour overseas to Germany and South Africa.



CFS 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. 100% of Church Farm School Students are accepted to leading colleges and universities, with current graduates attending schools including University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Williams, Swarthmore and Johns Hopkins University.

Curriculum and Academics



Six (6) Honors courses: Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-calculus, English 10 (American Literature), History 10 (Modern Global) and Spanish III.

The GPA is calculated beginning in grade 9 with all subjects factored. Honors and AP courses are not weighted. CFS does not rank students due to our small class sizes.

Courses meet for 70 minute periods, three times a week. This approach allows time for intensive and project-based class work, and introduces students to a college like schedule.

Eight (8) Advanced Placement courses: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, English (Language & Composition; Literature & Composition), Spanish and U.S. History.



College Counseling / Scholarship Awards

The College Office is the place where students can interact with admissions representatives from across the nation and learn about the many institutions of higher learning. The Office not only engages seniors, but also works with junior students during the spring semester. The College Planning Seminar series prepares our students for the rigorous college application process.

College Scholarship Awards and Distinctions

- 1 Quest Bridge Finalist (Class of 2020)
- 1 Quest Bridge Scholar (Class of 2020 -Vanderbilt)
- 1 National Merit Commended Student (Class of 2020)
- None (Class of 2019)
- 1 Quest Bridge Finalist (Class of 2018)
- 1 Chick Evans Scholar (Class of 2018 -Northwestern)
- 1 National Merit Finalist (Class of 2018)
- 3 Quest Bridge Finalists (Class of 2017)
- 1 Quest Bridge Scholar (Class of 2017 - Brown)
- 3 Quest Bridge Finalists (Class of 2016)
- 1 Quest Bridge Scholar (Class of 2015 – Princeton)
- 2 Quest Bridge Finalists (Class of 2015)
- 1 Gates Millennium Scholar (Class of 2015 - Swarthmore)
- 1 Coca Cola Scholar (Class of 2014)



Athletics, Activities and Clubs



At CFS learning extends beyond the classroom. By actively engaging students in after school activities such as student clubs, athletics, community service and volunteering, we hope to instill the skills and courage needed to allow our young men to become thoughtful, engaged and well-rounded adults.

All CFS students are encouraged to participate in CORE (Challenge of Required Experience). The program is designed to offer a variety of opportunities which will help students mature both socially and emotionally. CORE is a co-curricular program that provides students with opportunities in community service and outdoor educational experiences as well as exposure to cultural and creative arts, and leadership training.





CFS is a member of the Bicenennial Athletic League (PIAA), and fields competitive programs in soccer, cross-country, golf, basketball, wrestling, 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, 3 basketball courts, 1 baseball field, 1 multi-purpose field house, 1 gymnasium, and swimming pool. Physical Education is through our after-school sports program and a ¼ credit is earned in each year.

Overview

CFS is located on 150 acres of land in Exton, Pennsylvania; 30 miles west of Philadelphia.

- Our new Arts Center has consolidated the arts programs into a centralized, modern facility with studios, labs, classrooms and practice and performance spaces.
- CFS has an extensive Residential Life program; 18 students per cottage; 2 full time faculty to each dorm.
- Student teacher ratio is 5:1
- Average class size =10
- Each student receives a school issued laptop computer.
- 70% of the CFS Faculty have advanced degrees.
- CFS ranks 28th among 3,727 U.S. schools that utilize solar energy to reduce electricity costs. In 2013, the school installed a 1.1 megawatt solar system on 5 acres which generates 80% of the School's power.
- CFS Partnership with International University Alliance provides access and opportunity for college-bound international students. IUA is powered by the Shorelight and is a consortium of universities that give international students unparalleled support on campus and virtually.



Application Process

- Applications may be submitted through the CFS Website with our online application at [https://gocfs-schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in](https://gocfs.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in) or the Standard Application Online (SAO) common application from the SSAT organization: <https://ssat.org/sao>
- Register and schedule a date for the SSAT or ISEE test.
- For non-native English speakers, a TOEFL exam taken within the past year is required. Church Farm School does not accept the SLEP, IELTS or the TOEFL Junior tests. TOEFL score reports must be sent directly from ETS; we cannot accept copies sent by schools or consultants. We look for our international students to have a TOEFL score of approximately 90 and above for grade 9.
- Church Farm School test codes:
SSAT: <https://ssat.org/> CFS School Code 2236
ISEE: <https://www.erblearn.org/parents/admissions-testing-isee> CFS School Code is 393150
TOEFL: <http://www.ets.org/toefl/> CFS School Code 7218
- Transcripts: 3 years, current year and two previous years
- Teacher Recommendations: English, Math, and Guidance
- Admission Interview scheduled through Zoom

Publications

- Our CFS View book, "REACH FOR IT" intends to capture the dynamic, aspirational quality of our common life and the educational experience that is a daily reality here on campus: https://issuu.com/churchfarm-school/docs/cfs_vb18_single-pages
- *Maroon & Grey* is the magazine of the Church Farm School. The uplifting spring edition can be accessed here: <https://issuu.com/churchfarmschool/docs/cfs-mg-spring20-final>

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