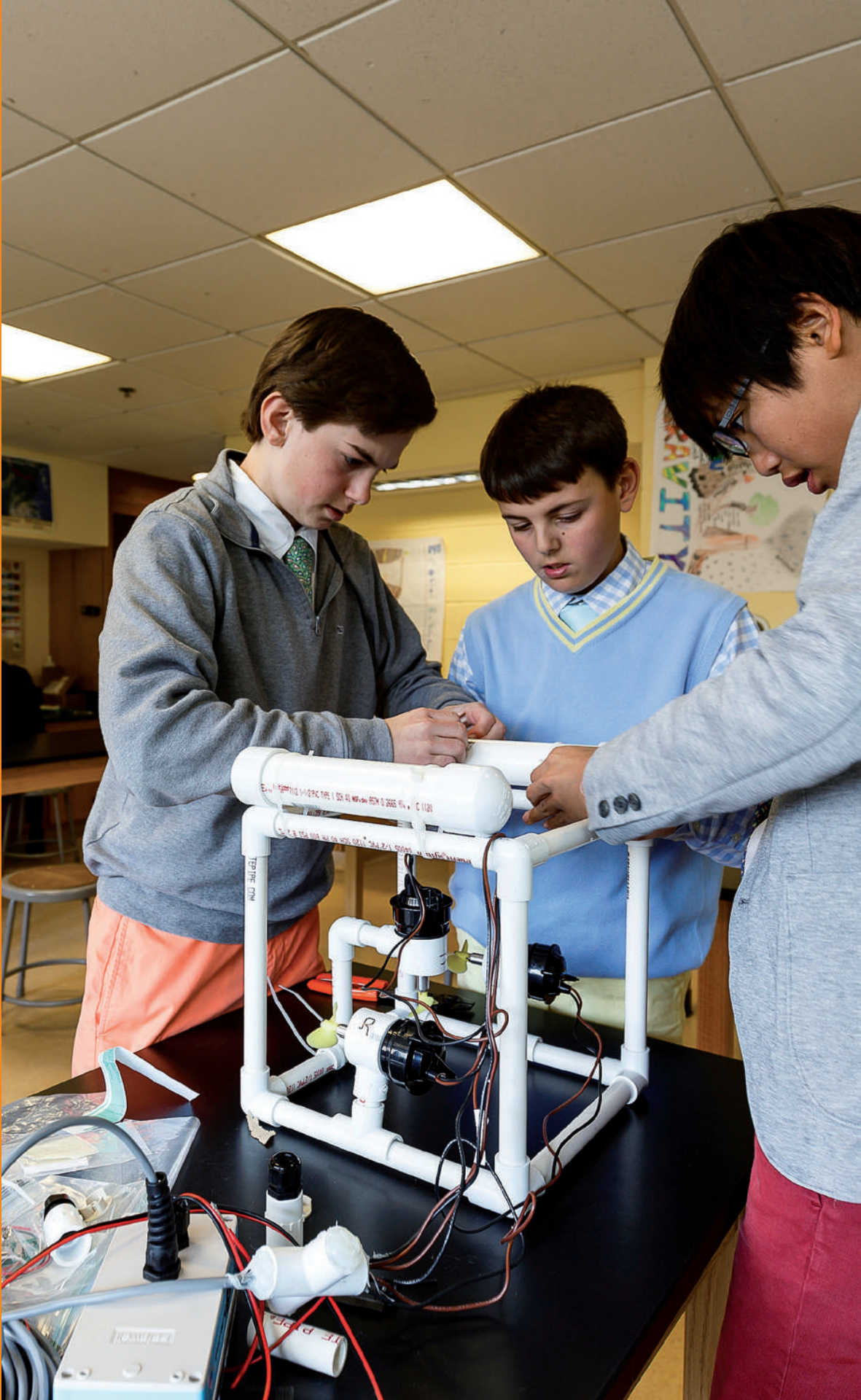




# Middle School

*An Independent, Coed, Junior Boarding (5–9) and Day School (Early Childhood–9)*

# THE RECTORY EXPERIENCE





# At Rectory School, we believe in our students

At Rectory, we understand that your child needs to feel valued, understood, and challenged. It is through the power of relationships that we are best able to meet students where they are and help guide them to reach their full potential.

With support, guidance, attention, and belief from the adults who surround them, Rectory students do the hard work to not only understand themselves but also to be a part of an active community of socially responsible young people. Together we are committed to a simple idea: each of us has something to learn AND something to offer.

**The Rectory experience makes a difference.**

## ...every step of the way.



“My goal is that every student leaves Rectory with an inquisitive mind while constantly embracing the guiding tenets of the school creed: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Compassion.”

*Fred Williams*  
Headmaster Fred Williams





# SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

## IIP

INDIVIDUALIZED  
INSTRUCTION  
PROGRAM

## MELP

MARCH  
EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING  
PROGRAM

### IIP AREAS OF FOCUS

READING  
(ORTON GILLINGHAM OR  
WILSON APPROACHES)

WRITTEN EXPRESSION

MATH

STUDY SKILLS

READING COMPREHENSION

ORAL LANGUAGE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
LEARNING (ELL)

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING  
(INCLUDING ORGANIZATION,  
PLANNING, PRIORITIZING  
& TIME MANAGEMENT)

ADD & ADHD



# ...inspiring lifelong learners

## INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (IIP)

Rectory's Individualized Instruction Program (IIP) celebrates the uniqueness of each student. A pioneer among junior boarding schools in individualizing instruction, Rectory has provided students with one-to-one instruction as an integral part of our educational environment since our founding in 1920. Rectory's IIP is designed to address a range of academic needs (remediation and enrichment) with seamless integration into the academic day.

## MARCH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM (MELP)

Our signature MELP program provides alternative learning through creativity and problem solving. A myriad of different programs take place during the first week of the spring term and offer students an opportunity to explore creative, hands-on learning outside of the classroom.

After their week of exploration, our students have the opportunity to present their experiences at the MELP Fair.

## IT'S ALL IN A (Fantasy of Flight MELP) WEEK!

**MONDAY:** Travel to Orlando, Tour Wonderworks Museum

**TUESDAY:** View historic spacecraft and memorabilia at the Kennedy Space Center

**WEDNESDAY:** Ride an airboat on Lake Kissimmee and see alligators in their natural habitat

**THURSDAY:** Discover the pioneering days of early flight at the Fantasy of Flight Air Museum

**FRIDAY:** Presentation preparation; Travel back to Rectory

**MONDAY:** MELP Fair



## SOME GREAT MELP ADVENTURES HAVE INCLUDED:

ARIZONA:  
SALT RIVER RAFTING

GETTYSBURG:  
FOLLOW THE ARMY

INSIDE NEW ENGLAND SPORTS

JEKYLL ISLAND

THE CHARM OF CHARLESTON

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

PHILADELPHIA:  
CHARTER SCHOOLS

ROOTS TO RHYTHM

TENNESSEE:  
AMERICA'S MUSIC CITY

WASHINGTON D.C.:  
OUR NATION'S CAPITAL





# ACADEMICS

## CLASSES

CREED

ELECTIVES

ENGLISH

ENRICHMENT

HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL

INSTRUCTION

PROGRAM

(IIP) OR

STUDY HALL

LANGUAGE

SKILLS

MATH

PERFORMING

ARTS

RELATED ARTS

SCIENCE

SKILL BLOCK

## IT'S ALL IN A (7<sup>TH</sup>-GRADE) DAY!

**6:45 Rising Bell** Rise and shine!

**7:30 Breakfast**

**8:00 All School Assembly / Advisory**

**8:15 World History**  
Build a model of a Roman aqueduct.

**9:15 Algebra 1**  
Solve equations with the FOIL method.

**10:15 Break** Snack & play 4-square.

**10:30 Earth Science**  
A diamond is a metamorphic rock!

**11:30 English**  
Lead a discussion on *The Red Scarf Girl*.

**12:30 Lunch** Taco Tuesday!

**1:00 Spanish 2**  
Dije feliz cumpleaños a mi amigo hoy.

**2:00 Advisory and Extra Help in Spanish**  
Underwater robotics elective tomorrow!

**3:00 Sports**  
Squash practice, working on my serve.

**4:30 Free Time on Dorm /  
Day Student Pick-up**

**5:55 Dinner**  
Chicken stir-fry and brownies—the best!

**6:30 Evening Study Hall**  
Finished my homework; quiz tomorrow.

**8:00 Dorm Time**

**9:30–10:00 Lights Out**



**CORE CLASSES** meet five times during a seven day cycle. A longer, one-hour class length encourages creativity and critical thinking, and promotes communication and collaboration. These pillars of learning inspire student inquiry, engagement, and understanding.

**SKILL BLOCK** helps students develop and grow the skills that support success in the classroom. These skills include organization, planning and prioritizing, self-advocacy, and communication.

**ENRICHMENT** provides time twice a week for students to meet with their teachers for academic support or enrichment.

**ELECTIVES** provide our students an exploratory experience in a variety of disciplines such as robotics, nature writing, yearbook, orchestra, student newspaper, chorus, and drama. We encourage our students to explore their interests and passions.

**ADVISORS** serve as our students' primary advocates and are the first point of contact for parents. Advisors meet with their advisees three times a week and support their students in many ways, including academically and socially. Through frequent in-school meetings, advisors develop a strong relationship with their advisees and an understanding of their students' strengths and support needs. Best of all, students know they can consult their advisors on all areas of school life.

**CREED PROGRAM** stretches from 5th through 9th-grade and instills the strength of character necessary to navigate the social and emotional development inherent in the middle school environment. This program grows student perseverance, self-advocacy, and leadership, while nurturing the tenets of the Rectory Creed: responsibility, respect, honesty, and compassion.

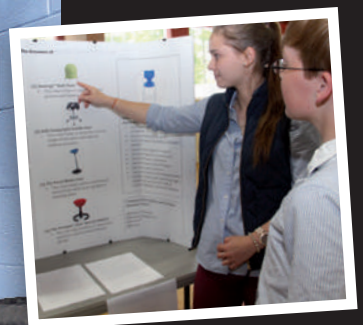
The Creed Program occurs throughout the year, exposing students to a variety of topics and present day issues, including navigating social media, peer to peer relationships, and character development. The curriculum includes self-science, health, and life skills, culminating in a 9th-grade Capstone Project.

## JUST A FEW 9TH-GRADE CAPSTONE PROJECTS

BODY IMAGE IN MEDIA  
CALIFORNIA DROUGHT  
COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY  
EQUAL PLAY / EQUAL PAY  
ERGONOMIC CHAIRS  
FLINT WATER CRISIS  
GAMING & REACTION TIMES  
GREAT BARRIER REEF  
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION  
KOREAN VS.  
AMERICAN EDUCATION  
PLASTIC POLLUTION  
POVERTY IN BANGLADESH  
SOCCER CONCUSSIONS  
SPACE TRASH

“My Capstone Project allowed me to learn more about ergonomic chairs and how they will help with posture and provide a better work atmosphere.”

*Samantha C.*





# THE ARTS





# ...encouraging creativity

Rectory's diverse art programs offer invaluable opportunities for creative expression and personal growth. Imagination and innovation, fostered by the immersion in the arts, spill into the classroom and enhance our students' academic skill development. Creative expression provides opportunities to be a part of a group, build confidence, develop a passion, and connect hands-on creativity with practical knowledge and learning.



## PERFORMING

### ARTS

BAND

CHORUS

DRUMMING

GUITAR

JAZZ BAND

MUSIC  
ENSEMBLE

ORCHESTRA

PRIVATE  
INSTRUCTION

RECAPPELLA

## DRAMA

PAST PRODUCTIONS  
HAVE INCLUDED:

ALICE & WONDERLAND

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

INTO THE WOODS

MUSIC MAN

SEUSSICAL

WILLY WONKA

## VISUAL ARTS

CERAMICS

2-D ART

3-D ART

PHOTOGRAPHY

## COMPUTER

### ARTS

CODING &  
PROGRAMMING

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS





# ATHLETICS

## ...promoting teamwork & sportsmanship

Rectory's athletics inspire a lifelong commitment to physical fitness and health, promote risk-taking and self-confidence, and provide the natural camaraderie that comes from being a part of team. Although inter-school competition is a large part of our program, emphasis on individual success, enjoyment, skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship are at the core of our program.

### FALL

CROSS  
COUNTRY

CROSS FIT

DANCE

EQUESTRIAN

FALL  
ADVENTURES

SOCCER

VOLLEYBALL

### WINTER

BASKETBALL

FENCING

FITNESS

ICE HOCKEY

SQUASH

SWIMMING

WRESTLING

### SPRING

BASEBALL

GOLF

LACROSSE

SOFTBALL

TENNIS

TRACK  
& FIELD







“My last year at Rectory, I was a strong fencer and a fast sprinter, but nothing could compare to my riding skills. Thanks to my equestrian coach at Rectory, I am now competing at a higher level.”  
*JTW.*





# STUDENT LIFE





# ...building relationships & long-lasting friendships

At Rectory we are more than a community; we are family. With a faculty to student ratio of 1:4, we are unique in the amount of time each faculty member spends making connections with and supporting each student every day. For both boarding and day students, the Rectory community is welcoming and nurturing to a diverse population.

## IT'S ALL IN A (BOARDER'S) SATURDAY!

9:00 Rising Bell

9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Dorm Clean-up  
& Store Trips

12:55 Lunch

1:30 Volleyball Game

3:00 Free Time on Dorm

4:00 Student Lounge

5:30 Dinner

6:00 Laser Tag Adventure Off-campus

10:00 Lights Out



“Because the people at Rectory held our hands at night, told us that everything would be okay, and that they will be there for us no matter what, we were able to wake up in the morning ready to tackle the day.”

*Susan S.*

*Excerpted from the student speaker's graduation speech*





## ...preparing strong leaders & confident individuals

**NINTH GRADE YEAR** Rectory's 9th-grade year instills the attributes critical for success at the secondary level: leadership, confidence, and perseverance. Leadership opportunities, such as dorm proctor, athletic team captain, or running for student government, enable our 9th graders to examine who they are and what they can accomplish as young adults, while a rigorous and dynamic curriculum prepares them for secondary schools that are among the most recognized in the nation.

Trust and camaraderie are nurtured in a whole group setting, with activities such as our fall all-day leadership camp and spring adventure park challenge, making the final year an unforgettable and lasting experience for the entire class.

The culmination of the 9th-grade experience is Rectory's graduation, where our students are recognized for their individual efforts, receive their diplomas, and proudly and confidently enter the world as Rectory alumni.



“I believe Rectory not only provided my daughter with a solid academic foundation, but it also gave her the skills, experiences and confidence to find success after graduation. Rectory is not just a school, it's a supportive and inclusive community; it's family.”

*Ginny Sharpless, Parent*



# WHAT'S NEXT?

**SECONDARY PLACEMENT** Rectory students matriculate at a wide variety of secondary schools. Students attend both independent (boarding and day) and public secondary schools. No matter which high school environment is right for the student and family, Rectory supports the search process, and students find they are well prepared for their secondary school experience.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Avon Old Farms             | Hotchkiss School                | Portsmouth Abbey School |
| Blair Academy              | Hun School of Princeton         | Salisbury School        |
| Brewster Academy           | Hyde School                     | St. Andrew's School, DE |
| Brooks School              | Kent School                     | St. Mark's School       |
| Cambridge School of Weston | Kimball Union Academy           | St. Paul's School       |
| Cate School                | Lake Forest Academy             | Suffield Academy        |
| Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall   | Marianapolis Preparatory School | Taft School             |
| Choate Rosemary Hall       | Masters School                  | Western Reserve Academy |
| Cushing Academy            | Middlesex School                | Westminster School      |
| Forman School              | Northfield Mount Hermon         | Westover School         |
| Gunnery School             | Phillips Exeter Academy         | Winchendon School       |
| Hawaii Preparatory Academy | Pomfret School                  | Woodstock Academy       |

*(partial listing)*

EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

**60** STUDENTS GRADUATE  
& GO ON TO OVER 35 SCHOOLS



**1920**  
YEAR FOUNDED

AVERAGE FACULTY TENURE: 14 YEARS

FACULTY CHILDREN ENROLLED: 21

ALUMNI ON FACULTY: 5

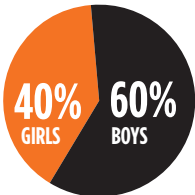
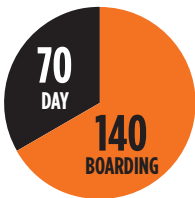
48% OF BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALUMNI

GRADES 5-9

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 12



WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?



ON ORANGE & BLACK DAY,

STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED:

**250**

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM 10 COUNTRIES AND 13 STATES

**CHALLENGE YOUR MIND**

AT THE GEOGRAPHY BEE, CHESS TOURNAMENT, OR SPELLING BEE



28 GRADUATION AWARDS & 11 GRADUATION CUPS

FAVORITE MEAL: TACO TUESDAY

THE CRAIG COLHOUN ATHLETIC CENTER INCLUDES





WE CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
BY GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY:  
OUR STUDENTS GIVE MORE THAN



640

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS  
IN OVER 45 PLACES

138  
ACRES



13

DOGS ON CAMPUS

DRESS CODE:

COLLARED SHIRTS, BLAZERS  
OR SWEATERS

IF YOU'RE A BOY, ADD A TIE!

WILL YOU BE ON TEAM ORANGE OR TEAM BLACK?



TO WORK WELL, TO PLAY WELL;  
TO THINK CLEARLY, TO SPEAK TRUTH;  
TO WIN WITHOUT RANCOR;  
TO HAVE COURAGE AND TO BE KIND.  
THIS IS A GOAL FOR THE GREATEST;  
IT IS A GOAL THAT THE LEAST MAY REACH.  
TO TEACH THIS IS THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF SCHOOLS.  
TO KNOW THIS IS THE WHOLE MEANING OF LIFE.

RECTORY'S 2ND HEADMASTER, JOHN BIGELOW '24



## GO WOLVES!

6 TENNIS COURTS, 6 ATHLETIC FIELDS,  
BASEBALL FIELD, CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE,  
LOW ROPES COURSE, HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS,  
& A POND FOR FISHING AND SKATING

21 SPORTS OFFERED 39 SPORTS TEAMS



ES THE GYM, FITNESS CENTER, WRESTLING ROOM, LOCKER ROOMS AND ATHLETIC TRAINER'S OFFICE



BEGIN  
YOUR  
RECTORY  
JOURNEY  
TODAY!

IT ALL  
STARTS  
HERE!





## Our Mission

Rectory School's mission is to provide students, from early childhood through middle school, with an enriched and supportive academic, social and ethical community that addresses individual learning styles, aptitudes and needs while promoting personal self-worth and accountability.

The school community lives The Rectory School Creed: Responsibility, Respect, Honesty, and Compassion.



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## JOIN US FOR **SUMMER@RECTORY**

Our 4-week program combines academics with summer fun!

**ACADEMICS, ARTS, ATHLETICS, & SUMMER FUN  
FOR GRADES 5-9 / BOARDING & DAY**

Continue learning and growing during the summer on Rectory's beautiful campus. Think creatively, discover new interests, and make friends, all while building on an educational foundation with full-day morning classes and afternoon activities.