



MARTIN SAINTS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

A CHESTERTON ACADEMY

MARTIN SAINTS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL is a private Catholic high school that provides a rigorous, integrated curriculum taught through the lens of the Catholic faith. Launched in the fall of 2017, the school currently enrolls 57 students in grades 9 through 12. Additional students are enrolled at our 56 sister schools operating around the United States as part of the growing Chesterton Schools Network.

OUR MISSION is to pass the Catholic faith to the next generation. Our goal is not merely academic excellence, but to cultivate love for all that is good, true, and beautiful. Daily worship and the classical liberal arts are at the core, centering everything we do. But our curriculum also integrates craftsmanship, service learning, the fine arts, and outdoor adventure. Each day at MSC emphasizes:

- developing **strong intellectual habits**;
- focusing on **character growth, service, and leadership**;
- learning **spiritual truth** and practicing it.

OUR CURRICULUM. Students at Martin Saints Classical enjoy a cohesive, content-rich education. Our scholars benefit from a broad exposure to many different disciplines, which expands their interests and their ability to think critically. The four-year, integrated core curriculum takes students from the ancient world to the modern world. Each year builds on the previous, so that by the end of senior year, our graduates are well-rounded, articulate, and clear-thinking.

Our humanities curriculum is based upon reading primary sources and discussing them in a Socratic environment. The reading list is drawn from the classics of the Western world. It includes literature such as the Iliad and Odyssey, the Divine Comedy, and Shakespeare; the philosophy of Plato, Aristotle, and Aquinas; great historical works written by Herodotus, Plutarch, and America's founding fathers; and theological works including Holy Scripture, patristic and medieval theology, and the great councils of the Church. Speech and writing are incorporated into every class, including the sciences.

The science curriculum uses college preparatory texts that take students through astronomy/earth science, biology, chemistry, and physics. Mathematics instruction takes students through Euclidean and analytical geometry, algebra II, trigonometry, and calculus. In the fine arts, students study music history and sing all four years in our choir. Art studio and art history are also required all four years. All students must be proficient in Latin and may then choose whether to pursue advanced Latin or to study Spanish. Students also work with their hands during four years of a craftsmanship course, including units on fiber arts, woodworking, drama, outdoor education, and certification in CPR/first aid.

2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

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OUR PATRONS

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin were a married couple with a large family who were canonized on October 18, 2015. One of their daughters was Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, famously known as "the little flower."

Louis and Zélie earned a living, faced challenges, and raised their children to know and love Jesus. They raised children who knew that God was alive and active in their lives, that the created world is a sacramental world, a world of goodness, beauty and truth.

Chesterton Schools Network is named for the Englishman Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936), who was considered one of the world's most outstanding men of letters in the early 20th century. The network has chosen him for its patron because he not only represents the fullness of faith and reason, but also Catholic joy and common sense.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

While this is only MSC's fourth graduating class, our graduates and graduates from the Chesterton Network Schools go on to attend four-year colleges and universities such as:

Catholic Colleges and Universities

Ave Maria University
 Benedictine College
 Boston College
 Catholic University of America
 Chestnut Hill College
 Christendom College
 Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum
 University of Dallas
 Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville
 George Mason University
 Georgetown University
 Holy Apostles College and Seminary
 St. John Paul the Great University
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Scranton
 Thomas Aquinas College
 St. Vincent College
 Wyoming Catholic College

Private Colleges

Berklee College of Music
 Butler University
 Drexel University
 Eastern University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Hillsdale College
 Milwaukee School of Engineering
 St. Olaf College

Public and State Schools

Indiana University
 East Stroudsburg University
 Indiana University
 Lock Haven University
 Penn State University
 Shippensburg University
 United States Naval Academy
 University of Kentucky
 University of Minnesota
 University of Nebraska
 University of Utah
 West Chester University

OTHER ENDEAVORS

Chesterton Network alumni have pursued other postgraduate endeavors, including: Military; Religious mission year; gap year to pursue music.

VOCATIONS

Several Chesterton Network alumni are discerning the priesthood or religious life.

Once a month, students participate in a field trip called a "Frassati Friday." They rotate between three different types of field trips: adventures in the great outdoors, such as hiking, canoeing; corporal works of mercy, or acts of service; and culture, such as an art museum visit or a symphony rehearsal. These help the students deepen their Catholicism and become fully alive in Christ.

OUR TRANSCRIPT. MSC is on a quarter system and uses letter grades on school transcripts. See above table for grade correlation. Grades and grade point averages (GPA) are not weighted, nor do we rank students. This is in keeping with our mission to develop a life-long love for learning and appreciation for excellence in our students. We encourage them to take ownership of their education by lessening the focus on grades. Instead, we promote activities and assessments which demand students' ability to engage rigorously with primary sources, self-reflect, and respond thoughtfully to feedback. Teachers provide individualized comments in every subject for every quarter. These are included in report cards (but not transcripts), and students are expected to address the points of growth indicated by their instructors, in addition to hitting performance targets.

All of our classes are taught at an advanced level, equivalent to Honors. In order to preserve the integrity of our curriculum, we do not offer AP courses. In order to pass a class, a minimum of a C average is required.

Transfer students may have less than 39.6 credits on their transcript at graduation, but must have at least the minimum 21 credits recommended by the state of Pennsylvania to graduate. For students on a modified curriculum due to a documented IEP, the language on the transcript will show, "This student received a modified version of the MSC curriculum."

SERVICE. We consider charity and acts of service to be an integral part of the true human formation. In keeping with this, all students participate regularly in service outreach in our local community: working with the homeless, preparing meals, and visiting the sick. By the time a student graduates, s/he will have spent 90+ hours in service activities; many will have spent more.

STUDENT LIFE. MSC students participate in a range of extracurricular activities, including the following sports, clubs, and activities: Art Club, Campus Ministry, Chamber Choir, Cross Country, Civics Club, Dance Club, Drama Club, Language and Culture Club, Literary Magazine Club, Martha's Cafe, Sewing Club, Strategy Board Games Club, String Ensemble, Scriptorium, Student Council, Tennis, Track and Field, Wrestling and Yearbook.

Grade Percentage GPA

A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.67
	67-69	1.33
	66	1.0
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F	0-59	0.0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. A total of 39.6 credits are required to graduate from Martin Saints Classical High School.

Humanities

Literature	4 years	4.8
History	4 years	4.8
Philosophy	4 years	3.6
Theology	4 years	3.6
Foreign Lang	4 years	4.8

Math & Science

Mathematics	4 years	4.8
Science	4 years	4.8

Fine Arts

Art	4 years	2.4
Music	4 years	2.4

Gym & Craftsmanship

Gymnastics	4 years	1.2
Craftsmanship	4 years	2.4

Total	4 years	39.6
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