



St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School

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2019 – 2020 School Profile

Incorporation: *St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School was incorporated in 1996, serving students in grades five through eight. Its founding pastor was the Reverend Edward J. Byington. In 2013, St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School and St. John Paul St. High School were united as one school under the direction of the Diocese of Fall River.*

Accreditation: *St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.*

Mission: *The school is a caring community that embodies the Gospel of Jesus Christ and teaches the faith and practices of the Catholic Church. An educational ministry of the Diocese of Fall River, the school serves students and families of all faiths across Cape Cod, the Islands, and southeastern Massachusetts who seek distinctive co-educational elementary, middle, and high school Catholic education. Through strong relationships and worthy example, the school recognizes students' gifts, develops their potential, and inspires their pursuit of truth through faith and reason.*

Curriculum: All students take seven courses daily on a seven day rotating schedule. Major subjects meet daily, minor subjects meet twice during the seven day rotation. All classes are forty-five minutes long.

Grade Five Course of studies:	Grade Six Course of studies:	Grade Seven Course of studies:	Grade Eight Course of studies:
Language Arts Reading Mathematics Science Geography Religion Art Performing Arts Physical Education Study Skills World Languages Technology	Language Arts Reading Mathematics Science Social Studies Religion Art Performing Arts Physical Education World Languages Technology	Language Arts Reading Pre-Algebra Science or Accelerated Science U.S. History, Part I Religion Art Performing Arts Physical Education World Languages Technology	Language Arts Reading Algebra or Hon. Alg. I Science or Hon. Bio. U.S. History, Part II Religion Art Performing Arts Physical Education French/Spanish/Chinese Latin

Marking System:

Grade reporting changed from an alpha system to a numerical system beginning in the fall of 2014.

90 – 100:	A
80-89:	B
70 – 79:	C
60 – 69:	D
Below 60:	F

Students: Admission to St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School is competitive.

St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School holds a charter in the National Junior Honor Society, qualifying 40% of its seventh and eighth graders according to the Society's standards.

Homework Expectations:

Homework is assigned five nights a week. Students in grades five and six are expected to complete a nightly average of one (grade five) to one and one-half hours of homework. Students in grades seven and eight are expected to average two or more (grade eight) hours nightly.

Mid-term and Final Examinations:

St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School issues comprehensive, cumulative mid-term and final examinations as part of their course preparation. One and one-half hour long exams are given in each of the major academic subject areas. The mid-term exam is computed into the second quarter reported grade and the final exam is computed into the fourth quarter reported grade.

Faculty: twenty-two member faculty

- *Student-teacher ratio of 10:1*
- *An average of seventeen years classroom experience*

Academic excellence is of the highest importance at St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School. As educators, the staff of St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School has the special responsibility of encouraging each student to achieve his/her potential within the framework of religious truths and values.