

## **Chesterton Academy of the Twin Cities**

is a private, co-ed, Catholic secondary school in Hopkins, Minnesota. It is located in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Launched in 2008, the school is centered on G. K. Chesterton's (the great English writer and Catholic convert) ideas of integrated learning.

Currently there are 27 schools operating as part of the Chesterton Network in the U.S. and Canada, with several additional schools slated to open in 2021. There is also a sister school in Italy.

The Chesterton Academy framework includes:

- A four-year, sequential, integrated curriculum overview with high level day -to-day lesson plans and supplemental materials
- A blueprint for marketing, hiring and evaluating faculty, resource acquisition, scheduling, and assessing local requirements
- Support through a network of grassroots high schools with the same vision for joyfully Catholic, classical education
- ♦ 25 faculty and staff
- ♦ 150 students, ~50/50 gender split
- ♦ 120 families across 47 parishes
- ♦ Affordable tuition; scholarships available
- ♦ Student led house system
- ♦ Daily mass and chaplain on site

# For more information, please visit:

https://chestertonacademy.org

https://chestertonschoolsnetwork.org

https://www.chesterton.org

Chesterton Academy's classical curriculum combines a broad, liberal arts education with a strong emphasis on the development of Christian virtues and an appreciation of beauty. All students at Chesterton Academy enjoy a cohesive, content-rich education through studies in Humanities, Math & Science, and the Fine Arts including four years of Theology. A broad exposure to many different disciplines helps students expand their interests and uncover hidden talents.

Through its Three Pillars Model, students are formed in:





Students are taught the classics of Western thought from physics to philosophy, and the interrelationship of the great ideas; teaching students not merely what to think but how to think.

#### **CHARACTER**



Students are helped to grow in the four cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice, which Chesterton Academy believes are the foundation of leadership.

#### SPIRITUALITY



Students come to understand and embrace the truth of why they exist: to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and be happy with Him forever in the next.

# KEY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Headmaster's** primary focus is Vision/ Mission and Academics; however, the Headmaster is responsible and accountable (to the Board of Directors) for every critical aspect of the School's operation and development, including: Finance, Administration, Recruiting, Public Relations, and Development.

The Headmaster will also manage the school's faculty and staff, and have a strong sense for which matters require direct attention and which can be appropriately delegated.

#### **Vision & Mission**

- Live, lead, and enhance our central mission: the formation of each student's character, intellect and spiritual life
- Develop students that will love and courageously defend the Catholic faith and act as a counter-cultural force for faith, truth, and beauty
- Recruit, manage, develop, and retain excellent faculty and staff

#### **Academics**

- Ensure ongoing quality and delivery of our unique Chesterton Classical Curriculum
- Partner with faculty to develop best practices to achieve our goals for academic excellence
- Perform documented observations of faculty, updating the faculty evaluation and review process, and ensuring faculty professionalism and accountability

# **Administration & Finance**

- Oversee all administrative and financial staff and functions
- Provide ongoing staff development
- Drive and oversee development of annual school calendar and all related activities
- Create and manage an annual budget in partnership with key staff and faculty

### **Recruiting & Public Relations**

- Drive strong positive Chesterton public relations and advance the Chesterton "brand"
- Develop and deliver annual recruiting objectives
- Work closely with the Director of Admissions & Recruitment to actively manage enrollment process to ensure growth while maintaining admission standard consistent with the rigor of our curriculum

# Development

- Develop and deliver key annual fundraising objectives
- Cultivate strong relationships with key donors
- Ensure continuing excellence and execution of Annual Chesterton Gala

# **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Faithful Catholic dedicated to living and teaching the beliefs of the Catholic Church
- Undergraduate degree required; advanced degree in relevant field preferred
- Strong leadership and management experience, preferably in an academic setting
- Demonstrated success in driving growth
- Demonstrated excellence in communication
- Demonstrated ability to recruit and retain a strong team
- Experience and success building strong relationships with parents, families, clergy, diocesan partners, etc.

#### Preferred:

- Experience with classical education and curriculum
- Clear understanding and strong commitment to the continued actualization of the Chesterton Academy Vision and Mission
- Teaching experience
- Demonstrated success in benefactor development
- Demonstrated achievement in driving enrollment
- Business management experience

The one thing that is never taught by any chance in the atmosphere of public schools is this: that there is a whole truth of things, and that in knowing it and speaking it we are happy. – G.K. Chesterton

Chesterton Academy, The Chesterton Schools Network, and Teach for Christ have proven to be transformational solutions for bringing spiritual and intellectual health back into the classroom, while helping make Catholic education affordable for all families.

