



# SAINT BERNARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## 2018-2019 SCHOOL PROFILE

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### School Characteristics

St. Bernard Preparatory is located on over 800 acres on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL. The school has been open for over 125 years and has a current enrollment of more than 160 students in grades 7-12.

St. Bernard is an independent Catholic preparatory school located in the Diocese of Birmingham. The school offers an education in the Benedictine tradition. St. Bernard offers a traditional focus on academics and offers courses at the Honors, Pre-AP, and AP levels. The core offerings of the school are four-year programs in Theology, English, Science, and Math. Students also take sequential courses in History and World Languages as well as electives in the Humanities, Sciences, and Fine Arts. St. Bernard also offers endorsements to the diploma in both STEM and the Humanities.

St. Bernard focuses on forming young men and women in body, mind, and spirit. The Catholic faith as expressed through the Benedictine tradition is incorporated into all aspects of student life. As a college preparatory school, St. Bernard focuses on preparing young men and women to further their studies into four year colleges and universities. A graduate of St. Bernard

should be an individual with the knowledge, skills, and moral formation to be successful as an ethical leader in this life with the ultimate goal of eternal life with God.

### School Mission

Heir to the time-honored Benedictine tradition, St. Bernard Preparatory School's mission as a Catholic, college preparatory, residential school is the cultivation of a love of learning and a life of virtue in young men and women within a community of faith and scholarship.

### Accreditation

St. Bernard Preparatory School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of The Association of Boarding Schools and the National Catholic Education Association.

### Student Body

There are currently 163 students at St. Bernard Preparatory School. We have 78 male student and 85 female students; we have 121 day students and 42 boarding students. We also have international students from China, South Korea, and Germany.

PROGRAMS, COURSES, ATHLETICS, AND ACTIVITIES

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**Grading System**

St. Bernard uses a 100-point grading system to calculate student GPA's. Honors courses and AP courses are worth additional points due to their rigor.

**Graduation Requirements**

St. Bernard is a Catholic, college preparatory school. To graduate, students must meet all of the school's course requirements. These requirements include eight semesters in high school and the completion of 28 credits, distributed as follows.

Area	Credit	Including
Theology		
Mathematics		
English		
Science	3	Must include Chemistry
History		
World		
Language		
Electives		
Physical Ed.		
Health/Speech		
Fine Arts		

**Dual Enrollment and AP courses**

St. Bernard offers dual enrollment college credits that are available for students to take while enrolled at the school through Wallace State Community College. St. Bernard also offers nine AP courses, which are recognized by colleges and universities around the nation. The courses are as follows: *AP Literature and Composition, AP Language and Composition, AP US History, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C, AP Physics I.*

**Course Offerings**

**Theology**

Religious Literature (Old Testament, New Testament), Religious Culture (Sacramental and Dogmatic Theology), Church History, Ethics and Morality

**English**

Honors and Pre-AP Literature and Composition, Honors and Pre-AP American Literature, Honors British Literature, AP Literature and Composition, Honors Composition, AP Composition, Honors World Literature, Poetry, Honors Classics, Shakespeare

**Mathematics**

Algebra I-III, Algebra I Honors, Algebra II Honors, Pre-AP Algebra II, Honors Geometry, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC

**Science**

Honors Biology, Chemistry, Pre-AP Chemistry, AP Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C

**History**

World History, U.S. History to Reconstruction, U.S. History in the Modern World, AP US History, Economics, Government

**World Language**

Latin I-IV, Spanish I-IV

**Technology and Engineering Electives**

Computer Applications, Graphic Arts and Design

**Fine Arts**

Choir, Chamber Choir, Concert Band, Art, Theatre, Music Composition, Music Appreciation, Jazz Combo

**General Studies**

SAT/ACT Prep, Health, Physical Education,  
Psychology

### **House System**

The St. Bernard Preparatory School House system is a unique organization that builds community, provides leadership, and encourages mentorship while remaining directly attached to the rich history of Benedictine monasticism.

The four houses of St. Bernard Prep meet every two weeks in order to organize a service event, a fundraising event, and a social event. These houses are named after abbots from St. Bernard Abbey. They are Gregory, Bede, Ambrose, and Boniface.

### **Clubs**

St. Bernard encourages students to use their talents through various clubs. St. Bernard is a member of both the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society. Students are also engaged in Student Council, Student Ambassadors, Pro-life Club, Rocket Team, Robotics, Astronomy, Journalism, Yearbook, Theatre, and Improvisational Theatre.

### **Athletics**

Approximately 80% of our students participate in athletic programs at the school. We offer 11 AHSAA sponsored sports including cross country, track, volleyball, basketball, tennis, baseball, soccer, and swimming. We also have a cheerleading squad which currently is non-competitive.

### **Community Service**

Students are required to complete 20 hours of approved community service as part of their Theology grade each year. The program is designed to help the students participate in the Christian call to service. Students also participate in community service activities in their Houses and through the athletics program.

### **Faith Formation**

St. Bernard in its role as a Catholic school understands that formation goes beyond the classroom walls. In its effort to train students in a life of virtue, the school provides many opportunities for the students to practice their faith with the hope of it becoming a life-long adherence to living a virtuous life. As a Catholic

school, St. Bernard is centered on the Eucharist. Students attend weekly Mass, participate in a Eucharistic procession, and have access to the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day in the school chapel or the Abbey Church. Mass is available for the students every day in the Abbey and the students are also welcome to join the monastic community for daily prayers.

The program of the school includes an in-depth study of Theology which includes knowledge of the Scriptures, Church History, the traditions of the faith, and a formation in ethics and morality. Teachers stand as models of the faith and share their faith with the students through their example and through intentional curriculum design.

Seniors participate in a retreat each year and all students are provided access to local retreats throughout the course of their studies at the school. The school also provides faith centered events through the school's Campus Ministry Program.

Students are required to participate in all religious services offered throughout the year, including times we pray with the leaders from all of the faith traditions of our student body. Reconciliation is also offered regularly by the school chaplain.



## College Matriculations

Over the previous 5 years St. Bernard graduating classes have averaged 5.2 million dollars in scholarship offers. St. Bernard has a 100% college/university acceptance rate which includes acceptances at the following locations:

Agnes Scott College  
Albion College  
Albright College  
Allegheny College  
Alma College  
AMDA Coll. & Conservatory of the Per. Arts  
American University  
Arizona State University  
Auburn University  
Auburn University Montgomery  
Austin Peay State University  
Ave Maria University  
Baylor University  
Belhaven University  
Belmont Abbey College  
Benedictine University (Illinois)  
Berry College  
Bethany College  
Birmingham Southern College  
Boston University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Carroll College  
Catholic University  
Christendom College  
Christian Brothers University  
Clemson University  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
Coe College  
College of St. Scholastica  
College of Wooster  
Colorado State University  
Cornell College  
Covenant College (Georgia)  
Creighton University  
Delaware Valley University  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eckerd College  
Elizabethtown College  
Fordham University

Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
Georgia State University  
Georgia Tech  
Grinnell College  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Hartwick College  
Hastings College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Hofstra University  
Hollins University  
Hong Kong Polytech  
Indiana University - Bloomington  
Iowa State University  
Jacksonville State University  
Kansas State University  
Keiser University - West Palm Beach  
Lake Forest College  
LaRoche College  
Lee University (Tennessee)  
Loras College  
Loyola University – Chicago  
Loyola University - New Orleans  
Martin Methodist College  
Mercer University  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Millsaps College  
Mississippi State University  
Monmouth College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Murray State University  
New York University  
Niagara University  
North Carolina State University  
Norwich University  
Notre Dame University  
Occidental College  
Oklahoma City University  
Oregon State University  
Penn State University  
Purdue University  
Reedley College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Saint Anselm College

Saint Leo University  
Saint Michael's College  
Samford University  
Sewanee University  
Southern Mississippi  
Spring Hill College  
St. Vincent College  
SUNY Buffalo  
SUNY College of Env. Sci. & Forestry  
SUNY Stony Brook  
SUNY Stonybrook  
Syracuse University  
Tennessee Wesleyan  
Texas Christian University  
The Citadel  
Troy University  
Tulane University  
U. S. Naval Academy  
University of Alabama Birmingham  
University of Alabama Huntsville  
University of California Davis  
UC San Diego  
University of North Alabama  
Univeristy of California Santa Cruz  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas  
University of British Columbia  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dallas  
University of Delaware  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maine  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst  
University of Memphis  
University of Memphis  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota - Twin City  
University of Montevallo  
University of New England  
University of Oregon  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Alabama

University of Southern Mississippi  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Tennessee Martin  
University of Vermont  
University of Washington  
University of West Alabama  
University of West Florida  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Tech University  
Virginia Wesleyan University  
Washington and Lee University  
Washington State University  
Wheeling Jesuit University  
Xavier University

