

# PROVIDENCE

The College Preparatory School for Girls Grades 6-12

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-2010 

## **MISSION**

*Providence Preparatory, provides a program of academic excellence grounded in faith and trust in a Provident God for girls in grades six through eight. Providence (a division of Providence Catholic School sponsored by the Congregation of Divine Providence) prepares girls and young women of diverse backgrounds for the world of tomorrow, encouraging them to develop intellectual curiosity, deepen their faith, practice integrity and seek justice.*

## **BACKGROUND**

*Providence Preparatory has continued to increase in enrollment each of its four years, we are nearing our capacity enrollment for each grade. Currently 50% of incoming 6th graders are from public or charter schools.*

## **ADMINISTRATION**

*Anne Bristol — President  
Sister Antoinette Billeaud, CDP — Principal  
Joe Gonzalez— Assistant Principal  
Cheryl VanLeeuwen— Academic Assistant Principal  
Sue Scruggs — Middle School Liaison  
Nora Walsh — Enrollment & Marketing*

## **FACULTY & STAFF**

*Five middle school faculty members teach a fully departmentalized core curriculum; nine high school faculty members enrich the current programs. Teachers offer foreign language, fine arts and physical education classes. We also have a personal counselor available to the students. Most of the teachers have their masters' degrees or higher; in addition, a number of our faculty has attended the PreAP summer institutes sponsored by the College Board.*

## **PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Providence High School offers first preference on financial aid to Preparatory students who enter Providence High School. Scholarships include an outstanding achievement on the high school placement test and the Fr. John Martin Moye Academic Scholarship given to the student who graduates at the top of her 8<sup>th</sup> grade class in Providence Prep and continues her education at Providence High School.*

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

- 25% of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders qualify for the Duke Talent Identification Program each year based on their Stanford Achievement tests*
- Eight students placed in the Alamo Regional Science Fair in 2008; Two students qualified for the state Competition; one student received 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Prize.*
- Middle School students have received gold medals as well as other awards in the National Spanish Exam*
- One-third of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are members of the National Junior Honor Society*
- Student performance on the Stanford 10 Achievement Test is at or above the Archdiocesan overall scores*

### **ENRICHED CURRICULUM**

*The girls have a full academic curriculum in which the core subjects – religious studies, language arts, math (pre-algebra for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and algebra for 8<sup>th</sup> graders), social studies and sciences – are enriched with foreign languages – Latin, French or Spanish – as well as fine arts, drama, choir and technology electives and a competitive sports program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.*

*The literature component of language arts is vertically aligned with the high school literature courses. 6<sup>th</sup> graders are offered a course in ancient civilizations combined with a pre-Latin course. By the time a student graduates from the Providence Preparatory program, she can complete her Algebra I credit as well as earn a year of high school foreign language and technology class credit.*

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

*The quality of academic achievement is reported in a numerical grade system: 94-100:Excellent, 85-93:Above Average, 75-84:Average, 70-74:Below Average and below 70:Failing.*

### **TECHNOLOGY**

*All middle school classrooms have interactive SmartBoards as well as teacher computer stations equipped with Internet-accessible computers and projection equipment for computer-enhanced learning in the classrooms. There are 60 networked and Internet-capable computers available to students on campus: this includes two technology labs and research workstations in the library. Some classrooms are equipped with technology for distance learning. Televisions in each classroom allow viewing of the Channel One news network as well as broadcasts of announcements and presentations by the Providence Student Broadcasting Network (PSBN).*

### **ATHLETICS**

*Seventh and eighth grade girls participate in a variety of competitive sports: in volleyball, basketball, softball, cross country and track. Providence Preparatory also hosts invitational volleyball and basketball tournaments during the school year.*

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

*Providence provides an opportunity to become a member of the National Junior Honor Society. All grades participate in student government. Students are encouraged to participate in various organizations such as the Page Turners Literary Club, Environmental Club and Yearbook. Middle School students are able to take band instrument instruction after school in a middle school only program at Central Catholic as well as strings ensemble group on campus. Many of our students participate in the co-curricular drama performances at Providence as well.*

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