

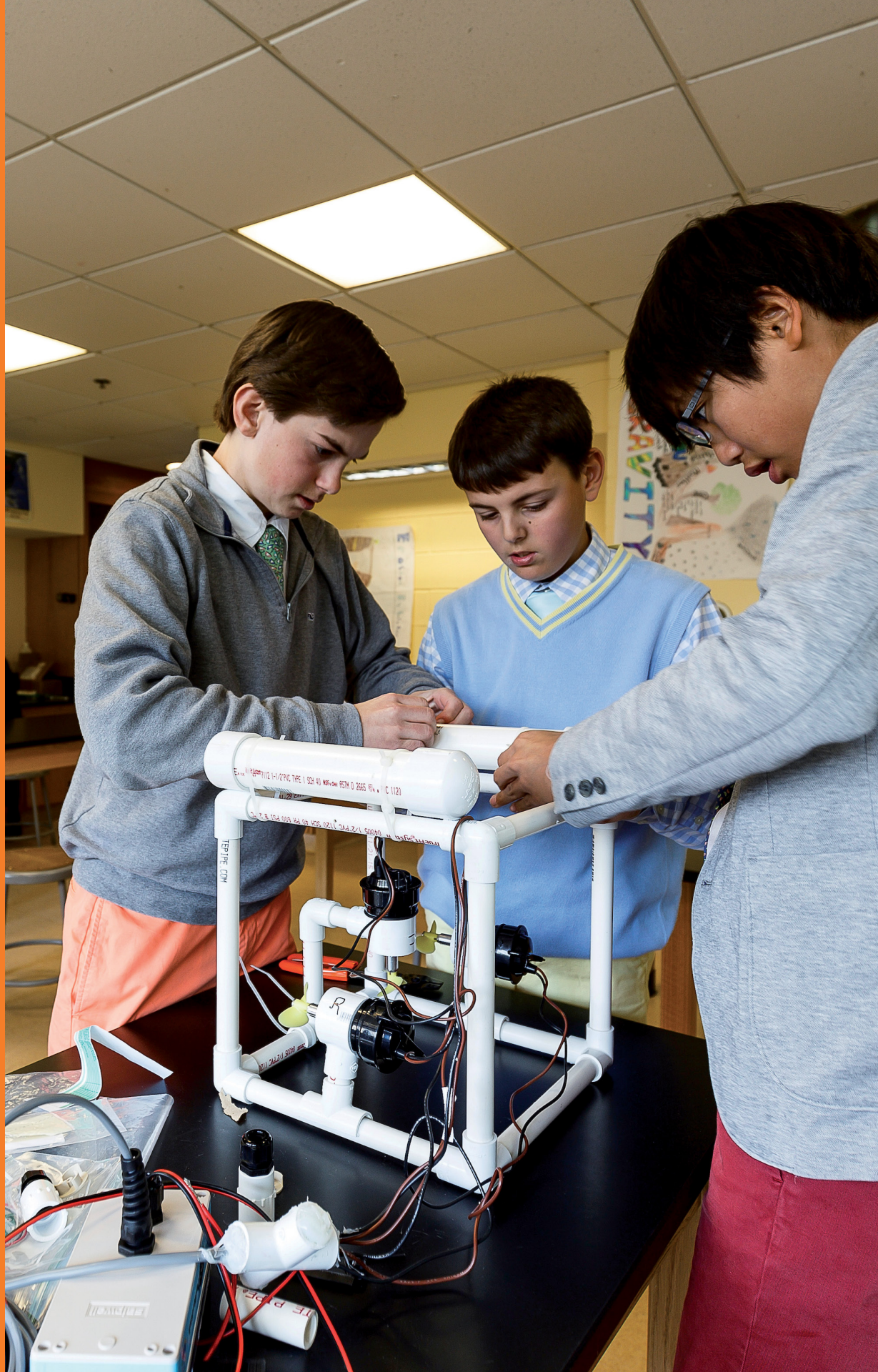


Rectory SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-9)

Rectory School is an Independent, Coed, Junior Boarding (5-9) and Day School (Early Childhood-9)



At Rectory School, we believe in our students

At Rectory, understanding your child is our priority. Not all students learn the same, which is why we surround your child with adults who believe all students can succeed when they are given the tools that fit their particular learning style. In all facets of school life, students are encouraged to reach beyond their comfort level, and while this sometimes means they may stumble along the way, it always means that they are building valuable life skills.

The Result: Students who understand themselves and the world around them. Students who can speak frankly about their strengths and their weaknesses. **Students who aren't just ready for their next school...they are ready for life.**

...every step of the way.



“MY GOAL IS THAT EVERY STUDENT LEAVES RECTORY WITH AN INQUISITIVE MIND WHILE CONSTANTLY EMBRACING THE GUIDING TENETS OF THE SCHOOL CREED: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, AND COMPASSION.”

Fred Williams

HEADMASTER FRED WILLIAMS



...inspiring lifelong learners

CORE CLASSES provide students opportunities to learn in an engaging and dynamic learning environment. Students develop creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills while building confidence, character, and the ability to advocate for themselves through the lens of brain-based learning. Our students develop an understanding of how they learn best and are able to implement strategies that support their learning.

Classes include: Computer Science, Effective Speaking & Writing, Electives, English, Enrichment, Health & Wellness, History, Individual Instruction Program (IIP) or Study Hall, Math, Performing Arts, Related Arts, Science, Skill Block.

ADVISORY meets three times a week and supports students academically, emotionally, and socially. Advisors serve as our students' primary advocates and are the first point of contact for parents. Through frequent in-school meetings, advisors develop strong relationships with their advisees and an understanding of their students' strengths and support needs. Best of all, students know they can consult their advisors about all areas of school life.

ELECTIVES provide our students an exploratory experience in a variety of disciplines such as robotics, nature writing, yearbook, orchestra, student newspaper, chorus, and drama. We encourage our students to explore their interests and passions.

ENRICHMENT provides time twice a week for students to meet with their teachers for academic support or enrichment.

HEALTH & WELLNESS teaches students about healthy living, including mental, emotional, social, and physical health. The Health and Wellness curriculum helps students develop skills in self-awareness and empathy for others through goal setting, teamwork, and communication exercises. Students will learn to make informed decisions about the challenges and choices they face as they develop into young adults while keeping responsibility, respect, honesty, and compassion in mind.

SKILL BLOCK helps students develop and grow the skills that support success in the classroom. These skills include organization, planning and prioritizing, self-advocacy, and communication.



IT'S ALL IN A 7TH-GRADE DAY!

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| 6:45 Rising Bell Rise and shine! | 1:00 Spanish 1a
Dije feliz cumpleaños a mi amigo hoy. |
| 7:30 Breakfast | 2:00 Advisory and Enrichment
Extra help in Spanish— <i>Myths & Legends Around the World</i> elective tomorrow! |
| 8:00 All School Assembly/Advisory | 3:00 Sports Squash practice, working on my serve. |
| 8:15 US History Examine artifacts from WWII era. | 4:30 Free Time on Dorm/Day Student Pick-up |
| 9:15 Pre-Algebra
Solve equations with the FOIL method. | 5:55 Dinner
Chicken stir-fry and brownies—the best! |
| 10:15 Break Snack and play four-square. | 6:30 Evening Study Hall
Finished my homework; quiz tomorrow. |
| 10:30 Earth Science
A diamond is a metamorphic rock! | 8:00 Dorm Time |
| 11:30 English
Lead a discussion on <i>The Red Scarf Girl</i> . | 9:30 Lights Out |
| 12:30 Lunch Pulled pork sandwiches—YUM! | |



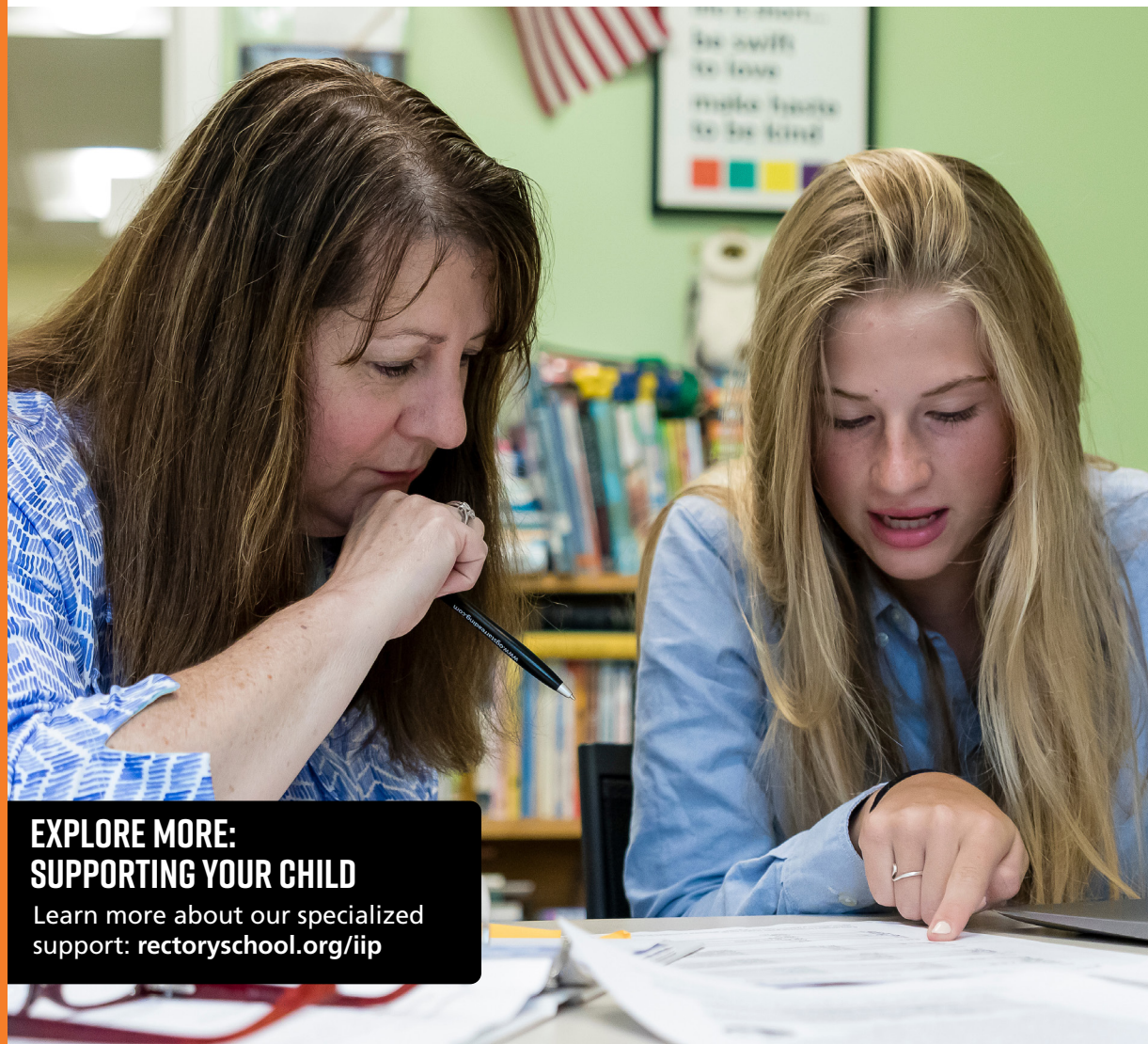
...student-centered learning

INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (IIP)

A pioneer among junior boarding schools in individualized instruction, Rectory has provided students with one-to-one instruction as an integral part of our educational environment since our founding in 1920. Rectory's Individualized Instruction Program (IIP) celebrates the uniqueness of each student and is designed to address a range of academic needs (remediation and enrichment) with seamless integration into the academic day. A majority of our IIP teachers have advanced degrees and/or specialized certifications.

IIP AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE:

- EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING
(including organization, planning, prioritizing, and time management)
- ADD & ADHD
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- DYSLEXIA
(Orton Gillingham or Wilson approaches)
- ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)



EXPLORE MORE: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Learn more about our specialized support: rectoryschool.org/iip

MARCH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM (MELP)

Our signature MELP program provides alternative learning through creativity and problem solving. A myriad of different programs take place during the first week of the spring term and offer students an opportunity to explore creative, hands-on learning outside of the classroom. Community Service forms part of each MELP experience; students volunteer at charter schools, food pantries, soup kitchens, and participate in beach cleanups.

Some great MELP adventures have included: Arizona: *Salt River Rafting*; Atlanta: *Empire City of The South*; California: *Lights, Camera, Action*; How It's Made; Inside New England Sports; Key Largo: *Unlocking the Everglades*; Nashville: *America's Music City*; Orlando: *Animation, Imagination, and Innovation*; Outdoor Adventures; Washington D.C.: *Our Nation's Treasures*.

IT'S ALL IN A LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION WEEK!

MONDAY: Travel to Los Angeles, California. Attend a taping of *America's Got Talent* in Pasadena.

TUESDAY: Tour the Grammy Museum in downtown LA, participate in a beat-making workshop, and visit the corporate headquarters of Netflix for a VIP tour.

WEDNESDAY: Get an up-close look at how a film and tv shows are made with tours of Panovision and Warner Brothers Studio.

THURSDAY: Explore Universal Studio Backlot then enjoy Universal Studios Hollywood amusement park.

FRIDAY: Help prepare and arrange food for a Los Angeles food kitchen. Visit the Santa Monica Pier, have lunch and shop at the 3rd Street Promenade, take a tour of Malibu, then travel back to Rectory.

MONDAY: After their week of exploration, our students have the opportunity to present their experiences at the MELP Fair.





...encouraging creativity

Rectory's diverse art programs offer invaluable opportunities for creative expression and personal growth. Imagination and innovation, fostered by the immersion in the arts, spill into the classroom and enhance our students' academic skill development. Creative expression provides opportunities to be a part of a group, build confidence, develop a passion, and connect hands-on creativity with practical knowledge and learning.

Performing arts classes include: Band, Blues, Bops, and Beats: The Journey of American Music, Chorus, Drama, Drumming, Guitar, Introduction to Acting, Jazz Band, Music Ensemble, Ocarina, Orchestra, Private Instruction, Recappella, World Drumming. **Studio/visual arts classes include:** 2-D Art, 3-D Art, Ceramics, Digital Arts, Exploring Arts, Photography, Printmaking, Woodshop.



...promoting teamwork & sportsmanship

Rectory's athletics inspire a lifelong commitment to physical fitness and health, promote risk-taking and self-confidence, and provide the natural camaraderie that comes from being a part of team. Although inter-school competition is a large part of our program, emphasis on individual success, enjoyment, skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship are at the core of our athletics.

Fall sports include: Cross Country, Cross Fit, Dance, Equestrian, Fall Adventures, Soccer, Volleyball. **Winter sports include:** Basketball, Fencing, Fitness, Ice Hockey, Squash, Swimming, Winter Warriors, Wrestling. **Spring sports include:** Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field.



"MY LAST YEAR AT RECTORY, I WAS A STRONG FENCER AND A FAST SPRINTER, BUT NOTHING COULD COMPARE TO MY RIDING SKILLS. THANKS TO MY EQUESTRIAN COACH AT RECTORY, I AM NOW COMPETING AT A HIGHER LEVEL."
JT W., Student





EXPLORE MORE: WEEKENDS AT RECTORY!

Check out all the fun activities
a Rectory weekend holds:
rectoryschool.org/weekends

...building relationships & long-lasting friendships

At Rectory we are more than a community; we are family. With a faculty to student ratio of 1:4, we are unique in the amount of time each faculty member spends making connections with and supporting each student every day. For both boarding and day students, the Rectory community is welcoming and nurturing to a diverse population.

IT'S ALL IN A **BOARDER'S** SATURDAY!

9:00 Rising Bell Sleep later on weekends!

9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Dorm Clean-up Bed is made and bedroom is clean. It's PLAYTIME!

10:30 Store Trips and Hang Out with Friends

12:55 Lunch Fuel up!

1:30 Afternoon Activity Block Playtime on campus or try an off-campus activity like a museum trip or a college athletic match.

3:00 Free Time/Inter-Dorm Visitation Have friends visit my dorm or I can visit theirs.

4:00 Wolf Den Student Center Open

Enjoy snacks in the 50s-style diner or play video games, foosball, ping pong, or board games in the lounge.

5:30 Dinner Everyone gathers for a meal before evening activities.

6:00 Evening Activity Block On or off-campus movies, restaurants, laser tag, and the gym, fields, or pavilion are always an option.

9:30 Back on Dorm

10:00–11:00 Lights Out (varies by grade)



"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE AT RECTORY HELD
OUR HANDS AT NIGHT, TOLD US THAT
EVERYTHING WOULD BE OKAY, AND THAT
THEY WILL BE THERE FOR US NO MATTER
WHAT, WE WERE ABLE TO WAKE UP IN THE
MORNING READY TO TACKLE THE DAY."

*Susan S. (Excerpted from the student
speaker's graduation speech)*



...preparing strong leaders & confident individuals

THE NINTH-GRADE YEAR instills the attributes critical for success at the secondary level: **leadership, confidence, and perseverance.** Leadership opportunities, such as dorm proctor, athletic team captain, or running for student government, enable our 9th graders to examine who they are and what they can accomplish as young adults, while a rigorous and dynamic curriculum prepares them for secondary schools that are among the most recognized in the nation.

Trust and camaraderie are nurtured in a whole-group setting, with activities such as our fall all-day leadership camp and spring adventure park challenge, making the final year an unforgettable and lasting experience for the entire class.

THE NINTH-GRADE CAPSTONE PROJECT provides an opportunity for our students to explore and consider solutions to issues that are present in today's society. Ninth-graders are paired with a faculty Capstone Leader who provides guidance throughout the process of selecting a topic, researching, writing an essay, and crafting an informational poster. Culminating with the Capstone Fair, faculty, students, and outside visitors are invited to view and discuss these projects with the students.

RECTORY GRADUATION is the culmination of the 9th-grade experience, where our students are recognized for their individual efforts, receive their diplomas, and proudly and confidently enter the world as Rectory alumni.



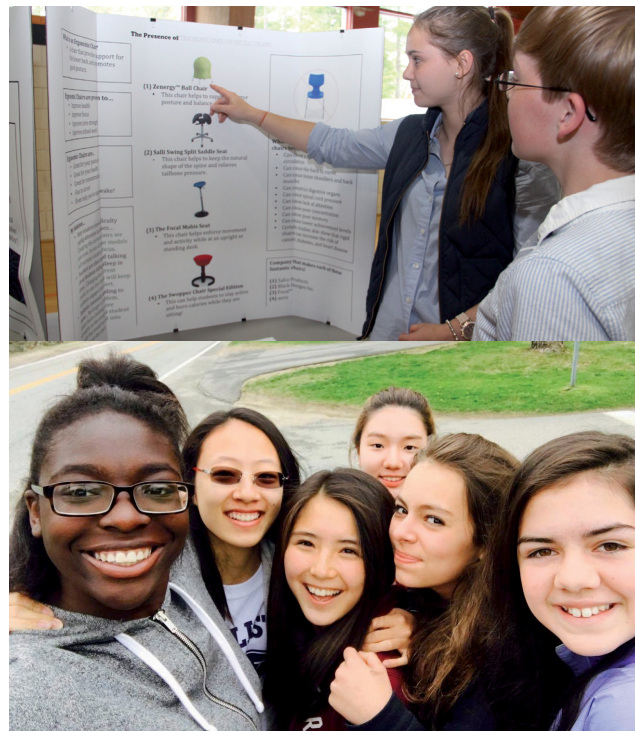
WHAT'S NEXT?

SECONDARY PLACEMENT Rectory students matriculate at a wide variety of secondary schools. Students attend both independent (boarding and day) and public secondary schools. No matter which high school environment is right for the student and family, Rectory supports the search process, and students find they are well prepared for their secondary school experience.

Avon Old Farms
Blair Academy
Brewster Academy
Brooks School
Cambridge School of Weston
Cate School
Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall
Choate Rosemary Hall
Cushing Academy
Forman School
Gunnery School
Hawaii Preparatory Academy
Hotchkiss School

Hun School of Princeton
Kent School
Kimball Union Academy
Lake Forest Academy
Loomis Chaffee School
Marianapolis Preparatory School
Masters School
Middlesex School
New Hampton School
Northfield Mount Hermon
Phillips Exeter Academy
Pomfret School
Portsmouth Abbey School

Salisbury School
St. Andrew's School, DE
St. Mark's School
St. Paul's School
Suffield Academy
Taft School
Western Reserve Academy
Westminster School
Westover School
Winchendon School
Woodstock Academy
(partial listing)



"I BELIEVE RECTORY NOT ONLY PROVIDED MY DAUGHTER WITH A SOLID ACADEMIC FOUNDATION, BUT IT ALSO GAVE HER THE SKILLS, EXPERIENCES AND CONFIDENCE TO FIND SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION. RECTORY IS NOT JUST A SCHOOL, IT'S A SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY; IT'S FAMILY."

Ginny S., Parent

EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

60 STUDENTS GRADUATE
& GO ON TO OVER 40 SCHOOLS

WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

1920
YEAR FOUNDED

AVERAGE FACULTY TENURE: 14 YEARS
ALUMNI ON FACULTY: 3

FACULTY CHILDREN ENROLLED: 24
42% OF BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALUMNI

GRADES 5-9

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 12

FULL-TIME INFIRMARY

WE CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
DAY BY GIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY:
OUR STUDENTS GIVE MORE THAN

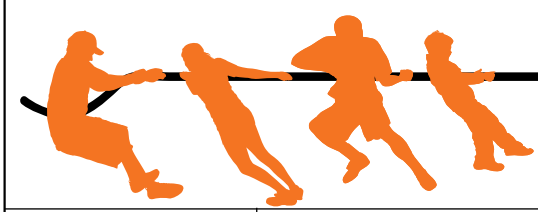
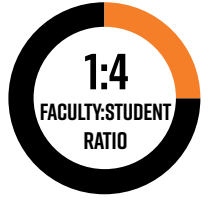
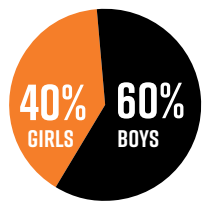
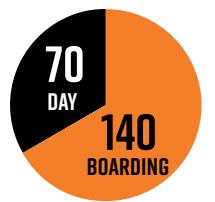
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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
IN OVER 45 PLACES

SIZE OF OUR CAMPUS

138
ACRES

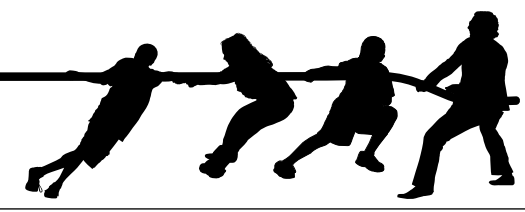
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DOGS ON CAMPUS

DRESS CODE:
COLLARED SHIRTS,
BLAZERS OR SWEATERS
IF YOU'RE A BOY, ADD A TIE!



ON ORANGE & BLACK DAY,

WILL YOU BE ON TEAM ORANGE OR TEAM BLACK?



STUDENTS CURRENTLY
ENROLLED:
250
ELEMENTARY
& MIDDLE SCHOOL
FROM
11 COUNTRIES
AND **13** STATES

**CHALLENGE
YOUR MIND**
AT THE
GEOGRAPHY BEE,
OR
CHESS TOURNAMENT

28
GRADUATION
AWARDS &
11
GRADUATION
CUPS

FAVORITE MEAL: TACO TUESDAY

TO WORK WELL, TO PLAY WELL;
TO THINK CLEARLY, TO SPEAK TRUTH;
TO WIN WITHOUT RANCOR;
TO HAVE COURAGE AND TO BE KIND.
THIS IS A GOAL FOR THE GREATEST;
IT IS A GOAL THAT THE LEAST MAY REACH.
TO TEACH THIS IS THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF SCHOOLS.
TO KNOW THIS IS THE WHOLE MEANING OF LIFE.
RECTORY'S 2ND HEADMASTER, JOHN BIGELOW '24



GO WOLVES!

6 TENNIS COURTS, 6 ATHLETIC FIELDS,
BASEBALL FIELD, CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE,
LOW ROPES COURSE, HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS,
& A POND FOR FISHING, SKATING, AND LEARNING

20 SPORTS OFFERED **36** SPORTS TEAMS



THE CRAIG COLHOUN ATHLETIC CENTER INCLUDES THE GYM, FITNESS CENTER, WRESTLING ROOM, LOCKER ROOMS, AND ATHLETIC TRAINER'S OFFICE



**BEGIN
YOUR
RECTORY
JOURNEY
TODAY.**

**IT ALL
STARTS
HERE!**



OUR MISSION:

Rectory School's mission is to provide students, from early childhood through middle school, with an enriched and supportive academic, social and ethical community that addresses individual learning styles, aptitudes, and needs while promoting personal self-worth and accountability. The School community lives the Rectory School Creed: Responsibility, Respect, Honesty, and Compassion.

SEE WHAT WE'RE UP TO:

-  RECTORYSCHOOL
-  @RECTORYSCHOOLCT
-  RECTORY_SCHOOL_CT

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OR FOR LOTS MORE INFO,
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.rectoryschool.org/middleschool



**UNDERSTANDING
YOUR CHILD IS OUR
HIGHEST PRIORITY AND
GREATEST STRENGTH.**



**SUMMER@
RECTORY**

ACADEMICS, ARTS, ATHLETICS, & SUMMER FUN
FOR GRADES 5-9 / BOARDING & DAY

Think creatively, discover new interests, and make friends, all while building on an educational foundation with full-day morning classes and afternoon activities.