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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

African American/Black 48%;
White 11%; Hispanic/Latino 32%;
Other 9%

Newark residents: 43%

East Orange: 5%

Orange: 4%

Irvington: 6%

Students come from 95 different
towns and 263 separate schools;
33 are international students.

FACULTY

Nineteen of the 56 teaching
faculty are alumni of the school
and six are monks of Newark
Abbey. Twenty-eight faculty have
master's degrees and five have
earned doctorate degrees.

ACCREDITATION

Middle States Association
of Colleges and Schools

GRADING SCALE

A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0
"+" or "-" a value of .333
is added or subtracted

HONOR ROLL

Honors: (3.0 to 3.29)

High Honors: (3.3 to 3.69)

Highest Honors: (3.7 to 4.0)

CEEB Code: 310935

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St. Benedict's

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

About St. Benedict's

St. Benedict's Prep, a community of 750 students (105 seniors) and 56 faculty members, encourages students to fulfill their potential as emotionally mature, morally responsible and well-educated citizens. Operated by the Benedictine monks of Newark Abbey since 1868, St. Benedict's offers a rigorous curriculum that sharpens the mind, shapes the character and nourishes the spirit.

The school is composed of three divisions - Elementary Division: Kindergarten through Grade 6, Co-Ed; Middle Division: Grades 7 and 8, Single Sex, Male and Female Subdivisions; Prep Division: Grade 9 through 13, Single Sex, Male.

The school motto written on the walls of St. Benedict's buildings, "*Whatever hurts my brother hurts me; whatever helps my brother helps me,*" is an integral part of the education at St. Benedict's, an education of the mind, spirit and heart. From the classroom to the athletic field to the site of their latest community-service project, students of our 150-year old institution prepare not just for college but also for undertaking responsibilities of their own families and faith communities, and assuming leadership roles in a variety of professions and in the communities beyond the school.

Prep Division Calendar and Curriculum: 11-month, 3-part school year

The school year begins in late July with all students attending "Summer Phase," a five-week, four-hours per day session during which students take enrichment or intensive courses. This is an opportunity for both students and faculty to think about, study, and examine in-depth topics that interest them. Seniors meet daily in the Senior Portfolio course to discuss the college application process. During the eight-month "Fall/Winter Terms" students pursue a traditional liberal arts curriculum. While a majority of our students are on a college-prep/honors (senior courses are typically taught as honors) track, a number of students in different disciplines choose to take what would amount to advanced placement courses. We do not designate courses of different levels on the transcript but will certainly discuss on a case-by-case basis and in the counselor recommendation. After final exams at the end of April, all students join a "Spring Phase" project. This is an opportunity for students to explore experiential learning or *learning by doing*. Many volunteer as part of a community service project, while others work in the theatre or the urban garden, or travel across the country to participate in the Network of Complementary Schools.

Block Schedule

In the four-by-four block schedule, all students take four eighty-minute classes each day throughout Fall Term, and then take four different eighty-minute classes during Winter Term. The schedule allows for deeper study within most, if not all, disciplines as well as an increased number of courses available to our students. Course offerings now include but are not limited to: Biochemistry, Meteorology, Environmental Science, Evolution, Astrophysics, Anatomy & Physiology, First Aid, Diversity and Social Justice, Humanities Seminar, Ancient Rome, Civics, African American History, English Classics, Machiavelli and Shakespeare, Psychology, Political Science, Criminal Justice, Mathematical Modeling, Accounting, Personal Finance, News Production, Short Story, Jazz Band, Chorus, Advanced Art, Morality, and Christian Lifestyles.

Graduation Requirements

English: 4 blocks - Arts/Music: 2 blocks

Religion: 4 blocks - Language: 2 blocks (Spanish, Latin, Greek)

Mathematics: 4 blocks

Lab Science: 4 blocks - History: 4 blocks (including 2 years of US History)

Summer Phase: 4 years - Spring Phase: 4 years

Financial Aid

St. Benedict's serves primarily students from low to moderate-income families. All students receive a basic subsidy toward the full cost of their education. Financial aid is given on the basis of demonstrated need. Typically more than 80% of all students qualify for such aid.

Community Notes

Freshman Overnight: Weeklong period at the beginning of "Summer Phase" where all incoming freshman live here at school. This activity, conducted under the supervision of the Senior Group Leader and other student leaders, establishes for the freshmen what St. Benedict's is all about: trust and openness, challenge and teamwork, accomplishment and rewards.

Backpacking Project: At the end of the freshman year, freshmen form into teams of eight for three weeks of training before undertaking a weeklong 50-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail in New Jersey. Upon completion freshmen become full members of the school community.

Group System: Every student is drafted into one of 18 groups, which consist of about 25 students from every grade level. A Group Leader is elected to run the group and to represent it at meetings with the Headmaster. Groups, which meet four times a week, are responsible for running Convocation and for assisting their members in academic difficulty. Groups compete and are awarded points based on their academic performance, intergroup athletics, attendance records and discharge of other responsibilities.

Student Leadership: Much of the everyday running of the school is in the hands of the appointed Senior Group Leader and six other Senior Leaders. They, together with the elected Group Leaders, work with the Headmaster to oversee the general discipline and atmosphere of the school, as well as the running of the Group System.

Honor Code: A published list of regulations by which a student commits himself to respect the rights and property of his schoolmates and of the school community. Trust is a vital part of the spirit of the school (as evidenced by the absence of locks on lockers). The maintaining of integrity and trust in the school is the responsibility of the students themselves, with help from faculty and administration.

English as a Second Language: For many of our first generation and international students we offer this curriculum as a means of integrating them into our academic program.

Athletics & Activities

All students are required to participate in some form of extracurricular activity. Nearly 75% of our students participate in our nationally recognized interscholastic athletic programs in soccer, cross-country, basketball, track, fencing, wrestling, baseball, water polo, swimming, crew, and golf. Other activities include our Drama Guild, The Benedict News (school newspaper), Kayrix (literary magazine), Jazz Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Drum Line, 520 Corporation (student-run facilities maintenance company), Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Youth and Government, National Honor Society and Green Bees (a sustainability initiative).

College Matriculation

Listed is a selection of institutions where St. Benedict's students have matriculated for the years 2011 through 2017.

Albright College	North Carolina State University
American Int. College	Northeastern University
Amherst College	Northwestern University
Assumption College	New York Institute of Technology
Barry University	Ohio Christian University
Bates College	Oxford Brookes University
Berkeley School of Music	Pace University
Bloomfield College	Penn State University
Boston College	Pomona College
Bowdoin College	Princeton University
Bryant College	Providence College
Caldwell University	Quinnipiac University
Centenary College	Ramapo College
Clark Atlanta University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
College of the Holy Cross	Rice University
Colby-Sawyer College	Rider University
Columbia University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Cornell University	Rowan University
Dartmouth College	Rutgers University
Davidson College	Saint Anselm College
Delaware State University	Saint Augustine's University
DePauw University	Saint John's University (MN)
Drew University	Saint Peter's University
Drexel University	Saint Vincent College
East Stroudsburg University	Savannah College of Art
Eckerd College	Scranton University
Essex County College	Seton Hall University
Fairfield University	Spring Hill College
Fairleigh Dickinson	St. Bonaventure University
Felician University	St. John's University (NY)
Florida Gulf Coast University	St. Joseph's University
Franklin & Marshall	Stevens Institute of Technology
George Mason University	Stockton University
George Washington	Swarthmore College
Georgetown University	Syracuse University
Georgian Court University	The College of New Jersey
Goucher College	Temple University
Hamilton College	Union College
Hampton University	Union County College
Harvard	University of Hartford
Hofstra University	University of Kentucky
Howard University	University of New Hampshire
Iona College	University of New Haven
Ithaca College	University of Delaware
Johns Hopkins	University of Maryland
Kean University	University of Oregon
Keystone College	University of Pennsylvania
Lee University	University of Vermont
Lancaster Bible College	University of Virginia
LaSalle University	USNA/NAPS
Lawrence Tech. University	United States Military Academy
Lehigh University	Vassar College
Loyola University Maryland	Villanova University
Manhattan College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Marist College	Virginia Tech University
Marymount College	Virginia Union University
Middlesex County College	Virginia State University
Minot State University	Walsh University
Monmouth University	West Virginia University
Montclair State University	Wilkes University
Moravian College	William Paterson University
Morgan State University	Williams College
Morehouse College	Winston-Salem State University
New Jersey City University	Xavier University
N.J. Institute of Technology	
New York University	
North Carolina A&T State University	