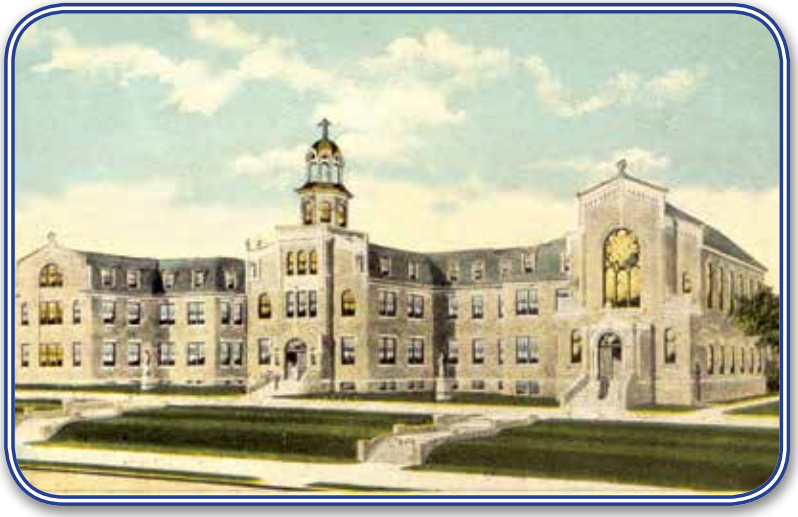
Don Bosco Prep

Celebrating 100 Years

empowering young men for life

The Tradition of Don Bosco Prep



With a century of tradition, Don Bosco Prep has enjoyed an excellent reputation in preparing young men for college while encouraging an active participation and growth in their family, civic and spiritual lives. Integral parts of our school's outstanding tradition continue to be our academic rigor, youth ministry program, service organizations, interscholastic athletic program, musical and dramatic activities, and on-campus clubs.

Our Mission

Mindful of both our role and responsibility as a Salesian college preparatory school, we promote the following:

• Intellectual Curiosity • Joyful Spirit • Self-Esteem
• Emotional Maturity • Personal Responsibility • Concern for the Environment
• Commitment to Social Justice • Love for One's Fellow Human Beings
• Character Development

• 4 Pillars of the Salesian Oratory •
Home, School, Church, Playground

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Why Don Bosco Prep

Central to our school is a community of Salesians of Don Bosco, religious men who safeguard the charism of a great father and teacher of the young, Saint John Bosco. He believed that education is a matter of the heart. We brothers and priests, living in his spirit, devote ourselves to creating an educative environment here in which the heart of each young person is opened more fully to God, to others, and to the world.

An authentic Salesian community must be for its students: a Home that welcomes, a School that prepares for life, a Church that evangelizes, and a Playground where friends can meet each other.

St. John Bosco educated the young in the Salesian Spirit and so do we.

"This is a community, not only for our young men, but for their families as well. What makes Don Bosco Prep unique is the life brought to it by the entire community; it is a place where school, family and Christ meet to create an environment of spiritual joy, academic excellence and personal growth."

John Stanczak - Principal

Fr. James Heuser, SDB
Director/President

Did you Know

Admission Fast Facts

500+ Students who participate in the "Ironman For A Day" Program annually

35% Percent of students who come from New York

15 First graduates in the Class of 1917

1000 Number of applicants each year

246 Number of incoming freshmen

#1 School with a Tradition of Excellence and Dedication

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Admissions

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Admissions - Welcome

Welcome to Don Bosco Prep!

We are a private Catholic college preparatory high school for young men, grades 9 through 12, dedicated to following the educational philosophy of St. John Bosco. This philosophy is based on reason, religion, kindness, and youthful optimism. As such, our mission for the past century has been to empower our young men for life by promoting academic excellence through intellectual reasoning; developing a mature character and sense of responsibility; encouraging artistic and physical talents; nurturing a sense of community; and fostering faith and love.

As a community of teachers and administrators, we have embraced the philosophy of our founder St. John Bosco and have seen countless young men achieve their potential throughout the years. Our holistic approach to education makes Don Bosco Prep a unique school where young men are formed into global citizens with a purpose and perspective.

So come, and take the first steps towards joining the Don Bosco Prep community!

Sincerely,
Chris Donnelly '92,
Director of Admissions

Schedule an "Ironman for the Day" Visit
Come to One of Our Open House Events
or Simply Stop By Our Campus

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Admissions - Process

8th Grade Students To Do - List

Register for the COOP Entrance Exam

- September – October
- www.coopexam.org

Complete the Online Application

- October – December
- www.donboscoprep.org

Submit Your Transcripts

- Report Cards and Standardized Test Scores
- Transcript should include 6th, 7th and first marking period of 8th grade
- Contact your current school to request a transcript

Schedule "Ironman For A Day"

- September – May
- A Great Experience for Students

Optional Steps

Submit Letters of Recommendation

- Letters should be written by a Teacher, Coach, DBP Alumnus
- There is a recommendation form available for download on our website

Submit a Preliminary Financial Aid Request

- November - December
- Receive a Financial Aid Estimate with Acceptance Letter
- sss.nais.org/parents

Transfer Students To Do - List

Complete the Online Application

- March - June
- www.donboscoprep.org

Submit Your Transcripts

- Report Cards and Standardized Test Scores
- Transcript should include the past 3 years
- Contact your current school to request a transcript

Submit 2 Letters of Recommendation

- Letters should be written by a Teacher, Coach, DBP Alumnus
- There is a recommendation form available for download on our website

Schedule an Interview

- Once your application is complete, you will be asked to interview with the Principal or Director of Admissions

Optional Steps

Schedule "Ironman For A Day"

- March – May
- A Great Experience for Students

Submit a Preliminary Financial Aid Request

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Did you Know

Academic Fast Facts

115 Courses offered each year (includes elective courses)

32% Juniors & Seniors in the National Honor Society

14:1 Teacher to Student Ratio

8 Honor Societies (listed under Activities & Clubs)

48 Advanced Placement Scholars in 2015

13 Advanced Placement courses offered each year

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Academics

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Academics

Don Bosco Prep educates young men so that through the process of self-discovery each student will come to recognize and acknowledge his talents while pursuing excellence in all that he does.

Our academic program offers a challenging, rigorous curriculum, and continually strives to ensure that the academic realities and needs of all students are met so that they may fulfill their potential.

Typical Freshman Schedule:

- Composition & Literature
- Algebra I or Geometry
- Biology
- World History
- World Language
- Theology
- Physical Education
- Semester Elective

Students are placed into 3 academic levels based on testing and subject performance:

College Prep
Honors
Advanced Placement

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Graduation Requirements:

4 Years of:

- English
- Social Studies
- Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Theology
- Service Project

3 Years of:

- World Languages
- Sciences

> Young people often need convincing that we have confidence in their abilities. Teachers seen only in the classroom are simply teachers. If they mingle with the students outside the classroom, they become brothers and sisters. Remember then, that education is a matter of the heart.
>
> St. John Bosco, 1883

World Languages:

- Italian
- Latin
- Spanish
- Mandarin Chinese

Mandarin Chinese was introduced to the curriculum in the 2013-2014 academic year.

Academics

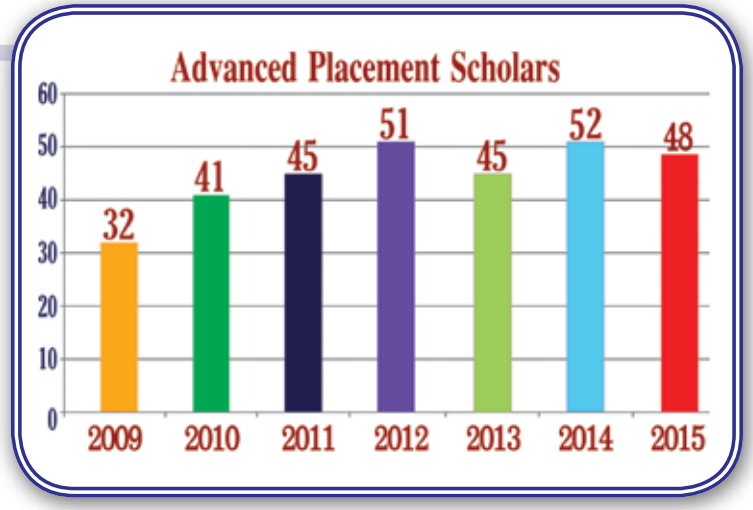
To cultivate a vibrant academic environment, Don Bosco Prep offers the following Advanced Placement courses to our students:

Advanced Placement Courses:

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP Physics
- AP Studio Art
- AP Spanish Language
- AP United States History
- AP European History
- AP Psychology

Results

Our commitment to advancing the education of our students is highlighted in this graphic. From 2008 onward, we have seen an increase in the number of AP Scholars.



Elective Course Tracks:

Music

- Band
- Strings/Orchestra
- Music History
- Popular Music
- AP Music Theory

Computers

- Computer Applications
- Web Design
- Visual Basic Programming
- Java Script
- AP Computer Science

Art

- Introduction To Art
- Art History
- Studio Art I
- Studio Art II
- AP Studio Art

> Don Bosco Prep is committed to developing a lifelong enthusiasm for learning. We are working daily to instill the virtue of educational curiosity, so that long after the boys have graduated from Don Bosco Prep, they still have a hunger to seek out knowledge and better themselves as citizens, professionals, and Christians.
>
> John Stanczak, Principal, 2015

Other Elective Courses:

- Psychology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Independent Science Research
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Peer Ministry & Leadership
- Salesian Leadership
- Church History
- Sacred Scripture
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Theology of Marriage
- Public Speaking
- Creative Writing
- Journalism
- Choir
- Sociology
- Government & Politics
- Introduction to Law
- Economics
- Introduction to Accounting and Personal Finance

Resources Fast Facts

100% Classrooms with SmartBoards

1:1 iPad Program with E-Textbooks

3 Number of computer labs used for instruction and research

1 College/Career Center for student use

2 Learning-needs specialists on DBP staff

100% Wireless connectivity on campus

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Resources

1:1 iPad Program

Don Bosco Prep recognizes the importance of technology as a useful teaching and learning tool. As such, we have introduced a 1:1 Apple iPad Program for both faculty and students. These iPads come equipped with E-Textbooks and educational applications in an effort to centralize a student's learning to one device. Faculty utilize their iPads for presentations on SmartBoards, which are available in every classroom, as well as for note-taking, grading of assignments and curriculum development. In addition to our 1:1 Apple iPad Program, the school has three computer labs used for instruction as well as research. However, with a wireless network spanning our 34-acre campus, students are encouraged to use their devices both indoors and out.

Media Center

The media center offers students a top-notch research facility for assignments, presentations and projects. It also houses our library, which has an extensive collection of print material and numerous periodicals, journals and magazines in circulation. Our media specialist is available throughout the day and after school to assist students.

Academic Support Services

Academic support is considered the responsibility of the entire community at Don Bosco Prep. Not only do faculty provide extra-help before and after school hours, but peer tutoring is also available daily through specific honor societies. Additional peer tutoring can be set-up through the Guidance Office to ensure that a student receives the proper academic support in order to achieve his potential.

Guidance

The guidance department provides a wide array of school counseling programs and services to support and assist students in achieving academic as well as personal success in school and beyond. Here are some of the resources we provide:

- **Career Center**
- **College Tours**
- **Campus Visits**
- **College Panels**
- **Naviance College System**
- **Learning Needs Program**
- **Programs for Parents**
- **Individual Counseling**

Extracurricular Fast Facts

56 State Athletic Championships since 1961

29 State Athletic Championships since 1999

3 National Athletic Championships since 2008

60+ Activities and Clubs that students are encouraged to join

65 Members of the DBP Concert Band

50 DBP students that attend one of three Model UN conferences each year

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Extracurricular

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Extracurricular - Athletics

A student's involvement in sports not only helps keep him physically fit, but also develops character, teamwork and school and personal pride. Approximately 70% of the student body participates in at least one sport. The remaining 30% are involved in numerous clubs and organizations.

Don Bosco Prep offers 18 sports at the Freshmen (FR), Junior Varsity (JV) and Varsity (V) levels. The school year is divided into three athletic seasons; students are permitted to participate in one sport per season.

Fall Sports

Cross Country • Football • Soccer

Winter Sports

Basketball • Bowling • Fencing • Hockey
Skiing • Swimming • Winter Track • Wrestling

Spring Sports

Baseball • Crew • Golf • Lacrosse
Spring Track • Tennis • Volleyball

In 2011, the DBP Track & Field Team finished 8th in the nation at the Nike Team Nationals in Eugene, Oregon while the Football Team completed its run to No. 1 in the nation.

Activities and Clubs

Academic

Computer Club
Creative Writing Club
Debate Team
French Club
Future Physicians Club
Game Club
German Culture Club
History Club
Italian Club
Junior Statesmen of America
Latin Club
Math Team
Mock Trial
Model UN
Robotics Team
Spanish Club

The Arts

Art Club
Bagpipe & Drum Corp
Concert Band
Concert Choir
Liturgical Music Group
School Musical
Stage Crew
String Ensemble

Athletic Clubs

Handball Club
Intramurals
Outdoors Club
Ping Pong Club
Ski/Snowboard Club
Ultimate Frisbee Team

Catholic/Service

Emergency Response Team
Knights of Don Bosco
Mission Club
Pro Life Club
SADD Club
Theology of the Body Club
Youth Ministry Program

Honor Societies

English Honor Society
French Honor Society
German Honor Society
Italian Honor Society
Math Honor Society
National Honor Society
Thespian Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
Music Honor Society

Publications

Newspaper – Ironman
Yearbook – Bosconian
Literary Magazine

Special Interest

Ambassadors Club
Amnesty International
Asian Club
Autism Awareness Club
Black Student Assoc.
Book Club
Business Club
Environmental Awareness Club
Irish-American Society
Ironmen Fight Cancer
Ironmen Speak Out!
LINK Club
MSG Varsity Club
Peer Mediation
Photography Club
Prom Committees
Spectrum
Student Council
TV Club
Wilderness Survival Club

In its inaugural 2013 year, the DBP Robotics Team won several regional titles for "Best Rookie of the Year".

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Did you Know
Faith & Service Fast Facts
1 Common Mission: To Serve Others
69,004 Service hours performed by the Class of 2015
127 Alumni who are Catholic clergy
$28,061 Raised to send students to Nicaragua on a service trip
11 Retreats each year for our students to grow in faith
109,000 Items of food raised during our annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive.
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Faith and Spirituality

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Faith and Spirituality

Developing and living out a Salesian spirituality provides the young with a variety of opportunities to know, live and share the message of Jesus Christ. The Christian formation of the whole person involves the integration of faith, life, culture, and human knowledge. As a Catholic community, we strive to nurture the faith life of our students and help them develop a relationship with Jesus Christ through the following:

Mass

- Daily Mass is offered to the Don Bosco Prep community at 7:00 AM in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel.
- The entire school community celebrates Mass periodically throughout the academic year.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to our students 3 times-a-year: September Orientation, Advent, and Lent.

The Salesians

Don Bosco Prep has a dedicated group of Salesian priests and brothers who are involved daily in the spiritual, educational, and communal life of the school.

Retreats

Each year our students attend a one-day retreat to develop a stronger sense of their faith. For students who wish to go on further retreats, the Salesians of Don Bosco organize annual leadership retreats in October and March.

Community

As a faith community, Don Bosco Prep sponsors numerous events throughout the year to encourage spiritual development:

Passion Play • Stations of the Cross • Poverty Awareness Week • Rosary
Trip to National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

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Service Opportunities

All students are required to complete 100 hours of community service before graduation. Most students complete these hours well before graduation yet continue to serve on and off campus. The Office of Youth Ministry provides many service opportunities for our students throughout the academic year and into the summer.

Locally

Our students are involved with local non-profit organizations such as Camp Acorn, St. John's Soup Kitchen, and Habitat for Humanity.

Nationally

The Salesians of Don Bosco offer service retreats to students known as Gospel Roads. These service retreats take our students to Leeds (Alabama), New Orleans, Philadelphia, Tampa (Florida), and Washington D.C. to name a few.

Globally

Answering the call to help those most in need, our students serve in communities outside of the United States including our annual trip to Nicaragua.

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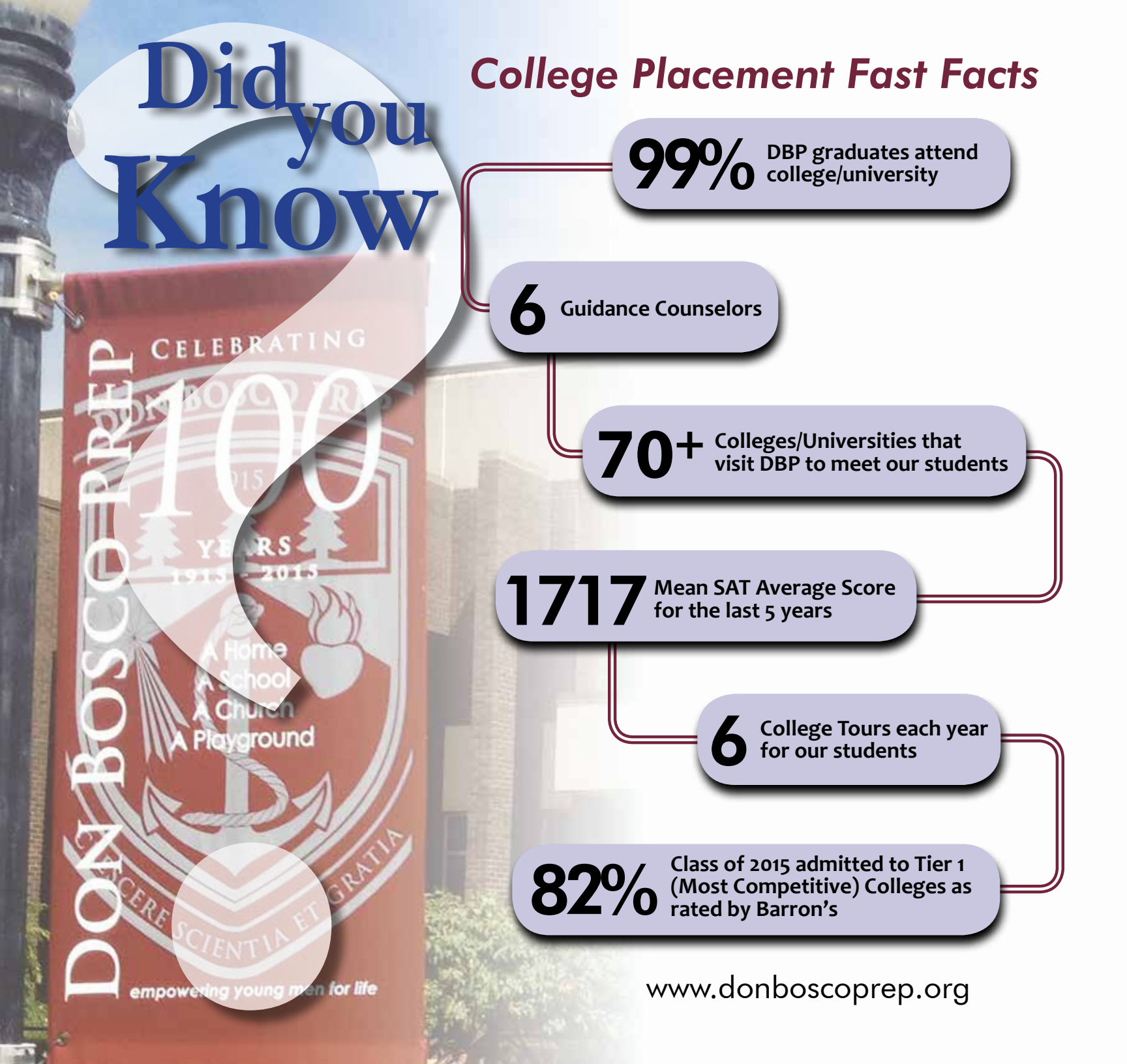

College Placement Fast Facts

99% DBP graduates attend college/university

6 Guidance Counselors

70+ Colleges/Universities that visit DBP to meet our students

1717 Mean SAT Average Score for the last 5 years

6 College Tours each year for our students

82% Class of 2015 admitted to Tier 1 (Most Competitive) Colleges as rated by Barron's

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College Placement

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College and University Acceptances

The following list represents colleges and universities that Don Bosco Prep students attend:

American University
Amherst College
Bentley College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Case Western Reserve University
Carnegie Mellon University
Catholic University of America
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
De Sales University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Harvard Collge
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Loyola University Maryland
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marquette University
Montclair State University
New York University
New Jersey Institute of Technology

Most Attended Colleges

Boston College
University of Notre Dame
New York University
Manhattan College
Fairfield University
Villanova University
Union College
Loyola University of Maryland
Marist College

Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Ramapo College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Siena College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
State Universities of New York
Swathmore College
Syracuse University
The College of New Jersey
Tufts University
Union College
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
University of California
University of Chicago
University of Delaware
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Scranton
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Villanova University
Virginia Technical Institute
Wake Forest University
Wesleyan University
Williams College
Yale University

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College Placement

DBP Achievements

There is just something special about being an Ironman that makes you hold yourself to a higher standard. It teaches you that the right thing to do is always the only thing to do. There is truly no place on earth like Bosco. Whether you are in Ramsey, NJ or Rome, Italy, people recognize the name on your shirt (believe me it has happened) and automatically welcome and engage with you. Don Bosco Prep is a school that is run on the student's love for one another. I never would have imagined that I would leave high school with 236 brothers for life. I would do anything for four more years and can guarantee that all alumni, when asked, would tell you the same thing.

Brian Keenan - Class of 2014

2010-2015

$149M	Total Scholarships/ Aid Grants
3	Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholars
5	National Merit Special Scholars
10	National Merit Finalists
50	National Merit Commended Scholars
282	Advanced Placement Scholars

Top Colleges

- Harvard College
- Princeton University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- University of Notre Dame
- Boston College
- Georgetown University
- University of Chicago
- New York University
- University of Virginia
- Johns Hopkins University

Affording DBP Fast Facts

#1 Network of generous alumni and benefactors

2885 SSS school code for financial aid application

$1.5M Financial assistance given to students annually

2 Number of financing options: payment plans, financial assistance

37% Students that receive financial assistance

$12 Cost of monthly tuition at Don Bosco Prep in 1915

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Affording DBP

Central to the mission of Don Bosco Prep is the Salesian philosophy to educate the young and the poor. In an effort to live out our mission, Don Bosco Prep is committed to making its educational opportunities available to as many qualified applicants as possible.

Financial Aid

- Don Bosco Prep offers financial assistance to students based strictly on financial need and in accordance with standards set forth by the Finance Office and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).
- Applications for Financial Aid for incoming freshman are made available starting November 1st. Applications are completed through Student and School Services (SSS) at: sss.nais.org/parents.
- Don Bosco Prep's School Code for SSS is 2885.
- In addition to completing the application, a copy of the most recent federal tax return must be submitted to the Finance Office.

Don Bosco Prep provides over $1 million annually in financial assistance, scholarships, and tuition support. We are committed to helping our families in financial need.

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Scholarships and Grants

Scholarships

Don Bosco Prep offers generous academic scholarships to incoming freshmen as well as current students. Academic scholarships are awarded to students based on several criteria on an annual basis. For more information, please visit our website.

Grants

- Over the years, our alumni have endowed the school with numerous Alumni Grants that ensure future Ironmen benefit from the unique experiences offered here. These grants are offered on an annual basis and based strictly on financial need as determined by the SSS application.

- The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) is a tuition assistance program for inner-city children in need, who aspire to attend a private Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Newark or the Diocese of Paterson. To learn more, go to www.rcan.org/icsf

- Don Bosco Prep offers a tuition reduction in the form of the Brother's Grant to families who have 2 or more children attending school at the same time.

The "We Have A Student" Fund ensures that students whose families have undergone unexpected and tragic circumstances during the school year can afford to cover the cost of tuition.

DBP Campus Life

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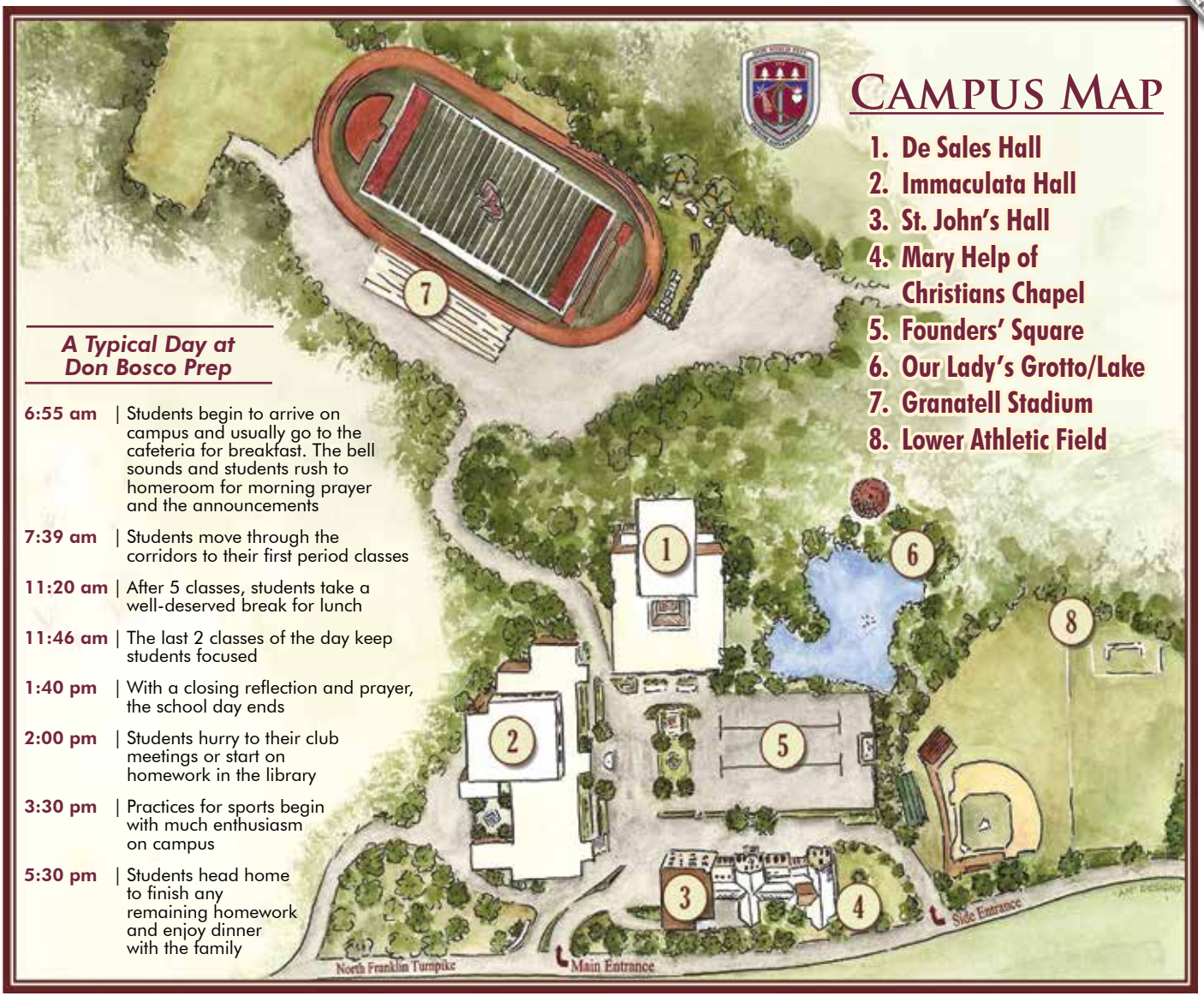

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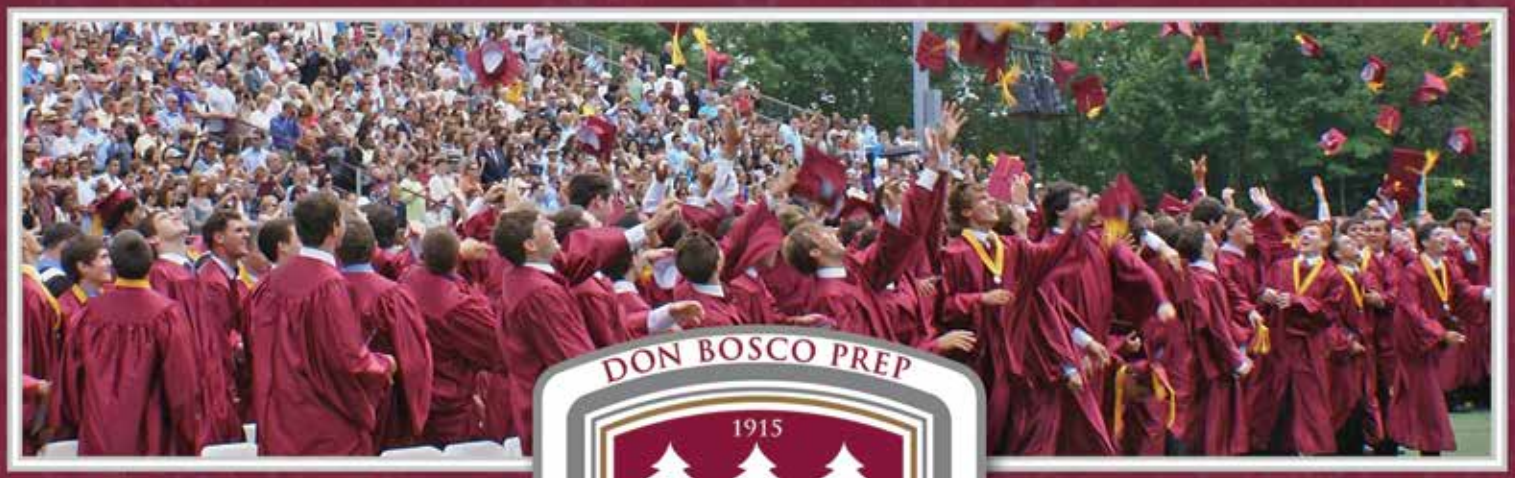

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