



# ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

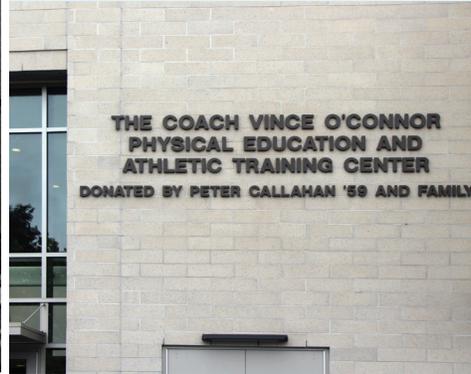
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*“High School is  
four years;  
the Prep is forever.”*



The Tau cross is a fixture at St. Francis Prep, on our logo, in our classrooms, our letterhead, and worn by our seniors and faculty. It was St. Francis' favorite symbol and represented his devotion and faith. He even used it as his signature.

At Prep, we all strive to live by the same beliefs associated with the Tau cross, knowing that we, like Francis, are on a unique and special journey towards wisdom, faith, self-discovery, and new possibilities, each and every day.

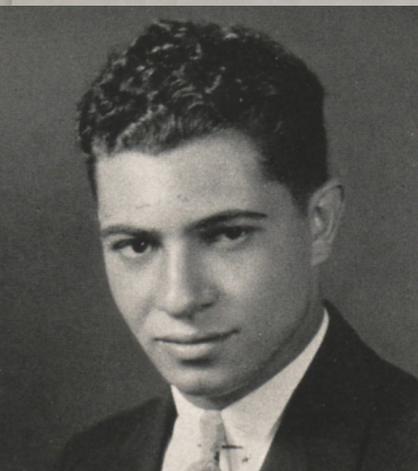


**In 1858**, two Franciscan brothers from Ireland came to Brooklyn and established what is today, St. Francis Preparatory School, making it the first private Catholic school on Long Island. For over 150 years, Prep has provided a community where young men and women grow in both their academic and spiritual lives. Come and experience this special place that embraces tradition and values...a place that regularly changes the lives of its students.

St. Francis Prep is a family where each and every student is welcomed, a place where students are reminded of their unique value, and are encouraged and inspired to follow their passions.

Together we create an environment filled with ***academic success, respect, integrity, and joy.***

Our timeless mission is to enable all students to develop and broaden their spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical abilities.



***“Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.”***

~ Vince Lombardi, Class of 1933  
Hall of Fame NFL Coach



# Broadening the Spiritual

*“ Prep truly is holy ground because Gods work is done here every day. The teachers look on it as more than a job, but a ministry that truly invites everyone to grow to the next level. We tell our kids, just as St. Francis told his followers, that their life may be the only homily people hear today!”*

*~ Father Bill Sweeney, Chaplain of St. Francis Prep*

- We offer 13 Religion courses, from Social Justice to Religions of the World.
- Our Campus Ministry Team includes the only full-time high school chaplain in the Diocese, as well as three lay people and a Franciscan Brother.
- More than 200 students serve as Retreat Leaders, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Liturgy Assistants, Lectors, Morning Prayer Leaders, and performers in our Liturgical Ensemble.
- We offer a comprehensive retreat program, including full-day and overnight retreats. There are dozens of opportunities to participate in community service, including volunteering at soup kitchens, Midnight Runs, week-long service immersion programs in places like Camden, NJ and Peru. There is even a tutoring program for children with special needs at our neighbor school, P.S. 4.
- There are 5 Masses celebrated throughout the course of each week in our school chapel, as well as school-wide liturgies for important Holidays and Feast Days.



# Broadening the Intellectual

*“I thoroughly believe that the people we have teaching on our faculty are ‘mission driven.’ They want to be at St. Francis Prep. They want to make a difference here. In fact, the people and the programs that we have in place are servicing our kids to a point where they can be extremely successful in college and beyond.”*

*~ Patrick J. McLaughlin,  
Class of 1973  
Principal, St. Francis Prep*



- The passing grade at Prep is **75%**, creating an incentive and rigorous environment for students to always do their best.

- We offer **38** courses eligible for college credit, **16** Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and **4** foreign languages, (French, German, Italian, and Spanish).
- Our Science department offers AP courses beginning in the sophomore year, and Social Studies department offers AP courses beginning freshman year, making it possible for students to take **4** AP department courses, and earn as many as **16** college credits.
- In 1999 St. Francis Prep embarked upon an impressive streak of achievement at the Intel Science Talent Search. For 10 consecutive years and in **13** of the past **18** years a Prep student has been selected as an Intel Semi-finalist. In some years, we've even had two and even three semifinalists. St. Francis Prep is the only Catholic high school in the nation to achieve this. In 2015, St. Francis Preparatory was the only Catholic High School in all of Brooklyn & Queens to have a semi finalist.
- In 2014, Prep unveiled their new Science labs. These aesthetically appealing, professional level labs include: Full room automation and wireless connectivity, iPad integration and control, full smart technology integration, including Digital Microscopes and Vernier Lab Quest Two interface systems, interactive projectors and SMART boards, and Video conferencing and remote teaching capabilities.

*“ I am so lucky to have gone to SFP. I'm insecure and shy, but Prep let me come out of my shell. I made some of my best friends playing sports here. It became like a second home and I miss it more and more every day. Do not rush through high school and wish you were in college, because Prep will be one of the best experiences of your life.”*

*~ Recent St. Francis Prep Grad*



*“ Thank you to all the teachers and faculty for giving my son the best education possible. You have managed to exceed my expectations, even though I knew it was a great school beforehand. It was nice to find that some things don’t change much over the years. I am sorry the 4 years went so fast. I will miss SFP until hopefully my other son will attend in 2015!”*

*~ Michelle Stimpfel-Zurita, Class of 1983*



- **ART WING** Prep’s Art Education Center is a state-of-the-art facility that provides students with two Macintosh Computer labs, a Sculpture/Ceramics room, two Studio in Art workshop rooms, and a Life/Drawing/Painting studio. Prep students have consistently been accepted to some of the most prestigious Art colleges in the nation, such as the Pratt Institute, the Parsons School of Design, the School of Visual Arts, the Fashion Institute of Technology, the Rhode Island School of Design, and Cooper Union. Our Art Department faculty ensures each student’s portfolio meets the specific requirement of each college.
- Our new Music facilities, which went into full use this September, include a small rehearsal space, primarily for our Chamber Orchestra, and a dedicated percussion room, with new equipment including two 5-octave marimbas. There is also a suite of seven Wenger SoundLok Sound Isolation Rooms of various sizes. Four of these rooms are equipped with VAE technology which, according to Wenger, will put Prep’s Music program at the forefront with the latest state-of-the-art music practice technology. There is also a dedicated classroom for our more advanced electives. This is only the first of three stages. Over the next few years, Prep student-musicians will be able to enjoy a new orchestra room, band room, chorus room, an Electronic Music studio.
- St. Francis Prep offers students a wide variety of options to ensure their academic success. The Prep’s Math, Writing, and Science Centers are available to all students for tutoring in their perspective subjects. Individualized instruction, hands-on resources, peer-to-peer tutoring, our Homework Assistance Table, and technology are readily available for students who might need extra help.
- **SPEECH AND STUDENT CONGRESS AND PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE.** 6 out of the last 7 Prep Student Congress teams have won the Fr. Sean Ogle Student Award for Best Student Congress Team. Last year we had six students qualify for state championships and five students for national championships in Philadelphia. We also added public forum debate to our team, being one of the first Catholic Schools in Brooklyn-Queens to do so!
- Prep offers numerous publications where students can grow and express themselves, such as our award-winning school newspaper, *The Seraph*; our critically-acclaimed literary art journal, *The Little Portion*; and our school yearbook, *The San Fran*. There is also a professional quality, student produced news show, *SFP-TV*.
- Annual departmental celebrations highlight student talents, including the Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition, where we were recent city and state finalists; our Science Research Symposium, highlighting the efforts of students in our Science Research Program, Trial of the Century where our students perform all tasks from the initial police investigation to forensic tests and eventually the trial receiving coaching from alumni in the field of law, Performing Arts and Spring Arts Festivals, as well as our yearly drama and musical; 6 yearly performances by our Music Department, not including the over 50 performances by Prep musicians at various other Prep events and functions.
- Prep has been at the forefront in using technology as a part of a student’s education. Every freshman student receives an iPad. Each department has designed and developed elements of the curriculum where the iPad will serve to enhance the student’s experience, academic growth, and future prowess in the work place. The use of technology however does not end in the classroom. The Prep provides full Internet access for faculty, staff, and students. Parents can utilize our online gradebook, PowerSchool, to monitor their child’s progress.

# Broadening the Social

*“Because of Prep I grew up and became someone I never thought I could be. My confidence level regarding my future is at an all time high because of the love I get here. Prep has been a home to me, and I have never met a teacher at Prep who’s not passionate about his or her work. All the teachers I’ve had so far are absolutely amazing. I feel so blessed and proud to let people know I attend St. Francis Prep.”*

*~ Madeline, Class of 2012*

*“I graduated from SFP with much more than I came in with. It’s definitely more than a high school, it is a second home. The teachers really care about you and want to see you do well. Without the Art Department I would not have become the person I am today. With their support and guidance I graduated from Prep with the ambition to become a graphic designer and the drive to do my best in college. I would love to visit more often because I miss the feeling of walking through those halls. SFP is amazing.”*

*~ Alexis Capitini, Class of 2009*



## ■ **Senior peer counselors**

are available to all freshmen to provide guidance and support throughout their first year.

- **Orientation** Freshmen and parents are able to attend a spring orientation in May of their 8th grade year to ensure they are focused academically.

## ■ **Study Skill Workshop**

Freshmen and parents are able to attend a study skills and iPad orientation in late August to further enable a seamless transition to high school.

- **Freshman Follies** is a fun-filled, informative day that introduces incoming freshmen to Prep and makes for a confident, stress-free transition full of new insights and new friends.



■ **FIRST DAY FOR FRESHMEN** The First Day for Freshmen gives freshmen a day to attend school when they are the only students in the building. They meet their Cor (homeroom) teacher and the fellow students in their Cor, with whom they will remain for all four years. They tour the building, see where their classes are, and meet their peer counselors, all to ensure the transition to high school is a smooth and welcoming one. Freshmen even participate in a short service project, introducing them to hands-on Franciscanism.

■ There are nearly **65** after-school clubs and activities (more than any high school in New York City), including **16** ethnic clubs, where students can celebrate their heritage.

# Broadening the Physical

■ Prep's is one of the only high schools in New York whose **FITNESS TRAINING CENTER** has all the latest fitness technology, including the Trazer2 Virtual Workout, the PowerGroove Resistance Trainer, Viper Rope Climbers, Arc Trainers, and Cybex equipment including the Cybex Big Iron, SciFit Rex, UBEs, and even the Jacob's Ladder. Fitness Training center is opened throughout the day for our students to use. It opens at 6AM and closes at 5PM.

■ We offer an extensive Interscholastic Sports Program that has won more than **190 City Championships**. Prep's Girls Varsity Tennis Team has gone undefeated for **17** consecutive years, our Boys Varsity Handball Team has gone undefeated for **14** consecutive years, Girls Varsity Volleyball has won City Championships for **7** consecutive years, and our Gymnastics Team has won Nassau Suffolk Championships for **6** consecutive years.

■ We have **21** Health and Physical Education courses, ranging from Cardio Kickboxing to Tai Chi and Yoga.

■ Health related activities include the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Team and semi-annual blood drives.

■ **WALK-A-THON** This year, Prep held our 5th annual Walk-A-Thon, helping raise the funds needed to support our long-term capital improvements. The Walk-A-Thon is also a fun and spirited day where the entire school community comes together for a common cause.



*“ I’m really proud to be a St. Francis Prep grad. And knowing that the Prep has carried on the Franciscan tradition for 150 years really makes me proud to have the association. It’s been a special place for me and my family. The Prep played a big part in my being able to develop into someone who can help other people.”*

*~ Joe Torre, Class of 1958  
Former Major League Baseball player and manager and 2014  
National Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee*

# More Prep Highlights



*“While trying to inspire a love for the subjects they passionately taught, St. Francis Prep educators took our learning to new heights fostering analytical, creative, and critical thinking. Teaching, however, did not end for them at 2:40 when students went home. Many teachers offered help before and after school, and even on the weekends. We are truly thankful for all their work and dedication.”*

*~ Andrew Tom, Valedictorian of Class of 2011*

*“Giving back to the Prep is something I’ve always wanted to do--to say ‘thanks’ for everything.”*

*~ James M. Dooley, Class of 1994 Emmy Award Winning Composer*

- St. Francis Prep is the **largest** coeducational Catholic high school in the nation, with approximately 2500 students and a faculty and staff of well over 200.
- Recipient of the U.S. Department of Education’s Excellence in Private Education Award.
- Recognized by U.S. News & World Report® as an **“Outstanding American School.”**
- In the Class of 2016, **18 Scholar Athletes** signed Letters of Intent in the sports of basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer and football.
- Last year’s graduating class earned over **\$150,000,000** in merit-based college scholarships.
- Prep ensembles have performed to critical acclaim for Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, as well as presented performances on three different continents.
- St. Francis Prep is the first school **ever** to earn the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools *Music Credential*.
- Prep offers **100 scholarships** to our incoming freshmen each year.
- The Arts at Prep are second to none. Our Middle States Accredited Art Department, and the creativity of their students have been recognized by having their award winning work displayed at significant venues such as The Metropolitan Museum of Art through the auspices of The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and at the White House, through the Congressional Art Competition.
- Currently we are undergoing construction of a state-of-the art Music facility to match our internationally recognized Music program.

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