







## FIND YOURSELF IN A REMARKABLE PLACE

## AT CANTERBURY, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN A SMALL AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY.

You will have the feeling of empowerment that comes when the people around you really know and believe in you. And you will see that an outstanding education does not just make you an excellent student but a strong and self-reliant person. On this beautiful hilltop, you will feel at home and free to be yourself—your best self.



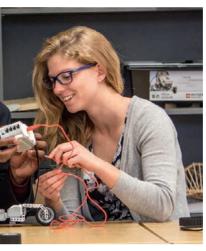
### BUILDING **ESSENTIAL** SKILLS

#### AT CANTERBURY, YOU WILL DEVELOP THE SKILLS MOST ESSENTIAL TO MEETING FUTURE CHALLENGES AND SUCCEEDING IN COLLEGE.

These start with critical thinking, excellence in writing, and a solid foundation in digital literacy. All are skills best taught the way Canterbury teaches them: in small, interactive classes, where you have the chance to make progress through practice, with individual feedback and guidance. Learning at Canterbury combines discussion and discovery in the classroom with hands-on projects and problem-solving beyond class—whether you are inventing in the Maker Space, crafting a research paper in the Writing Lab, building cardboard boats for an engineering competition in the swimming pool, or heading to Montana for a summer project combining ecology and leadership-building.

"We serve and challenge students at a range of levels, including the very highest. We typically have 80 or more students each year taking calculus or courses beyond it."

- Suzanne Roberts, Aassociate Head of School, Academics





"We are preparing strong, independent thinkers who can work critically through complex problems and who can write clearly and well. Those abilities will serve them admirably no matter where their aspirations might lead." - Rachel E. Stone, Head of School

### On a Personal Scale

AT CANTERBURY, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEACHER AND STUDENT IS THE FOUNDATION

**OF EVERYTHING WE DO.** It is a relationship built on trust and mutual respect, and it is a powerful force inspiring learning and personal growth. Such strong relationships are possible here because of our small size. When the average class size is just 12, each teacher can know every student and his or her individual strengths and needs. These relationships are also possible because of the teachers Canterbury attracts: nearly 60 percent of our faculty have 15 or more years of experience; more than 70 percent hold advanced degrees; *all* are dedicated mentors, deeply committed to the success of their students.

- □ Small class settings mean that individual attention and extra help are part of every student's experience.
- Because teachers are also coaches, dorm parents, and advisors, the student-teacher bond is multidimensional. Teachers know their students, not just as students but also as people.
- Advisors and academic counselors custom-build each student's academic plan to meet his or her unique goals.

# FORM POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS

#### **CHRIS ROBERTS**

CHAIR OF MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT, VARSITY LACROSSE COACH

#### AN INDIVIDUAL FOCUS

My goal in teaching is simple: it is to meet my students where they are and take them to the next step on the way.

#### DIFFERENT LEVELS

KNOWING MY STUDENTS AS
A TEACHER, A COACH, AND A
DORM PARENT MAKES FOR
A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF
UNDERSTANDING AND THE
CHANCE TO HELP THEM
TRANSLATE SUCCESS FROM
ONE AREA INTO ANOTHER.
IT'S ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL
THINGS ABOUT TEACHING
AT CANTERBURY.

#### A SENSE OF CONNECTION

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

#### JULIA DELLARUSSO

DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

#### BEYOND CLASS

You have the chance to know your teachers in class and outside—as coaches, dorm parents, and as people. That makes for a much stronger partnership.

#### THE STUDENT-TEACHER BOND

I'VE BEEN STUDYING WITH MR.
ROBERTS FOR THREE YEARS.
I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW HIM
WELL AND TO KNOW THAT HE
EXPLAINS MATH CONCEPTS IN
A WAY I UNDERSTAND. THAT
MEANS I'M COMFORTABLE
GOING TO HIM ANYTIME WITH
A QUESTION.

Every Canterbury teacher will always make time to help you. You know that they really want you to succeed.









### EXPLORING, **EXPRESSING**

"The arts give our students the chance to step outside their comfort zone and practice thinking in creative new ways."

- Kim Tester, Fine Arts Chair



WITH MANY, MANY POSSIBILITIES. It is a chance to create something—bringing an image to life on canvas or a character to life on stage. It is also an opportunity to acquire something new skills and new tools for creative problem-solving. Of course, the arts are also full of enjoyment—from staging *The Music Man* or signing up for Rock Band to designing the building of your dreams in Architecture. Canterbury offers you all that you need to make your arts experience great: a broad range of courses in visual art, music, and theater; passionate teachers who are practicing artists themselves; and beautiful facilities, from our recording studio and individual music practice rooms to the Edward J. Duffy Art Family Gallery.







## Grounded in Values

#### CANTERBURY IS A SCHOOL GROUNDED IN OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE AND WARMLY

WELCOMING TO STUDENTS OF ALL FAITHS. Many of our families come from other religious backgrounds, and whatever their individual beliefs, all of our students share an experience shaped by the same set of unchanging convictions: spiritual growth is an important part of any truly complete education; each person must have the freedom to follow his or her own spiritual path; and one of the best ways to put our beliefs into action is through service to others. Inspiring all we do at Canterbury is a set of five core values: Honesty, Respect, Compassion, Spirituality, and Self-Reliance.

- Our theology curriculum combines breadth and depth, with courses ranging from Introduction to Philosophy, Service Learning and World Religions.
- Highlights of spiritual life include Sunday Mass, form retreats, and campus ministry events; the sacristan program; and worship opportunities for non-Catholic and non-Christian students.
- The Canterbury community is proud of its commitment to serving others, locally, nationally, and internationally. Service is not required, yet nearly all students take part.

### GROW IN SPIRIT

#### MOHAMMED ZAKYI

TAMALE, GHANA

#### BEING A MUSLIM STUDENT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

People at Canterbury have always been welcoming to me and supportive of my faith. I have Catholic friends who will remind me, "Hey isn't it time for prayer?"

#### **COMMON BELIEFS**

**CANTERBURY IS A GOOD** FIT FOR ME. AFTER ALL, **CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS** ALL BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, AND IN CHARITY, AND HONESTY, AND BEING FAITHFUL.

I love the feeling of community here.

#### JAKE PETERSON

**VOLUNTEER TEACHER IN DHARAMSALA, INDIA** 

#### MY PATH

I came to Canterbury without strong religious beliefs. My experience here brought me closer to the church.

I decided to teach in India because I've been blessed with a good life and I feel the need to give back.

#### **OPEN EXCHANGE**

TALKING WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFERENT **VIEWS HELPS YOUR OWN RELIGIOUS BELIEFS** STRENGTHEN AND GROW.

#### MARY LAVIGNE

NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

#### LOOKING BACK

Some of my favorite memories are of conversations with fellow students about the role of faith.

I grew in and affirmed my Catholic faith while being open to the spiritual journey of others.

#### A UNITING FORCE

SPIRITUALITY BROUGHT TOGETHER EVERY ASPECT OF MY EXPERIENCE, WHETHER IN THEOLOGY CLASS, ON THE ATHLETIC FIELD, IN SERVICE TRIPS TO NICARAGUA, OR THROUGH THE SACRISTAN **PROGRAM AS A STUDENT** SPIRITUAL LEADER.

# DEDICATED TO SERVICE

### CANTERBURY BELIEVES THAT OUR STUDENTS SHOULD COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RETURNING THE GOOD FORTUNE IN THEIR LIVES TO THOSE

IN NEED. The most important way they do so is through volunteer work that brings them directly into contact with the people they serve, whether in our neighborhood or around the world. Canterbury students work in food banks and nursing homes, social service agencies and animal shelters—with disadvantaged families, students in local schools, and athletes in Special Olympics. They can also take part in two exceptional experiences abroad, one in Nicaragua, where they work on projects designed to help break the cycle of poverty, and another in Lourdes, France, where they assist the visiting sick in completing their pilgrimages to the Marian shrine.









"We have many athletes who will go on to play at the collegiate level and many others new to their sport and still building skills.
We support and take pride in all of our athletes."

– Jim Stone, Athletic Director

#### **EVERY DAY THEY PRACTICE AND PLAY, OUR ATHLETES ACHIEVE**

SOMETHING REMARKABLE. They build skills, strength, and fitness. They push their personal boundaries. And, they fuel the spirit that unites us as members of the Canterbury community. Our athletic program has a proud winning tradition dating back decades, and every time we take to the field, we look to extend that tradition. However, athletics at Canterbury are about far more than winning. An integral part of your education, it is a way to learn lessons that cannot be taught so powerfully in any other setting—lessons in character, friendship, and teamwork. Through your athletic experience, you will gain self-reliance that will serve you well for many years after your last season playing as a Saint.

Canterbury offers its athletes the facilities they need to excel, from one of the best aquatics centers in New England to our ice rink, nine playing fields, squash courts, and rowing site on the Housatonic River.

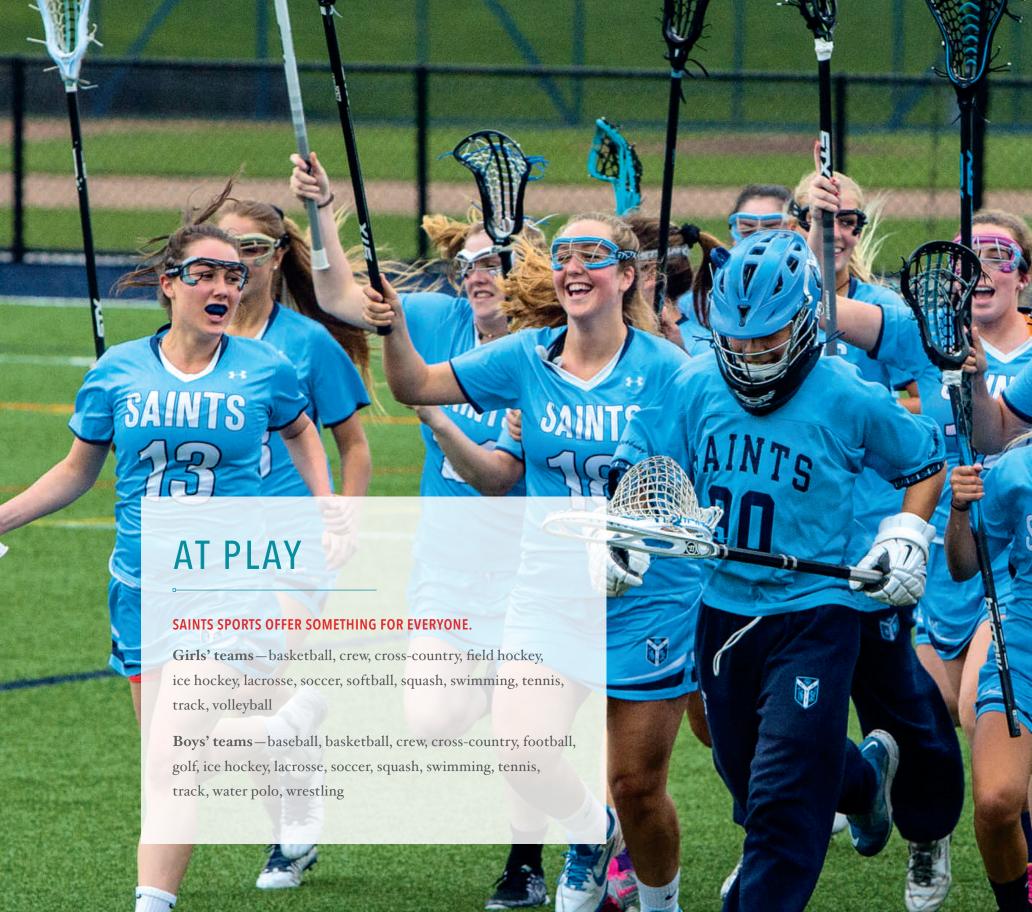
### Go Ahead. Do It All.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO DO SO MUCH. Canterbury's offerings in academics, athletics, the arts, student activities, and community service present you with possibilities that go beyond those available at most schools. You can focus on a key interest and take it to a whole new level or develop a talent you never even knew you had. You can also combine multiple interests in unexpected ways—as a star on the playing field and on the stage, for instance. The Canterbury experience is all about involvement, exploration, and taking the right kind of risk, and you will find that your teachers, coaches, and friends will eagerly support you in trying new things. At some schools, you may have just one chance to shine, one niche to fill. At Canterbury, we believe every student can excel.

- Campus clubs span a wide range—from the Robotics Club, Stock Market Club, and Debate Club to the student newspaper, the Pizza and Prayer group, and the Chicken Keepers Club.
- Special events highlight most weekends: Game Show Night and Canterbury Games; trips to local malls and movies; ski trips or outings to New York for Broadway shows.
- □ Canterbury gives every student the chance to step forward and experience leadership—with a team, club, or the student government, in the arts, the dorms, or community service.











### A HOME, **A FAMILY**

"Most schools talk about the benefits of a close, caring community. I am proud to say that Canterbury is one that really delivers."

- Matt Mulhern '95, **Director of Admission**  ASK STUDENTS WHY THEY CHOSE CANTERBURY, AND THEIR ANSWER ALMOST ALWAYS STARTS WITH THE PEOPLE. From your first visit to campus, you sense how warm and welcoming Canterbury is. As you get to know students and teachers better, you find they are genuine, open, and down-to-earth. In part, the close connections come from our small size. As you walk across campus, you will know just about every student you see. You will know your teachers, too - and their kids and dogs! You may end up babysitting for one of them at some point. Most important, you will find you are surrounded by people who care about you: teachers, advisors, coaches, dorm parents, and friends.

Your first friend on campus will probably be your Big Brother or Big Sister—an upper form student you will be paired with to help welcome you to life at Canterbury.









## Strong and Self-Reliant

#### CANTERBURY PROVIDES ITS STUDENTS WITH AN OUTSTANDING PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS

IN HIGHER EDUCATION. This means giving students the academic foundation to meet the challenges they will face at some of the nation's most selective universities. It also means supporting students with a personalized process of college advising that helps each find a college or university that represents an excellent personal fit. However, this is all just one part of a Canterbury education. At Canterbury, a combination of positive forces comes together to help you experience personal growth in a remarkable way. You will see the result in the form of the confidence, independence, and self-reliance you will gain here. Canterbury graduates are not just ready for college, they are ready for life.

- College advising at Canterbury combines experienced counselors, a strong individual focus, and persistent attention to detail.
- Starting in fifth form (junior year), students meet each week in small groups and individually with their college advisors.
- A complete, current list of the colleges and universities where recent graduates have enrolled can be found in the Academics section of the Canterbury website– cbury.org–under College Advising.

### GET READY FOR COLLEGE

#### MAURA WHITE

#### AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

#### **READY FOR ANYTHING**

At Canterbury, you get used to handling a full schedule, so the hectic pace of college life is not as overwhelming as it is for some of my college classmates.

Coming from
Canterbury,
you're used to
challenging work.
It was definitely a
good foundation
for college.

#### GOOD ADVICE

THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE
ADVISORS WERE THE
GREATEST. THEY WERE SO
UNDERSTANDING, AND GOT
TO KNOW ME REALLY WELL
AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

#### ANDREW BORTEY

#### AT YALE UNIVERSITY

#### KEY SKILLS

At Canterbury,
I learned time
management and really
good study skills. I
feel confident facing
the challenges of my
courses at Yale.

I don't think any other school could have prepared me better.

#### A CRUCIAL ASPECT

THE ACCESSIBILITY OF
TEACHERS OUTSIDE
CLASS MADE A HUGE
DIFFERENCE FOR ME. IT WAS
A CRUCIAL ASPECT OF MY
EDUCATION.



HONESTY
RESPECT
COMPASSION
SPIRITUALITY
SELF-RELIANCE

### **CANTERBURY FACTS**

**IDENTITY:** An independent boarding and day school, for boys and girls, grades 9-12, with a post-

graduate year

**HISTORY:** Founded by Catholic families in 1915

**ENROLLMENT:** 320 students from 18 states and 16 countries, representing a broad range of backgrounds

and faiths

PERSONAL FOCUS: Average class size of 12; student-teacher ratio of 6:1

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM:** More than 150 courses, including 16 AP courses and 26 honors sections

FACULTY: 82 faculty members, 71% of teaching faculty with advanced degrees, most with more than

15 years of experience

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES:** Study abroad exchange program in San Cayetano, Spain; leadership program in Montana

focusing on service and outdoor education

THE ARTS: Curricular and cocurricular options in visual art, music, and theater, built into the academic

day, with some 30 arts-related events annually

**ATHLETICS:** 19 varsity sports for boys and girls

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** A highly active program with dozens of events annually and opportunities locally, nationally,

and internationally, with trips to Nicaragua and Lourdes, France



#### **VISIT OUR CAMPUS**

The best way to experience our vibrant community is in person. We encourage you to schedule a campus visit, during which one of our Admission Ambassadors will give you a tour and introduce you to Canterbury students, teachers and you will have a personal interview with an Admission Officer. You will see a dorm room, and experience firsthand the excitement of living and learning at Canterbury.

To arrange a visit, please contact Canterbury's

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