

READY TO SHINE

PERFORMING ARTS



WE PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO TRY NEW ARTISTIC EXPERIENCES, DEVELOP AND HONE THEIR CRAFT, AND SHARE THEIR CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS WITH OTHERS.

We believe students don't know what they will enjoy until they give it a try. Because of this, all students are required to enroll in several classes such as 5th and 6th grade beginning band and one term of chorus. As students progress through the grade levels, we offer a more comprehensive range of performing arts choices. This approach has led to wonderful surprises within our community, such as seeing a varsity basketball player earn the lead role in the spring musical.

PERFORMING ARTS

The performing arts department resides in the P.Y. & Kinmay Tang Performing Arts Center and the George S. Brewster Odeum, which offers a music classroom, lesson and practice rooms, and instrument storage in addition to the 236-seat Scripps Auditorium.

Rectory's performing arts department creates various options for students:

- All students through grade 8 are required to enroll in at least one music class per year, with additional opportunities for students in grades 8 and 9. The curriculum ranges from music appreciation to orchestra.
- Performance ensembles are optional electives. These groups focus on preparation for regular in-school performances, learning the foundations of music, while incorporating music appreciation and performance critique.

Performing arts opportunities:

- Interested students have the opportunity to participate in regional and state music festivals, including Connecticut Music Education Association events such as the Eastern Region High School Music Festival, the Quinebaug Valley Middle School Music Festival, and the Woodstock Mini Music Festival.
- A full-scale musical in the spring is open to all students interested in any theatrical experience, whether on stage, working backstage, or learning about lights and sound operations.
- Students who wish to engage in additional one-on-one private instrumental and voice instruction can do so through our extensive private lessons program (at an additional cost to the family).



RECENT OFFERINGS:

FIFTH GRADE MUSIC: AN INTRODUCTION TO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

SIXTH GRADE MUSIC: DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TECHNIQUES

GUITAR

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

INTRODUCTION TO ACTING

OCARINA

UKULELE

WORLD DRUMMING

DANCE

JAZZ ENSEMBLE (AUDITION)

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS

A CAPPELLA (AUDITION)

SPRING MUSICAL



READY TO CREATE

STUDIO ARTS

A photograph showing two young women in a studio setting. They are leaning over a table, focused on a project. The woman on the left is wearing a pink shirt and a watch, and the woman on the right is wearing a red shirt. They appear to be working with clay or a similar material. The background is bright and shows a window with a view of the outdoors.

RECTORY'S DIVERSE STUDIO ARTS PROGRAM OFFERS INVALUABLE CREATIVE EXPRESSION AND PERSONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES.

Imagination and innovation, fostered by 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.



STUDIO ARTS OFFERINGS:

CORE COURSES:

CERAMICS	INTRODUCTION TO ART
EXPLORING ART	PHOTOGRAPHY
FINE ARTS: GRADE 5	PRINTMAKING
FINE ARTS: GRADE 6	STAINED GLASS
FINE ARTS: GRADE 7	WOODSHOP

ELECTIVE COURSES:

3D PRINTING
CRAFTS AROUND THE WORLD
COMMUNITY PAINTING
DIAMOND PAINTING
EXPERIMENTAL ARTMAKING
EXPERIMENTING WITH PHOTOGRAPHY
INTRODUCTION TO SEWING AND TEXTILES
MANDALA PAINTING
MODEL BUILDING
MOSAICS
NEEDLECRAFT
NEWSPAPER
SEASONAL CRAFTS
SET DESIGN
YEARBOOK

STUDIO ARTS

The studio arts department resides in the Collins Family Art Barn. The building houses a clay classroom, with a separate kiln room for ceramics and 3D arts; a drawing classroom dedicated to 2D projects; and a complete black and white photography classroom.

WOODSHOP PROGRAM

A separate space is dedicated to our woodshop program. Woodshop is an introduction to the basics of woodworking. Students focus on safety, the understanding of terminology and techniques, and tools. Students also learn the difference in wood types and their characteristics and uses. They work on a variety of projects throughout the term and produce items that showcase their skills.

READY TO EXPLORE

MELP



MELP IS ABOUT PUSHING STUDENTS BEYOND THEIR BOUNDARIES, HELPING THEM SEE OTHER POSSIBILITIES THEY WOULDN'T OTHERWISE SEE, AND EXPERIENCING LIFE OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONE.

MELP, or the May Experiential Learning Program, is a week-long excursion that uses the world as a classroom. Students and faculty embark upon unique learning adventures for one week in the spring term. It's a direct, immersive, hands-on experience that promotes personal growth and lifelong learning.

Experiential, in-depth, hands-on learning occurs in authentic, real-world settings or simulations resembling them. This context helps students understand the practical implications of their learning and prepares them for the challenges they may encounter in their future personal or professional lives.



OPPORTUNITIES

MELP provides opportunities for students to visit exciting locations, learn about different communities and cultures, and build relationships with their MELP leaders and other students in the group. MELP leaders design their offerings around something they are passionate about and want to share with their students. It is one more way to build the lifelong connections inherent in a Rectory School education.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

An emphasis on serving others is essential to a Rectory School education. Each MELP offering includes a community service aspect. Groups participate in beach cleanups, volunteer at soup kitchens, and collect food to donate to food pantries. The Charter Philly MELP spends each morning volunteering at the West Philadelphia Charter Achievement Elementary School, allowing our students to develop special relationships with these children.

“MELP really helped me to understand and appreciate the value of seeing things firsthand. I realized that learning on location makes absorbing what we are being taught so much easier. Every year I think that the next year won’t possibly be any cooler than what I have just experienced—but it has. I think we are so lucky to be able to travel off-campus and explore together. I only wish it was longer than a week!”

-SAMIR, STUDENT

RECENT MELP OFFERINGS:

- A TASTE OF NEW ENGLAND
- ARTS IN THE BERKSHIRES
- BEHIND THE SCENES
- CHARM OF CHARLESTON
- CHARTER PHILLY
- FLAVORS AND FOODIE FINDS OF NEW ENGLAND
- FUN, FOOD, AND FITNESS
- INSIDE NEW ENGLAND SPORTS
- IT'S TIME TO BE OUTDOORS
- MUSEUM MADNESS
- NANTAHALA BY BIKE, BOAT, AND BIPEDS
- OVER THE HILLS WE RIDE
- PUERTO RICO: ISLAND OF THE NATURAL WONDERS
- SAN DIEGO: LAND, AIR, AND SEA
- TEX MEX: CULTURE AND CUISINE
- THE WORLD AROUND US
- WESTWARD BOUND: DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY AND WONDER OF THE WEST

FOR DESCRIPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT YEAR'S MELP OFFERINGS, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE OR VISIT WWW.RECTORYSCHOOL.ORG/MELP.



READY TO LEARN

LEARNING SERVICES



HOUSED IN THE HENRY B. SMITH LEARNING CENTER, THE PRIMARY GOAL OF RECTORY'S LEARNING SERVICES IS FOR STUDENTS TO BE LEADERS OF THEIR OWN LEARNING. RECTORY FACILITATES THE STUDENTS' JOURNEY AS THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES AND GROW AS LEARNERS AND PEOPLE.

Allow Rectory to unlock your child's untapped potential for high growth and achievement through participation in our programs housed in the Smith Learning Center. In addition to our rigorous academics, we also offer skill block, enrichment, electives, and advisory to further support your child's learning journey.



METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

Individualized Instruction: Individualized one-to-one sessions occur during the regular academic day. This specialized approach is designed to meet each student's needs through individual academic plans, communication amongst faculty, and consistent research-based best practices, including regular progress monitoring and data collection. Each student is matched with a learning specialist who focuses on the whole student, creating a learning plan including goals with insight from the student and family.

Small Group Instruction: Small group instruction facilitates increased peer-to-peer collaboration and problem-solving, increased student engagement while allowing for higher-level critical thinking processes, and encourages students to pursue difficult academic topics with educator facilitation. Small group is also a transitional step toward secondary school. Students work in small groups focused on academic skills development.

ENRICHMENT

Does your child have an interest or passion to explore? Students have time, space, and guidance during the academic day to pursue their interests. For students ready for more challenge that is not a part of Rectory's curricula for their grades, such as calculus, it may be available through enrollment in Individualized Enrichment. Students can extend their academic knowledge in areas like coding, computer science, STEAM, or other interest-based pursuits.

LEARNING SERVICES AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE:

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

Direct instruction in the nine domains of executive functioning provides our students with the tools and framework needed to be successful in both academic and social settings. Understanding strengths and deficits in these areas is the key to success.

LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Including ADD, ADHD, Specific Learning Disorders, Working Memory and Processing Disorders, NVLD, Gifted & Talented, and Academic Intervention needs.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Both Individualized Instruction and Small Group are available to our English language learners. Students are placed based on their level of proficiency and will continue to work on reading, writing, speaking, and listening.



READY TO COMPETE

ATHLETICS



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 A 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.

Rectory offers multiple levels of coed sports, allowing students to practice and compete with athletes of a similar skill set, regardless of age. Varsity teams are highly competitive and successful, while other levels help students develop fundamental skills. Participation in the sports program is mandatory for all students during each of the three seasons. Fall adventures is offered at the beginning of each year because it gives students who have never played on a sports team a comfortable transition into our athletic program. Every student has a chance to participate on a team that suits their skill level so they can experience success and growth.



ATHLETIC FACILITIES

The Craig Scott Colhoun Athletic Center is the central hub for Rectory's indoor sports. It includes a classic wood floor gymnasium, a state-of-the-art fitness center, a wrestling room, locker rooms, and an athletic training room. Across multiple acres on Rectory's stunning campus are six athletic fields, six tennis courts, an outdoor basketball court, an outdoor pool, mountain bike trails, a high and low-ropes course, pickleball courts, and four-square courts.

COACHES

Rectory coaches are dedicated educators, passionate about their sports and bringing out the best in their athletes. Our coaches teach the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and working hard to achieve a common goal. They strive to share the joy and challenge of their sports with their athletes, emphasizing the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

ATHLETIC TRAINER

The athletic training room is located on the lower level of the gymnasium and is open during sports hours and by appointment. An athletic trainer is on staff and provides prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for all athletic-related injuries.

MASCOT

In the academic year 2011-2012, Rectory students, faculty, and staff voted for a School mascot, and the Rectory Wolves were born. Rectory's Wolf officially appeared as a mascot in the spring of 2012. Without delay, the moniker "Wolfie" was adopted; paw prints showed up on athletic clothing and stationery; and life-size wolf cutouts occupy a hallway corner or even the Head of School's office.

ATHLETIC OFFERINGS:

FALL SPORTS:

CROSS COUNTRY
FLAG FOOTBALL
EQUESTRIAN
FALL ADVENTURES
SOCCER
VOLLEYBALL

WINTER SPORTS:

BASKETBALL
FENCING
FITNESS
ICE HOCKEY
SQUASH
SWIMMING
WINTER WARRIORS

SPRING SPORTS:

BASEBALL
GOLF
LACROSSE
SOFTBALL
TENNIS
SPRING ADVENTURES
TRACK & FIELD

READY TO LAUGH

RES LIFE



“RECTORY IS RELATIONSHIPS” AND SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS ARE CREATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY.

The boarding environment simulates a home away from home, and the dormitory parents support and guide the students as they navigate through their middle school years. At Rectory, every student forms connections to adults in the community. These relationships form naturally as the faculty spend most of their time with the students. Every morning, each student awakens to a knock on the door and a cheerful “Good Morning.” The students go to bed every evening with a caring “Good Night.” The time in between is filled with academics, delicious food, athletics, and fun activities. The partnership between parents and dormitory parents is essential as they work together to create a positive residential experience for our boarding students.



RECTORY IS RELATIONSHIPS

One of the best components of going to a boarding school is the lifelong friendships that are formed from living under the same roof. Mutual respect and compromise while learning about different cultures and backgrounds goes hand-in-hand with having fun and making memories with friends you will keep for life.

LIFE SKILLS

Our full time dorm parents—most with years of experience—are adept at helping our boarders learn the necessary skills of keeping a clean room, making a bed, taking responsibility for communal living through dorm chores, and the importance of personal hygiene. When a student graduates from Rectory, an understanding of what it takes to live independently has already begun to take shape.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

There is something for everyone during the weekend activities at Rectory. Whether you like to visit museums, go to sporting events, watch movies, create in the Art Barn, or compete on the basketball court—we have you covered!

THE WOLF DEN

Designed to replicate a 50s-style diner, the Wolf Den is one of the most popular places on campus, despite being tech-free during activity periods. Featuring a snack bar and four-top tables, comfy chairs and couches, and a game room, students can sit and chat with friends, purchase items from the snack bar, and play board games. Two TVs allow kids to watch shows or play video games. The game room has two foosball tables and a ping-pong table. Dorm parents reserve the Wolf Den for fun, home-like dorm activities.

“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, ALUMNUS

FUN FRIDAYS

One Friday of every month, middle school day students are invited to stay on campus with their boarding friends and enjoy Fun Friday activities. Events include:

FACULTY VS. 9TH-GRADE
SOCCER TOURNAMENT

CARNIVALS

OUTDOOR MOVIES

HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES

HOLIDAY FUN

PREPARED FOR LIFE

AT-A-GLANCE



YEAR FOUNDED
1920

RECTORY SCHOOL IS SITUATED ON SCENIC ROUTE 169 IN THE HISTORIC "QUIET CORNER" OF NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADES:
5-9

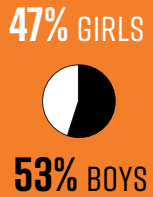
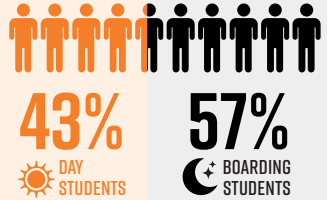
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10 DORMS

 **138**
ACRE CAMPUS



RECTORY
AT-A-GLANCE

RECTORY SCHOOL CREED: RESPONSIBILITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - COMPASSION



FAVORITE MEAL IN THE
DINING HALL? **TACOS**



NUMBER OF PICKLEBALL
GAMES PLAYED ON THE
PAVILION EACH YEAR?



TOO
MANY
TO
COUNT



COOL SPOTS ON CAMPUS

VICTORY BELL
DORM PARENT KITCHEN
WOODSHOP
HIGH & LOW ROPES COURSE
THE WOLF DEN

THE PAVILION
HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS
THE DARK ROOM
PICKLEBALL COURT
THE POND

FITNESS CENTER
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
ANYWHERE THERE IS A DOG
ROBOTICS LAB
FIRE PIT

