



HOLY GHOST PREP

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Holy Ghost Preparatory School

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by the Numbers

Students	465
Total Faculty	55
Average Class Size	18
Student to Teacher Ratio	10:1
Teachers with Advanced Degrees	80%
Athletic League Championships 15-16	5
Bands (Full, Jazz)	3
Annual Drama Productions	2
Extra-Curricular Activities	40
Interscholastic Teams	26
Acre Campus	50

HGP Mission Statement

Holy **G**host **P**reparatory School, founded by members of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, the Spiritans, is a private Catholic school dedicated to the quality education of college-bound young men.

With Christ at the center, Holy Ghost Preparatory School aspires to form young men morally, intellectually, and spiritually in the Spiritan tradition.

This tradition fosters the development of community in “one heart and one mind,” the cultivation of each student’s unique gifts, academic excellence, and generous service to the poor.





A History of Holy Ghost Prep

Holy Ghost Preparatory School was founded in 1897 as a preparatory and junior collegiate seminary for young men who were studying to become members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. At that time, the school was called Holy Ghost Apostolic College and educated seminarians from first-year high school through second-year college. Each student lived at the seminary in areas that today have been made into classrooms.

In the late 1950's, the Holy Ghost Fathers undertook a major revamping of their educational program. At this time, all first and second-year college seminarians were moved from Holy Ghost and sent to Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For the first time in its history, the school would open its doors to a high school student who was interested in preparing himself for college without entering the seminary program. It was at this time that the name became Holy Ghost Preparatory School.

The first group of day students entered in 1959 and attended class side by side with the high school seminarians. During the following years and as the school's population grew, its reputation for excellence became synonymous with its name. Improvements were made in both the physical plant and the educational and extracurricular programs. The construction of the gym (1962), the

addition of new math, science and language programs, the expansion of the interscholastic sports program and non-athletic activities such as dramatics, newspaper, yearbook, and forensics have all served to further the school's aim of providing a well-rounded educational experience for each student. In 1968, the Spiritans discontinued the seminary program so that, at present, the entire enrollment of Holy Ghost Prep consists of nonresident, college-bound students.

In the 1990's, the school made significant structural enhancements to the campus, including new science and computer labs. Subsequently, major additions and renovations to the athletic facilities were accomplished. Founders' Hall, containing a new library, classrooms, and computer labs, was built in 1999 to enhance the educational opportunities for all students. The entire Firebird Fieldhouse was renovated in 2003.

Holy Ghost Prep commenced a new Strategic Planning Process in the fall of 2010, including reviews and recommendations for all phases of school life. The planning process coincided with repair and renovation of the historic Chapel of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit after a near-disastrous fire in 2009; and with renovation of the central administrative and student life areas of Cornwells Hall, including the Dining Hall (2010) and locker facilities (2011).

Academic Philosophy

Holy Ghost Prep students are exposed to a rigorous liberal arts and sciences core-curriculum which teaches critical thinking skills, life values and motivates the spirit to serve. In keeping with our mission statement, Holy Ghost Prep seeks academic excellence by challenging students to strive to reach their maximum level of academic ability. HGP students are expected to think rationally, to compute patiently and

accurately and to reason creatively. Holy Ghost Prep provides an environment whereby students and teachers positively challenge themselves and one another through a variety of activities both academic and extracurricular. As true education requires interaction, teachers and students thrive in the atmosphere of communication and mutual respect cultivated at Holy Ghost Prep.

The School Day

The daily schedule is composed of seven academic periods, a break, and a lunch. Each academic period meets seven of eight days of a rotating cycle, in which every class moves to each time of the day. In an effort to foster independence and to better simulate the college experience, Holy Ghost Prep provides students with Open Study time during the course of each day. It is the student's responsibility to make the best use of his free time by studying, meeting with a teacher or utilizing various student resource centers.



Curriculum

FRESHMAN YEAR

English

Introduction to Literature and Composition (H)

Foreign Language

French I, Latin I, Spanish I

Math

Algebra I, Intermediate Algebra, Algebra II (H)

Religion

Fundamentals of Catholicism (S), Church History (S)

Science

Biology (H)

Social Studies

World History I

Co-Curricular

Guidance, Introduction to Studio Art, Instrumental Music, Information Literacy

JUNIOR YEAR

English

American Literature (H)
English Language (AP)

Foreign Language

French III (H), Latin III (H), Spanish III (H)

Math

Algebra II, Math Analysis (H),

Religion

Morality (S), Social Justice (S)
World Religions
Peer Ministry

Science

Physics (H)

Social Studies

United States History (AP),
United States History

Co-Curricular

College Guidance for Juniors

SOPHOMORE YEAR

English

Academic Writing (S, H),
Communications Skills (S, H)

Foreign Language

French II (H), Latin II,
Spanish II (H)

Math

Geometry (H)
Geometry/Algebra II

Religion

Bible (S),
Sexuality and Dating (S)

Science

Chemistry (H)

Social Studies

World History II
European History (AP)

Co-Curricular

Guidance

SENIOR YEAR

English

English Literature (AP),
World Literature (H)

Foreign Language

French IV (AP),
Latin IV (AP),
Spanish IV (AP)

Math

Pre-Calculus, Calculus,
Calculus AB (AP),
Calculus BC (AP)

Religion

Senior Seminar (S)
Morality
Question of God
Spiritual Psychology

Science

See Electives-Science

Social Studies

See Electives-Social Studies

Co-Curricular

College Guidance for Seniors

ELECTIVES

English

Cinematography
Dramatic Performance (S,3,4)
Journalism (S,4)
Yearbook (2,3,4)
Short Story (S,4)

Science

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics
Astronomy
Ecology
Electric Circuits
Forensic Science
Anatomy
Microbiology
Genetics
Robotics

Social Studies

Economics
AP European History
Middle East
Psychology
US Government
AP World History
Multicultural Studies
International Relations
Modern Asia
Modern ?
History and Culture
All (S), All (3,4)

Co-Curricular

2D & 3D Design (3,4)
Music Theory (1,2,3,4)
Advanced Drawing (3,4)
Drawing (2,3,4)
Studio Art (2,3,4)
Painting & Printmaking (2,3,4)
Guitar (1,2,3,4)

Other Courses

Chorus & Music Theory (1,2,3,4)
Foreign Languages (2,3,4)
Instrumental Music (1,2,3,4)
Peer Ministry
Portfolio Art (4)
Statistics (3,4)
Computer Science
Numerical Politics
History of Film
History of Law
Greek Language

(See also AP on Page 7)

(AP) = Advanced Placement Course

(H) = Also offered as Honors Course

(S) = Semester Course

HGP's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Technology in the Classroom

BYOD is the preferred policy for Colleges and Universities. HGP is a traditional preparatory school that strives to prepare students for college. Books and technology can be used together in a multimodal environment to enrich the learning process. BYOD allows students to learn responsibility and decide which device is most comfortable to use. Technology is a means to an end, not the end itself. We don't want to waste classroom time on how to use a device. Time is better spent on how to "read" information, rather than how to use a device. HGP does not want to get locked into a long term contract that doesn't meet the students' needs and requires parents to pay for it. One size does not fit all. Students interested in Math and Science may choose a different device than students interested in Music and Art. Students can spend what they feel comfortable spending on a device. Rather than building money into the tuition, HGP grants the families the option to choose what works best for them.

Professional Development

HGP faculty will be required to complete 40 hours per year of professional development related to technology. Levels of proficiency in topics such as Google Apps, Schoology, ExamView, TurnItIn, and website development will be established. Faculty can also create their own individualized tech plan to increase efficiency and take learning further.

Classrooms

HGP uses flipped classrooms. As the students and faculty spend more time on devices in the classroom, HGP will work to reconfigure the classrooms, to establish a more conducive learning environment. This will allow faculty to make sure that the students are on task with their devices and students to be able to focus on the lesson.

School supplied functionality and security policy

HGP supplies high speed wireless internet throughout the campus so students and faculty can access all available resources. HGP also provides areas throughout the campus where students can charge their device safely and securely. HGP has enough wireless access points throughout campus to accommodate every student using 2 devices (a phone and a device).

HOLY GHOST PREP COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Albright College
Alvernia University
American University
Amherst College
Arcadia University
Arizona St. University
Auburn University
Babson College
Bentley University
Bloomsburg University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Cabrini College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of New Jersey
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Delaware Valley College
Denison University
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Gwynedd-Mercy College
Hamilton College
Hartwick College
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hofstra University
Holy Family University
Immaculata University
Ithaca College
Iona College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Juniata College
King's College
Kutztown University
Lafayette College
LaSalle University
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University
Loyola University (MD)
Lycoming College
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marywood College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Millersville University
Monmouth University
Moravian College
Mount St. Mary's University (MD)
Muhlenburg College
Neumann University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Philadelphia University
Princeton University
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Roanoke College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
Shippensburg University
St. Francis University
St. Joseph's University
St. Michael's College
Stonehill College
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
Stevens Institute of Technology
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Towson University
Trinity College (Ireland)
Tulane University
Tufts University
University of Alabama
University of the Arts
University of California
University of Chicago
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Hartford
University of Iowa
University of Maryland (CP & BC)
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of North Carolina (CH & W)
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of the Sciences
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Vermont
Ursinus College
US Air Force Academy
US Coast Guard Academy
US Military Academy
US Naval Academy
Vassar College
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
Washington College
Washington University
West Chester University
West Virginia University
Widener University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

Advanced Placement Courses

As each course in our curriculum would be considered an honors course at many other schools and as many academically talented students attend Holy Ghost Prep, honors and advanced placement classes are for those students who are exceptionally talented. For incoming students, enrollment in honors classes is limited to those who have performed well on our placement test, our entrance examination, on other standardized tests, and in grade school. Incoming freshman may not take AP classes. All decisions about placement are made by the Advanced Placement Committee and the Principal in consultation with teachers, counselors and parents.

Current AP classes at HGP:


- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science AB
- Economics
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature
- European History
- French Language
- Latin
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- U.S. Government & Politics
- U.S. History
- World History

College Preparation

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors must take a College Guidance class to prepare them for selecting colleges, filling out applications and participating in interviews.

- College days during the year bring college representatives to HGP to meet students.
- Evening information sessions provide parents with helpful information regarding college applications and financial aid.
- School days are set aside for seniors to visit colleges.
- An alumni network is available to help students find the right colleges and provide them with on and off campus opportunities.
- Two college guidance counselors guide students through the application process.

Technology

- Computer labs, printers and copy capabilities for student use before, during and after school.
 - Individual student accounts with e-mail and personal network disk space.
 - Completely wireless campus with enough access points for a minimum of two devices per student.
 - All computers connected to the Internet via a Full T2 Line.
 - Bring Your Own Device program.
 - Academic resources for teachers and students supporting the use of computers and computer based information in every subject.
 - An endowment fund which supports ongoing faculty professional development to assist in the implementation of computers in the classroom.
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- Tuned-In is a student coordinated activity in which HGP students can get assistance with programs to help them implement technology in their assignments.
 - Smart TVs, Smartboards and Starpanels allow students and teachers to use the latest presentation technology in the classroom.

Computer Science Department

Holy Ghost Prep offers a series of computer classes through our Computer Science department.

Courses offered are:

- Web Page Design with Java Scripting
- Introduction to Programming in Visual Basic
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science AB
- Intro to Computer Science

HGP has established a STEM Initiative - including a specifically designed curriculum, new and updated facilities and hands-on opportunities - to prepare our students for the 21st Century.

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry Program promotes the spiritual welfare of the school Community, providing opportunities for spiritual nourishment and growth. Students assist in planning and implementing liturgical celebrations, retreats, enrichment programs, and the maintenance of the Chapel. Special roles include Liturgical Ministers, Peer Ministers and Retreat Leaders. Mass is celebrated each day in the Chapel, usually during Break. Opportunities for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation are also frequently provided. Students and all other members of the community are encouraged to visit the Chapel for prayer at any time.

Retreats

All classes participate in retreat days throughout the year. Seniors are encouraged to participate in a special off-campus overnight retreat.

Peer Ministry

Junior and Senior Peer Ministers serve in a variety of capacities including the retreat programs, the Ring Mass, the Red Mass, and Freshman Orientation.

Christian Service Program

The mission and purpose of Holy Ghost Preparatory School is the same as the mission of the Spiritans -- to serve the poor in a spirit of "practical union with God." To this end, all students must participate in the Christian Service Program. In keeping with the Spiritan Mission of the school, all service performed by students must directly benefit people in need and must involve student interaction with those being assisted. Each project must have been approved by the Christian Service Coordinator. Consult the Christian Service Program Brochure for specific information on acceptable service.

Freshmen are encouraged to participate in projects directly benefiting poor or disadvantaged

children; sophomores, in service benefiting the elderly.

Juniors and seniors will complete twenty hours of service at a location off campus to be chosen by each student. Juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to complete at least half of the required hours over the summer.



The National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is based on character, scholarship, leadership and service. Holy Ghost Prep's charter is the Venerable Francis J. Libermann Chapter. A student is eligible for membership at the end of his first or second semester of junior year if he has received a grade point average at the First Honors Level or above. Quality participation in at least one activity from the beginning of the sophomore year and satisfactory

participation in the Christian Service Program are required. The NHS sponsors several programs during the year, including a three-on-three basketball tournament, hot dog and soda sales at basketball games, and peer tutoring in every academic subject.

Additional Clubs and Activities

AARP Service - A weekly meeting between generations.

Admissions Ambassadors - Students assist at Open House, Frosh Welcome Night and during interview season.

Art Club - Meets once per month to investigate interests in fine arts beyond the curriculum.

C.A.F.E. (Cultural Awareness for Everyone) - Promotes tolerance and appreciation of diversity within the school.

Chess Club - Meets in library on selected days after school.

Chorus - Students sing at school functions and in the community. Audition and training.

Christian Service - From serving the homeless at St. Francis Inn to building projects as part of "A Taste of Mission" in West Virginia, promotes and enables widest sense of Spiritan service.

Community Service Corps - The CSC promotes personal growth and social awareness through service involvement.

Computer Network Club - Advanced Networking students assist the Network Engineer with school operations.

Electronic Gaming - Students compete periodically to test their digital gamesmanship.

Environmental Club - Promotes awareness of environmental sustainability.

First Thursday - Artists, musicians and poets perform monthly in the Geruson Gallery.

French Club - Students and faculty present French Week and monthly French-speaking luncheons.

Ghost Around the World - Promotes connections with Spiritan Apostolates worldwide.

Improv Club - Meets twice a month to perform and create new routines.

Intramurals - Several times each month, sports opportunities from weightlifting to ultimate frisbee.

Mathletes - Monthly contests at area schools for students highly interested in math and problem-solving.

Math Modeling Team - Top math and science students solve problems in international competitions.

Meteorology Club - Promotes knowledge of basic weather concepts, such as Saffir-Simpson Scale.

Mock Trial - Students interested in law and related pursuits prepare cases to argue before a sitting judge for regional and state competitions.

Movie Club - Screenings of classics and contemporary films with lively discussion.

National Art Honor Society - Nominated through the art program, plan exhibits locally and regionally.

Outdoor Club - Periodic field trips and competitions in local and regional parks and natural wildlife areas.

Peer Counselors - Students promote healthy adolescent life styles. Organizes Red Ribbon Week.

Peer Ministers - Key Campus Ministry Students stress leadership in service to the HGP Community.

Poetry Club - Hear original works by students and teachers. Meets weekly. Performs monthly. Open to all.

Respect Life Club - Promotes awareness of a consistent ethic of life, from conception to a natural death, through education, advocacy, and prayer: the unborn, euthanasia, persons with disabilities, the elderly, the poor, HIV/AIDS, and the environment.

Ski/Snowboard Club - Any student who is interested in skiing or snowboarding may join the club which takes one or two trips per winter to a local mountain.

Student Assistance HGPSAP - Students, parents and faculty assess crucial adolescent issues and plan events.

Student Film Club - Students write, edit, produce and direct short films.

Student Government - Elected student government members are directly responsible for the concerns of the student body and their appropriate presentation to administration to effect change. Promotes healthy and spirited participation for attendance at sports and other school events. Conducts various dances throughout the year, including prom and date dances.

TEAMS - Introduces high school students to various engineering disciplines and real-world applications of math and science concepts. Builds problem-solving and teamwork skills to solve engineering problems. Participates in annual regional and state competitions.

TRI-M - Nominated students in the musical arts perform and do community service.

TUNED IN - Invites students to create and share uses of technology on campus.

Ultimate Frisbee - Spring competition on campus and off.

World Affairs Club - Sponsors events for student participation including the World Game, We the People 2000, the Model Senate, the World Court, and the Model United Nations.

World War II Club - Sponsors events to share and increase knowledge of this period. Open to all.

SPORTS

at Holy Ghost Prep



Soccer

Website: soccer.holyghostprep.org

- 32 League Championships
- 11 PIAA District One Championships
- 6 PIAA Eastern State Championships
- 5 PIAA State Championships



Cross Country

Website:
crosscountry.holyghostprep.org

- 26 League Championships
- Numerous PIAA District One Championships
- PIAA State Championship Meet Qualifiers



Golf

Website: golf.holyghostprep.org

- 19 League Championships
- 3 PIAA District One Championships
- PIAA State Championship Tournament Qualifiers



Basketball

Website:

basketball.holyghostprep.org

- 23 League Championships
- 12 PIAA District One Championships
- 9 PIAA State Final Four Appearances
- 2 PIAA State Championships



Ice Hockey

Website: hockey.holyghostprep.org

- 1 State Championship
- 3 Flyers Cup Championships
- 6 Flyers Cup Finalists
- 7 Pennsylvania Frozen Four Appearances
- 3 National Scholastic Invitational Championships



Swimming & Diving

Website:

swimming.holyghostprep.org

- PIAA District One Team Qualifiers
- PIAA District One Individual Championships
- PIAA State Team Qualifiers
- PIAA State Individual Champions



Bowling

Website: bowling.holyghostprep.org

2 League Championships
PIAA State Regional Competition
Qualifiers



Lacrosse

Website: lacrosse.holyghostprep.org

1 League Championship
6 PIAA District One Championship
Appearances



Tennis

Website: tennis.holyghostprep.org

6 League Championships
3 PIAA District One Team
Championships
1 PIAA PIAA State Team
Championship
PIAA District One Individual
Champions
PIAA State Individual Qualifiers



Baseball

Website: baseball.holyghostprep.org

31 League Championships
6 PIAA District One Championships
Philadelphia Phillies Carpenter Cup
Participants



Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field

Website: track.holyghostprep.org

PTFCA Meet of Champions Qualifiers
Indoor National Champion Qualifiers
28 Outdoor League Championships
PIAA District One Individual
Qualifiers
PIAA State Championships Individual
Qualifiers
New Balance Outdoor National
Qualifiers
Outdoor Individual All-American

Holy Ghost Prep participates in the:

Bicentennial Athletic League and PIAA District 1

Forensics

Competitive Speech, Debate and Drama



Forensics is competitive speech, debate and drama. Students can choose from several different events including:

Duo Interp, Dramatic Interp, and Humorous Interp:

A contestant or two contestants choose a ten minute cutting from a serious or humorous play and memorize it. The student, or students, recreate the scene using appropriate gestures and voices.

Prose and Poetry Readings:

A contestant interprets, with script in hand, a cutting from a short story, novel or poem.

Original Oratory and Extemporaneous Speaking:

A student prepares original speeches to deliver in front of an audience.

Student Congress: A group of students participate in a mock-congress, debating legislation.

Debate: Individuals or a team debate issues of policy or values.

Our Nationally Recognized Forensics Team is a popular activity.

- 33 Consecutive Philadelphia City Championships
- 17 Pennsylvania State Championships
- 100+ Individual Pennsylvania State Champions
- 24 Individual National Champions
- Hundreds of National Invitational Award Winners
- Head Coach Tony Figliola and Assistant Coach John Buettler '64 are members of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Hall of Fame.
- HGP has been recognized over ten times as one of the top five schools in the United States at the National Championships.
- Students can travel all over the country competing in tournaments. Students have attended tournaments in Baltimore, Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, New York City, Fort Lauderdale, Arlington, Charlotte, Washington, DC, Milwaukee, Houston, Lexington, Dallas, Appleton, Las Vegas, Kansas City, Omaha and Birmingham.

Fine Arts

Studio Art

Our art studio and gallery are located in the historic Cornwells Hall. Students work and exhibit in this one-hundred year old great room filled with memories of days past. Throughout the year, music students perform to large crowds in the gallery during lunch period concerts.

Students can select numerous classes, including:

- Introduction to Studio Art
- Painting and Printmaking
- 2D and 3D Design
- Drawing
- Advanced Drawing
- Portfolio Art
- Seniors may select an Advanced Placement Sequence

Drama

2 Dramatic Productions Annually
(9 shows)

In the fall students perform a dramatic or humorous play. The spring production is a musical.

In 2016, the drama club presented:
Curtains.

Female actresses are recruited from surrounding girls' schools, such as Villa Joseph Marie, Nazareth Academy and Mount Saint Joseph Academy.



Music

80 Member Full Band
20 Member Jazz Band
Chorus

Musicians perform at events throughout the school year including two annual concerts, monthly masses, dramatic productions and commencement. Students may select courses in theory and performance including:

- Music Theory
- Chorus and Music Theory
- Jazz Band
- String Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- Instrumental Music
- Seniors may select an Advanced Placement Sequence

Literary Clubs

Numerous opportunities for writers, including:
Embers – literary magazine
Flame – school newspaper
Firebird – Yearbook
Poetry Club

Tuition, Scholarships, Financial Aid

Tuition

\$20,500 (21,500 for international students) for 2016-2017 School Year – 1, 2, 4, or 10 payment plans. 20% Multiple Student Discount (for qualified applicants that also apply for financial aid).

Need-Based Scholarships

Financial Aid Awards (based on financial need) can be up to \$9,000 per year. All Financial Aid Applications must be completed **online**. This application can be found by visiting:

<http://sss.nais.org/parents>.

The completed form for the Class of 2021 must be submitted to the *School & Student Services by NAIS* website before November 25, 2016. Parents are also required to provide a copy of their most recent federal tax return before November 25, 2016. The most recent tax return should be sent to:

Holy Ghost Prep

Attn: Financial Aid Committee

2429 Bristol Pike

Bensalem, PA 19020

30% of the Class of 2020 received a scholarship or financial aid grant.

Each year, HGP awards more than \$1 million in financial aid and scholarships.

Merit-Based Scholarships

Presidential Scholarships

Each year, up to 15 students are given these academic scholarships in the amount of \$6,500. Students who score in the 97, 98 or 99th percentile on the entrance exam are considered for these scholarships. To distinguish the winners, the admissions committee looks at the applicant's transcript, teacher recommendations, essay, entrance exam score and interview.

Libermann Scholarships

These \$2,500 scholarships are awarded by the admissions committee to students who have demonstrated exceptional potential during the admissions process. These applicants will have been involved in a variety of outside school activities including groups like athletics, academic activities and clubs, forensics, Boy Scouts, community service, drama, religious ministry, tutoring, art and music. At the same time, these students will have maintained the highest standards in academics and character.

Spiritan Scholarships

These scholarships are available to up to two students each year that are from an under-represented social group. Candidates for these scholarships will exhibit excellence in academics, exceptional potential for growth and demonstrate a spirit of service. The amount of these scholarships will be substantial and may cover up to the full cost of Holy Ghost Prep's tuition.

Trustee Scholarships

Five students each year will be given these half tuition academic scholarships. Students receiving these awards will have uniquely distinguished themselves in the classroom, on the entrance exam and as demonstrated through the entire admissions process to Holy Ghost Prep. The admissions committee will pay particular attention to:

- Academic achievements in seventh and eighth grades
- Entrance exam scores that rank highest among all applicants
- Students that have exhibited the ideals expressed in the Holy Ghost Prep Mission Statement
- Students who have demonstrated that Holy Ghost Prep is their first choice for high school

To learn more about additional Merit and Need Based Scholarships - as well as our First Firebird Program - visit www.holyghostprep.org/admissions

Admissions Procedures

Research HGP

- Call the admissions office to receive mailings about Holy Ghost Prep throughout the year.
- Attend High School Nights and Information Sessions.
- All eighth grade applicants are welcome to spend a day of classes at Holy Ghost Prep. Each visitor is paired with a current freshman for a normal academic day. Visitations are scheduled Monday through Friday beginning in the middle of September through January. In order not to disrupt the academic classroom environment, only a limited number of students may visit on any particular day, so please have a few days in mind when making an appointment. Visitation days can be scheduled by calling the admissions office at (215) 639-0811.
- All students are encouraged to visit Holy Ghost Prep during our **Open House on Sunday, October 23, 2016 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**. This afternoon will give prospective students and families an overview of what happens at Holy Ghost Prep. Many current students will be on-hand to give tours and talk about their school. Teachers, Coaches and Administrators will also be available to answer questions and provide information.

The Application Process

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the application process online at:
www.holyghostprep.org/admissions
- Students apply for admission in their eighth grade year.

- Send in the Application and register to take the entrance examination on **November 5, 2016, December 11, 2016 and by appointment**.
- Ask teachers or guidance counselors to fill out the Evaluation and Recommendation.
- Using the Request for Transcript, ask your grade school to send your most current grades.
- Write the Essay for Admission and send it to Holy Ghost Prep.
- After the admissions office has received all forms and the entrance exam scores have been reported, students will be informed about an interview.
- Seventh grade students may take a practice entrance examination in February of their seventh grade year.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to attend Holy Ghost Prep activities, games and events. The school year is filled with opportunities to see and meet current students, faculty and families. If you are interested in going to an athletic event, dramatic play, on-campus mass, forensics tournament, or any other event, please contact the admissions office for more information.

Transportation

School District Busing provided Free of Cost by:
Abington, Bensalem, Bristol Township, Centennial, Cheltenham, Council Rock, Lower Moreland, Neshaminy, Pennsbury and Upper Moreland.

Holy Ghost Prep provided Transportation with Additional Fee: Limited areas of Central Bucks County, Hatboro, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia.

Limited New Jersey Transportation Available.