



ACADEMICS that INSPIRE.
FAITH that LEADS.



INFO PACKET



*a place
where
your child
can thrive*

Welcome

As your family is considering different school options, what are the biggest priorities? Whatever you're looking for today, I believe the core commitments and values of Hillcrest Academy have something to offer that you won't find elsewhere.

Today we will tell you about our school — a connected, intimate, thriving community. It is made up of engaged parents; dedicated and remarkable teaching faculty and staff; and all of our incredible students.

An education here just sticks with our students, along with the friendships, spiritual formation, and desire to go and serve others in the world. We are delighted about your interest in Hillcrest Academy and can't wait to meet you and your child one day soon.

Sincerely,



DWIGHT GINGERICH

Principal

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CORE VALUES AT HILLCREST ACADEMY, *We are passionate about:*

FOLLOWING JESUS

**PROVIDING
OPPORTUNITIES
TO THRIVE.**

ACADEMIC RIGOR

HOLISTIC LEARNING

**CULTIVATING
COMPASSIONATE
LEADERS**

**NURTURING
COMMUNITY**

INTRODUCTION

Academic Foundations at Hillcrest Academy

Later in this packet you'll see how Hillcrest Academy student success compares to national averages. Those achievements are due to **our strong academic rigor**. Private education opens up many advantages for academic challenges and expectations that public schools can't match. Along with our 11 AP classes in various disciplines, Hillcrest students have opportunities such as Anatomy and Physiology which will challenge any budding scientist or medical student.

Our academic standards are high, and our faculty are passionate, engaged mentors who know and love their students. The teachers and staff here live out another aspect of our academic foundation — **we offer a distinctive Christian education** at Hillcrest Academy. Our graduates are active, informed citizens who lead through discipleship, peacemaking, and service. Capstone courses like Christianity in the World Arena build on other Bible classes and help students deeply understand the Christian faith in light of other major world religions.

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Parents and students are often surprised to learn ***just how broad and exciting the list of elective classes and extracurricular opportunities are*** at Hillcrest Academy. Ceramics, computer graphics, photography, sculpture, entrepreneurship, culinary arts, clothing textiles, advanced creative writing, marketing, and so much more are just the beginning. When you combine all these electives with core academic classes and even more possibilities through athletics and fine arts, it's truly an impressive array.

The last thing we'll mention in this overview about our academic points of distinction is that ***everything we have been summarizing so far is taught through what we call engaged learning***. It's not enough to only learn something in a classroom. Students need help applying what they've learned in the real world. We use a hands-on approach so our students make those applications for themselves in exactly the ways that will help them succeed at college, in their career, and in every area of their lives.



College Guidance and Scholarship

Since we have such a low teacher-to-school counselor ratio we provide significantly more support and personalized counseling than public high schools can afford to give. Each year, the counselor will meet with your student to review their college and career plans and check in to see what they are learning about God's plan for their life and gifts. They review grades, college placement tests, and college options that fit with their needs and interests.

Scholarship opportunities are tremendously important to most students and families. Count on us to provide plenty of assistance in this area. We have more than 100 targeted scholarships to review with rising juniors and seniors as well as critical resources for securing other funds.

We know our students and who God is shaping them to be. Helping them find the right schools or career paths to pursue with the financial assistance to support those goals is a big part of how we help prepare our graduates for whatever comes next.

\$915,870

1945
in merit-based college scholarships were earned by our students in 2019

90%

of our graduates go directly to college after graduation.

The top
75%

of Hillcrest students scored an average of 28 on the ACT — the 2019 national average was 20.7



Service and Learning Term

Some of the most vital, life-long lessons Hillcrest Academy students learn happen outside of the classroom. Every other year, a group of students and faculty participate in our Service and Learning Term. It is a week where we live out our beliefs in challenging ways. We serve others, and it inevitably nurtures new growth in our students and community.

In recent years we have traveled to Kansas City where students at the Kansas State School for the Blind graciously hosted our team and partnered with our sighted students to help them understand the obstacles they face from having low vision or no sight at all. We've also served a camp in Colorado to help with their projects and learn about environmental issues. On a trip to Jackson, Mississippi, historical and current civil rights issues had a deep impact on our team. In Puerto Rico, our students found an immersive language and cultural experience as we worked through a devotional series on poverty alleviation. We were able to acknowledge and engage with some of the ways that helping has actually done harm around the world in the past.



ATHLETICS:

HILLCREST RAVENS

16 *State Championships*

6 *Positive Sportsmanship Awards*

1 GOAL: *Develop the Whole Student*



Athletic training and competition offers our students so many opportunities for growth. We keep three things firmly in focus.

First, we want to help each athlete grow emotionally, socially, spiritually, and physically as they develop their God-given talents.

Second, we want to perform on and off the field in ways that represent Christ and advance God's kingdom.

Third, we compete to win.

Hillcrest Ravens may choose to compete in 14 varsity sports both on campus and through sharing programs with neighboring schools. Whatever athletic opportunities they pursue will offer them some of the same lessons and character-shaping experiences that are unique to competition on the track, court, or field.



Programs and Clubs

There are extracurricular opportunities for every student at Hillcrest Academy. Here are some highlights from our most popular student interests.

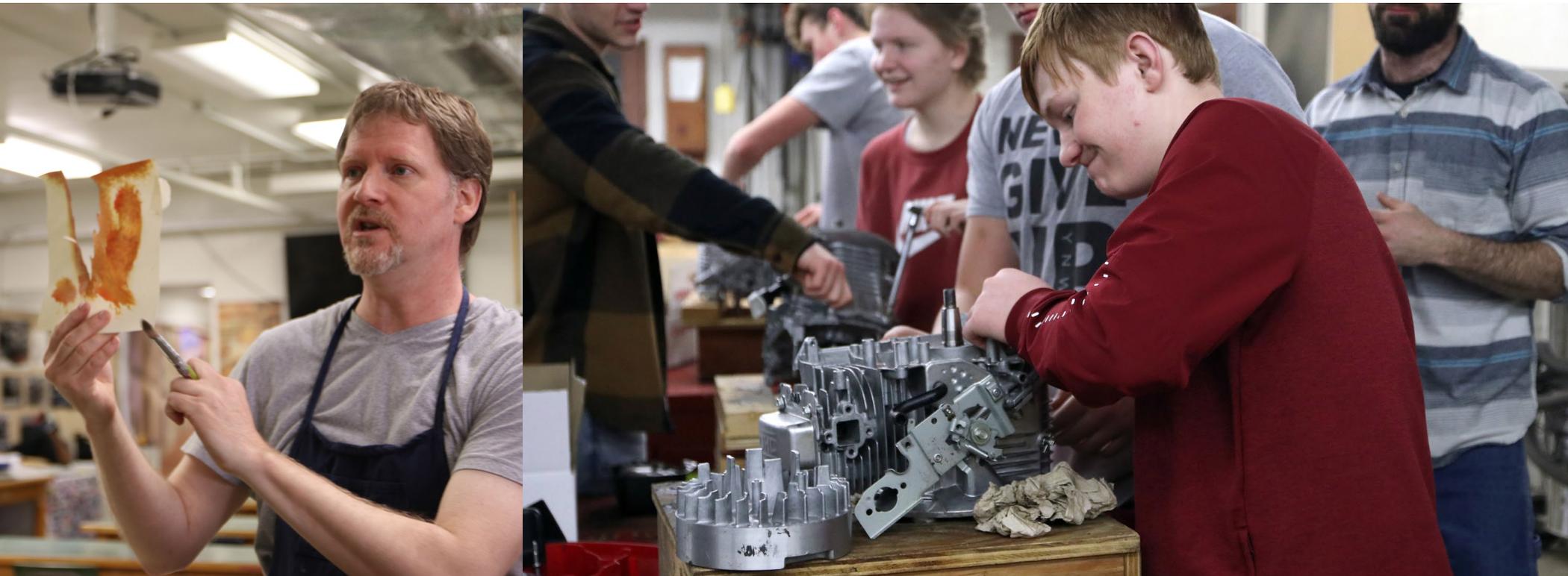
- **Choirs, Bands, and Ensembles**
With a junior choir for underclassmen, an advanced touring choir for upperclassmen, an acapella ensemble for modern and pop music, a Pep Band, Praise Band, and Symphonic Band, whatever your musical interests are, there's a place for you here.
- **Drama**
Students perform classic musicals and dramas, contemporary performances, period pieces, and more in our state-of-the-art Fine Art Center.
- **Student Government**
These students work to promote harmony and healthy communication in our school while learning valuable fundamentals in civics and governance.
- **Board Game Club**
This new club is open to novice and veteran board game players alike with several open meetings each semester.
- **FFA**
This classic organization has a thriving membership with our students as they promote agricultural education.
- **Reflector Newspaper**
Dating all the way back to 1946, our student newspaper gives budding journalists an excellent opportunity to grow their skills and keep our community informed.



At Hillcrest Academy Tuition is Not One Size Fits All

Think an excellent, Christian education is out of reach? Think again! With variable tuition, an education at Hillcrest Academy has never been more accessible. Learn more about this program at:

→ WWW.HILLCRESTRAVENS.ORG/VARIABLETUITION



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We will be thrilled to meet you ...

**Schedule your school tour today and
experience Hillcrest Academy for yourself.**

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