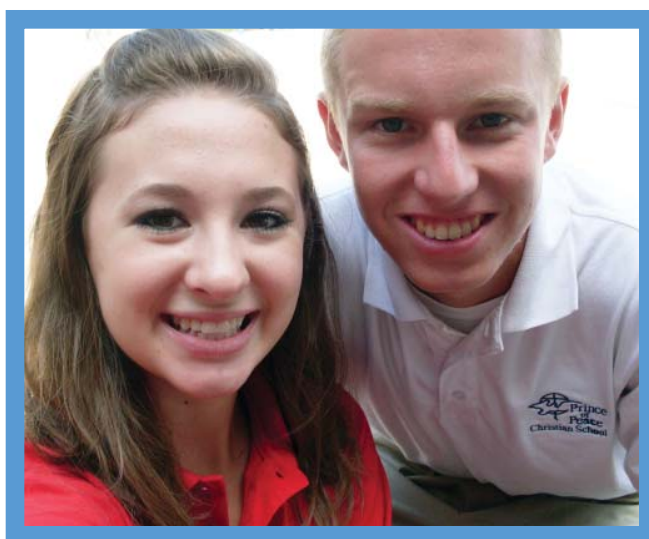


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Prince of Peace Christian
High School



CHRISTIAN SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the High School at Prince of Peace Christian School. We are delighted that you are considering us for your child's education.

Prince of Peace Christian School (POPCS) provides a **Christ-centered** exemplary education equipping students and families as disciples and leaders to meet the challenges of today and the opportunities of tomorrow.

The most significant area of our mission statement is its focus upon the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. First and foremost, POPCS exists to **develop and strengthen** the faith in its students, in their families, and in the community around it.

The High School years play an integral part in young people becoming the productive adult citizens of tomorrow. These four years are full of **changes and challenges** – spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially. It takes much prayer, love, dedication, patience and understanding to help these students and families have positive high school experiences.

During these years, high school students are **becoming more autonomous**. They are breaking farther away from their parents to find their own identity. It is a critical time to place these young people in the best possible environment where they are challenged yet nurtured to become their best selves.

Prince of Peace is committed to a **Relational Ministry** with students. Every student is seen as a child of God and is ministered accordingly so that a relationship of trust may be established between student and teacher. POPCS students experience a secure environment, safe in the hands of teachers directing them towards Godly moral values. Prince of Peace is committed to excellence in all things. Our academic courses are challenging, engaging, and college preparatory in nature. Many "Honors/Pre-AP" and "Advanced Placement" (AP) courses are offered each semester, eventually enabling our students to attend top colleges and universities throughout the world.

Extra-curricular activities are a key part of the Prince of Peace experience. Students will be offered "connecting points" that allow them to contribute to POPCS outside of the normal classroom environment. Leadership gifts will be identified and developed in students to prepare them for the world beyond high school.

I am excited to lead the high school forward with **experience** (30+ years of ministry in Christian high schools), a **passion** for young people, and a **vision** with God's will leading all my decisions.

I promise that I will get to **know every child personally**. Your child will be loved, cared for, and forgiven, as well as challenged and stretched to grow and mature in Jesus. My number one goal is to help students internalize the Gospel message of Salvation through Jesus Christ. The high school will also seek **excellence** in all we do – academics, competition and performance, and Christian character development.

Please accept my invitation to explore **Prince of Peace Christian High School!** Call any time to set up a meeting with me to answer any questions or concerns you may have about the high school and its future.

To Him Alone be the Glory,

Craig W. Swanson

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High School Principal

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**"We seek excellence in all we do as we reach out in love to each student to meet their individual needs."
-Craig Swanson**

WHY POPCS??

What sets us apart? What makes us UNITED?! (Romans 15:5-6)

BALANCE!

- I. We Strive for Excellence in ALL things – God’s call!
 - a. Christian Character Development
 - b. Academics
 - c. Competition & Performance
 - d. Curriculum Alignment (vertical & horizontal)
 - e. Experienced Teachers - 52% have Masters degrees

2. We Reach Out to EACH Child as an Individual
 - a. Excellence Under Grace
 - b. Passionate, Caring, Christian Teachers
 - c. High Expectations – Help Reach the Bar
 - d. Build Significant Relationships
 - e. Concerned about Long-term Welfare
 - f. Safe Environment to Teach Lessons

3. Traditional & 21st Century Learning



PRINCE OF PEACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GRADUATES’ SCHOLARSHIP EARNINGS

Year	Total Grads	Scholarship \$
2005	14	\$279,500
2006	24	\$693,520
2007	29	\$1,701,234
2008	40	\$1,734,717
2009	37	\$2,289,900
2010	40	\$3,311,556
2011	48	\$3,037,556
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7 years	232	\$13,047,983
+++++		



ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Baseball
- Girls’ Basketball
- Boys’ Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Drill Team
- Football
- Golf
- Girls’ Soccer
- Boys’ Soccer
- Softball
- Swim
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball



TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND POPCS

10. 73% of seniors received Academic & Athletic Scholarships to college in 2010. \$3.3 million total for 40 graduates.

9. 51% of junior & senior students take one or more Advanced Placement classes. 54% passed the AP exam in 2010.

8. All seniors apply and are accepted to one or more college/university. 100% of graduates have gone to college.

7. 52% of HS teachers have advanced degrees.

6. 90%+ of HS students participate in a co-curricular activity of some kind.

5. One or more students qualified for the National Merit Scholarship Program –Commended, Semi-Finalist, or Finalist – for last four years. Ten students total since 2006.

4. POPCS 8th graders could enter HS with 3 HS credits.

3. Small class sizes. Average class size is 16:1 in core classes.

2. 42% of seniors graduate with college credit.

1. **Every student is treated as an individual child of God!**

Curriculum Philosophy of Prince of Peace Christian High School

The academic curriculum at Prince of Peace Christian High School is designed to prepare our students for collegiate entrance and success. All High School level courses offered at Prince of Peace are rigorous in design, require outside preparation, and are considered commensurate with the honors or college prep classes at local public high schools. Some courses are labeled Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) in order to further challenge and prepare exceptional students to enter senior level Advanced Placement Courses. The Advanced Placement (AP) courses follow a prescribed curriculum set up by the College Board and call for adherence to specific guidelines. AP courses are designed to prepare students to take the College Board Advanced Placement exams. Students who earn a composite score of a 3, 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Examination may obtain college credit, depending on the performance requirements of the college or university. Students enrolled in an AP course will be required to take the AP exam.

What does this mean?

Because we consider Prince of Peace Christian High School to be a college preparatory school, students who are not enrolled in Honors, Pre-AP or AP courses are enrolled in college-prep level courses. We are fortunate at Prince of Peace to have teachers who will help all of their students, even those who struggle, to succeed at this level. We are also fortunate to have smaller class sizes that further foster an environment conducive to helping students achieve.

Students who choose to enroll in Pre-AP or AP courses are students who desire to perform at the college level in a specific course or subject area. These students will be taught tools to succeed on AP exams and could possibly, depending on their scores, earn college credit for taking the course. Therefore, Pre-AP and AP are not equivalent to “honors”- they are separate courses entirely. Honors courses, to make a distinction, are advanced level courses similar to courses labeled Pre-AP for which there is not an inevitable AP Exam.

How do Honors/Pre-AP and AP Courses affect the GPA?

Semester grades in all Honors/Pre-AP classes are given an extra weighted grade of 0.25 and AP classes are given an extra weighted grade of 0.5 due to the level of difficulty.

How do I enroll my child in an Honors or Pre-AP course?

Enrollment in Pre-AP classes is open to any student who wishes to participate in the Pre-AP program. Please note that many Pre-AP classes require additional and sometimes different assignments which will require more time outside of the classroom. Students who are enrolled in Honors, Pre-AP or AP classes will be enrolled for the duration of the semester, so please make your decision prayerfully.

Enrollment in the AP program requires an 85% average or better in the pre-requisite course to be eligible, and is ultimately at the discretion of the AP teacher and the High School Principal. Students who are enrolled in the AP program will be enrolled for the duration of the semester, so please make your decision prayerfully.

Advanced Placement Program Classes Offered:

AP Calculus AB

AP Chemistry

AP English Language

AP English Literature & Composition

AP Microeconomics (Semester)

AP Studio Art (Independent Study)

AP United States History

AP US Government (Semester)

Pre-Algebra I (8th grade)

Pre-AP Algebra II (10th grade)

Pre-AP Chemistry

Pre-AP English I

Pre-AP English II

Pre-AP English III

Pre-AP Geometry (9th grade)

Pre-AP Pre-Calculus (11th grade)

Honors Algebra II

Honors Anatomy & Physiology

Honors Biology

Honors Geometry

Honors Pre-Calculus

Honors Physics

Honors World Geography

Honors World History

AP Classes have + .5 GPA added

Pre-AP Classes - Classes that eventually lead to an AP Class, + .25 GPA added

Honors Classes - Classes that don't eventually lead to an AP Class, or the eventual AP class is not offered yet. + .25 GPA added

Students with Learning Differences – the “Success Center”

The Success Center is a program with a philosophy of ministry that works to help students be “successful” in order for them to become the people God needs for them to be - now and in the future. This ministry is based on our relationship with God the Father and how He deals with us. Sometimes we (students, teachers, parents) do things (behaviors, attitudes) that hold us back from being successful. As a result, there may be consequences for our actions, but those are always followed by love and forgiveness. The Success Center is a place where strategies and interventions are developed and implemented to help students get back on track.

The Success Center includes three specific programs: the Academic Support Program, the Behavior Discipling Program, and the Student/Teacher Mentoring Program. Each of these programs proactively help students accept responsibility for and change their actions/attitudes which are holding them back from being successful. Student participation in these programs vary depending on their needs. “People resources” – teachers, parents, students, Counselor, Dean of Students, and Principal – will work together for the benefit and growth of all students.



2011 - 2012 School Profile

THE SCHOOL



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ACCREDITATION/AFFILIATIONS

Prince of Peace Christian School is accredited at both state and national levels. We are a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), now known as “AdvancED”, and are also accredited by the Lutheran School Accreditation Commission (LSAC). LSAC is certified by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission and is recognized by the Commissioner of Education of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in accordance with Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part II, Chapter 97, Subchapter A, #97.7 Non-Public Schools.

SCHOOL MISSION

To provide a Christ-centered exemplary education, equipping students as disciples and leaders for service and success in the 21st Century.

STAFF

Headmaster: Chris Hahn
School Manager: Meredith Brady
High School Principal: Craig Swanson
Middle School Principal: Patrick Carlove
Lower School Principal: Laura Cleland
Early Childhood Director: Lynn Keckonen
Director of Admissions: Marilyn Hancock
Athletic Director: Earl Garland
High School Counselor: Patti Hurt

FACULTY

Full-Time Faculty Members: 63
Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 40%

ENROLLMENT

High School (Grades 9 - 12): 225
Middle School (Grades 6 - 8): 190
Lower School (Kindergarten - Grade 5): 306
Preschool (Preschool 3 - K-Prep): 88
Early Learning Center (6 weeks - 2 years old): 65
Total Enrollment (6 weeks - Grade 12): 874

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

The school year is divided into two semesters: August - December and January - May. Each high school day includes eight 45 minute rotating class periods.

RANKING AND GPA

Prince of Peace Christian School does not rank students except for those meeting the Top 10% criteria as set by the Texas Automatic College Admissions Policy. GPA/GPNA calculations only include courses taken at Prince of Peace. Honors, Pre-AP and AP courses are weighted.

GRADING SYSTEM

A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=65-69 and F=below 65

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4 credits - Theology (1 credit for each year of attendance)
4 credits - English
4 credits - Math
4 credits - Science
3 credits - Social Studies
2 credits - Foreign Language (same language each year)
1 credit - Physical Education
1 credit - Technology
1 credit - Elective
1 credit - Fine Arts
1 credit - Government / Economics
1/2 credit - Career and College Prep
1/2 credit - Communications Applications (Speech)
1/2 credit - Health
27.5 Credits Total

HONORS/PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

Algebra II Pre-AP and Honors	English I Pre-AP
Geometry Pre-AP and Honors	English II Pre-AP
Pre-Calculus Pre-AP and Honors	English III Pre-AP
Biology Honors	World Geography Honors
Chemistry Pre-AP	World History Honors
Anatomy and Physiology Honors	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

Calculus AB	Government and Politics
Chemistry	Microeconomics
English Language and Composition	US History
English Literature and Composition	

SAT & ACT SCORES

2010 - 2011 SAT SCORES

Seniors: 1657*
 Juniors: 1630*
 (*Includes Writing Score)

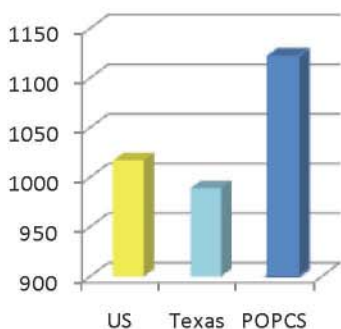
2010 - 2011 ACT SCORES

Seniors: 24.6
 Juniors: 24.0

2007-2011 AVERAGE SCORES

SAT: 1122.2
 ACT: 24.22

SAT SCORES COMPARED



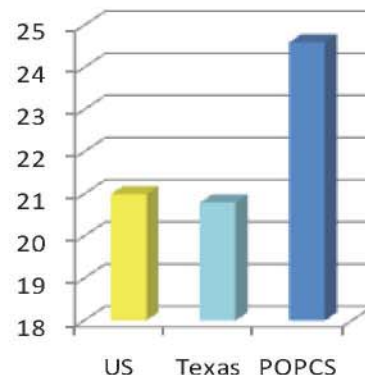
United States: 1017
 Texas: 989

Prince of Peace Christian School: 1112
 (Math and Reading Only)



2011 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

ACT SCORES COMPARED



United States: 21
 Texas: 20.8

Prince of Peace Christian School: 24.6

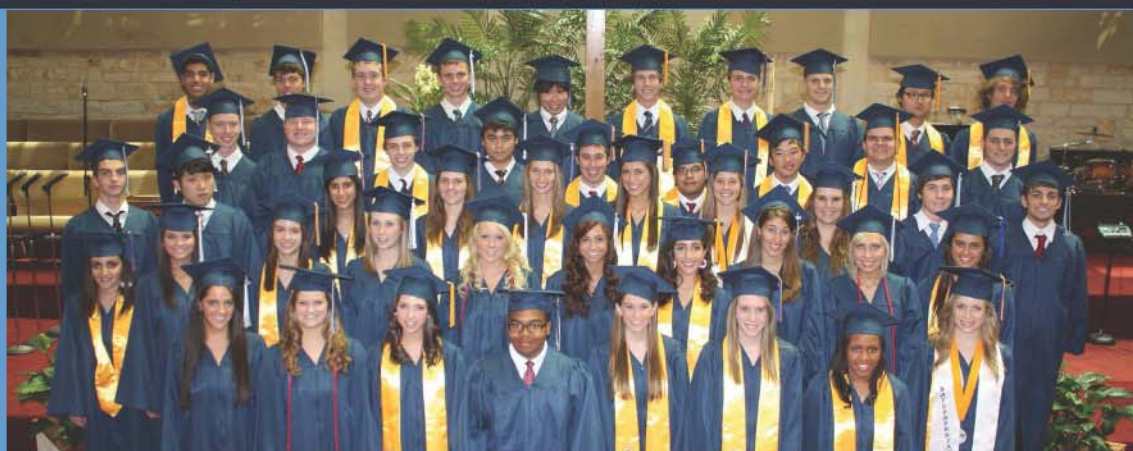
CLASS OF 2011

GRADUATES
 48

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED
 \$3,023,556 Million

GRADUATES WHO WILL ATTEND A
 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
 100%

GRADUATES WHO WILL ATTEND A 4-YEAR
 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
 100%



THE CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES WERE ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:

Abilene Christian
 Arizona State University
Austin College
 Auburn University
 Azusa Pacific
Baylor University
 Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
 Buena Vista University
 California Lutheran
 Calvin College
 Case Western Reserve Union
 Clark College
 College of William & Mary
Collin College
Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University
 Colorado University at Boulder
 Concordia University - Ann Arbor
Concordia University - Austin
 Concordia University - Chicago
 Concordia University - Irvine
 Concordia University - Nebraska
 Concordia University - Seward
 Cornell University
 Dallas Christian University

DePaul University
 Duke University
Elevate Leadership College
 Emanuel College
Evergreen College
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Franklin College Switzerland
 Full Sail University
Greenville College
Hendrix College
 Hope College
 High Point University
 Houston Baptist University
 Indiana University
Iowa State
John Brown University
 Kansas State University
 King's College
Liberty University
 Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University - Chicago
 Loyola University - New Orleans
Lubbock Christian College

Michigan State University
Mississippi College
 Missouri University of Science and Technology
 NCAA Eligibility Center
 Michigan State University
 Midwestern State University
New York University
Northeastern Oklahoma State University
Northeastern College
Northwestern University
 Oklahoma Baptist University
 Oklahoma State University
 Oklahoma Wesleyan University
Ouachita Baptist University
 Pepperdine University
 Philadelphia Bible College
 Rensselaer
 Rice University
 Rochester Institute
Southern Methodist University
 St. Louis University
St. Mary's University
Stephen F. Austin State University
 Tabor College
Texas A&M University
 Texas Tech University

Texas Woman's University
 Trinity Christian College
 Tulane University
 University of Arkansas
 University of California Santa Barbara
 University of Chicago
University of Denver
 University of Detroit
 University of Kansas
 University of Mary Hardin Baylor
 University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
 University of North Carolina
University of North Texas
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oklahoma
 University of Southern California
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Dallas
 University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Texas at Tyler
 University of Virginia
 Vanderbilt University
 Xavier University of Louisiana

Bolded = College of Choice

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Profile of a Prince of Peace Graduate

POPCS provides a Christ-centered exemplary education equipping students as disciples and leaders for success and service in the 21st Century.

Academic/Intellectual Goals: Christ-Centered Exemplary Education

The POPCS graduate

- has mastered the essential academic skills necessary for collegiate and career success.
- has experienced a curriculum designed to open the mind to the intrinsic value of the various disciplines.
- has developed an appreciation for the fine arts and for the significance of physical fitness.
- has developed a world view that has moved from the rote or cognitive level into the internal or affective, and has grown to love learning for learning's sake.
- is open to new ideas, new situations and has developed a curiosity and desire to continue intellectual growth, knowing that learning is a lifelong process.

Spiritual/Emotional Goals: Equipping Students...as Disciples

The POPCS graduate

- has a basic knowledge of Christianity and the major doctrines and practices of the Christian church.
- has examined their own personal relationship with Christ with a firm belief in Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior.
- has developed a commitment to spiritual growth through consistent fellowship with other believers.
- is continuing to form a Christian conscience and is beginning to evaluate their own moral choices and to reason through moral issues with increasing clarity.
- recognizes the need for forgiveness and reconciliation through Christ and in all personal relationships.
- understands that faith in Jesus Christ calls one to a life of service, compassion and empathy.

Character/ Social Goals: Equipping Students...as Leaders

The POPCS graduate

- demonstrates principles of Christian leadership based on integrity and service.
- understands and exercises God-given privileges and authority.
- makes choices as a leader based on Christian character and a Biblical moral foundation, not on personality, attitude or pressures.
- realizes that policies and decisions affect many people and must be measured by Christian standards of justice, charity and empathy.

Goals for the Future: Equipping Students...for Success and Service

The POPCS graduate

- is prepared to follow the Matthew 28:18 commission to “go and make disciples of all nations...”
- understands the promise of Christ in one's life and in the world, and is open to the possibility of a vocation in Christian ministry or service.
- will continue to build on the spiritual foundation developed at POPCS.
- will be a positive participant, not merely a spectator, in the various environments, both personal and communal, as a way of furthering the Kingdom of God.

Because we are a ministry dedicated to fulfilling our mission statement, it is our sincere desire that we as a school give back a portion of our student body in service to Christ in ministry. As a result, we would like to consider POPCS as a school that “tithes people”.

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