



Head of School

SEARCH PROSPECTUS



Saint Basil Academy

JENKINTOWN, PA

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Mission Statement

Saint Basil Academy is a college preparatory school for young women. Established by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and rooted in the Ukrainian Byzantine Tradition of the Catholic Church, the Academy is dedicated to creating an environment nourished by the values promulgated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Academy's core mission is to enable young women to develop to the fullest of their Christian potential. With this in mind, we strive to educate the whole person through a process that integrates faith with excellence in education, thus promoting an appreciation of the inherent beauty of creation while encouraging our students to espouse a commitment to improving their world.



About the School

Saint Basil Academy is a college preparatory high school for young women, sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, and rooted in the Ukrainian Byzantine tradition of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1931, the academy is situated on 44 spacious acres in the country-like suburban setting of the Fox Chase Manor section Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, just 10 miles from center-city Philadelphia. This safe, warm, welcoming, and family-spirit filled community is home to almost 250 young women from Montgomery, Bucks and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania.

Evident throughout this distinguished school community lies a shared common goal: *Educate the Girl, Empower the Woman, and Enlighten the World*. In *educating the girls*, the faculty is committed to excellence and entrusted to impart far more than knowledge. They meet each young woman where she is academically and using her innate strengths and abilities, they lead her to a strong academic base that prepares her for a promising future. By *empowering the woman*, the girls learn to speak clearly their truth, while developing a mind prepared to challenge and be challenged, and a heart and soul, firmly rooted in Catholic values, bringing good moral instinct and compassion to their lives and families. Saint Basil Academy graduates *enlighten the world* in many diverse ways. They are doctors, lawyers, businesswomen, philanthropists, explorers, mothers, scientists, and entrepreneurs. Basil women bring wisdom, insight, academic accomplishment, compassion, and, most of all, hearts filled with hope to their lives; in doing so, they improve the lives of all those they meet in our ever-changing pluralistic world.

Respected for this excellence, every young woman who enters Saint Basil Academy is embraced as a member of its welcoming and accepting family. In executing its mission, the school nurtures the individual gifts and talents of the girls while providing them ample opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills. Its academic program is challenging and personalized, delivered by inspirational teachers who care on an individual level about the progress of their students.

Young women find their place at Saint Basil Academy. Their voices are always heard, and they immediately feel like they belong here. The bond of this sisterhood will last a lifetime and is a renowned hallmark of the Saint Basil Academy educational experience, embraced by generations of Basil sisters throughout its long and impressive history.

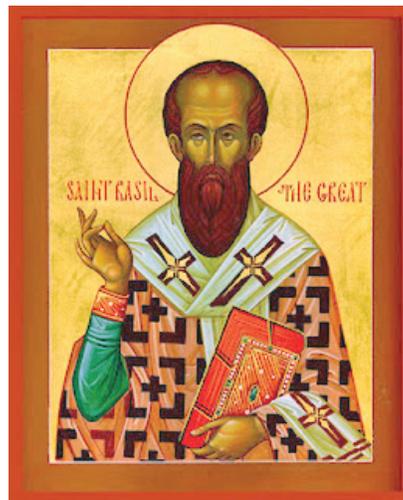
The Sisters of St. Basil the Great

The Order of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great is a community of women dedicated to the spiritual and educational pursuits of the people of God. Founded in the fourth century by Saint Basil the Great and his sister, Saint Macrina, the community is a religious order of the Eastern Catholic Church.

Saint Basil and Saint Macrina urged their followers to be co-workers with God in the task of developing the potential of each human being through education and the development of the whole person. The Basilian tradition spread throughout Asia Minor and Europe, and by the 11th Century, this tradition became rooted in Ukraine.

The community at Fox Chase Manor was established in 1911 when the sisters were invited to come to Philadelphia to open an orphanage and school. The young Mother Helena (only 32 years of age) was the first to volunteer for this mission. Mother Helena became the American Foundress as she journeyed with three sister companions to the United States.

Upon their arrival in Philadelphia, the sisters met the needs of the time teaching religion, language, and culture to the Ukrainian immigrants. Evening schools gave way to the establishment of local parochial schools. Today, the Monastery of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, the Basilian Spirituality Center, and the Order's Manor College are all situated on Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown, just across from the Saint Basil Academy campus. The monastery is home to over 30 women who are actively engaged in Basilian mission activities including education, pastoral ministry, spiritual direction, liturgical music and ecclesiastical art, and sharing the spiritual and cultural legacy of Ukraine. The Sisters continue to serve at Saint Basil Academy today, bringing their witness to Eastern Catholic spirituality and their life-long love of educating young women to face the challenges of the world in which they live and work.



CLASS OF

2016

1608

Average SAT Score



539

Critical Read



521

Math



548

Writing



23

Average ACT
Composition Score

Partial List of College Acceptances in recent years

Albright College
 Arcadia University
 Arizona State University
 Auburn University
 Barry University
 Bloomsburg University of PA
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Cabrini College
 Case Western Reserve University
 Catholic University of America
 Chestnut Hill College
 Coastal Carolina University
 College of Charleston
 College of New Jersey
 Columbus College
 DeSales University
 Dickinson College
 Drew University
 Drexel University
 Duquesne University
 East Carolina University
 East Stroudsburg University of PA
 Elizabethtown College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Fairfield University
 Fairleigh-Dickinson University
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida Southern College
 Fordham University
 George Washington University
 Gettysburg College
 Gwynedd-Mercy University
 Hampton University
 High Point University
 Hofstra University
 Holy Family University
 Hood College
 Immaculata University
 Indiana University of PA
 Iona College
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
 King's College
 Kutztown University of PA
 LaSalle University
 Lebanon Valley College
 Lehigh University
 LIM College
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University-Chicago
 Loyola University-Maryland
 Loyola University-New Orleans
 Manor College
 Marist College
 Marquette University
 McGill University
 Merrimack College
 Miami University of Ohio
 Michigan State University
 Millersville University of PA
 Monmouth University
 Moravian College
 Morehead State University
 Mount Saint Mary's University



Statement of Beliefs

The Saint Basil Academy Community is committed to the education and development of the whole person spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially, while striving toward the following beliefs and goals:

- Creating an atmosphere for spiritual growth rich in the Gospel values of Jesus Christ, thereby challenging students to form personal moral values based on Christian teaching.
- Fostering an appreciation for the richness and diversity of the Catholic Church through liturgical celebration and studies of The Byzantine Catholic Church.
- Offering a rigorous curriculum that emphasizes 21st century skills, so that students embrace the challenges of an evolving global community.
- Challenging students to develop critical thinking skills and intellectual independence.
- Inspiring students to appreciate the visual and performing arts, thereby developing their innate talents and God-given need for expression and experience.
- Providing opportunities for students to contribute their God-given talents through service to their communities.
- Encouraging an appreciation of our Ukrainian heritage, while fostering an openness to all human and ethnic diversity.

- Proclaiming that the heart of our school is a family-like community which connects students, faculty, administration, staff, parents, alumnae and guests.
- Developing leadership potential through curricular/co-curricular activities with the mutual support of the administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and alumnae.
- Calling students to accept their responsibilities of protecting and caring for the environment.

The Basilian Educational Philosophy

Saint Basil Academy provides a unique learning environment where traditional values are affirmed and upheld, while new and challenging areas open to today’s young women are evaluated and explored. Nurtured by the spiritual and cultural richness of its Ukrainian Catholic heritage, the Academy provides a diversified curriculum that respects individual needs. Its dedicated faculty helps students develop solid Christian values and a strong sense of community pride that will prepare students to assume leadership roles in today’s ever-changing world. Saint Basil Academy empowers its students to make successful choices in their lives and inspires them to leave things better than they found them.

The school community welcomes students of varied ethnic and religious backgrounds, which helps provide a unique and diverse learning experience. Saint Basil Academy is proud to offer its young women a vision of themselves, their world and the conviction that they can and do make a difference. While there has been significant change in its teaching and learning environments in response to cultural, technological and educational challenges, the foundation of sisterhood, academic excellence and challenging young women to reach their greatest potential remains the same at Saint Basil Academy.

The Academy believes Christian education needs to take place in a community. It is a team endeavor that is shared with parents, who are their daughters’ primary educators, with communities in which its students live, with alumnae of Saint Basil Academy, and with the Catholic Church.



Partial List of College Acceptances in recent years

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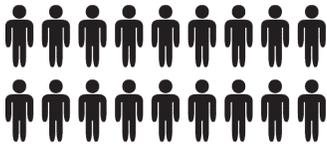
Muhlenberg College
 Neumann University
 New York University
 NC State University
 Northwestern University
 Pennsylvania State University (all campuses including
 Schreyer Honors College)
 Philadelphia University
 Purdue University
 Radford University
 Reed College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rosemont College
 Rutgers University
 Rider University
 Saint John's University
 Saint Joseph's University
 Salve Regina University
 Seton Hall University
 Shippensburg University of PA
 Spelman College
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Suffolk University
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 University of Alabama
 University of the Arts
 University of California
 University of Central Missouri
 University of Colorado
 University of Connecticut
 University of Dayton
 University of Delaware
 University of Florida
 University of Hartford
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 University of Kentucky
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Memphis
 University of New Hampshire
 University of New Haven
 University of North Carolina
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Rochester
 University of Rhode Island
 University of San Diego
 University of the Sciences
 University of South Carolina
 University of Scranton
 University of Tampa
 University of Vermont
 Ursinus College
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute
 West Chester University of PA
 Westminster Choir College at Rider University
 West Virginia University
 Widener University
 York College of PA

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Faculty Members



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Average Class Size



10:1

Student-Teacher Ratio



STUDENT LIFE

Academics

The Saint Basil Academy educational experience provides an impressive breadth and depth of program within an intimate and personal environment. Its academic curriculum is rigorous, with an exploration of content and vigorous teaching of skills that primes each girl to master the material and become the leader she is capable of being. In addition to traditional common core foundations, Basil girls are afforded the opportunity to engage in unique curriculum offerings including Ukrainian language arts and cultural enrichment, as well as extensive classes in art and music. The school's Music Academy is an outgrowth of the music studies that have been in place at the Academy since its inception.

At the Academy, every girl can pursue her own unique path, while also receiving the individual attention from faculty and advising teams that she deserves. Saint Basil's premier faculty challenges and supports each student in creative and innovative ways, allowing her to reach her full potential and take ownership of her education.

Spiritual Life and Community Service

The religious studies curriculum focuses on strengthening student knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, on encountering Him in the Sacraments, and on participating in the life of the Church. Through the curriculum, Saint Basil Academy offers a strong spiritual foundation developed through daily prayer, religious instruction, divine liturgy, seasonal devotions, and an environment supportive of family life and strong, moral values. School services respect the long-standing Eastern traditions of the Catholic church.

Saint Basil Academy strives to develop the whole person by integrating this spirituality throughout its educational approach as it prepares students for college life and beyond. SBA Cares is the school's community service organization which was borne of this desire and

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provides students with numerous service opportunities to help people of need. Supported by the entire student body, SBA Cares works with community service groups such as Bringing Hope Home, Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, Toys for Tots, Special Olympics, Wreaths Across America, and other local organizations. Additionally, popular annual events include mini-thons for pediatric cancer and its Community Day, a school-wide day of service honoring the works of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great.

Clubs & Activities

The Saint Basil Academy culture is one which asks girls to step up. Believing that the development of the total person results from a balanced approach to growth in all areas of oneself, the school treats each girl as an emerging leader and encourages her participation in a variety of co-curricular experiences which mold character and develop interpersonal skills.

Whether on the stage, in the classroom, or through dozens of other student-led clubs and activities, each girl's gifts, talents and interests are celebrated and cultivated. There are a multitude of organizations the girls can join to ignite their passions. These activities not only increase the girls' knowledge of a subject, but will enhance their confidence as well and give them a feeling of empowerment.

By engaging in activities that they are passionate about, the girls can enlighten others with their natural and acquired talents. Whether interested in contributing to Yearbook Committee, experimenting with Science Club, showcasing their abilities on stage in Drama Club, or whipping up delicious treats in Pastry Arts Club, Basil girls have ample opportunity to explore co-curricular activities and develop their leadership skills.



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Honor and
AP Classes



Clubs and
Organizations



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Competitive
Athletic Sports



Athletics

At Saint Basil Academy, athletics are an important part of the total educational experience. Athletes are students first, and therefore the purpose of athletics is to foster and promote the physical, moral, mental, social and spiritual growth and well-being of each student athlete. With an extensive athletic program respected as one of most competitive in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Basil teams consistently rank among the top teams in the Catholic Academy League, and are members of District One within the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). The school offers 11 sports with 21 teams on various levels, each supported by a highly qualified and dedicated coaching staff assisted by students who support the team in various managerial positions.

Position Description

The Head of School is responsible for all academic programs, student activities, facilities, and promotion of the Academy. Specifically, the Head of School serves as the chief executive officer of the Academy while providing visionary leadership in the areas of General Administration, Mission and Legacy, Academic and Faculty Development, Admissions, Finance, Alumnae Relations, and Institutional Advancement. Assisting the Head of School are supporting mission-driven professionals in Admissions, Advancement, Alumni Relations, Facilities Management, Finance and Marketing Communications. The Head of School reports to the school's Advisory Board and is evaluated annually.



Position Description (CONTINUED)

The ideal candidate will have a passion for single-gender Catholic education, possess an understanding of the Head of School model of administration, and be comfortable working with a committed Advisory Board and the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great. He or she must be experienced with strategic planning and have executive level experience in a college preparatory setting. With a visible executive presence in and outside of the school community, the Head of School must be able to advance the marketing and institutional advancement initiatives of the school in this highly competitive market.

Additionally, the successful candidate will have expertise in advanced curriculum design and implementation, professional staff development and assessment, business and financial management, as well as a proven track record of acquiring necessary funding through the solicitation of major gifts and capital campaign contributions. The Head of School will advance Saint Basil Academy by identifying, cultivating, and developing community partnerships and philanthropic support that will ensure its continued success in providing its respected Basilian education for future generations of the young women of the Greater Philadelphia region.

Challenges and Opportunities

Steeped in its 85-year traditions, the Saint Basil Academy school community has been developing students into empowered leaders prepared for the challenges ahead of them. Together with its educational foundation in Gospel values, Basilian traditions, and welcoming family spirit, the school now finds itself at a promising juncture. While recent enrollment and institutional advancement initiatives have taken root, more work needs to be done. The incoming Head of School will be expected to bring the energy, charisma and executive administration skills necessary for this school community to build on its considerable strengths while delivering exceptional value in its Catholic all-girl's college preparatory education.

Like most Catholic schools across the nation, Saint Basil Academy's most immediate need is to continue its recent momentum in all areas of Institutional Advancement. Continuing the implementation of comprehensive and strategic initiatives designed to significantly increase enrollment and philanthropic support is paramount to the success of the position. With passionate professionals to assist, the Head of School will lead an aggressive marketing and outreach program designed to make this unique school community more widely known throughout the Greater Philadelphia region, while ensuring the mission and vision of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great remain an integral part of the school culture.

The new Head of School will be met by a passionate group of dedicated stakeholders who are excited for the Academy's promising future. Additionally, a significant alumnae association with proven capacity to support the financial needs of the school has recently been reorganized and stands ready to be more fully engaged. Supported by a committed Board of Advisors and the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, Saint Basil Academy is just hitting its stride and is poised to advance its position in the region's all-girl college preparatory market.

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\$10.5M

In Scholarship and
Grant Awards



5,500

Number of Alumnae



Students Represent

33

Greater Philadelphia
Communities



Educate the Girl....

To think critically, creatively and effectively

To adapt to a changing world

To act responsibly while living out her religious beliefs

Empower the Woman....

To be a lifelong learner

To embrace the Gospel values throughout her life

To demonstrate empathy and compassion for her brothers and sisters in need

Enlighten the World....

With a willingness to promote integrity, commitment and respect

With a shared sense of responsibility and accountability

With her acquired knowledge and experiences grounded in the Basilian Tradition

Desired Qualities and Characteristics

- Practicing Catholic in communion with the Church who is a faith-filled and Christ-centered servant leader that embraces, models, and champions the traditions and values of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, while respecting Eastern traditions
- Advanced degree in an education related field with a minimum of five years instructional and administrative experience — preferably in a single sex college preparatory school
- Pennsylvania Certification in Educational Leadership or Administration, or the ability to acquire Pennsylvania Certification
- Accomplished visionary able to lead an extensive, innovative, and academically rigorous curriculum that insures success for all students, based on high standards of excellence
- Exceptional communication, interpersonal, and public speaking skills while serving as the highly visible public face of Saint Basil Academy in building constructive relationships with all stakeholders that inspire crucial support in its institutional advancement initiatives
- Accessible and approachable leadership style, with a willingness to relate to students while being extremely visible and interactive on campus and at school events
- Well-versed in creating the conditions for market leadership in a highly competitive Catholic college preparatory environment, familiarity with the Greater Philadelphia market preferred
- Inspirational, humble, and authentic mentor who instills leadership in others
- Must be able to establish immediate rapport and trust with learning, parent, and alumnae communities
- Skilled at identifying, attracting, developing, and retaining high-quality educators with a commitment and passion for delivering a transformational Catholic educational experience
- Proven leadership in ongoing professional development, evaluation, and student assessment
- Fair, fun and compassionate executive who embraces collaboration while leading with missionary zeal





Application Procedure

To apply, please submit the following materials, confidentially and as separate PDF attachments in one email to Michael Furey. Please include Saint Basil Academy in subject field.

- Cover letter that expresses your interest and qualifications for leading Saint Basil Academy
- Current resume with all appropriate dates included
- Statement of Catholic educational philosophy
- List of five references with names, physical addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. No references will be contacted without your knowledge and approval



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