



Preschool – Grade 6

Grade 7 – Grade 12

Thank You for your interest in learning more about Parkside Christian Academy and Cross Factor Academy. We have had a proud tradition of providing strong academics with Christian values. We affirm the dignity and worth of each individual as the handiwork of God. When children are made to feel special and valued, they grow to respect themselves and a positive sense of self allows them to respect others and their environment as a whole. In ministering to the whole child, we support the mastery of basic skills and accelerated learning in order to prepare extraordinary students for extraordinary things. Our goal is to provide a Christian environment that is safe, supportive, and challenging in all areas of academics and the basics of the Christian faith. This vision is continuing as we take the school to high school. We would truly appreciate you visiting the school to see for yourself the extraordinary things God is doing here in the city and decide if this is the place to which God is calling you for your child.

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M.Div. Christian Education – Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction – Boston College*

- AP Teacher of the Year Award from Siemens Corp./College Board
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- 1 of 15 Boston Youth Workers selected for DeVos Urban Leadership Program in 2005
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Making the *Extraordinary*, Ordinary!



Mission

Parkside Christian Academy and Cross Factor Academy are Christ-centered supportive, interdependent educational communities that unleash students to reach their true potential – spiritually, academically, and in service to others. Parkside and Cross Factor create environments where

Extraordinary achievement is seen as **Ordinary!**

PCA/CFA FACTS

- PARKSIDE (PS – GRADE 6)
- CROSSFACTOR (GRADE 7-12)
Appr. 150 Students
1:15 Teacher/Student Ratio
- Hours: 7:30am – 6:00pm
- **After school programs**, including tutoring, karate, chess club and liturgical dance, to name a few.
- **3 Season Sports:** Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling
- **Accelerated and Mastery-based curriculum** – current academic initiatives include early introduction to components of Algebra, Trigonometry, and Calculus in Middle School (some elements as early as 1st grade)
- **College Counseling** – College and Career Seminar and Rite of Passage course in Middle School
- Students start taking the **PSATs** as early as 5th grade
- **Nurturing with High Expectations**
- **Excellence in Teaching and Instruction** – teachers assigned according to content area versus grade level



Parkside and Cross Factor Academy Successes and Distinctions

- 2009- Voted Top School in Massachusetts by John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth – a national organization that recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional math and verbal reasoning skills
- **Six Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Scholars, with 2 regional award winners**
- 90% of our classes from grades K-8 are performing above grade level on SAT 10 Exam
- Partnered with **MIT Mars Mission Simulation**
- Head of School developed accelerated curriculum and received Siemens Corp/College Board AP Teacher of the Year award
- This Fall, students from 5th – 8th grade took the American Mathematics exam. Our top student (a 7th grader who has been at Parkside since Kindergarten) scored in the **top 5% of all students in the U.S.**
- Overall school growth in past 2 years: **29%**
- Cited as “one of the best kept secrets in town.”



In the 2010-2011 academic year, Parkside Christian Academy began its high school component, Cross Factor Academy. Our vision is to focus on preparing students at the highest level in science and engineering, as well as use this accelerated model in all of the other subjects to get students ready for college at their own pace, but with extraordinary expectations. As a school, our focus is to keep class sizes small, expose students to leadership opportunities, and technology based and college level courses. We expose students to engineering projects globally in order to serve others in ways that enrich them as well as bless others.



HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

- Enrollment: 19 Students (2010-2011) Total of 60+ students by 2014-2015
- Class Size: 1:15 Teacher/Student Ratio
- AP (Advanced Placement Courses minimum offered)
 - AP Physics, AP Calculus AB and BC, AP English Language/Literature, AP US History, AP Studio Art, AP Spanish
- Academic Initiatives
 - Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Leadership Internship Program
 - Exchange Program
 - Missions and Community Service
- Co-curricular Initiatives
 - Basketball (boys and girls), Cross Country (boys and girls), Soccer (boys and girls), Golf (boys and girls), Tennis (boys and girls), Wrestling

Testimonials

Current Parent

When asked if her child is returning to Parkside, she replied, “Yes, I am definitely sending my son (5th grade) back to Parkside. I had a math tutor for him over the summer, and she was amazed by how much he knew at this age - particularly the algebra!”



Foundation Representative

After a site visit, he commented, “More people need to know about what is going on here!”



Sample High Schools of Former Graduates

Boston Latin Academy

Boston Latin School

Lexington Christian Academy

St. Sebastian's

