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LEADERS
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JESUIT
ACADEMY

A look inside the Jesuit Academy experience

A shared promise.

At Jesuit Academy, we believe that education is the key to change – and that the success of our students begins with a shared promise. We promise to offer young men a quality educational opportunity, encouraging them to claim ownership of their lives and develop as responsible leaders.

And in return? Our students make a pledge, every school day, to support the spirit of Jesuit Academy. To be **Men for Others**. And to grow intellectually, spiritually and personally.

Our hope is that this pledge – and our support – carries them forward, through their years at our school and far beyond.

We welcome you to learn more about Jesuit Academy. Read on to learn about our history, mission and curriculum, and get an inside look at the lives of real students and alumni.



Who we are.

Since we opened our doors in 1996, we've refined our curriculum, expanded our student body, and emerged as a leader in urban Catholic education.

Our focus is on educating and nurturing our students while they're here, encouraging their interests and forming future leaders. We know that graduation doesn't mark the end of our responsibility though – the promise to our students is too important. That's why **we're committed to helping our graduates through high school and into college.**



100%

OF JESUIT STUDENTS HAVE
GRADUATED FROM HIGH
SCHOOL IN RECENT YEARS

Our history.

It all began with a dream – a desire on behalf of the Jesuits to become more active in the North Omaha community.

Jesuit Academy opened its doors in 1996 with its first class of fourth graders. Over the years, our programming has developed to include an extended school day and extended school year. Our passionate and dedicated staff members are committed to helping our students – the young men in our community – grow into accomplished Men for Others.

We continue to make positive changes designed to benefit the young men of North Omaha, both now and in the long-term. Our history is strong, our future is bright, and our mission is clear.

Our mission.

Jesuit Academy offers young males of all faiths a quality educational opportunity and encourages them to claim ownership of their lives and to develop themselves as responsible leaders. Our school is guided by Catholic principles and these basics of Jesuit education: Gospel Values, Academic Excellence, Self-Discipline, Religious Diversity and being Men For Others.

Jesuit Academy prepares its graduates academically, socially and spiritually for a lifetime of leadership and acceptance into a college preparatory curriculum. Our school commits to walking with and supporting our graduates through high school and into college.



Kasai
4th Grade

FAVORITE CLASS: Science

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Football, video games, reading

FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH: Macaroni

WHAT CLASS ARE YOU HOPING TO TAKE NEXT YEAR? Geography.
I want to learn about Asia and Africa.

PLANS FOR THE SUMMER: I might travel to Colorado.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL?
North High School

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? I'd like to be a chef.

Graduate at Graduation: The 5 Pillars that define our goals for our students

We adhere to the Jesuit educational philosophy of the **Graduate at Graduation**, which means we're committed to educating young men who, by the time they graduate from our school, are:

Open to Growth

The student accepts responsibility for his own growth, seeks opportunities to stretch his mind, and is learning how to accept himself, his talents and his limitations.

Intellectually Competent

The student has achieved a level of competence in academic skills and subjects required to get him into high school courses, which will in turn prepare him for college.

Religious

He is respectful of differing religious practices and beliefs, is acquainted with the Gospels – and with Jesus Christ and His redeeming mission. And he's beginning to understand the relationship between faith in Jesus and helping others.

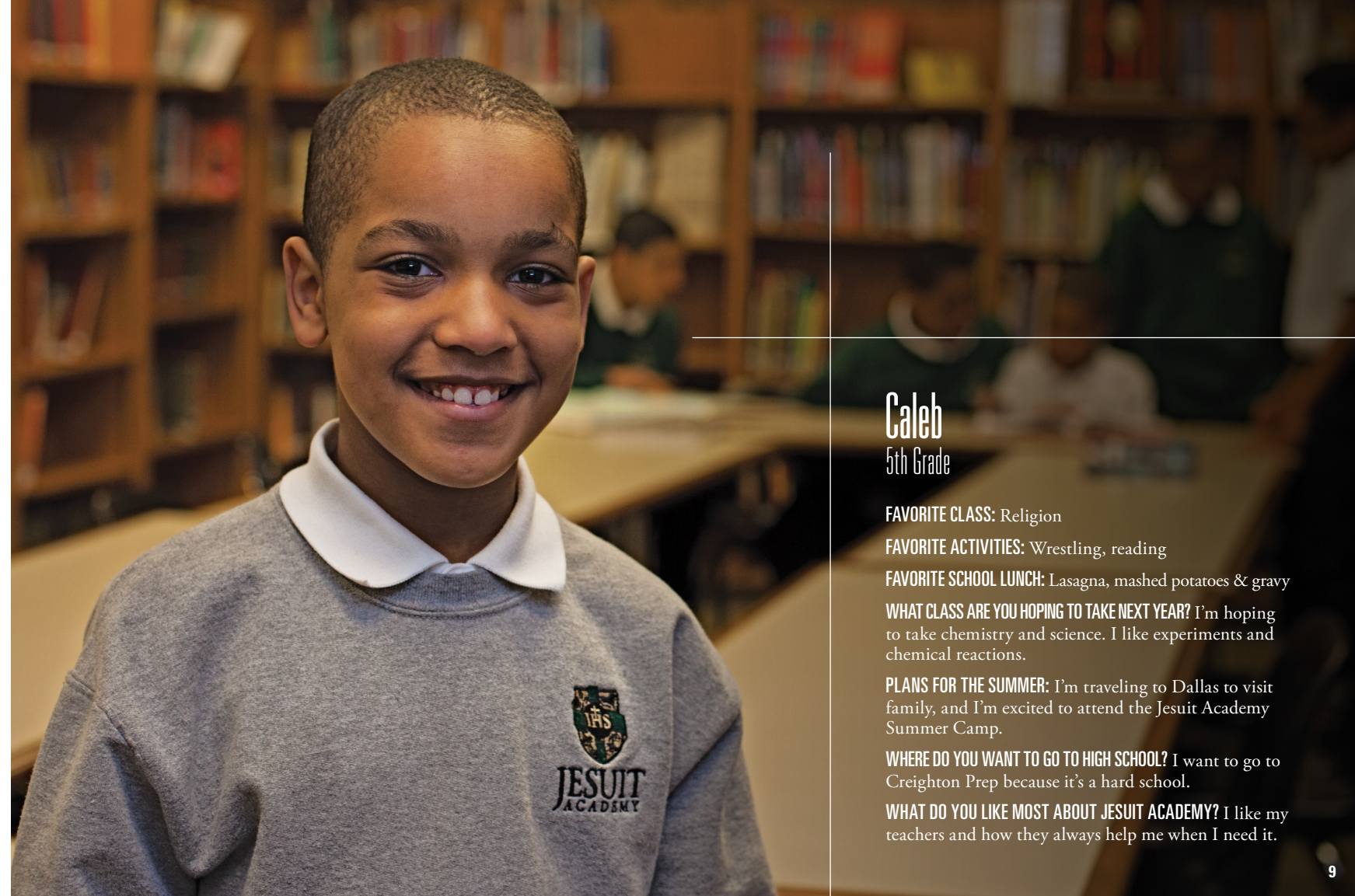
Loving

The student is beginning to move beyond self-interest or self-centeredness. He knows that God's love for him is unconditional, and he's learning that his contributions to the school community enhance the unity of all.

Committed to Doing Justice

He has acquired some of the skills and motivation necessary to live as a man for others. He's developing a sense of compassion – and he's learning that all people have rights and should be treated with respect and dignity.

Visit our website at JesuitAcademy.org to learn more about the Graduate at Graduation.



Caleb
5th Grade

FAVORITE CLASS: Religion

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Wrestling, reading

FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH: Lasagna, mashed potatoes & gravy

WHAT CLASS ARE YOU HOPING TO TAKE NEXT YEAR? I'm hoping to take chemistry and science. I like experiments and chemical reactions.

PLANS FOR THE SUMMER: I'm traveling to Dallas to visit family, and I'm excited to attend the Jesuit Academy Summer Camp.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL? I want to go to Creighton Prep because it's a hard school.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT JESUIT ACADEMY? I like my teachers and how they always help me when I need it.



Nasire

6th Grade

FAVORITE CLASS: Western Civilization

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Play outside with friends, basketball

FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH: Chicken fried steak, spaghetti

WHAT CLASS ARE YOU HOPING TO TAKE NEXT YEAR? Geometry. I'm interested in learning about angles and shapes.

PLANS FOR THE SUMMER: I will be spending time with family. I'm also looking forward to the Jesuit Academy Summer Camp.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL? Roncalli or Omaha Benson

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT JESUIT ACADEMY? I like the teachers. I feel like they are very hard on us, but in a good way, because they want us to succeed.



Tshoma

7th Grade

FAVORITE CLASSES: Reading, Math

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Visiting the library

FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH: Pizza

WHAT CLASS ARE YOU HOPING TO TAKE NEXT YEAR? I hope to study Spanish next year and become fluent someday.

PLANS FOR THE SUMMER: In school and relaxing.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL? Creighton Prep

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT JESUIT ACADEMY? I enjoy science class and that I get to use the computers for projects.



Freddy
8th Grade

FAVORITE CLASS: Math

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Baseball

FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH: Pepperoni pizza

WHAT CLASS ARE YOU HOPING TO TAKE NEXT YEAR? I hope to be able to take a Robotics course.

PLANS FOR THE SUMMER: I plan to spend the summer playing baseball.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL? I will be attending Creighton Prep.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT JESUIT ACADEMY?
I enjoy that everyone gets a good education and the teachers will always help when asked.

Parent Profile:

Micki, 7th Grade Parent

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE JESUIT ACADEMY FOR YOUR SON?

My older son, Darin, went to Jesuit and loved it. I wanted my younger son, Gordon, to experience the smaller classroom setting and all-boys environment.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE ASPECT OR EXPERIENCE SO FAR?

The sense of family. It's very family-oriented. Everyone is on a first-name basis and looks out for each other.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE TEACHERS?

They communicate really well and are in contact if there is a problem. They are consistent, stern and force students to think on their own.

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR SON GROW AND CHANGE SINCE HE'S BEEN A STUDENT AT JESUIT ACADEMY?

Both have grown and changed quite a bit. They know how to present themselves, both physically and socially, because the staff interacts with the students on a regular basis.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR HIS FUTURE?

He has so much potential, and I hope he follows his dreams. He has the proper foundation with the support of family and Jesuit Academy.

WHY GET INVOLVED AT JESUIT?

It's an awesome school and everyone works together. There is no "I," only "we," when solving a problem. It's a family-oriented, smaller environment that helps the community. They nurture children with potential without letting cost be a barrier. Jesuit Academy wants students to succeed. It's really about family.

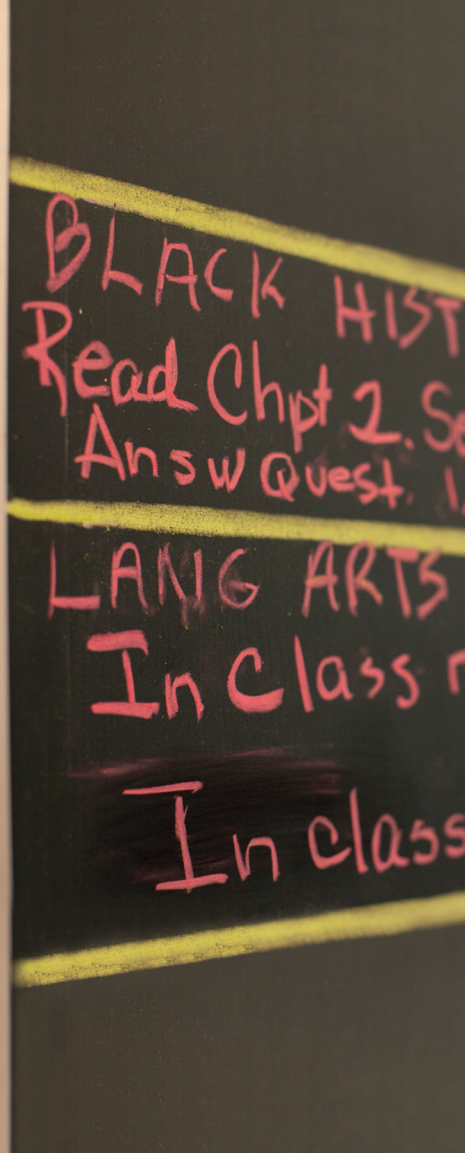


Our Curriculum

Advancing hearts and minds

Through a balanced combination of Reading, Math, Language Arts, Science, Religion, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Technology, and more, we strive to equip every student with the knowledge and understanding they'll need as they move on to high school and college.

Jesuit Academy students participate in a mandatory extended school day and extended school year. Our school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m., with the last hour reserved as time for students to finish class work and work with tutors, if needed. We also require students to attend a mandatory summer session.



Reading

- 4th and 5th graders use a combination of readers and novel studies to develop reading strategies and vocabulary enrichment.
- 6th, 7th and 8th graders focus on novel studies, vocabulary enrichment and analysis. Students use a variety of computer-aided resources for specialized instruction.
- Through our school-wide Accelerated Reader program, students use leveled book and comprehension tests. They set goals and focus on books at their tested reading level.

Math

- Jesuit offers a tracked math curriculum, consisting of six levels, to accommodate grade level and advanced learners.
- Our math program culminates with pre-algebra for grade level students in 8th grade and algebra for advanced students.

Language Arts

- Each grade puts a specific emphasis on writing skills and strategies using the six traits of writing.
- Students also work on grammar, spelling and punctuation skills at each grade level.

Science

- 4th and 5th graders follow the general science curriculum (earth, life, physical)
- 6th, 7th and 8th graders follow a lab-based curriculum that emphasizes the scientific process
- 6th grade: Earth science curriculum
- 7th grade: Life science curriculum
- 8th grade: Physical science curriculum

Religion

- Our theology curriculum is based on Christian precepts and the life of Jesus, and it includes weekly prayer services that all students attend.
- 4th graders focus on Jesus' life and the Ten Commandments.
- 5th and 6th graders focus on the Old Testament.
- 7th graders study the New Testament.
- 8th graders focus on world religions and one's personal relationship with God.
- Our curriculum also includes units on human growth and development and sexuality.

Social Studies

- 4th grade: U.S. Regions and Nebraska History
- 5th grade: U.S. History
- 6th grade: World History
- 7th grade: Geography
- 8th grade: African American History

Fine Arts, Technology and more

- Art
- Technology
- Physical Education
- Extended day activities



Over 80%

OF OUR STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



Over 60%

OF OUR STUDENTS ATTEND COLLEGE, AND THE NUMBER CONTINUES TO GROW

550 school hours

MORE THAN REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

1582 HOURS

1032 HOURS

JESUIT ACADEMY

STATE OF NEBRASKA

Scholarships and financial assistance

The program fee our students pay is supplemented by sponsorships from our **Education Club**, in which an individual or a group donates tuition money for a specific student. We ask sponsors for a five-year pledge to ensure each student is supported from 4th through 8th grade.

No student is ever turned away from Jesuit Academy because of an inability to pay our program fee, and we will work with families on an individual basis to review options, including the Family Tuition Scholarship.

Jesuit Academy also offers financial assistance to students who graduate from our school and choose to attend a private high school in the Omaha metro area. Students are encouraged to apply for multiple sources of aid, allowing our financial contribution to round out a total package of resources.





James

Senior, Creighton Prep — Jesuit Academy Alumni

FAVORITE CLASS: Economics

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Basketball, football and track

CURRENT CLASSES: American Government, Comparative Literature, Pre-Calculus

FAVORITE JESUIT ACADEMY MEMORY: During my eighth-grade year, my basketball team went undefeated.

HOW DID JESUIT ACADEMY PREPARE YOU FOR HIGH SCHOOL? Jesuit taught me how to study and work hard outside of the classroom. It helped me truly understand the importance of putting time in at home for my homework. Learning about and experiencing the Jesuit values made the transition to Prep an easy one.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? I'll be attending Kansas State, where I plan to study Business and Accounting with the goal to become a CPA.

Learn more about Jesuit Academy

From cookouts and luncheons to our end-of-the-year celebrations, parents, grandparents, family members and donors have just as much of a role in our school community as our students do. We want you to have a strong understanding of what Jesuit Academy stands for and what we're striving for in the community.

Call **402.346.4464** today with any questions – Talk to a Jesuit Academy representative in person, make a donation or set up an appointment to tour the school.

You can also visit **JesuitAcademy.org** for more information.



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