The Prep Scholars Program

THE PREP
St. Joseph's Preparatory School

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Prep Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program held at St. Joseph's Prep for boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The goal of the program is to prepare and expose high-achieving boys in under-served communities to a rigorous curriculum and in turn help St. Joseph's Prep identify boys that will be successful in a college preparatory environment. Students nominated for the Prep Scholars Program are at the top of their class, are student leaders, are involved in their community, and have the potential to do well in a high school college preparatory program like St. Joseph's Prep.

The Prep Scholars Program is designed to provide accelerated work in Math, English, and life/study skills along with exposure to a high school curriculum. Students also receive entrance exam preparation as well as guest talks from current St. Joseph's Prep faculty and students. Math and English classes are one hour each with a fifteen-minute free period between them. These classes are followed by an activity period featuring a variety of academic, athletic, fine arts, and performing arts programs.

The Prep Scholars Program is staffed by highly regarded teachers who are not only excellent in their subject area but also have the ability to challenge and motivate students. The program helps prepare young men academically, psychologically, and socially for a rigorous high school college preparatory program.

Students are identified as candidates for the Prep Scholars Program in 6th grade. The Prep will contact partner schools to solicit nominations in December/January each year. If a student is nominated, their grade school will send the Prep their recent report cards as well as a recommendation from the school's principal or a teacher/counselor. All nominated students will sit for an entrance exam in late January. A student cannot be accepted to the Prep Scholars Program if the application process is not completed. All necessary forms and requirements will be given to each grade school principal or grade school point person.

If selected, students will receive a full-tuition scholarship to the Prep Scholars Program starting in February of 6th grade. Parents will be asked to pay a one-time $35 registration fee that can be brought to the first session. The two-year program continues as follows:

- 10 Saturday sessions in the spring of the student's 6th-grade year (February to April)
    - *Each Saturday session starts at 8:30 am and ends at 12 pm. Students are required to attend every session and conduct themselves like gentlemen at all times. The program provides a unique opportunity for young men to further their education but requires a serious commitment on the part of the student and his family.*
- The 6th Grade Practice Entrance Exam (Late April)
- 10 Saturdays in the fall of the student's 7th-grade school year (September to early December)
- 10 Saturdays in the spring of the student's 7th-grade school year (February to April)
- The 7th Grade Practice Entrance Exam (Late April)
- 10 sessions in the fall of the student's 8th-grade school year (September to early December)*

**Prep Scholars Program students receive special consideration for all academic and financial aid scholarships when applying to the Prep in the fall of the 8th-grade school year. An overwhelming majority of students in the program become scholars for their 4 years at the Prep.*

Students in the Prep Scholars Program will receive a free scholarship to attend:

- The Pre-7th Summer Program (3 weeks in July)*
- The Pre-8th Summer Program (3 weeks in July)*

**Both summer programs are hosted at the Prep. Prep Scholars Program students are not required to attend these programs but are highly encouraged. While scheduled for 3 weeks in July, there are also options for attending just 1 or 2 weeks of the summer program.*

For additional questions, please contact: admissions@sjprep.org