



THE
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ACADEMY

Open House Guide

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Welcome to The Montfort Academy, a classical-based Catholic high school that strives to Seek Wisdom, Practice Virtue and Keep the Faith. Our mission is to provide a place where students develop in soul, mind, and body and an environment that respects and fosters the highest standards of education and character formation.

Our approach to education, though mature, even ancient, is simple and proven: Training in character and virtue along with an excellent and rigorous academic curriculum and a serious sportsmanship program will build a strong person, forever.

Of paramount importance is the dynamic relationship between student and teacher. Our faculty members are not only excellent teachers but also distinguished professionals in many fields, dedicated to classical education and character formation.

"A good teacher calls attention to the moral, social, and intellectual qualities that lead to success in any field." (Dr. Henry Pritchett, the former President of MIT).

Montfort is a **fortress** of learning.

Based in the ancient practice of Socratic discussion, students participate in daily discussions and debates, preparing the mind, body and soul to live prosperously and virtuously in this world.





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Academics

Mathematics:

Students are exposed to increasingly more complex mathematical concepts in high school. Ranging from geometry to calculus, the students learn the use of concepts that can carry into real world application, whether it is engineering or accounting. The Montfort's competitive math club bolsters those students who excel at mathematics and want to continue to challenge themselves.

Courses Offered:

Algebra I (9th grade)

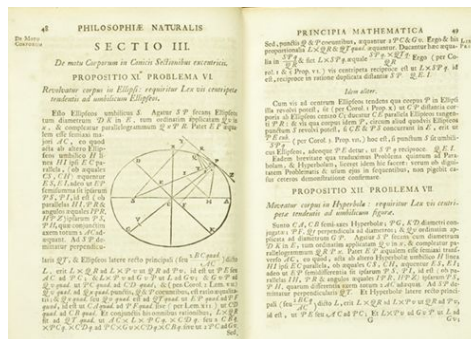
Geometry (9th or 10th grade)

Algebra II & Trigonometry (10th or 11th grade)

Pre-Calculus (11th or 12th grade)

Calculus & AP Calculus (12th grade)

Real World Math (12th grade)



Science:

Courses in Bio, Chemistry, and Physics expose the students to the vast world of scientific study and the development of scientific thinking, quantitative research and the data driven evaluation. Montfort is also unique in offering an opportunity to study Astronomy, the original science. Using our high-tech telescopes, including our astronomical observatory on the roof, the students have the opportunity to observe, record and photograph our ever-growing universe.

Courses Offered:

Biology (9th grade)

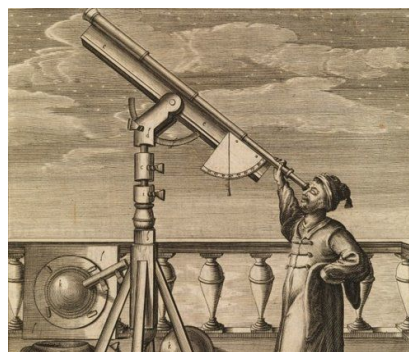
Chemistry (10th grade)

Physics (11th grade)

Astronomy (12th grade)

Advanced & AP Biology (12th grade)

Independent Science Research (12th grade)



History:

History begins with people, their actions and the consequences of those actions. Montfort teaches that ideas and people matter and that great ideas influence the course of history. Ideas such as “equality before the law” and “the unexamined life is not worth living”. Studying the writings of some of history’s greatest men and women, the students debate the parallels between the ancient and modern world.

Courses Offered

- The Great Conversation (9th grade)
- European History (10th grade)
- American History (11th grade)
- AP United States History (11th grade)
- U.S Government and Civics (12th grade)
- American Foreign Policy (12th grade)

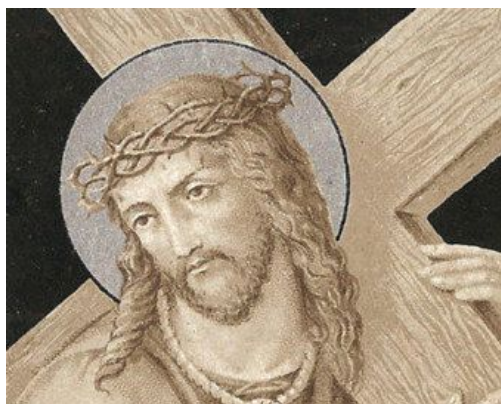


Theology:

Theology is a required course of study for all four years at The Montfort Academy. In asking questions, having doubts and studying our faith, we believe our students’ faith will only grow stronger. The students look at the Sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, the History of the Church, the Lives of the Saints and the Church Doctrines. What they study can be applied to real world experiences and aid their struggle in making major life decisions. We strive to bring our students closer to God through study and action in their daily lives.

Courses Offered:

- Theology I – Old Testament & the Prefiguring of Salvation (9th grade)
- Theology II – New Testament & Sacramental Theology (10th grade)
- Theology III – Church History & Doctrinal Theology (11th grade)
- Theology IV – Moral Theology & Apologetics (12th grade)



Literature:

Literature portrays the good, the true and the beautiful alongside what is sometimes evil and ugly, providing insight to the reality of humanity. The sequence of novels and books that the students read come from the original Great Books with authors such as Homer, Chaucer, Dante, Shakespeare, Jane Austen and many more. It is literature that reflects the human soul and brings us greater insights into ourselves and our humanity.

Courses Offered:

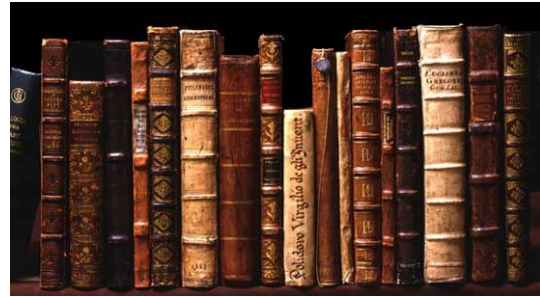
Classical Literature (9th grade)

Medieval & Renaissance Literature (10th grade)

British Literature (11th grade)

Modern Literature (12th grade)

AP Literature & Composition (12th grade)



Classical Languages:

Classical languages form the foundation on which our students begin their studies here at The Montfort Academy. All 9th grade students are required to take Latin in their first year, therefore, gaining a better understanding of the roots of their own language. Following their 9th grade year, students can decide if they would like to continue the study of classical languages or shift to modern language.

Courses Offered:

Latin I (9th grade)

Latin II Honors (10th grade)

Latin III Honors (11th grade)

Latin IV Honors (12th grade)

Introduction to Greek (10th grade)

Greek I Honors (11th grade)

Greek II Honors (12th grade)



Modern Languages:

After their year of Latin, Montfort's 10th grade students decide between continuing the pursuit of classical languages or beginning their study of Spanish or Italian. Our modern language teachers are native speakers who stress the constant use of their language in the classroom. Students may also have the opportunity to use their language skills on our school trips abroad in Italy and Spain.

Courses Offered:

Italian I (10th grade)

Italian II (11th grade)

Italian III (12th grade)

Spanish I (10th grade)

Spanish II (11th grade)

Spanish III (12th grade)



Philosophy:

Philosophy is not common in high school curriculum but is a foundational aspect to a Montfort student's education. We challenge the students with some of life's most important questions; life and death, our role in their world, man versus woman and many other ideas that challenged the Ancient Greeks. It is an invitation for our students to explore and challenge these ideas in the classroom and on their own.

Courses Offered:

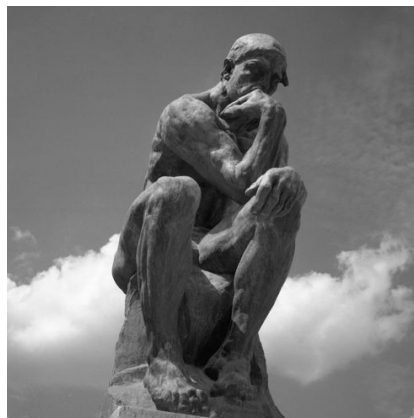
Chivalry I (9th grade boys)

Christian Womanhood I (9th grade girls)

Chivalry II (12th grade)

Christian Womanhood II (12th grade)

Philosophy (12th grade)



The Trivium:

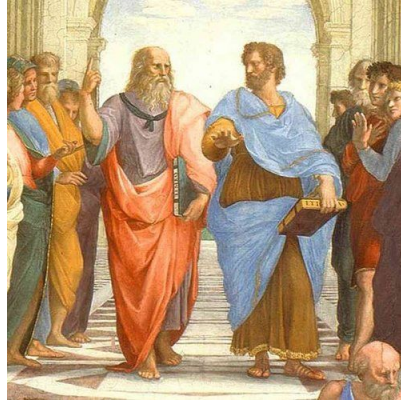
The “lost tools of learning” that all Montfort students take. A sequence of courses that teach them to think, express their thoughts and participate in daily debates. It prepares the students to speak in public and make clear and concise presentations. Our writing program is integrated into these courses to gain practice not only in the spoken word but also in the written word.

Courses Offered:

Grammar (9th grade)

Logic (10th grade)

Debate & Rhetoric (11th grade)



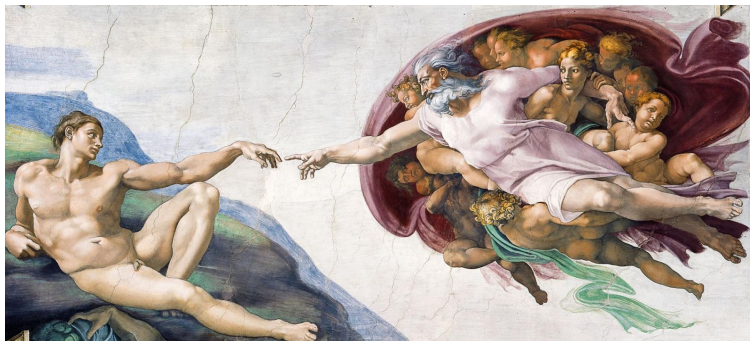
Fine Art:

Another unusual aspect to The Montfort Academy education is our students' study of the fine arts. Art is a vital part of human history and an expression of our God's greatness. Through the various mediums of art, whether that be painting or music, we strive to find the glory of God and His creation of humanity through the artists' expression.

Courses Offered:

Art History (9th grade)

Music History (10th grade)



Typical Four-Year Program of Study at The Montfort Academy

<i>Subject</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
<i>Trivium</i>	Grammar & Composition	Logic & Composition	Rhetoric & Debate	Philosophy
<i>Literature</i>	Ancient Literature	Medieval & Renaissance Literature	British Literature	Modern Literature (AP optional)
<i>History</i>	The Great Conversation	European History	U.S History (AP optional)	U.S Gov. Or U.S Foreign Policy
<i>Mathematics</i>	Integrated Algebra or Geometry	Geometry or Algebra II	Algebra II/Trig. or Pre-Calc.	Pre-Calculus or Calculus (AP optional)
<i>Science</i>	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Astronomy Or Advanced Bio (AP optional) Or Ind Research
<i>Theology</i>	Theology I	Theology II	Theology III	Theology IV
<i>Languages</i>	Latin I	Latin II (H) Or Intro Greek Or Italian I Or Spanish I	Latin III (H) Or Greek I (H) Or Italian II Or Spanish II	Latin IV (H) Or Greek II (H) Or Italian III Or Spanish III
<i>Electives</i>	Chivalry/ Christian Womanhood	Guidance	Health Ed. & Guidance	Guidance & Senior Thesis
<i>Fine Arts</i>	Art History	Music History	Study in Italy or Spain (elective)	Study in Italy or Spain (elective)



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Faith

Faith Formation at The Montfort Academy:

Daily practices at Montfort are all in effort to continue to form the faith and strengthen the bonds between our students and our Lord. Through daily prayer, weekly mass, bi-weekly Holy Hour and special celebrations during Advent and Lent, faith is a constant focus at Montfort. Classes such as Theology, Christian Womanhood and Chivalry are required classes that focus on faith, the structure of the Catholic Church, the sacrifices of Jesus and the saints and how we can strive for that ultimate example of Christ.

Our students are examples of good Christian soldiers. They treat each other with respect and kindness, welcome guests and new students warmly into their school and behave with great dignity. Everyone who walks into Montfort notes the difference in our students, their maturity and kindness that is unique compared to many modern high schools.

Daily Prayers:

Morning Prayers

Morning Offering

Oh Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my associates and for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

Consecration to Mary

Immaculate Mary, Queen and Mother of the Church, I renew my consecration to you this day and for always, that you may use me for the coming of the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love thee. I beg Thy pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore and do not love Thee. Amen.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom God's love permits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide. Amen.

Midday Prayers:

Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.

R: Be it done unto me according to Thy Word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

R: And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Four forth we beseech thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts as we have known the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son by the message of an angel, so by His Passion and Cross, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Though the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

May the Divine Assistance remain always with us.

R: And may the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Grace

Bless our Lord for these gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.

End Day Prayers:

Divine Mercy

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the body and blood, soul and divinity, of Thy dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His sorrowful passion.

R: Have mercy on us and the whole world.

Our Church:

St. Peter & St. Paul & St. Ursula
Church in Fleetwood, NY

Resident Chaplain:

Father Jean-Paul Soler





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Athletics

Athletics at Montfort:

Forming the whole student means addressing the body as well as the mind and soul of the student. We may be known for our intellectual rigor, but we also take sports and health seriously. Here at Montfort we have a former NY Ranger hockey player and former Olympic field hockey player, Mr. Bob Greason, as our Athletic Director. We also have the newly installed Reynolds Weight Room, accessible to all teams and students of Montfort.

The Montfort Academy has multiple championship winning teams for both our boys and our girls. We are proud of the dedication and effort of our Fighting Knights!

Next year, we will be competing in the Catholic School League. However, this year we were up against schools such as the New York School of the Deaf, EF International Academy, Homeschool and the German International School.

Our Knights soccer team beat EF Academy to win the League Championship this fall! Then our boys basketball team went on to win the 2020 Crusaders Classic against Holy Family. For our girls, they defeated EF Academy to win the league in basketball! And our girls volleyball made it into the final against EF Academy in the fall.

Sports Offered:

Volleyball - Girls

Soccer - Girls & Boys

Cross Country - Girls & Boys

Basketball - Girls & Boys

Baseball - Boys

Softball - Girls

Outdoor Track - Girls & Boys





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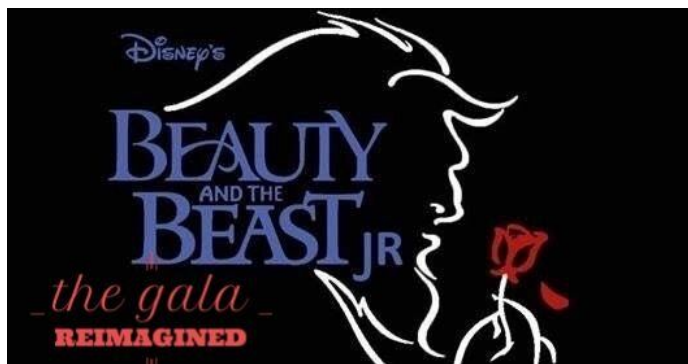
Activities

After-school Activities at Montfort:

In addition to rigorous curriculum and championship sports, Montfort offers a wide-range of after-school extracurriculars for the students. Everything from Chess to Speech & Debate and Drama Club, most Montfort students are involved with multiple clubs during their four years here. And anything that you don't find on the list, can always be started! This past year, we had two new clubs started by our students: the Dance Club and Climate Control Club.

Clubs Offered:

Archimedes Math Club
 Art Club
 The Henry Olynik Chess Club
 The GK Chesterton Club for Young Men
 Climate Control Club
 Creative Writing Club
 The C.S. Lewis Society
 Dance Club
 The Montfort Players - Drama Club
 The Ethics Bowl Team
 The Galileo Galilei Astronomy Club
 Marine Biology Club
 Music Ensemble
 National Honor Society
 Ornithology Club
 Prom Committee
 Pro-Causa Vita/Pro-Life Club
 Robotics Club
 St. Joseph the Worker Club
 The Schola (Choir)
 Social Media Club
 Society of St. Agnes
 Speech & Debate
 Student Government
 Yearbook Club





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Events

Events at Montfort:

Community with the students, parents and families is what makes Montfort so special. We have one big family here at The Montfort Academy! Every year the administrations and the MPA (Montfort Parent Association), put together fantastic events for our students and for their families. Some examples from this year: *Fall Festival, Swing Night, Open Mic Night, the Masquerade Ball, the Snow Ball, Junior Ring Night and International Night!* Each event is special and so much fun for our community.





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Admissions

Admission Process for The Montfort Academy:

At The Montfort Academy we take more of a holistic approach to admissions. We want to get to know the students that will join us for the next four years of their lives and make sure it is a good fit for both them and for us! TACHS scores are only a piece of what we look at when admitting a student to Montfort. We also require an online application to be completed and an interview with our Director of Admissions or a member of our staff.

Step 1:

Schedule a Shadow Day and Become a Montfort Knight for a Day!

(Available to schedule on our website: www.themontfortacademy.org)

Or **attend our Virtual Open House on Tuesday, April 28th from 6:30-7:30 pm.**

Step 2:

Begin your online application.

REMEMBER, you must upload a writing sample and student transcripts or report cards.

It is *optional* to request letters of recommendation from teachers.

For those taking the TACHS Exam, **remember Code 268** for The Montfort Academy.

Step 3:

Begin your financial aid application through **FACTS**, an independent service we use in order to determine financial need for each family.

You will not be able to receive Montfort financial aid unless you fill out this form.

Montfort's FACTS code is 36342.

Step 4:

Attend the **Family Interview Day** at The Montfort Academy! Interview day will be announced in the fall or you can schedule another date with Ms. Schenk, Director of Admissions.

Step 5:

Wait for your **Letter of Acceptance!** The letter will be sent on January 13, 2021 by both mail and email.

If you have any questions, please contact **the Director of Admissions, Ms. Siobhan Schenk** at sschenk@themontfortacademy.org or call 914.699.7090 ext.106.



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Tuition & Financial Aid

Tuition:

Tuition for 2020-2021 School Year = \$14,800

Non-refundable Registration Fee = \$1,200 (For Seniors: \$1,400)

Total Tuition & Fees = \$16,000 per year

Tuition Payment Plans:

1. **Two-payment plan:** the first half of the tuition is due by or before July 1st and the second half is due on or before September 1st.
2. **Monthly payment plan:** 10-month payments are offered via an ACH payment plan only. The plan requires a \$50 one-time setup fee and a 5% monthly administration fee.

Contact: For any questions regarding the payment plans, please contact Mrs. Anna Greco at agreco@themontfortacademy.org.

Scholarship Opportunities:

No additional paperwork is required to be considered for scholarship.

Presidential Scholarships: Full-tuition, half-tuition or quarter-tuition.

- These scholarships may require an additional interview.

Dean's Scholarships: Partial-tuition

Catholic School Scholarship: \$500 discount

- Only applicable to students that attend Catholic Elementary School in the Archdiocese of NY.

Catholic School Employee Scholarship: \$1,500 discount

- Parent or guardian is an employee of a Catholic elementary school or high school in the Archdiocese of NY.

Sibling Discount:

- An additional discount is offered to families with multiple students attending Montfort at the same time.

15% for 2nd child enrolled

20% for 3rd or more child enrolled

Financial Aid: In order to qualify for financial aid, families must apply to a Private School Aid service or FACTS. (The code for Montfort is 36342) The form must be completed ASAP.



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What People Say About Montfort

Comments from Parents, Students and Guests of The Montfort

Academy:

“We love the Montfort community and appreciate the education being provided. Montfort is unique and stands apart and we are proud and blessed to be taking part.”

- Mother of Class of '23

“[My husband and I] were talking about how we believed that Montfort really prepared him for college. And I think [our son] is starting to realize that. All that hard work.”

- Mother of Graduate of '19

“I would like to say thank you for allowing me to have my highschool years at The Montfort Academy. So far, my first week was very exciting. Also, I have had a lot of fun in each of the clubs that I signed up for. For example, in today's astronomy meeting, I learned about the constant speed of light, and learned some history behind super earths, as well.”

- Student of Class of '23

“Thank you - Your efforts and dedication never go unnoticed.”

- Mother of Class of '22

“...After attending several open houses and acceptance dinners from different schools, none can compare to the WARMTH and welcoming atmosphere that we experienced from Montfort, and this gives me comfort that she will be in school that has the values that I tried to impart to her.

Thank you once again.”

- Mother of Class of '23

“There is no other high school in the area that can teach Catholic values and maintain academic greatness like Montfort does”

- Parent of Graduate of '18