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**Upper School Profile**

**School Code: 441796**

***Class of 2022***

**128 Students**

Prestonwood Christian Academy provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum for all students and does not rank.

**National Merit Honors**

Class of 2022 National Merit Commended – 2

Class of 2022/23 National Recognition Program Recipient-7

**2021 AP Scholars**

AP Scholars with Distinction – 17

AP Scholars with Honor – 7

AP Scholars – 12

**Class of 2022 Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Cumulative weighted GPA through August 2021

| **GPA** | **# of Students** | **% of Class** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 4.0 + | 27 | 21% |
| 3.5 – 3.99 | 48 | 38% |
| 3.0 – 3.49 | 24 | 19% |
| 2.5 – 2.99 | 27 | 13% |
| Below 2.5 | 4 | 3% |
| None\* | 8 | 6% |

\*Includes students new to PCA who have not established a GPA

**Class of 2021 Standardized Test Scores**

|  | **PCA Top 25%** | **PCA** | **National** | **Texas** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **SAT** | 1385 | 1217 | 1059 | 1022 |

|  | **PCA Top 25%** | **PCA** | **National** | **Texas** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ACT** | 30 | 25 | 20.7 | 20.2 |

**Calendar**

36 Weeks; two-semester grading system; Eight 90-minute class periods, four class periods alternate every other day.

**School and Community**

PCA was established in 1997 as a biblically-based, Christ-centered school. The school’s commitment to Kingdom Education philosophy unites the church, home and school for the purpose of scholastic and spiritual discipleship. Now the largest Christian school system in the DFW Metroplex with nearly 2,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12, PCA is recognized as one of the leading Christian schools in the country with over 2,000 graduates. Prestonwood Christian Academy is located in the north Dallas suburb of Plano, Texas. The local economy is based upon banking, telecommunications, technology, manufacturing, insurance, medical services, and real estate.

*PCA was well positioned to make the shift due to* ***COVID-19****, with rigor and subject mastery remaining core objectives.  Traditional numerical grading of assignments, exams and class projects remained in place, resulting in grades and GPA calculations consistent with historical practices during the COVID-19 pandemic, without any missed days of instruction.*

*A ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church*

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**GPA Computation & Grading Scale**

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is the equivalent of grade quality points divided by the number of semester credits. PCA’s cumulative GPA includes only classes taken at Prestonwood Christian Academy in grades 9-12.

| 98-100 | A+ | 4.0 | AP level classes receive a 1.0 extra weight.  Pre-AP and honors level classes receive a .50 extra weight |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 93-97 | A | 3.75 |
| 90-92 | A- | 3.5 |
| 87-89 | B+ | 3.25 |
| 83-86 | B | 3.0 |
| 80-82 | B- | 2.75 |
| 77-79 | C+ | 2.50 |
| 73-76 | C | 2.25 |
| 70-72 | C- | 2.0 |

**Graduation Credit Requirements**

| **Course** | **College Prep** | **Distinguished** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| English | 4 | 4 |
| Mathematics | 4 | 4 |
| Lab Science | 4 | 4 |
| History | 4 | 4 |
| World Language | 2 | 3 |
| Bible | 4 | 4 |
| Health\* Life Calling Speech | 0.5\* / 0.5 / 0.5 | 0.5\* / 0.5 / 0.5 |
| Technology | 1 | 1 |
| Fine Arts | 1 | 1 |
| Physical Education | 1 | 1 |

\*Required for Class of 2022 & 2023

**Advanced Placement Course Offerings**

| Art History\* | Spanish Language |
| --- | --- |
| Biology | Statistics |
| Calculus AB | Studio Art: 2-D |
| Calculus BC | Studio Art: 3-D |
| Chemistry | Studio Art: Drawing |
| Physics 1 | United States Gov and Politics |
| Physics C | United States History |
| Computer Science A  Computer Science Principles | Macroeconomics\*  Microeconomics\* |
| English Language and Comp (11th) |  |
| English Literature and Comp (12th) | *\*online courses offered through PCA Online* |

**Honors Course/ Dual Credit Offerings\***

| English I-IV | Business Analysis\* | Choir, PCA Singers |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Creative Writing II | Biology | Band |
| World History I-II | Chemistry | Theatre III |
| US History | Physics | Technical Theatre II-III |
| Econ & Government | Anatomy & Physiology | Ceramics; Sculpture |
| Algebra I | Engineering Physics | Drawing; Painting |
| Algebra II | Computer Science II | Film & Broadcasting |
| Geometry | Spanish II-V\* | Future Problem Solvers |
| Pre-Calculus\* | French II-IV |  |

**Prestonwood Christian Academy Experience**

**CODE OF HONOR:** Drawn from the school’s motto, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,* (all things to the glory of God) the Code of Honor is a standard of excellence by which all members of the school community conduct themselves to cultivate an environment of self-governance and integrity.

**DIVERSITY:**  Based on God’s creation of Diversity, we focus on His “Grace”: gender, race, age & ability (academic and physical), culture and economic status.

**SENIOR CAPSTONE:** Graduation from PCA requires every student to produce an interdisciplinary body of work – a “Capstone.” As a faculty adviser-led research project, the Capstone will demonstrate the student’s scholarship, biblical worldview, critical and creative thinking, and communication skills.

**LIONS SCHOLAR PROGRAM:** Lions Scholar Program (LSP) intentionally equips students to enter the most prestigious universities of America. LSP students focus on the great books and significant literature considered classical studies. Students are required to complete research and participate in Socratic debate including an in-depth research paper presented publicly.

**STEM HONORS PROGRAM:** The PCA Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program is an interdisciplinary sequence of AP level courses, jury reviewed project-based innovation, science fair participation, and summer studies. Students are required to complete two research design courses.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:** The Student Leadership Institute (SLi) is designed to assist young people in the development of their leadership philosophy and skills during a yearlong multifaceted program. SLi meets weekly to research and discuss current issues. The program focuses on individual and institutional commitments to becoming selfless and other-centered.

**MINIMESTER:** Ministering through missions is a priority and integral part of the culture, curriculum and character of Prestonwood Christian Academy. By facilitating local and global mission opportunities during minimester, students are able to serve and learn in a variety of geographic and topical areas.

**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW INSTITUTE:** Biblical Worldview Institute is a dynamic two-day training seminar covering important categories such as Christian Ethics, Heritage, Mindset/Discernment, Creation vs. Evolution, Current Cultural Trends, Doctrine and more for students and faculty.

**School Administration**

Michael Goddard, Ed.D., Superintendent

Clarence Williams, Ed. D., Chief Vision Office

John Klingstedt, B.S., Chief Operating Officer

Wendy Morris, M.Ed., Upper School Principal

Tamika Barnett, M.Ed., Upper School Assistant Principal

Jodi Benavidez, M.Ed., Director of Guidance and Counseling

Ron W. Moss, Ed.D, Director of Guidance, Emeritus

Toni King, B.B.A,, Associate Director of Academic and College Advising

Julie Sparks, B.S., Registrar

Angie Gray, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Admissions

**School Affiliations & Accreditations**

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Association of Christian Schools International Exemplary (ACSI)

National Assoc of College Admission Counselors (NACAC)

Texas Assoc of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

Texas Assoc of College Admission Counseling (TACAC)

North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP)

The College Board (National and Southwestern Region)

Council on Educational Standards & Accountability (CESA)

National Association of Christian Schools (NACS)

Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)

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**PCA Graduates Invited to Matriculate**

| Anderson University |  | Pennsylvania State University |
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| Arizona State University |  | Pepperdine University |
| Auburn University |  | Pratt Institute |
| Austin College |  | Princeton University |
| Baylor University |  | Purdue University |
| Belmont University |  | Rice University |
| Binghamton University |  | Ringling College of Art & Design |
| Boston College |  | Samford University |
| Boston University |  | Sam Houston State |
| Bradley University |  | Savannah College of Art & Design |
| California Polytechnic |  | Southern Methodist University |
| Clemson University |  | Southwestern University |
| Colorado School of Mines |  | Stephen F. Austin State University |
| Columbia University |  | Taylor University |
| Cornell University |  | Texas A & M University |
| Dallas Baptist University |  | Texas Christian University |
| Dartmouth University |  | Texas Tech University |
| Dordt College |  | Trinity University |
| Drake University |  | Tulane University |
| Duke University |  | University of Alabama |
| Emory University |  | University of Arkansas |
| Florida State University |  | UC Berkeley |
| Furman University |  | United States Naval Academy |
| Georgia Tech University |  | University of California-LA |
| Georgetown University |  | University of California – San Diego |
| Hamilton University |  | University of Chicago |
| Hardin-Simmons University |  | University of Georgia |
| Harvard University |  | University of Mississippi |
| Hillsdale College |  | University of Missouri |
| Howard University |  | UNC at Chapel Hill |
| Indiana University |  | University of North Texas |
| Iowa State University |  | University of Notre Dame |
| John Brown University |  | University of Oklahoma |
| Johns Hopkins University |  | University of Pennsylvania |
| Kansas State University |  | University of Southern CA |
| LeTourneau University |  | University of Tennessee |
| Liberty University |  | University of Texas-Austin |
| Louisiana State University |  | University of Texas-Dallas |
| Louisiana Tech University |  | University of Virginia |
| Mary Hardin-Baylor |  | Vanderbilt University |
| Miami University-Ohio |  | Wake Forest University |
| Moody Bible Institute |  | Washington University |
| New York University |  | West Point Military Academy |
| Northeastern University |  | Westmont College |
| Northwestern University |  | Wheaton College |
| Ouachita Baptist University |  | William and Mary |
| Oklahoma State University |  | Yale University |

