

Regina Luminis Academy

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MISSION

Founded in Faith, inspired by Hope, and lived in Love, Regina Luminis Academy helps form students, by God's grace, to be joyful saints. RLA seeks to accomplish this within a faith-filled setting, providing students with rigorous academic and catechetical formation, grounded in classical wisdom and virtue in action.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Regina Luminis Academy is an independent Catholic Classical school in Berwyn, PA. Our school offers a Classical curriculum for grades Pre-K-12. Our administration, faculty, and staff, work in partnership with families to provide an environment that fosters academic excellence and virtue. We do this through the study of the Great Books of Western Literature, with an emphasis upon strong reading, writing, and public speaking skills. Students learn the importance of God's Truth through the study of mathematics, science, and history; they learn to appreciate God's infinite beauty through the study of art and music.

In the classical liberal arts tradition, education only has value to the degree it enables the child to be who he is and be that well. The ultimate end of Classical Christian education is to enable the student to better know, love, and serve God and their fellow man.

ENROLLMENT

Our enrollment is 101 at present. The student body is largely Roman Catholic, and from economically diverse homes. Students commute to Regina Luminis Academy from 10 school districts. School districts provide transportation to Regina Luminis Academy from within a 10-mile radius of the school. Our class sizes are small, averaging 8 students or less per grade.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students are admitted to Regina Luminis Academy after an interview with the student and his or her family, a review of academic records, and a shadow day, so that a student's abilities may better be assessed. Before a child gains admission to RLA, we require a commitment from the family to the principles and values of Catholic Education as outlined in our *Memorandum of Understanding*, a document that must be signed upon enrollment.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Denise D'Attore, Head of School
Mrs. Anamaria Hazel, Director of School Operations
Mrs. Angela Klisch, Office Manager

FACULTY

12 full-time
8 part-time

THE CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

What distinguishes a Regina Academy classical education from education in a public or parish school?

- A curriculum that is ordered to the true, the good, and the beautiful. The Classical curriculum is grounded in the conviction that we have the ability to know God, the First and Perfect Truth, and are able to communicate truth to our peers.
- The Classical curriculum is an integrated curriculum. For example, students studying medieval history also read literature from the same period appropriate to their grade level, study scholasticism in religion class, reflect on what they are learning about Medieval history during writing classes, and may even discuss the development of science during the same period. In art and music class, they will learn about medieval art and music and maybe even sing some Gregorian chant to reinforce what they are learning in their Latin class.
- A natural way to learning that follows the stages of childhood development.
- Opportunities to study subjects such as Latin, Greek, and Logic, that promote disciplined, rational reflection, and therefore help students learn to think clearly.
- The main difference in a Catholic classical education, however, is purpose. In the Catholic liberal arts tradition, education only has value to the degree it enables the child to fulfill his or her nature and identity as *imago Dei*, as a child of God created in His image and likeness.

Our High School Honor Courses: History, Theology, Geometry, Physics, Literature, spanning Ancient Greece, Rome, the Middle Ages and Catholic Europe, the Modern Era and American Literature.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Regina Academy students consistently score in the 85th to 99th percentile on the *Iowa Standardized Exam*, a national test of academic achievement.

Students in 7th through 12 grades also participate in the *National Latin Exam*. Each year our students have received distinctions such as *Summa*, *Magna*, and *cum Laude*, a recognition of excellence.

Our average high school SAT scores are 1560 out of 1600.

100% of our students are ready for college-level English (as compared with 64% nationally), and 98% of our students are ready for college-level math (as compared with 42% nationally).

RLA's high school seniors have consistently received over \$80,000 per student in college scholarships.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OUR STUDENTS ATTEND

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| Ave Maria University | Franciscan University Steubenville | Thomas More College University of Dallas |
| Belmont Abbey College | Immaculata University | University of St. Thomas Aquinas |
| Catholic University of America | LaSalle University | Villanova University |
| Christendom College | Mount Saint Mary's University | |

