The Saint Katharine Drexel Saturday Academy

The Saint Katharine Drexel Saturday Academy is an academic enrichment program held at both St. Joseph’s Prep and Merion Mercy Academy. St. Joseph's Prep hosts seventh and eighth grade boys. It is designed to provide accelerated work in the areas of Math, English, and life/study skills along with an exposure to a high school curriculum. The 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 receive entrance test 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. Life/ Skills Class is an hour long class held once a month in place of English class. These classes are followed by an activity period featuring a variety of academic, athletic and fine and performing arts programs.

The boys are required to wear their school uniforms to class. 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 program begins in early September and runs through March (barring no snow days) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program will include advanced work in math and literature and writing with introductions to high school technology, foreign languages and life/study skills. The program will focus on test preparation work with the students for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) which they will take in the spring.

Interested students must take a placement test in order to gain admission into the The Saint Katharine Drexel Saturday Academy program. For details, please contact:

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