



TRANSFORMATION

A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL GROWTH AND CHANGE

DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS—HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL. ROMANS 12:2

Holy Cross Lutheran Academy's mission is: **To strengthen students and families to live a transformed life through Christ.** We take that mission seriously at all levels of education and have ensured that our high school program fulfills that mission for our students. In addition to our core academics that exceed the expectations required for graduation and college entrance, we have carefully developed a program that will raise up young Christian leaders to go out into the world to fulfill their purpose.

Holy Cross Lutheran Academy's unique four-year program, *Transformation*, takes our students on a journey as they:

- DISCOVER their God-given gifts and talents
- Develop LEADERSHIP skills
- Learn the value of TEAMWORK in their community
- Prepare for their LAUNCH into the future

We are dedicated to providing each high school student an opportunity to ask the tough questions about their future, look at concerns within the community/world, identify their strengths and bring all this together into a plan for the future. Each year their skills are developed preparing them for the culminating classes:

AP Seminar and AP Research taken in 11th and 12th grades. Our students will graduate from high school with a personal focus and enter the next phase of life having a defined direction. *Transformation* provides many experiences throughout their four years that transform our students into young adults with a purpose.

9TH GRADE

- Habitudes: Self-Leadership and the Art of Connecting with Others
- Disney Seminar: Managing Your Brand
- Hamilton Elementary School Partnership
- Journal Writing
- Portfolio instructions
- Thrivent College Planner presentation and testing
- College Application Writing
- Guest speakers
- Development of 3-5 research questions
- PSAT9

10TH GRADE

- Habitudes: the Art of Leading Others and the Art of Changing Culture
- Disney Seminar: Leadership
- Midway Safe Harbor Partnership
- Journaling
- Updating Portfolio
- DISC Personality Evaluation
- Interview style and mock interviews
- Narrow interest in research topic
- Research paper
- PSAT10

11TH GRADE

- Habitudes: the Art of Engaging Communication
- AP College Board - Seminar
- Team Project
- Individual Research-Based Essay and Presentation
- Decision on topic for next year
- Disney Seminar - Working as a Team
- AP Exam
- PSAT/NMSQT Fall/SAT Spring

12TH GRADE

- Habitudes: the Art of Navigating Transitions
- AP College Board - Research
- Individual Research Process Documentation
- Academic Thesis Paper (IRB approved)
- Presentation and Oral Defense
- Disney Seminar - Introduction to Global Leadership
- SAT if needed

DISCOVERING

In this introductory year, students start to discover who they are by identifying their gifts and interests. Utilizing *Habitudes*, a leadership curriculum written by Dr. Tim Elmore, they become aware of the importance of self discipline and building relationships. Students learn through a Disney Seminar how they present themselves will affect their future. This first year establishes the foundation for the next 3 years.

LEADERSHIP

Tim Elmore's *Habitudes* curriculum continues to provide a dialog of leadership and how to develop a leadership culture. This is complemented by the 2nd Disney Seminar they attend. Students learn about personality traits and how this translates to daily communication and leadership styles. This discovery leads to practical ideas about which direction they may go vocationally or academically. Students begin considering research ideas for their AP Seminar class.

TEAMWORK

In the third year they take the AP Seminar class which is a prerequisite to AP Research. They navigate working together and communicating in a team environment. *Habitudes* in their junior year focuses on communication and Disney's Seminar focuses on the importance of teamwork. These are valuable skills necessary for furthering their education and future employment.

LAUNCHING

In their senior year they are engaged in the AP Research class. Their final year is comprised of research and independent working, public speaking, and preparing for their transition into their chosen vocation or academic journey. The student's thesis paper along with its defense prepares them for the rigors of college and complements their transcript.