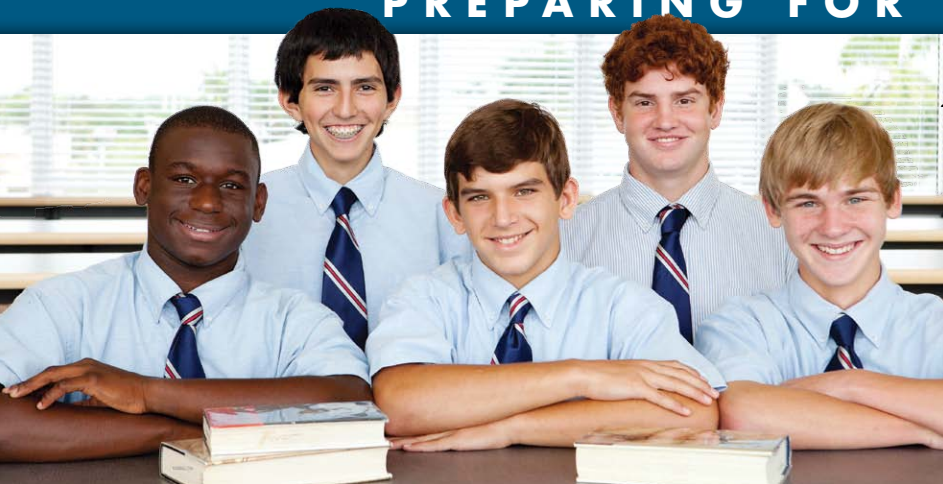


# PREPARING FOR COLLEGE



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*"To educate children  
you must love them  
— and love them all  
equally."*

— St. Marcellin Champagnat  
Founder of the Marist Brothers

## Christopher Columbus High School Develops Men of Character in the Marist Educational Tradition

**The school takes pride in its traditions of academic excellence, heritage of Catholic education, and unique spirit of the Marist Brothers.**

Columbus was established in the 200-year-old tradition of the Marist Brothers of the Schools. Their mission is "to make Jesus Christ known and loved through the education of youth." The school shares that mission inclusively, educating all kinds of students, regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic status or intellectual ability. An all-boys school, the focus is on education, maturity and personal growth. "Our aim," says Br. Kevin Handibode, president, "is to educate the whole person: mind, body and soul. We look forward to seeing these young men become leaders in society and display the Marist traits of humility and service to others."

**In its 53 years, Columbus has earned a reputation for excellence, but what really sets it apart is its wide-ranging diversity.**



The Brothers' priority to offer reasonable tuition rates makes the school accessible to families from all walks of life. Columbus is deeply rooted in tradition, yet it offers the absolute latest in technology and instructional practices that

enable students to apply their learning to real-world issues. The school's Mas Family Scholars Program remains one of the most academically rigorous in South Florida, and its wide range of courses challenge students at various academic levels: AP, honors, dual-enrollment and college prep. Recognized for outstanding academics and an extensive campus ministry program, it also features an exceptional athletic program, with teams playing at the 8A level, the most competitive in the state. Extracurricular activities range from the pre-med club to drama and robotics. Eventually, more than 99 percent of Columbus graduates go on to college, gracing such fine institutions as Harvard, Notre Dame, Duke, University of Miami and University of Florida.

**The school offers technology that's second to none.**

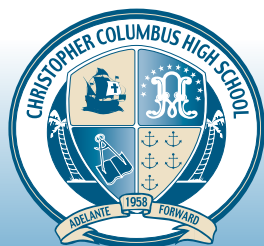
SMART Boards in every classroom and state-of-the-art science labs continually enable students to excel academically. Opened in 2008, the Mas Technology Complex has a wireless network and houses a college-level library, cutting-edge computer labs and a virtual studio for the school's own TV network. No other school in the district earned a 1st place



award in the video or broadcast category at the most recent Florida Scholastic Press Association convention. Columbus won five. Columbus was also recently named a "Smart Showcase School" for its leadership in the use of technology that improves student outcomes and teacher effectiveness. It is currently the only school in Miami-Dade and Broward counties with this designation.

**Students are free to be themselves and develop camaraderie with their classmates.**

The friendships that are formed at Columbus last a lifetime, and many alumni are pleased to have their sons attend the school. "When you walk across the campus, there is a feeling of hospitality and a sense of ownership from the students," says Br. Michael Brady, principal. "There's always so much going on: sports, club meetings, intramurals, service activities. It's a home away from home for so many of these students. I really appreciate getting to work with them, seeing them start out as boys and leave as fine young men. It is very gratifying."



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