

# Prep Moms Principal's Report

## Students

Fr. Tillman compiled data on the **college choices for the Class of 2016**. Here are some of the highlights:

Graduate Choice	Number of Students	Percentage of Class
In State	101	46%
Out of State	120	54%
Private	76	31%
Public	145	59%
Jesuit	36	15%
Other Catholic	12	5%
Other Private	28	11%
4 Year Public	127	52%
2 Year Public	18	7%
Working	4	1.6%
Travel	2	0.8%
Military	1	0.4%

The **top ten colleges** that 2016 graduates enrolled in are:

1. U Nebraska-Lincoln (45)
2. U Nebraska-Omaha (34)
3. University of Kansas (13)
4. Texas Christian University (9)
5. Creighton University (8)
6. St. Louis University (8)
7. Iowa State University (7)
8. Marquette University (6)
9. Metro Community College (5)
10. Notre Dame (4)

Prep had **seven National Merit Semifinalists** this year, the most of any private school in the state. We also had eight National Merit Commended Students who came very close to becoming semifinalists. National Merit is determined largely by PSAT score. More than 90% of semifinalists move on to become National Merit Scholars and we fully expect all eight Prep students to earn that distinction.

Twelve students made **All State Band** and two students made **All State Orchestra** this year. Three of those students earned that distinction three times in a row.

Under the leadership of Coach Mike Higgins with the support of Coach Fr. Rob Kroll, SJ and Coach Jerry Kowal, the Prep **varsity tennis team earned their third state championship in a row** this year.

Fr. Tillman, SJ, took the **cross country team** to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in state this year.

The **football season** has ended for all of our teams except varsity, which is advancing to the state championship playoffs having suffered only two losses in the regular season. The freshman A team ended with a 9-0 record, the freshman B team ended with a 0-8 record (no other school has a B-team this year, so they competed against only A-teams), the sophomore team ended with a 6-3 record, and the JV team went 7-0.

Josh Luedtke and Joe Pick organized a **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Friday Fun Night** on October the 14<sup>th</sup>. Almost 250 students attended the event—over double last year's attendance. Students had dinner prepared by FLIK, took a

tour of the school, and attended a presentation about Prep's math, science, art, and technology programs. They then loaded buses and were transported to the varsity football game where they reinforced the Birdcage.

## **Programs**

This year **Prep altered the course of studies** so that World History, previously taken as a freshman course, would switch with PE, previously taken as a sophomore course. The motivation for the change was to reduce the burden of the increased academic workload students experience when transitioning from middle school to Creighton Prep. A report on first quarter failures reveals some positive indicators. The five-year average for freshman first quarter failures in their core academic courses (theology, history, English, science, algebra, and world languages) is 106. This year, the number of first quarter failures for freshman in core academic courses is 89. The administration will continue to monitor these indicators throughout the year and gather more qualitative data, as well.

Recent **adjustments to the food service program** have decreased the time in line for students from an average of an eleven-minute maximum down to an eight-minute maximum. Students are now able to easily eat their fill of whatever they choose and still have time left over in the period for socializing and other activities.

## **Accreditation**

Prep has successfully gathered surveys from students, parents, and faculty/staff as well as other necessary artifacts required for our accreditation self-study. A team of fifteen members is now sifting through all of the data and beginning to compose our self-study report. Once the first draft of the report is complete, the team will meet with members of the faculty and staff, as well as a select group of parents, to discuss their findings and solicit feedback. The team will then submit the self-study report to the administration for a final review before it is turned in to the AdvancED visiting team. The visiting team is scheduled to be at Prep April 4-5. The breakdown of the committee members is as follows:

Standard 1: Purpose and Direction - Dave Lawler, Jerry Kinney

Standard 2: Governance and Leadership - Tom Haindfield, Mike Higgins

Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning - Elaine Ayers, Barb Hake, Sara Smith

Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems - Jeff Dorr, SJ, Dan Tietjen, Rob Cheshire

Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement - Eric Thompson, Mike Clark

Candace Thompson will serve as the lead data gatherer/interpreter and Mattie Olsen will be the lead author. Jackie Lesiak is the lead administrator.

## **Upcoming**

Prep is hosting our Open House on November 6. We'd be grateful for any assistance in promoting this event. Families can register online at <https://creightonprep.creighton.edu/page.cfm?p=4996&LockSSL=true> or just Google Creighton Prep Open House.