



**PROGRAM PARTNER NAME:** COTTER HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
**CLASSIFICATION:** EDUCATION  
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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

COTTER IS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROMOTING EXCELLENCE  
THROUGH PRAYER, LEARNING, AND SERVICE.

Cotter is a Catholic day and boarding high school and junior high school serving families with students in grades 7-12. Cotter offers a rigorous array of academics, outstandingly successful music, athletic, and co-curricular programs, and promotes spiritual and moral growth through faith formation and service. Cotter also includes the Minnesota Academy of Math and Science, an English-as-a-second-language program, and the Cotter Residence Center, which is home to more than seventy boarding students from seven different countries, making Cotter a global experience. Students at Cotter are able to fully realize their potential through individual attention in small class sizes and by being taught and supported by highly educated, highly committed, and highly caring teachers, staff and administration. Cotter is focused on each student's individual experience and works diligently to develop their students into well-prepared, well-rounded adults.

#### **COTTER BELIEVES!**

Cotter is in the business of teaching students in Christ's image. We also strive to inspire dreams and visions in students about the great things they can be and accomplish in life. Why are people willing to pay for a Catholic education?

#### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

We are very proud of our Catholic heritage. When students leave Cotter are they substantially different from other students? Are they committed to attaining the principles of Catholic social teaching? Do they have an appreciation for the arts, a respect for their bodies, a sense of wonder, and reverence for creation? We believe Cotter students excel in these areas. Helping students to develop a meaningful relationship with God means everything to our identity.

#### **FAITH-BASED CHARACTER EDUCATION**

In addition to a strong academic curriculum and daily religion courses, we have been developing a program at Cotter called *Thinking, Learning, and Communicating (TLC)*. A cornerstone of TLC involves empowering students to take responsibility for their own lives. TLC helps students to develop star qualities that will enhance their lives and set them up for life-long success.

#### **FAITH IN ACTION**

This year over 60 Cotter students will participate in our Cross Cultural Ministry project (CCMP), a service organization that provides Christian service and cultural experiences for students. The CCMP teaches students the importance of sharing their gifts in order to help make a difference in the world. Helping our young people to realize that they have a responsibility to help others is an important part of our mission. Furthermore, each Cotter student is expected to provide a minimum of 20 hours per year to community service. Many of our students exceed this amount.

#### **FINANCIAL AID**

Cotter is blessed with strong financial resources to provide need based financial assistance to local families. We will work with families to make a Cotter education happen for all families. Before families decide that they cannot afford Cotter, please sit down and talk to us.

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