

Program Summary

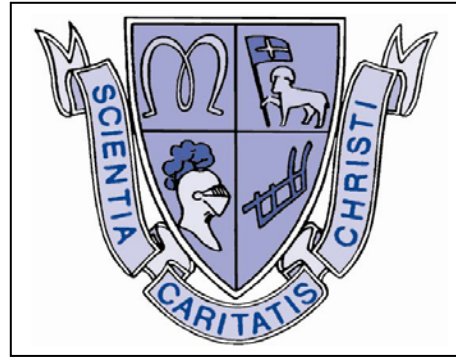
Magna Corda, is a Latin phrase meaning “Great Hearts.” In Biblical language, the heart is the seat of the soul. Students who take advantage of this honors program will develop great hearts and souls and grow in leadership, service and academics. They will exemplify the highest ideals of Morris Catholic High School.

The *Magna Corda* Honors Program is designed to challenge academically talented students to become great-hearted in a number of ways.

First, the program requires students to take advanced courses that develop leadership, research, critical thinking and analytical skills.

Second, 11th and 12th grade students in the program will learn to develop, plan and execute independent learning research projects related to their academic interest. **Third**, all students in the program will participate in a group service component, educational field trips, and leadership experiences.

Morris Catholic exists to educate young men and women to grow in character, community and commitment through a knowledge of the love of Christ.



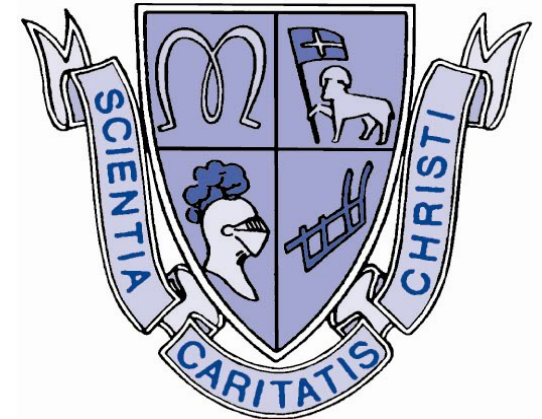
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The Magna Corda Honors Program



The Magna Corda Honors Program realizes our school's Statement of Purpose by fostering growth in character, community and commitment through a knowledge of the love of Christ. These three major elements are developed within the following areas:

- ◆ *Leadership ~ Character*
- ◆ *Service ~ Community*
- ◆ *Academics ~ Commitment*

Magna Corda Entrance Requirements



Freshman

- ◆ Students must score at or above the 90th percentile in the Reading, Language and Math subtests of the COOP Exam taken in 8th grade.
- ◆ Students must have no final average lower than A (90) in 8th grade in the following subjects: Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science.

Returning Sophomores

- ◆ Students must have attained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.75 or higher and must not have any final average lower than B during their freshman year at Morris Catholic.

Transferring Sophomores

- ◆ Transfer students will be considered by August 15 prior to their sophomore year.
- ◆ Students must have attained a GPA of 3.75 or higher and must not have any final average lower than B during their freshman year (on the Morris Catholic grading scale).
- ◆ Students must have achieved an advanced proficient rating on each subtest of the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA).

OR

- ◆ Students must have scored at or above the 90th percentile in the Reading, Language and Math subtests of the Terra Nova or other standardized testing in 9th grade.

Magna Corda Graduation Requirements

Freshman Year

- ◆ Theology 1
- ◆ English 1 Honors
- ◆ Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors
- ◆ Biology Honors
- ◆ World History Honors
- ◆ World Language (French, German, Spanish)
- ◆ Physical Education 1/Health

Courses in Fine and Performing Arts or Latin may be taken by students as their schedule permits.



Sophomore, Junior, Senior Years

- ◆ Theology 2, 3, 4
- ◆ Geometry Honors, Algebra 2/Trig Honors, Pre-calculus Honors
- ◆ Biology Honors, Chemistry Honors, Physics Honors and AP Physics, AP Biology
- ◆ US History 1 & 2 Honors or AP US History 2
- ◆ English 2, 3, 4 Honors or AP English
- ◆ Two or three continuing years of a World Language (Honors at level 3)
- ◆ Physical Education 2, 3, 4, Driver's Education, First Aid and Senior Health
- ◆ Writing 1 & 2
- ◆ PSAT
- ◆ Senior Studies
- ◆ Research seminar course in junior and senior years
- ◆ Other electives as required to meet the 40 credit requirement each year

Group Community Service

All *Magna Corda* and Endorsement students will be involved in a group service component of the program each year. Students will propose, plan, develop, organize and implement a community service project taking their enrichment outside of the classroom.



Students who successfully complete the *Magna Corda* Honors Program will be named *Morris Catholic Magna Corda Scholars* at graduation, receiving an Honors Diploma affixed with a special seal and a certificate of completion of the *Magna Corda* Program. They will also be eligible to wear an honor cord at graduation.



The current annual fee for the *Magna Corda* Honors Program is \$500. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jessie Wintle (973) 627 6674, ext. 174. jwintle@morriscatholic.org

