



NORTHRIDGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Northridge Prep Hosts US Senator ['95-'07] Rick Santorum

Rick Santorum, former US Senator R-PA, paid a brief visit to Northridge Preparatory School on March 3. Santorum, who represented the people of Pennsylvania for twelve years, was in Chicago to be honored at the Vision in Education Dinner, which is a joint benefit dinner sponsored by Northridge Prep in Niles and The Willows Academy in DesPlaines. After speaking to students in a brief address, Santorum responded to questions about his work in the Senate and in politics.

Students asked him questions that ranged from his personal path into politics to his work as a US Senator, and even to his personal viewpoints regarding political tensions, both domestic and international. The questions, more modest and general at first, became increasingly insightful, as students drew from their understanding of current events to ask questions that provoked an equally insightful response. Shawn Stachula '14 asked Santorum to discuss the prolonged political struggle between the United States and Kim Jong-Il's North Korean Regime. Santorum responded by examining the role of Communism in China and North Korea and other communist states before giving his thoughts on the matter. Vince Rinaolo '13 asked for the Senator's opinion on the political situation in the Wisconsin Legislature and its Constitutionality, a question which drew whispers of interest from around the auditorium.

Before taking his leave, Senator Santorum encouraged students to conduct their studies and their lives in a virtuous manner, and, because they are to be the leaders of our next generation, to be thankful for having the opportunity to study at a school whose focus on the development of personal character is as equally developed as its prowess in academia.

Northridge Preparatory School is an independent college preparatory school for young men in grades 6–12 in Niles, Illinois. A Top Ten School in Chicago [Chicago Sun-Times], Northridge was also named a Top 96 School in America [US News & World Report].

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