

Central Catholic High School

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Where Faith and Great Expectations Meet

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Cognia Accreditation Association
- West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission

ACADEMIC YEAR

Two semesters consisting of 180 school days; daily classes of 75 minutes each; all students carry a full schedule of seven academic courses each semester.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

The average teaching experience is 20 years; 59% hold either a Master's or Doctorate degree. The student/teacher ratio is 10:1.

STUDENT LIFE

Central Catholic offers a wide range of co-curricular activities that complement our strong academic programming and spiritual teachings. CCHS has expanded our performing arts program to include diverse opportunities for our students. CCHS has co-curricular clubs that cover a variety of academic, artistic, spiritual and social interests of our students.

The Central Catholic Maroon Knights are well known throughout the Mountain State for their outstanding athletic achievements. In 2006-2007, Sports Illustrated named Central Catholic as the finest athletic program in West Virginia.

Central Catholic High School students live out their faith on the field through teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance; this is evident by our 30 championship titles in the last 12 years.

ATHLETICS: Archery, Basketball, Bowling, Tennis, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Track & Field, Swimming, Baseball, Football, Lacrosse, Ice Hockey, Cheering, Softball, Wrestling, Robotics and Volleyball.

ACADEMIC/LEADERSHIP CLUBS: National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honorary, Student Council, Leadership Wheeling Youth Program, Judicial Scholars, Math Field Day, Mu Alpha Theta, Pi Club, Rho Kappa, Science Bowl, Science Honor Society, AP Scholars and STEM.

FAITH-BASED AND SERVICE CLUBS: Pontifical Crew, Eucharistic Ministers, Alter Servers, Peer Ministry, Teens for Life, NCYC Group, Bible Study, and Rosary Group

ADDITIONAL CLUBS: Chorus, Performing Arts Club, Stage Band, Sign Painting, Science Club, Spanish Club, French Club, Drug Free Clubs of America, We Stop Hate Club, Quiz Bowl Team, Broadcasting Club, Big Sister's Club, CCHS Shadow Program, and Math Club.

SERVICE LEARNING INITIATIVE

Each CCHS student is required to complete 20 hours of service work outside the school day every year. Our goal is that students will be more aware of the needs of the Church and community by the time they graduate from CCHS. We hope they will have discovered their spiritual gifts so they may accomplish our mission, "To Think and Act like Christ".

RESOURCE LEARNING PROGRAM

The Resource Learning Program at CCHS provides academic support to students with diagnosed learning differences, a qualified plan from their previous school, or a recommendation from a school counselor/administrator. The goal of the program is to develop each qualifying student's academic skills, work towards their own self-advocacy, and to promote their independent learning by providing resources and individual support that will foster success in the college preparatory high school setting and prepare them for higher education. The Resource Learning teacher works closely with the student, parents, and teachers to identify areas of need, create an education plan, and monitor progress.

A Resource Learning Class is available to qualifying students and is designed to provide support as students work both individually and in small groups with the Resource Learning teacher.

SENIOR SNAPSHOT

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Post secondary colleges & universities	97%	98%	97%	95%
# Seniors	72	66	64	59
\$ Merit-based Scholarships Offered	\$6.0 million	\$7.4 million	\$6.0 million	\$5.5 million

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Students from 2016-2023 have been accepted to the following colleges and universities.

Adelphi University, Alderson & Broaddus University, Allegheny College, American University, Auburn University, Baldwin Wallace University, Belmont College, Belmont University, Bethany College, Bethany College, Boston University, Bradley University, Brown University, Bucknell University, Carlow University, Carnegie Mellon University, Clarion University, Catholic University, Chatham University, Clemson University, Cleveland State University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, College of Wooster, Colorado State University, Columbia University, Concordia University, Cornell University, Denison University, Drexel University, Duke University, Duquesne University, Eastern Nazarene College, Elon University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Fairmont State University, Florida Institute of Technology, Franciscan University, Frostburg State University, Furman University, George Washington University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Geneva College, Harcum College, High Point University, Hood College, Indiana University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Inspiration Academy, James Madison University, John Carroll University, Keiser University, Kent State University, Laurel Business Institute, Lebanon Valley College, Lindenwood University, Louisiana State University, Loyola Maryland University, Manhattan College, Marietta College, Marshall University, Marymount Manhattan College, Mercyhurst University, Miami University (Ohio), Michigan State University, Middle Tennessee State, Missouri University of Science and Technology, National University of Ireland Galway, North Carolina State University, Nova Southeastern University, Novi Sad University, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio State University, Ohio State University-Marion, Ohio University, Otterbein University, Pace University, Pennsylvania State University, Penn Western University, Pittsburgh Technical College, Pittsburgh Greensburg University, Purdue University, Rasmussen University, Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Robert Morris University (PA), Rochester Institute of Technology, Rosedale Technical College, Saint Vincent College, Salem International University, Samford University, Seton Hill University, Shepherd University, Slippery Rock University, St Mary's College, St Vincent College, Swarthmore College, Suffolk University, Syracuse University, Texas Christian University, Temple University, Thiel College, Thomas Moore College, Tulane University, United States Air Force, United States Marine Corp, United States Naval Academy, University of Akron, University of Arizona, University of Bridgeport, University of Charleston, University of Chicago, University of Cincinnati, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Dayton, University of Kentucky, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Mississippi, University of New Hampshire, University of Notre Dame, University of Pikeville, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, University of Rhode Island, University of South Carolina, University of Southern Florida, University of Tennessee Knoxville, University of Vermont, University of Washington, US Airforce Academy, US Naval Academy, USMA West Point, Valley Forge Military Academy, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Tech University, Virginia Wesleyan, Wake Forest University, Walsh University, Washington & Jefferson College, Waynesburg University, West Liberty University, West Virginia Northern Community College, West Virginia State University, West Virginia Tech, West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Western Kentucky University, Westminster College, Wheeling University, Wright State University, Youngstown State University.

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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Central Catholic has been educating young men and women since 1865. The school has always been a vital part of the East Wheeling downtown area, and remains an integral part of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Wheeling campus, which includes the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, the Diocesan Offices, and the Chancery.

MISSION STATEMENT

Central Catholic High School is a college preparatory high school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, dedicated to nurturing reflective spirituality, intellectual accomplishment, and social responsibility so that each student can reach his or her God-given potential. Rooted in our Catholic tradition and grounded by caring, dynamic faculty and staff, Central Catholic strives to create a learning community that inspires honest thinkers, encourages innovation, fosters creativity, and enhances individual talents.

Central Catholic graduates will have the skills and knowledge to pursue the college and career of their choice, the confidence to be leaders, and the social conscience and compassionate heart to be advocates for social justice in our world. Ultimately, a CCHS education prepares students to live a life in which they "Think and Act Like Christ."

CLASS RANK AND GPAS

All students follow a college preparatory curriculum. All courses are included in the computation of the GPA. **Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual-Credit College courses are weighted.** Placement in all courses is based on achievement, aptitude and motivation. CCHS does not publish class rank.

GRADING SCALE

A = 93-100

B = 85-92

C = 77-84

D = 69-76

F = below 69

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Computer Science A

AP English Language

AP United States History

AP Statistics

AP U.S. Government and Politics

AP Biology

- 100% of AP students are required to sit for the exam

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Introduction to Psychology (WVNCC)

Chemistry & Chemistry Lab I & II (WLU)

WVU Early College Access

Early Entrance Program (WVNCC)

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

Central Catholic is home to the Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) Lab. Designed after a similar space located on the campus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the TEAL Lab paves the way for more visually engaging and collaborative instruction methods in all disciplines, especially science and mathematics. The TEAL Lab prepares Central Catholic students for both the college and professional environment by allowing them to engage in a transformative educational experience that strengthens leadership skills, critical-thinking, problem-solving, innovations, and creativity. The facility features large, HD flat touch-screen monitors with computers, computer projectors, writeable glass windows, a 3D printer, and other technological tools to engage students in a more active learning style and to promote collaborative project work. The TEAL Lab is used by all teachers, across all disciplines.

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

- 98% of seniors take SAT and/or ACT
- 100% of juniors take SAT
- 100% of sophomores and juniors take PSAT/NMSQT
- 100% of freshmen take PSAT 8/9

COURSES AND GRADUATION

REQUIREMENTS

Courses in bold are required plus an additional 3 elective credits to total 28 Carnegie Units for graduation.

- English (4 credits): **Introduction to Literary Genres; American Literature; British Literature; Senior Analysis and Composition**; AP English Language; Argument and Rhetoric, Yearbook, Speech, Study Skills
- Mathematics (4 credits): Intermediate Algebra I & II & Geometry; **Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra II**; Advanced Algebra; Calculus; Statistics & Probability; Precalculus with Trigonometry; AP Calculus AB and BC; AP Statistics; Personal Finance
- Science (4 credits): **Biology**; Zoology/Genetics & DNA; **Integrated Chemistry & Physics**; Honors Chemistry; College Chemistry; Chemistry II; AP Biology; Anatomy & Physiology I & II; Physics; Environmental Science
- Social Studies (4 credits): **World History; U.S. Studies**; AP U.S. History; AP Government and Politics; **Government**; Cultural Studies; Psychology; College Psychology; Contemporary Studies; College Psychology
- Religious Education (4 credits): **Who is Jesus? / Revelation of Jesus in Scripture; The Mission of Christ / Sacraments as Encounters with Christ; Responding to the Call of Jesus Christ / Life in Jesus Christ**; Christ's Mission in the Church / Intro to Sacred Scripture; Catholic Social Thought
- **World Language** (2 credits): French; Spanish
- **Fine Arts** (1 credit): Studio Art I & II; Music Technology I & II; Performing Arts; Chorus; Integrated Digital Media; Digital Audio Recording and Sequencing, Intro to Music Theory; Intro to Guitar; Intro to Steel Drums; Music Appreciation; Senior Art; Stage Band
- **Health** (1 credit) / **Physical Education** (1 credit)
- Digital Media/Technology & College Prep.: Video Production I & II; SAT/ACT Prep; Intro to Computer Programming; Intermediate Computer Programming; AP Computer Science A; Integrated Digital Media; Study Skills; Senior Project Course; Media & Pop Culture Perspectives; Intro to Engineering Design; Robotics
- College Courses for Dual Credit: College Psychology (WVNCC); College Chemistry I & II (WLU)