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**West Catholic High School**  
**School Profile**  
**2017-18**  
**CEEB: 231-763**

**Mission/Vision**

**Mission:** To form Disciples of Christ through a dynamic, excellence-driven Catholic education.

**Vision:** Inspired by St. John Paul II, West Catholic High School is dedicated to the transformation of students who will live their earthly and eternal lives as humble servants of God.

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**Opened:** 1962  
**Affiliation:** Private, Co-ed Catholic High School  
 Diocese of Grand Rapids  
**Student Body:** 513  
 Student ratio is 17:1

**Accreditation:** AdvancEd

**Community:** Grand Rapids is the second largest city in Michigan and growing rapidly. The students come primarily from the metropolitan area, including urban, suburban and rural areas. The range in socio-economic background is extensive. West Catholic also hosts 20 foreign exchange students from Brazil, China, Japan and Vietnam.

**Faculty:** 30 teacher faculty; 60% hold advanced degrees.

**Daily Schedule:** Seven 50 minutes periods per day

**Special Recognition:** Named “School of Excellence” as one of the top Catholic schools in the country by the Cardinal Newman Society. Named one of “America’s Most Challenging Schools” by The Washington Post in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Ranked #1 Best Private High School in the Grand Rapids Metro Area by Niche.

**College/University Bound (4 yr or 2 yr):**

2015: 100%  
 2016: 99%  
 2017: 96%

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**Academic Program**

All course sequences are college preparatory. Students are allowed to take other on-line Advanced Placement courses (in addition to the ones listed below) in other disciplines.

The following Advanced Placement courses are offered:

Literature & Composition	Government
Language & Composition	Microeconomics
Calculus	Macroeconomics
Statistics*	U.S. History
Biology	World History
Chemistry	Spanish
Environmental Science	Psychology
Physics	Computer Science

*\*offered alternating years*

The following Honors courses are offered:

English 9	Pre-Calculus
English 10	Biology
Algebra I	Chemistry
Algebra II/Trigonometry	Integrated Science
Geometry	

The following on-site Aquinas College Dual Enrollment courses are offered:

Logic	Personal Finance
Intro to Communications	Principles of Management

**Graduation Requirements**

Students are required to complete a general college preparatory program consisting of twenty-four (24) course credits for graduation. Core course requirements are as follows:

English	4 credits
Visual Performing Arts	1 credit
Physical Education/Health	1 credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
<i>One credit physical and one credit life science</i>	
Social Studies	3 credits
Religion	4 credits
World Language	2 credits

*Beginning with the Class of 2017*

Standardized Testing	ACT	SAT
Class of 2015 average: 94% tested -	<b>24.0</b>	
Class of 2016 average: 93% tested -	<b>23.7</b>	2% tested - <b>1285</b>
Class of 2017 average: 94% tested -	<b>23.7</b>	4% tested - <b>1318</b>
Class of 2018 average: 27% tested -	<b>22.3</b>	75% tested - <b>1126</b>

*\*Averages calculated using the highest composite scores earned by each student during the junior year.*

## 2016 AP Scholars (262 exams taken)

- AP Language-85% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Literature-100% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Macroeconomics-79% with a 3, 4 or 5
  - AP Scholar: 14
  - AP Scholar w/Honor: 4
  - AP Scholar w/Distinction: 12
  - National AP Scholar: 3

## 2017 AP Scholars (268 exams taken)

- AP Biology-100% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Microeconomics-94% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Statistics-83% with a 3, 4 or 5
  - AP Scholar: 19
  - AP Scholar w/Honor: 2
  - AP Scholar w/Distinction: 11
  - National AP Scholar: 4

## Percentage of Graduates earning college credit (Dual Enrollment and/or AP Score of 3 or better)

Class of 2015:	60%
Class of 2016:	65%
Class of 2017:	58%

## National Merit Finalists and Commended Scholars

Class of 2015:	1 Finalist
	1 Commended Scholar

## World Languages

Chinese, French, German

*Offered online through Middlebury Interactive Languages*

Latin, Spanish

*Offered both online and in classroom*

## Activities and Clubs

Acton Club, Art Club, Band, Catholics in Action, Drama Club, Eco GoGreen Club, Eucharistic Ministers FIRST Robotics, Gardening Club, Help the Needy, Life Force, Liturgical Music, Math Challenge, Writing Club, National Honor Society, Peer Ministry, Rotary Club, Quiz Bowl, Language Club, Student Ambassadors, Student Government, Students for Life

## Sports

Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Hockey, Ski, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling, Club Sports: Crew, Equestrian, LaCrosse, Rugby, Sideline Cheerleading

## Featuring

College/Individual Counseling, 25 Athletic Teams and 14 State Championships, Computer Labs, Theater, Drama, Jazz Band, Choir, Mission Trips, Christian Service Program, Priestly Discernment Group, Women's Religious Discernment Group, Women's Leadership Group

## GRADING SCALE

% Score	Letter Grade	Grade Point	% Score	Letter Grade	Grade Point
96.5-100	A+	4.0	76.5-79.4	C+	2.4
92.5-96.4	A	4.0	72.5-76.4	C	2.0
89.5-92.4	A-	3.7	69.5-72.4	C-	1.7
86.5-89.4	B+	3.4	66.5-69.4	D+	1.4
82.5-86.4	B	3.0	62.5-66.4	D	1.0
79.5-82.4	B-	2.7	59.5-62.4	D-	0.7
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- Honors and AP courses receive a .036 add-on per credit hour in computing gpa and class rank.

## College Placement

### Members of the Class of 2017 were accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Academy of Art University	Madonna University
Adrian College	Marquette University
Alma College	Miami University, OH
Anderson University, IN	Michigan State University
Aquinas College	Michigan Technological University
Ave Maria University	North Central College
Baker College, Muskegon	North Park University
Belmont University	Northern Michigan University
Bentley University	Olivet College
Boston College	Portland Community College
Brevard College	Providence College
Butler University	Purdue University
Calvin College	Saginaw Valley State University
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Saint Mary's College
CCC, Harry S. Truman College	Sophia University
Central Michigan University	Spring Arbor University
Columbia College, Chicago	St. Norbert College
Concordia University, MI	Texas A&M University
Concordia University, IL	The Ohio State University
Cornerstone University	Tiffin University
Davenport University	United States Air Force Academy
Doane College	United States Naval Academy
Eastern Michigan University	University of Detroit Mercy
Ferris State University	University of Alabama
Fordham University	University of Central Florida
Grand Rapids Comm. College	University of Dayton
Grand Valley State University	Univ. of Illinois-Champaign
Green Mountain College	Univ. of Indianapolis
Hanover College	University of Kentucky
High Point University	University of Michigan
Holy Cross College	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Hope College	University of Rochester
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Washington
Indiana Univ.-Bloomington	Valparaiso University
Kalamazoo College	Virginia Tech University
Kendall Coll. of Art & Design	Warren Wilson College
Lake Superior State University	Western Michigan University
Lawrence Tech University	Westminster College
Louisiana State University	Xavier University
Loyola University Chicago	