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West Catholic High School
School Profile
2018-19
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: 518
 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 29 foreign exchange students from Chile, China, South Korea, Spain, Thailand and Vietnam.

Faculty: 33 teacher faculty; 52% 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.

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

2016: 99%
 2017: 96%
 2018: 97%

Academic Program

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

Intro to Communications	Personal Finance
Intro to Philosophy	Principles of Management
Business Communications	

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

Standardized Testing	ACT	SAT
Class of 2016 average: 93% tested - 23.7		2% tested - 1285
Class of 2017 average: 94% tested - 23.7		4% tested - 1318
Class of 2018 average: 27% tested - 22.3		75% tested - 1126
Class of 2019 average: 38% tested - 26.0		78% tested - 1175

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

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

2018 AP Scholars (358 exams taken)

- AP Biology-100% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Language-95% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Microeconomics-83% with a 3, 4 or 5
 - AP Scholar: 32
 - AP Scholar w/Honor: 5
 - AP Scholar w/Distinction: 12
 - National AP Scholar: 3

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

Class of 2017: 58%
Class of 2018: 57%

National Merit Finalists and Commended Scholars

Class of 2018: 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
ESports, 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 15 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 2018 were accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
Alverno College
Aquinas College
Ave Maria University
Benedictine College
Boston College
Bradley University
Butler University
Calvin College
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve Univ.
Central Michigan University
Colorado State University
Concordia University, MI
Cornerstone University
Creighton University
Crown College
Davenport University
DePaul University
Dordt College
Eastern Michigan University
Emerson College
Ferris State University
Florida State University
Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville
Grace Bible College
Grand Rapids Comm. College
Grand Valley State University
Hillsdale College
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Huntington University
Indiana Univ.-Bloomington
Kalamazoo College
Kendall Coll. of Art & Design
Kutztown University, PA
Lake Superior State University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Miami University, OH
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological Univ.

Musicians Institute
North Central College
Northeastern University
Northern Michigan University
Northwood University
Oakland University
Olivet College
Oregon State University
Portland College
Portland Community College
Providence College
Purdue University
Rockford University
Rutgers University
Saginaw Valley State University
Saint Mary's College
St. Bonaventure University
Syracuse University
Tiffin University
Trine University
University of Alabama
University of Arkansas
University of Cincinnati
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Michigan-Flint
University of Mississippi
University of Mount Union
University of Notre Dame
University of Rochester
University of Saint Francis
University of Toledo
University of Victoria
University of Virginia
Valparaiso University
Wayne State University
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Xavier University