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**West Catholic High School**  
**School Profile**  
**2021-22**  
**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:** 468  
 Student ratio is 16:1

**Accreditation:** Michigan Non-Public School  
 Accrediting Association (MNSAA)

**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 18 international students from Brazil, China, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Mexico, Norway, South Korea, Spain and Vietnam.

**Faculty:** 30 teacher faculty; 65% hold advanced degrees.

**Daily Schedule:** Hybrid schedule with 7 classes.

**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” numerous years by [The Washington Post](http://www.washingtonpost.com).

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

2019: 98%  
 2020: 96%  
 2021: 92%

**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:

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

*\*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	Principles of Management
Personal Finance	Public Speaking

**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

<b>Standardized Testing</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>SAT</b>
Class of 2018 average:	27% tested - <b>22.3</b>	75% tested - <b>1126</b>
Class of 2019 average:	38% tested - <b>26.0</b>	75% tested - <b>1175</b>
Class of 2020 average:	23% tested - <b>25.8</b>	75% tested - <b>1155</b>

**Class of 2021: No averages due to COVID-19**

Class of 2022 only 1% of students tested	62% tested - <b>1164</b>
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*\*Averages calculated using the highest composite scores earned by each student during the junior year.*

### 2020 AP Scholars (342 exams taken)

- AP Calculus-100% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Literature and Composition-94.1
- AP Language and Composition-82.6
  - AP Scholar: 24
  - AP Scholar w/Honor: 11
  - AP Scholar w/Distinction: 21
  - National AP Scholar: 6

### 2021 AP Scholars (357 exams taken)

- AP Statistics-87% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Language and Composition-96% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP 2D Art and Design-100% with 3, 4 or 5
  - AP Scholar: 26
  - AP Scholar w/Honor: 6
  - AP Scholar w/Distinction: 22

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

Class of 2019: 68%  
 Class of 2020: 60%  
 Class of 2021: 63%

### National Merit Finalists and Commended Scholars

Class of 2021: 2 Commended Scholars

### World Languages

Chinese, French, German

*Offered online through Middlebury Interactive Languages*

Latin, Spanish

*Offered both online and in classroom*

### Activities and Clubs

Acton Group, Art Club, Catholics in Action, Chess Club, Equestrian Club, ESports, FIRST Robotics, Gardening Club, Jazz Band, Language Club, Life Force, Liturgical Choir, Math Challenge, National Honor Society, Peer Advocates, Quiz Bowl, Rotary Club, Quiz Bowl, Safe Haven, Student Government, SWAAG Students for Life

### Sports

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

<b>GRADING SCALE</b>					
% 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. West Catholic does not rank students.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOURS

Required Hours and Division of Required Categories

Grade	Minimum	Transcript Endorsement
9 <sup>th</sup>	10 Hours	20 Hours
10 <sup>th</sup>	20 Hours	30 Hours
11 <sup>th</sup>	30 Hours	40 Hours
12 <sup>th</sup>	30 Hours	40 Hours

### COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Members of the Class of 2021 are attending the following colleges and universities:

Aquinas College	Muskegon Community College
Bowling Green State Univ.	New York University
Butler University	North Central College
Calvin University	Ohio University
Carthage College	Portland State University
Central Michigan University	Purdue University
Chulalongkorn University	Rhode Island School of Design
Davenport University	Roosevelt University
DePaul University	Saint Mary's College
Ferris State University	Seton Hall University
Franciscan University	Siena Heights University
of Steubenville	University of Connecticut
Grand Rapids Community Coll.	University of Detroit Mercy
Grand Valley State University	University of Michigan
Institut Quimic de Saria	University of Notre Dame
Loyola University-Chicago	Univ. of Washington, Seattle
Michigan State University	Western Michigan University