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West Catholic High School

School Profile

2023-24

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: 480
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 27 international students from Austria, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and Ukraine.

Faculty: 32 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.

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

2020: 96%

2021: 92%

2022: 95%

2023: 90%

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:

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

**offered alternating years*

The following Honors courses are offered:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 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:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Intro to Communications | Principles of Management |
| Personal Finance | Public Speaking |
| | Becoming an Effective Communicator |

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:

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| 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 2019 average: 38% tested - 26.0 | 75% | tested - 1175 |
| Class of 2020 average: 23% tested - 25.8 | 75% | tested - 1155 |
| Class of 2021: No averages due to COVID-19 | | |
| Class of 2022 only 1% of students tested | 61% | tested - 1169 |
| Class of 2023 average: 9% tested - 23.3 | 67% | tested - 1182 |

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

2021 AP Scholars (357 exams taken)

- AP Language and Composition-96% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Statistics-87% with a 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

2022 AP Scholars (308 exams taken)

- AP Biology-100% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Language and Composition-96.6% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Literature and Composition-100% with 3, 4 or 5
 - AP Scholar: 25
 - AP Scholar w/Honor: 8
 - AP Scholar w/Distinction: 18

2023 AP Scholars (314 exams taken)

- AP Literature and Composition-92% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Macroeconomics-96% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Microeconomics-91% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Psychology-88% with 3, 4 or 5
 - AP Scholar: 24
 - AP Scholar w/Honor: 11
 - AP Scholar w/Distinction: 15

National Merit Finalists and Commended Scholars

Class of 2021: 2 Commended Scholars
Class of 2022: 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

Art Club, Catholics in Action, Equestrian Club
ESports, FIRST Robotics, Garden Club, Jazz Band,
Language Club, Life Force, Liturgical Choir,
Math Challenge, National Honor Society, Peer Advocates,
Quiz Bowl, Rotary Club, Quiz Bowl, Safe Haven,
House Council, 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

| 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. West Catholic does not rank students.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOURS

Required Hours and Division of Required Categories

| Grade | Minimum | Transcript Endorsement |
|------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 9 th | 10 Hours | 20 Hours |
| 10 th | 20 Hours | 30 Hours |
| 11 th | 30 Hours | 40 Hours |
| 12 th | 30 Hours | 40 Hours |

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Members of the Class of 2023 are attending the following colleges and universities:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adrian College | McPherson College |
| Alma College | Michigan State University |
| Aquinas College | Michigan Technological University |
| Central Michigan University | Northern Michigan Univ. |
| Davenport University | Northwood University |
| Drew University | Pratt Institute |
| Duquesne University | Saint Mary's College |
| Ferris State University | Savannah College of Art and Design |
| Florida Institute of Technology | University of Alabama |
| Grand Rapids Community Coll. | University of Dallas |
| Grand Valley State University | University of Dayton |
| Holy Cross College | University of Michigan |
| Hope College | University of Minnesota |
| Indiana University-South Bend | University of Notre Dame |
| Kalamazoo College | University of Toledo |
| Kendall College of Art & Design | Western Michigan Univ. |
| Louisiana State University | |
| Marian University | |