



# School Profile 2018 – 2019

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Central Catholic High School, a Catholic college preparatory high school for boys, is guided by the educational principals of Saint John Baptist de la Salle. The school strives to provide a challenging, relevant, and diverse program of academics and extracurricular activities in an environment that fosters a life of faith and scholarship while developing leadership rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice and peace. Upon graduation, the graduates of Central Catholic will have become Men of Faith, Scholarship, and Service.

The student body reflects the rich ethnic, cultural, economic, and racial diversity of the Pittsburgh area. Last year, 36% of our students received a total of \$1.9 million in financial aid. Students come from the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding suburbs and represent more than 150 grade schools and 100 parishes. Current enrollment is 833 students with a typical graduating class of about 210 seniors each year. Traditionally, 98% of graduates continue their education beyond high school.

Located in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh, the school is in the center of the educational and cultural district of the city, within walking distance of the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, and the Carnegie Museums. The school's location allows students to take advantage of nearby museums, cultural centers, libraries, and places of historical interest.

Central Catholic High School is accredited by the PA Department of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The U.S. Department of Education has recognized Central Catholic as one of the nation's "outstanding secondary schools."

## Students & Faculty

Total Enrollment .....	831	Faculty.....	67
Class of 2019 .....	185	Christian Brothers .....	7
Class of 2020 .....	230	School Counseling Staff.....	5
Class of 2021 .....	206		
Class of 2022.....	212		

## Graduation Requirements

Students must complete the following curriculum, a minimum of 26 credits, to receive a diploma from Central Catholic High School:

Religion	4	Science	3
English	4	Foreign Language	2
Social Studies	3	Health/Physical Education	1
Mathematics	3	Electives	5
Fine Arts	0.5	Technology Elective	0.5

Year-long courses earn a student 1 credit. At minimum, students are required to take the equivalent of 6 year-long courses, in addition to half-year courses such as Physical Education, Health, Music, and Art.

# Academics at Central Catholic

## Academic Weighting and Grading

The courses taught at Central Catholic High School are weighted to reflect the difficulty of the course content. **All courses are divided into five levels of difficulty.** Over the course of their four years and within the same academic year, many students select courses from more than one level of difficulty.

**Level 1 = Regular    Level 2 = Intermediate    Level 3 = Advanced    Level 4 = Honors    Level 5 = AP**

## Grading Philosophy

The faculty of Central Catholic does its best to limit grade inflation in our core academic courses. **It is rare for any student to graduate with all A's in their academic classes over the course of four years.** Some core courses award very few 'A' grades. It is important to compare a student's grade to the Grade Distribution Chart attached to the Official Transcript.

## Cumulative GPA Weighting

**The Cumulative GPA reported on the transcript is on a weighted 4.0 scale.** Central Catholic does weight advanced courses (Honors, AP, etc), and so it is possible for a student to earn a weighted cumulative GPA above a 4.0. However, the basis for our grading scale in standard-track course is that an A = 4.0. As a result, for most of our students, **earning all A's throughout high school would result in a GPA above a 4.0 but below a 5.0.**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
100-98	97-95	94-93	92-90	89-87	86-85	84-82	81-78	77-75	74-73	72-71	70	<69

### Standardized Test Averages – Class of 2018 – All Students

	Mean	Middle 50%
SAT EBRW	620	570-680
SAT Math	620	540-680
ACT Composite	26	23-30

### Standardized Test Averages – Class of 2018 – Top 25%

	Mean	Middle 50%
SAT EBRW	700	670-740
SAT Math	700	660-750
ACT Composite	31	30-31

### Class Rank – Class of 2019

The Class Rank Decile is calculated using the Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average. In the Class of 2019 there are 185 students.

<b>1st Decile</b>	5.27 - 4.76
<b>2nd Decile</b>	4.75 - 4.49
<b>3rd Decile</b>	4.48 - 4.34
<b>4th Decile</b>	4.33 - 4.19
<b>5th Decile</b>	4.18 - 4.03
<b>6th Decile</b>	4.02 - 3.83
<b>7th Decile</b>	3.82 - 3.70
<b>8th Decile</b>	3.69 - 3.36
<b>9th Decile</b>	3.35 - 2.83
<b>10th Decile</b>	2.82 - 1.61

# Advanced Placement Courses

For most AP courses, only one section of each course is taught each year.

**All students enrolled in an AP class are required to sit for the AP Exam.**

**It is uncommon for a student to graduate with more than 4-5 AP courses.**

**Students must meet prerequisites and be recommended** by a teacher to enroll in any Advanced Placement course.

The following 14 **Advanced Placement courses** are available at Central Catholic:

American Government	Calculus	European History	Spanish
Art History	Chemistry	French	Statistics
Biology	English Language and Composition	Human Geography	U.S. History
	English Literature	Physics C	

### Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Results for 2017-2018

Test Takers .....	174
Tests Taken .....	306
Results of 4 or 5 .....	172
Results of 3, 4, or 5 .....	242

**In the 2017-2018 academic year, Central Catholic students earned the following AP Honors:**

- 15 students named AP Scholar**
- 15 students named AP Scholar with Honor**
- 27 students named AP Scholar with Distinction**
- 5 students named National AP Scholar**
- 1 student earned AP International Diploma**

# Brother David S. Baginski, FSC Scholars Program

The goal of the Brother David S. Baginski, FSC Scholars Program is to prepare students for advanced studies at the university level through a liberal arts curriculum that is interdisciplinary and multi-faceted. Students work closely with their advisors, teachers and peers on exploring the humanities and understanding their intersection with science and technology through issue-oriented investigations. Having shown an interest in the liberal arts, students apply to the program in the spring of their sophomore year through a rigorous and competitive process. Once admitted, students enroll in a humanities seminar in their junior year to engage in critical inquiry and social justice perspectives. In their senior year, they write, defend and present a college-level, research-based thesis. Students in the program also participate in a multitude of enrichment activities offered by the Scholars Forum, go on Study Trips, and are encouraged to find an intrinsic connection between their intellectual development and their responsibility as global citizens through community-focused service projects.

Many of our Scholars, upon graduation from Central Catholic, go on to a number of the nation's top research universities and liberal arts colleges. The requirements of this program are in addition to a standard Honors/AP curriculum making it an enriching and rigorous addition to each student's course-load.

## Curriculum Offerings

Central Catholic will offer the following course options during the 2018-19 academic year. All are year-long courses unless otherwise noted by asterisk (\*). Available AP courses are listed separately on the opposite page.

(H) = Honors

\* = Semester course

(B) = Baginski Scholars course

### Science Department

Biology  
Biology (H)  
Chemistry  
Chemistry (H)  
Chemistry II  
Organic Chemistry (H)  
Physics  
Physics (H)  
Biotechnology/Bioengineering  
Biotechnology/Bioengineering (H)  
Environmental Science

### Social Studies Department

Human Geography  
World History I  
World History II  
World History II (H)  
United States History  
United States History (H)  
American Government (H)  
**History of Pittsburgh and Western PA\***  
**Psychology\***  
**Sociology\***  
**History of Modern America\***  
**The U.S. Presidents\***  
**Russian History and Culture\***

### Physical Education Department

Physical Education  
Advanced Physical Fitness  
Health  
**Personal Approach to Physical Fitness\***  
**Essential Concepts in Athletic Training\***

### Religion Department

Religion I  
Religion II  
Religion III  
A Man of Faith  
Brotherhood as a School of Virtue  
Peer Ministry

### English Department

Exploring Literature and Writing I & II  
Exploring Literature and Writing I & II (H)  
British Literature: Topics Courses  
Survey of American Literature  
Survey of American Literature (H)  
Junior Seminar (B)  
Survey of World Literature  
Survey of World Literature (H)  
World Literature: Topics Courses  
Humanities: World Lit & Theatre (H)  
Scholarship: Senior Thesis (B)  
**Argument and Debate**  
Yearbook Design  
Journalism & Newspaper Design  
Cartooning  
**Literature of Film\***  
**SAT/ACT Preparation\***  
**Creative Writing\***  
**Principles of Public Speaking\***

### Foreign Languages Department

Italian I  
Spanish I, II, III  
Advanced Spanish I  
Spanish II, III, IV, V (H)  
Pre - AP Spanish  
French I, II, III  
French IV (H)  
Latin I, II, III  
Latin IV (H)

### Fine Arts Department

Studio Art I, II, III, IV  
**Principles of Art & Design\***  
Vocal Music II – Concert Choir  
Vocal Music I – Viking Chorus  
Advanced Vocal Music – Chamber Singers  
Instrumental Music – Band  
Instrumental Music – Honors Band (H)  
Jazz Band  
String Ensemble

### Math Department

Algebra I  
Advanced Algebra I  
Algebra I (H)  
Algebra II  
Advanced Algebra II  
Algebra II (H)  
Geometry  
Advanced Geometry  
Geometry (H)  
Trigonometry and Math Analysis (H)  
Calculus I (H)  
Introduction to Computer Science (H)  
**Probability and Statistics\***  
**Pre-Calculus\***  
**Trigonometry\***  
**Experiential Engineering\***  
**Introduction to Robotics\***  
**Pre-Engineering I\***  
**Engineering Design\***  
**Engineering I\***  
**CAD and 3D Modeling\***  
**Computer Network Fundamentals\***  
**Computer and Network Architecture\***  
**CNC Programming\***  
**Principles of Robotics\***  
**Computer Prog. Fundamentals\***

### Business Department

Accounting I  
Accounting (H)  
Financial Algebra  
**Intro to Technology for the 21st Century\***  
**Consumer Financial Education\***  
**Principles of Entrepreneurship\***  
**Personal Finance\***  
**Data Analytics I & II\***  
**Business Law & Ethics\***

## Post-Graduate Plans – Class of 2018 (209 Graduates)

	# of students	% of class		# of students	% of class
Four-year college	194	93%	Catholic Colleges	59	30%
Two-year college	6	3%	Private, non-Catholic Colleges	49	24%
Armed Services	1	<1%	Public Colleges	92	46%
Other	8	3.5%	Out-of-State Colleges	93	44%

## Recent College Matriculations 2014 – 2018

Names in bold indicate colleges where three or more graduates have matriculated in the most recent four-year period.

Alderson-Broaddus College	<b>Howard University</b>	<b>The University of Akron</b>
<b>Allegheny College</b>	<b>Indiana University Bloomington</b>	<b>The University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa</b>
<b>American University</b>	<b>Indiana University of Pennsylvania</b>	The University of Arizona
Andrews University	Ithaca College	The University of Montana, Missoula
Arizona State University	James Madison University	The University of Texas, Austin
Baldwin Wallace College	<b>John Carroll University</b>	University of California, Davis
Baylor University	Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Los Angeles
<b>Boston College</b>	<b>Kent State University</b>	University of Chicago
<b>Boston University</b>	Kenyon College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Brown University	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	<b>University of Dayton</b>
Bucknell University	<b>La Roche College</b>	<b>University of Delaware</b>
<b>California University of Pennsylvania</b>	<b>La Salle University</b>	University of Denver
<b>Carlow University</b>	Lafayette College	University of Florida
<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	Lehigh University	University of Kentucky
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	<b>University of Maryland, College Park</b>
<b>The Catholic University of America</b>	Loyola University Chicago	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
<b>Chatham University</b>	Loyola University Maryland	University of Miami
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	<b>Marietta College</b>	University of Michigan
<b>Clark Atlanta University</b>	Marquette University	University of Mount Union
Clarkson University	Marymount Manhattan College	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>
<b>Clemson University</b>	McGill University	University of Oklahoma
Cleveland State University	<b>Mercyhurst University</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
College of Charleston	<b>Miami University (OH)</b>	<b>University of Pittsburgh – Multiple Campuses</b>
College of the Holy Cross	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Rochester
College of William and Mary	North Carolina State University	University of South Carolina
Colorado College	Northeastern University	University of Southern California
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>Ohio University</b>	University of Toledo
Dartmouth College	<b>The Ohio State University</b>	University of Toronto
Davidson College	<b>Penn State University – Multiple Campuses</b>	University of Utah
Denison University	Pennsylvania College of Technology	University of Vermont
<b>DePaul University</b>	<b>Point Park University</b>	University of Washington
Dickinson College	Princeton University	University of Wisconsin—Madison
<b>Drexel University</b>	Purdue University	University of Wyoming
<b>Duquesne University</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	<b>Villanova University</b>
<b>Elon University</b>	<b>Robert Morris University</b>	<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech)</b>
Florida Atlantic University	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
Florida Gulf Coast University	Rollins College	Washington & Jefferson College
Florida State University	Saint Francis University	Washington University in St. Louis
<b>Fordham University</b>	<b>Saint Joseph's University</b>	Waynesburg University
Fort Lewis College	<b>Saint Vincent College</b>	Wesleyan University
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Salve Regina University	<b>West Virginia University</b>
<b>Gannon University</b>	<b>Seton Hall University</b>	Westminster College
Geneva College	<b>Seton Hill University</b>	Wheaton College (IL)
George Mason University	<b>Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Wheeling Jesuit University</b>
<b>Georgetown University</b>	St. John's University – Queens Campus	Willamette University
The George Washington University	Swarthmore College	<b>Xavier University</b>
Gettysburg College	Syracuse University	Yale University
Gonzaga University	<b>Temple University</b>	<b>Youngstown State University</b>
Grove City College	<b>Thiel College</b>	
Hamilton College	Tufts University	
Harvard University	United States Coast Guard Academy	
Haverford College	United States Military Academy	
<b>High Point University</b>	United States Naval Academy	
Hobart and William Smith Colleges		
Hofstra University		