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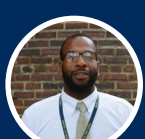
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Central Catholic High School School Profile 2019 – 2020

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School & Community

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, 37% of our students received over \$2.1 million in financial aid. Students come from the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding suburbs and represent more than 160 grade schools and 105 parishes. Current enrollment is 836 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

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|------------------------|-----|------------------------------|----|
| Total Enrollment | 836 | Faculty..... | 69 |
| Class of 2020 | 219 | Christian Brothers | 7 |
| Class of 2021 | 199 | School Counseling Staff..... | 5 |
| Class of 2022 | 202 | | |
| Class of 2023..... | 216 | | |

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.

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), 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 2019 – All Students

| | Mean | Middle 50% |
|---------------|------|------------|
| SAT EBRW | 620 | 580-680 |
| SAT Math | 610 | 540-680 |
| ACT Composite | 25 | 21-29 |

Standardized Test Averages – Class of 2019 – Top 25%

| | Mean | Middle 50% |
|---------------|------|------------|
| SAT EBRW | 690 | 660-730 |
| SAT Math | 690 | 660-720 |
| ACT Composite | 30 | 28-31 |

Class Rank – Class of 2020

The Class Rank Decile is calculated using the Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average. In the Class of 2020 there are 222 students.

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1st Decile | 5.18 - 4.71 |
| 2nd Decile | 4.69 - 4.47 |
| 3rd Decile | 4.46 - 4.27 |
| 4th Decile | 4.26 - 4.14 |
| 5th Decile | 4.13 - 3.94 |
| 6th Decile | 3.93 - 3.74 |
| 7th Decile | 3.73 - 3.52 |
| 8th Decile | 3.51 - 3.23 |
| 9th Decile | 3.21 - 2.90 |
| 10th Decile | 2.89 - 1.75 |

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 15 **Advanced Placement courses** are available at Central Catholic:

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

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Results for 2018-2019

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Test Takers | 166 |
| Tests Taken | 258 |
| Results of 4 or 5 | 139 |
| Results of 3, 4, or 5 | 214 |

In the 2018-2019 academic year, Central Catholic students earned the following AP Honors:

16 students named AP Scholar
12 students named AP Scholar with Honor
20 students named AP Scholar with Distinction
3 students named National AP Scholar

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 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 in addition to traveling domestically and abroad, thus, their intellectual development is bridged with a responsibility to be global citizens.

Bishop McDowell Program

Designed to facilitate student success through the development and reinforcement of necessary skills, the Bishop McDowell Program encourages students, through a variety of individually designed activities, to become thoroughly familiar with their own learning styles. Students in the Bishop McDowell Program attend regular classes and participate fully in the co-curricular life of the school, but have scheduled time for assistance and skill-building to enable them to progress in the college preparatory curriculum.

When students understand how they learn best, they can then begin to apply strategies that work for them in the classroom, while completing homework, and when preparing for exams. Concurrently, the Director of the Bishop McDowell Program works with the Central Catholic faculty to help them understand each student's learning style and the related implications for classroom practices.

Central Catholic will offer the following course options during the 2019-2020 academic year. Level 1-3 courses are indicated below.

Available AP courses are also listed separately on the opposite page.

H = Honors

AP = Advanced Placement

CHS = College in High School

Science Department

Biology – 2, 3, H, AP, CHS
Chemistry – 2, 3, H, AP
Chemistry II
Organic Chemistry - H
Physics – 2, 3, H, AP (C)
Environmental Science – 3
Biotechnology/Bioengineering – 3, H

Social Studies Department

Human Geography – 2, 3, AP
World History I - 2
World History II – 3, H
United States History – 2, 3, H, AP
AP European History - AP
American Government – H, AP
History of Pittsburgh & Western PA -3
Psychology – 3
History of Modern America – 3
Sociology – 3
The U.S. Presidents – 3
AP Art History – AP
The Story of World War II – 3
Introduction to Leadership – 3

Physical Education Department

Physical Education – 1
Health – 3
A Personal Approach to Physical Education & Nutrition – 3
Advanced Physical Fitness – 3
Essential Concepts in Athletic Training – 3

Business Department

Accounting I – 3, H
Intro to Technology for the 21st Century – 3
Financial Algebra – 3
Principles of Entrepreneurship – 3
Personal Finance – 3
Business Law & Ethics – 3
Data Analytics I, II – 3

English Department

Exploring Literature and Writing I – 2, 3, H
Exploring Literature and Writing II – 2, 3, H
Survey of American Literature – 2, 3, H
Survey of World Literature: 2, H
AP Language and Composition - AP
AP English Literature – AP, CHS
Junior Seminar – H
Scholarship: Senior Thesis – H
World Literature: Topics Courses - 3
Humanities: World Literature & Theater – H
Cartooning – 3
Journalism & Newspaper Design – 3
SAT/ACT Preparation – 3
Creative Writing – 3
Yearbook Design – 3
Argument and Debate – 3, CHS
Literature of Film Criticism – 3
Russian History & Culture – 3, CHS

Foreign Languages Department

Italian I – 3
Spanish I – 3
Advanced Spanish I – 3
Spanish II – 2, 3, H
Spanish III – 3, H
Pre-AP Spanish – H
Spanish IV: Advanced Language Development – 4
Spanish V: Culture & History – 4
AP Spanish – AP, CHS
French I, II, III – 3
French IV – 4
Latin I, II, III – 3
Latin IV – H, CHS

Religion Department

Religion I - 3
Religion II - 3
Religion III – 3
A Man of Faith – 3
Brotherhood as a School Virtue – 4
Peer Ministry – 3

Fine Arts Department

Studio Art I, II, III – 3
Studio Art IV – H, CHS
Principles of Art & Design – 3
Vocal Music I (Viking Chorus) – 3
Vocal Music II (Concert Choir) – 3
Instrumental Music (Band) – 3, H
Vocal Music (Chamber Singers) – H
Instrumental Music (Honors Band) – H
Jazz Band – 3, H
Survey of Music History – 3
Fundamentals of Musicianship I, II – 3
String Ensemble – 3
Audio Engineering I: Live Sound Reinforcement – 3
Audio Engineering II: Recording and Production – 3

Math Department

Algebra I – 2, H
Advanced Algebra I – 3
Algebra II – 2, 3, H
Advanced Algebra II - 3
Advanced Geometry – 3
Geometry – 1, 2, 3, H
Trigonometry – 2, 3
Pre-Calculus - 3
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus – H
Calculus – H, AP, CHS
Probability and Statistics - 3
AP Statistics – AP
AP Computer Science – AP
Engineering I – 3, 4
Experiential Engineering – 3
Principles of Robotics – 3, 4
Computer and Network Architecture – 3, 4
Algorithmic Thinking & Computer Programming Fundamentals – 3, 4
Computer Aided Design (CAD) and 3D Modeling – 3, 4
Computer Networking Fundamentals – 3, 4
Engineering Design – 4
CNC Programming – 3

Post-Graduate Plans – Class of 2019 (185 Graduates)

| | # of students | % of class | | # of students | % of class |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Four-year college | 167 | 90% | Catholic Colleges | 38 | 21% |
| Two-year college | 10 | 5% | Private, non-Catholic Colleges | 46 | 25% |
| Armed Services | 1 | <1% | Public Colleges | 83 | 45% |
| Other | 7 | 4% | Out-of-State Colleges | 50 | 27% |

Recent College Matriculations 2015 – 2019

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

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