

## School Description

**Charleston Catholic High School**, known in West Virginia and the region for its **tradition of academic and personal excellence** since 1923, is a Catholic, private, coeducational school offering a **rigorous college preparatory program for all students**. Located in West Virginia's capital city, the school enrolls 466 students in grades 6-12, including 264 in grades 9-12, representing diverse Christian and non-Christian faith traditions and a variety of ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Typically **100 percent of our seniors enroll in and graduate from four-year colleges and universities across the United States**. **Large percentages continue on to graduate school**, earning advanced degrees in medicine, business, dentistry, law, education, computer science, languages, and other areas. Our 5,000 alumni are civic, professional, and community leaders, contributing in their daily lives to our global society.

**Charleston Catholic High School challenges students intellectually, spiritually, and personally in a supportive atmosphere**. Daily theology classes provide opportunities for faith development, personal growth, and an understanding of others' viewpoints. Our graduates develop **solid work ethics, generous hearts, and confidence through their high school experiences**. **Over 90 percent of our students participate in school sports and other extracurricular activities**, building leadership, teamwork, and other skills that will benefit them now and in the future. **One hundred percent of our students participate in community service efforts** with a majority of their efforts focusing on the disadvantaged and underserved. **Attendance at cultural arts events** is a requirement.

**The Charleston Catholic curriculum is solid with a well-defined core of required courses**. **One hundred percent** of our graduates have completed **full-year courses in physical science, biology, and chemistry**. **Over 80 percent** have completed additional science courses in Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics, and Anatomy/Physiology. **One hundred percent** have completed **math courses beyond Algebra II**, with **82 percent** completing **Trigonometry/Precalculus**, and **44 percent** completing **Calculus**. **One hundred percent** have completed at least two years of a **foreign language** during their high school years (Latin, French, Spanish, Hebrew, Russian) and **65 percent** have completed three or more years. Students must earn **29 credits for graduation** from Charleston Catholic High School.

## Class Rank and GPAs

*Charleston Catholic High School does not rank its students. All students follow a college preparatory curriculum. All courses are included in the computation of the GPA. **Honors, advanced honors, and Advanced Placement courses are weighted.** Placement in all courses is based on achievement, aptitude, and motivation.*

### Grading Scale

Through Spring 2007	Beginning Fall 2007
A = 94 – 100	A = 93 – 100
B = 86 – 93	B = 85 – 92
C = 75 – 85	C = 75 – 84
D = 70 – 74	D = 70 – 74
F = below 70	F = below 70

## Academic Assessment

- 100% of seniors take SAT and/or ACT
- 100% of juniors and sophomores take PSAT
- 100% of freshmen and sophomores take PLAN

## Courses and Graduation Requirements

*(Courses in bold are required plus additional credits to total 29 Carnegie Units for graduation.)*

- **Theology: (4 credits)** Old Testament/Sacraments; New Testament/Sacraments; Morality, Peace, and Social Justice; World Religions and Christian Lifestyles
- **English: (4 credits)** Introduction to Literature, World Literature, American Literature, British Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Philosophy, Mythology, Great Books, Appalachian Studies, AP English Language, AP English Literature
- **Mathematics: (4 credits)** Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra III, Trigonometry/Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science
- **Science: (3 credits)** Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry II, Anatomy/Physiology, Biology II, AP Physics
- **History/Social Sciences: (3 credits)** US History to 1900, World History to 1900, 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century, Political Science, Psychology, Military History, Stock Market and 20th Century Presidents, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, AP Human Geography, AP Economics, AP U.S. Government and Politics
- **Foreign Language: (2 credits)** Latin, French, or Spanish (each offered through level IV)
- **Others: Physical Education, Health, Business & Finance, Art I and II, Art for Portfolio, and others**
- **Focus on the Arts: (1 credit)** 12 events in 4 years
- **Community Service:** at least 90 required hours in grades 9-12

## Advanced Placement Scores

Comparison of AP Scores (Spring 2008)  
(% of students scoring 3, 4, or 5)

	Calc AB	Calc BC	Comp. Sci.	Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Human Geog.	Stats
CCHS	93%	100%	73%	100%	68%	93%	75%
US	61%	80%	57%	58%	60%	52%	59%

## Senior Class Profiles

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
# seniors	57	50	61	58	69
National Merit					
Semi-Finalists	3	3	3	5	8
\$ Merit-Based					
Scholarships	2.5M	2.5M	3.5M	4.5M	TBA

## SAT Scores - Class of 2008

	CCHS	WV	US
% of seniors tested	90%	20%	48%
<b>Critical Reading Average</b>	<b>582</b>	512	502
CCHS mid 50% range	540-630		
<b>Math Average</b>	<b>598</b>	501	515
CCHS mid 50% range	520-690		
<b>Writing Average</b>	<b>592</b>	498	494
CCHS mid 50% range	530-630		

Average SAT scores for CCHS students who also took SAT Subject Tests:

<b>Critical Reading</b>	<b>649</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>627</b>

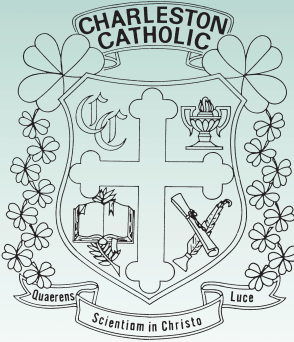
## ACT Scores - Class of 2008

	CCHS	WV	US
% of seniors tested	85%	40%	48%
<b>Composite</b>	<b>25.9</b>	20.7	21.1
CCHS mid 50% range	24-29		

Class GPA Distribution (end of junior year)

Class of	2006	2007	2008	2009
4.0+	12%	15%	15%	26%
3.5-3.9	29%	25%	31%	18%
3.0-3.4	27%	28%	33%	22%
2.5-2.9	22%	17%	14%	20%
2.0-2.4	10%	15%	7%	14%

# CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



## 2008-2009 Profile

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## Scholarship-Leadership-Service-Character

### Accreditation and Memberships

- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement
- West Virginia Department of Education
- National Catholic Education Association
- West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission

### Academic Year

2 semesters; 182-185 school days per year; daily classes of 45-50 minutes; all students carry 7 academic courses each year

### High School Faculty

80% hold masters degrees; average teaching experience is 13 years; 90% are club sponsors and/or coaches, many in more than one capacity. Teacher-student ratio is 1:13.

### Student Activities

*Life at Charleston Catholic High School includes a wide range of activities and service opportunities. Participation in clubs, activities, and athletic teams is quite high, typically involving over 90% of the student body.*

#### Athletics:

- Boys' and girls' cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, track, tennis, golf
- Boys' baseball
- Girls' volleyball, cheerleading, and softball

#### Activities and Organizations:

- Art exhibits and competitions
- Attendance at athletic events
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Choir
- Drama Club
- French Club
- Homecoming activities
- Housing Outreach Project Express
- International Tasting
- Junior Classical League
- Literary Magazine
- Pax Christi
- Pep Band
- Prom Committee
- Quiz Bowl
- Retreats
- Robotics Club
- School dances
- Showcase of Talent
- Ski & Snowboard Club
- Spanish Club
- Speech and Forensics
- State and regional academic competitions
- Student Activities Council

### Service

*100% of students are involved in volunteer service in addition to school-wide community service projects. Seniors complete 30 hours during their senior year. Each year students typically contribute over 11,500 hours outside the school day in service to the community.*

### Where Do Our Graduates Go?

	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Four-year colleges and universities</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>
West Virginia institutions	44%	52%	39%	40%
Out-of-state institutions	56%	48%	61%	60%

### College Admissions

*Members of the class of 2008 were accepted by 113 colleges and universities and are attending 34 different colleges and universities across the United States.*

*Students from CCHS classes 2000 through 2008 have been accepted to colleges and universities such as:* Amherst, Appalachian State, American, Auburn, Baylor, Belmont-Abbey, Bethany, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, Brown, Bowdoin, Bucknell, Butler, Carleton, Carnegie-Mellon, Case Western, Catholic University, Citadel, Clemson, Colby, Colgate, College of Charleston, Concord, Cornell, Davidson, Denison, DePaul, Drexel, Duke, Duquesne, Earlham, Eckerd, Elon, Emerson, Emory, Fordham, Furman, George Washington, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Greensboro, Hampden Sydney, Haverford, High Point, Hollins, Holy Cross, Indiana University, James Madison, Johns Hopkins, John Carroll, Kenyon, Lehigh, Loyola, Marietta, Marshall, MIT, Miami of Ohio, Middlebury, Mount Holyoke, New York University, Notre Dame, Northwestern, Oberlin, Ohio State, Ohio University, Penn State, Purdue, Queens, Radford, Randolph Macon, Reed, Rhodes, Rice, Roanoke, St. Mary's of Maryland, St. Vincent, Salem, Sarah Lawrence, Savannah College of Art & Design, Shepherd, Smith, Southern Methodist, Stanford, Swarthmore, Texas A&M, Tufts, US Military Academy, US Merchant Marine Academy, US Naval Academy, University of California-Berkeley, University of Charleston, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Dayton, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of St. Andrews (Scotland), University of the South, University of Southern California, University of Tennessee, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt, Vassar, Villanova, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Washington & Lee, Washington University, Washington & Jefferson, Wellesley, WVU Tech, West Virginia University, WV Wesleyan, Wheaton, Wheeling Jesuit, William and Mary, Wittenberg, Wofford, Wooster, Xavier, Yale

