

## 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**. Operating under the auspices of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the school enrolls 410 students in grades 6 - 12, including 210 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 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 physics, biology, and chemistry**. **Over 67 percent** have completed additional science courses in Biology II, AP Biology, AP Physics, General Physics and Anatomy/Physiology. **One hundred percent** have completed **math courses beyond Algebra II**, with **86 percent** completing **Trigonometry/Precalculus**, and **74 percent** completing **Calculus**. **One hundred percent** have completed at least two years of a **foreign language** during their high school years (Latin, French and Spanish) and **85 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

Before 8/2015	8/2015
A = 93 – 100	A = 93 – 100
B = 85 – 92	B = 85 – 92
C = 75 – 84	C = 77 – 84
D = 70 – 74	D = 69 – 76
F = below 70	F = below 69

## Academic Assessment

- 100% of seniors take SAT and/or ACT
- 100% of sophomores and juniors take PSAT
- 100% of freshmen and sophomores take Terra Nova
- 100% of freshman take PSAT 8/9

## 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)* **World Literature (9), Introduction to American Literature (10), American Literature (11), British Literature (12), Creative Writing, Journalism, Philosophy, Mythology, AP English Language, Literature/Film, AP English Literature**
- *Mathematics: (4 credits)* **Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Math Functions, Precalculus I/Trigonometry, Trigonometry/Precalculus, Precalculus II/Calculus A, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus AB/BC, AP Computer Science**
- *Science: (3 credits)* **Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, Applied Sciences, Biology II, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Biology**
- *History/Social Sciences: (3 credits)* **World History to 1900, US History to 1900, 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century, Military History, Criminal Justice, AP Human Geography, AP United States Government and Politics, AP Economics, AP Psychology, AP World History, AP United States History, AP European History**
- *Foreign Language: (2 credits)* **Latin, French, or Spanish** (each offered through level IV)
- *Others:* **Physical Education, Health, Business and Finance, Art I and II, Art for Portfolio, AP Art History**
- *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

Spring 2015 - % of CCHS students scoring 3, 4, or 5

Bio	Calc. AB	Calc. BC	Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Physics Mech.	U.S. History	U.S. Gov.
83%	71%	100%	100%	67%	75%	67%	100%

31% of the Class of 2015 earned AP Scholar Awards, recognizing their performance on AP exams.

## Senior Class Profiles

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
# seniors	63	65	45	39	56
National Merit					
Semi-Finalists	3	5	6	1	5
\$ Merit-Based Scholarships	8.3M	6.1M	4.2M	4.6M	TBA

## SAT Scores - Class of 2015

	CCHS	WV	US
% of seniors	85%	15%	52%
<b>Critical Reading Mean</b>	577	509	495
CCHS mid 50% range	510-640		
<b>Math Mean</b>	579	497	511
CCHS mid 50% range	520-630		
<b>Writing Mean</b>	579	495	484
CCHS mid 50% range	510-630		

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

<b>Critical Reading Mean</b>	660
<b>Math Mean</b>	647
<b>Writing Mean</b>	663

## ACT Scores - Class of 2015

	CCHS	WV	US
% of seniors tested	82%	68%	59%
<b>Composite</b>	26	20.8	21
CCHS mid 50% range	23-29		

## Class GPA Distribution (end of junior year)

Class of	2013	2014	2015	2016
4.0+	27%	33%	23%	39%
3.5-3.9	27%	22%	23%	14%
3.0-3.4	22%	16%	33%	20%
2.5-2.9	6%	20%	12%	18%
2.0-2.4	18%	9%	9%	9%

# CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



## 2015-2016 Profile

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## Scholarship-Leadership-Service-Character

### Accreditation and Memberships

- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement
- West Virginia Board of Education (Policy 2330)
- National Catholic Education Association
- West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
- National Association for College Admission Counseling

### 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

58% hold master's degrees; average teaching experience is 14 years; 90% are club sponsors and/or coaches, many in more than one capacity. Teacher-student ratio is 1:9.

### 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 Club
- Art exhibits and competitions
- Attendance at athletic events
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Choir
- Drama Club
- French Club
- Homecoming activities
- Housing Outreach Project Express
- Junior Classical League
- Literary Magazine
- Pax Christi
- Prom Committee
- Quiz Bowl
- Retreats
- Robotics Club
- Salsa Club
- School dances
- Science Book Club
- Sewing Club
- Ski and 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?

	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Four-year colleges and universities</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>100%</b>
West Virginia institutions	46%	52%	55%	49%
Out-of-state institutions	54%	48%	45%	51%

### College Admissions

*Members of the class of 2015 were accepted by 54 colleges and universities and are attending 19 different colleges and universities across the United States.*

*Students from CCHS classes 2003 through 2015 have been accepted to colleges and universities such as: American, Appalachian State, Asbury, Auburn, Baylor, Belmont-Abbey, Berea, Berklee College of Music, Bethany, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, Brown, Bowdoin, Bucknell, Butler, California Institute of Technology, Carleton, Carnegie-Mellon, Case Western, Catholic University, University of Central Florida, Centre College, Chapman, Citadel, Clemson, Colby, Colgate, College of Charleston, College of Mt. St. Joseph, Concord, Cornell College, Cornell University, Denison, DePaul, Drexel, Duke, Duquesne, Earlham, Eastern Kentucky, Eckerd, Elon, Emerson, Emory, Fairmont State, Flagler, Fordham, Furman, George Washington, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Guilford, Hampden-Sydney, Haverford, High Point, Hollins, Holy Cross, James Madison, John Carroll, Johns Hopkins, Kenyon, Lehigh, Le Moyne, Loyola, Marietta, Marshall, Marymount, MIT, McGill, Miami of Ohio, Middlebury, Montana State, Mount Holyoke, New York University, Notre Dame, North Carolina State, Northeastern, Northwestern, Oberlin, Ohio State, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan, Otterbein, Penn State, Princeton, Point Park, Purdue, Queens, Radford, Reed, Rhodes, Ringling College of Art and Design, Roanoke, St. Louis University, St. Vincent, Salem, Sarah Lawrence, Savannah College of Art and Design, Shepherd, Slippery Rock, SMU, Southern Florida, Syracuse, Swarthmore, Texas A&M, TCU, Tufts, Tulane, US Merchant Marine Academy, US Military 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 Louisville, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, University of Oklahoma, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of St. Andrews, University of South Carolina, University of Southern California, University of Tennessee, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt, Vassar, Villanova, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Washington University, Washington & Jefferson, Washington & Lee, Wellesley, Wesleyan, West Virginia State, WVU Tech, West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Wheaton, Wheeling Jesuit, William and Mary, Wittenberg, Wofford, Wooster, Xavier, Yale*