



Carmel Catholic High School

PROFILE 2019-2020



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OVERVIEW

Carmel Catholic High School is a college preparatory and secondary school for young men and women in grades 9 through 12. Carmel Catholic provides a quality Catholic education and is committed to meeting the academic, physical, social, and spiritual needs of the students it serves. An abiding commitment to community service and a deep respect for all people are at the core of Carmel Catholic.

Founded in 1962, Carmel Catholic is jointly sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) and the Order of Carmelites (O.Carm.). In 1960, the Archdiocese of Chicago invited these two religious communities to build a co-institutional Catholic high school in Lake County. In September 1962, Carmel High School for Boys opened its doors to a freshman class of 175 students. In September 1963, Carmel High School for Girls admitted students. In August 1988, the two schools merged and a separate corporation was established for the newly coeducational school. In order to heighten awareness of our Catholic roots, Carmel High School was renamed Carmel Catholic High School in 2005. Today, our school operates at near capacity. We have 87 classroom teachers, 75 percent of which have advanced degrees.

MISSION

Centered in Jesus Christ, Carmel Catholic is a college preparatory high school, empowering students to be servant leaders filled with zeal for faith and scholarship. Rooted in the charisms of the Order of Carmelites and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Catholic community embraces a tradition of dignity, diversity, and justice.

VALUES

Carmel Catholic High School values community, academics, reverence, mission, enthusiasm, and leadership. To learn more, visit www.carmelhs.org/values/.

ACCREDITATION

Carmel Catholic High School is fully accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education, the National Catholic Education Association, and AdvancEd.

ENROLLMENT

Carmel Catholic High School enrolls approximately 1,150 students each year. Carmel Catholic draws students from more than 100 elementary and middle schools throughout Lake, McHenry, Cook, and Kenosha counties. Financial aid is available to students based on need. For the 2019-20 school year, more than \$2 million in assistance was available for families. This financial commitment enables students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to attend Carmel Catholic High School.

RECOGNITION

Carmel Catholic is one of two schools in the state and less than 10 schools nationwide to receive the prestigious Blue Ribbon School award by the U.S. Department of Education four times. Schools are honored for their excellence in:

- Challenging standards and curriculum
- Excellent teaching within an environment that facilitates teacher improvement
- School, family, and community partnerships
- Exceptional levels of student performance on measures of achievement

In 2011, Carmel Catholic was named an “Illinois Democracy School.” Carmel Catholic is currently one of 67 schools in the state to receive this prestigious recognition earned by the expansion and improvement of civic learning experiences across the curriculum. Additionally, the Catholic High School Honor Roll named Carmel Catholic one of the “Top 50 Catholic Secondary Schools” in 2004. Carmel Catholic was selected based on its high scores in the categories of academics, Catholicity, and civic instruction. During the 2012-13 school year, Carmel Catholic launched its 1:1 student computing program, making Carmel Catholic the leading digital high school in Lake County and among the first in the Chicago area.

FACILITIES

Carmel Catholic occupies a 50-acre campus with 73 academic classrooms and premier athletic facilities. A \$6.2 million Fine and Performing Arts Center and an Information Commons opened to students in 2013, allowing for the addition of state-of-the-art choir and

band facilities, a multi-purpose dance studio, a black box theater, visual arts studios, a photography lab, small group study rooms, digital labs, and an audio/media production studio. The Carlos J. Serna Learning Resource Center was established in 2009 to serve students who are admitted to Carmel Catholic with learning exceptionalities and have an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Accommodation Plan.

ADMISSION

Students must test for entrance into Carmel Catholic High School. Admission is based on several factors including, but not limited to, the entrance exam score, junior high school grades, and previous standardized testing scores. Carmel Catholic does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion, or ethnic origin in its admission process.

SCHEDULE

Carmel Catholic operates on a semester system. The school day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m. Classes meet for 70-minutes, two out of three days in an ABC rotation. Students must take a minimum of seven courses per semester.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-seven units of credit are required as follows:

4	English
3	Mathematics
4	Religious Studies
3	Science
3	Social Studies
1	Physical Education
2	World Language or Fine Arts
0.5	Health
0.5	Fine Arts or Media
0.5	Business
5.5	Electives

We also require a minimum of 100 hours of Christian Service.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

Carmel Catholic offers 18 AP courses and 76 honors courses. Student enrollment in AP or honors classes is based on proficiency in the subject area,

academic performance, current GPA, and teacher recommendation. All students taking AP courses are required to take the corresponding AP exam. Students may take AP exams in other subject areas for which they are prepared. In spring 2019, students took a total of 409 AP exams; 68% percent earned a score of three or higher.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Carmel Catholic offers 13 dual credit courses in conjunction with Loyola University-Chicago, Milwaukee School of Engineering, and College of Lake County. Students enrolled in these courses are exposed to college-level coursework in their high school classroom and will have the opportunity to receive college credits through College of Lake County or Loyola University-Chicago. On the Carmel Catholic transcript, students will receive the highest weighted GPA points for these classes, making them equivalent with AP classes and other college level coursework currently offered.

GRADING

All courses are taught at the college preparatory level. Students are not ranked. A student's GPA is computed by using semester grades beginning with the ninth grade. All courses are included except summer school courses not taken at Carmel Catholic and correspondence courses. The grading scale is as follows:

- 100-90% Exceptional
- 89-80% Above Average
- 79-70% Average
- 69-60% Below Average
- 59%-Below No Credit

WEIGHTING

Grades are weighted according to the following system:

	100-90%	89-80%	79-70%	69-60%
Advanced Placement	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
Honors College Prep	4.5	3.5	2.5	1.5
College Prep	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0

2019 ACT SCORES

96% of 291 students tested. Carmel Catholic students exceeded statewide ACT scores in all five categories—English, mathematics, reading, science, and composite scores. Carmel Catholic's ACT scores have been higher than state scores for more than a decade.

2019 AVERAGE ACT SCORES VS. STATEWIDE

English:	Carmel — 26.4	State — 24.5
Math:	Carmel — 24.4	State — 23.8
Reading:	Carmel — 26.3	State — 24.7
Science:	Carmel — 24.9	State — 23.7
Composite:	Carmel — 25.7	State — 24.3

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

All Carmel Catholic students are required to participate in the school's Christian Service Program. The program requires each student to donate 25 hours of service to the community each school year. Upon graduation, each student has completed a minimum of 100 hours of service. Carmel Catholic believes that the spiritual growth students experience through ministry to others will lead to a lifetime commitment to service.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Clubs and activities are an integral part of the school's mission to educate the whole person. Carmel Catholic offers more than 40 extracurriculars, which provide students with a blend of social, artistic, academic, and service experiences outside of the school day.

ATHLETICS

Carmel Catholic's athletes participate in the East Suburban Catholic Conference (ESCC) with full teams in 12 boys' and 12 girls' sports. Carmel Catholic's athletic programs are dedicated to fostering a competitive spirit that emphasizes the need for teamwork, school pride, and respect for self, teammate, coaches, opponents, and officials. Approximately 85 percent of Carmel Catholic students participate in interscholastic sports and intramural play.

CLASS OF 2019 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Albion College	Marquette University	University of California, Berkeley
American University	Miami University, Oxford	University of California, Santa Barbara
Arizona State University	Michigan State University	University of Central Florida
Auburn University	Michigan Technological University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Augustana College	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Connecticut
Ball State University	Minot State University	University of Dallas
Baylor University	Missouri State University	University of Dayton
Belmont University	New York University	University of Delaware
Beloit College	North Carolina State University	University of Denver
Berklee College of Music	Northeastern University	University of Florida
Boston College	Northern Illinois University	University of Georgia
Boston University	Northern Michigan University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Bowling Green State University	Northwestern University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bradley University	Oberlin Conservatory of Music	University of Indianapolis
Butler University	Oklahoma State University	University of Kansas
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Olivet Nazarene University	University of Kentucky
California State University, Long Beach	Pennsylvania State University	University of Louisville
Carroll University (Wisconsin)	Pepperdine University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Carthage College	Providence College	University of Michigan
Case Western Reserve University	Purdue University	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Centre College	Robert Morris University Illinois	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Clarke University	Rockhurst University	University of Mississippi
Clemson University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Missouri
Coastal Carolina University	Saint Louis University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
College of Charleston	Saint Mary's College	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
College of Lake County	Santa Clara University	University of New Hampshire at Durham
Colorado School of Mines	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Notre Dame
Colorado State University	Seattle University	University of Oregon
Columbia College Chicago	Seton Hall University	University of Pennsylvania
Creighton University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Portland
Denison University	Southeast Missouri State University	University of San Francisco
DePaul University	St. Ambrose University	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Drake University	St. John's University	University of South Florida
Drexel University	St. Norbert College	University of St. Thomas
Duke University	St. Olaf College	University of St. Thomas - St. Paul
Earlham College	Stetson University	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Eastern Illinois University	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
Elmhurst College	Temple University	University of Washington
Florida Gulf Coast University	Texas A&M University	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Florida State University	Texas Christian University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Fordham University	Texas Tech University	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Georgia Institute of Technology	The Catholic University of America	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Grambling State University	The George Washington University	University of Wyoming
High Point University	The Ohio State University	Villanova University
Hofstra University	The University of Alabama	Virginia Tech
Illinois Institute of Technology	The University of Arizona	Washington and Lee University
Illinois State University	The University of Iowa	Western Michigan University
Indiana University	The University of Oklahoma	Willamette University
Iowa State University	Tulane University	Xavier University
Jacksonville University	University at Buffalo The State University of New York	York College
John Carroll University	University College Dublin	
Kansas State University		
Kent State University		
Knox College		
Lake Forest College		
Lawrence University		
Lewis University		
Loras College		
Loyola Marymount University		
Loyola University Chicago		
Macalester College		
Marist College		

CLASS OF 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% graduation rate
- 99% college bound; heading off to nearly 110 colleges and universities nationwide
- Nearly \$44.5 million in college scholarships awarded
- 100% performed community service work – nearly 41,000 hours of service were performed by the school last year
- Average ACT score: 25.7
- National Merit Finalists: 2
- National Merit Commended Scholars: 4
- National Advanced Placement Scholars: 5
- Illinois State Scholars: 84
- Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction: 17
- Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors: 13
- Advanced Placement Scholars: 29
- IHSA Academic Achievement Athletes: 75
- East Suburban Catholic Conference (ESCC) Scholar Athletes: 20
- National Honor Society Members: 95
- Legacy Graduates — children of Carmel Catholic alumni: 46
- Four years perfect attendance: 2

291 TOTAL STUDENTS

In-State College Choices: 62

4 Yr. Public University: 26

4 Yr. Private University: 25

2 Yr. College: 11

Out-of-State College Choices: 226

4 Yr. Public University: 130

4 Yr. Private University: 89

2 Yr. College: 7

Other: 3

Active Duty Military: 1

Unknown College Choice: 2