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LOCATION

Catholic High School is located in Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana and its second largest city. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River and is the political center for Louisiana with a population of approximately 230,000 individuals. The city is home to the state's flagship university (Louisiana State University), Southern University and Baton Rouge Community College, as well as being a noteworthy site of major petrochemical plants and related industries, and the Port of Baton Rouge is the ninth largest in the United States. The majority of our students' parents are professionals in the workforce, and our school is located in mid-city Baton Rouge.

SCHOOL

Founded in 1894 by the religious order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Catholic High School continues today as an independent, Catholic, all-male college preparatory high school accredited by AdvancED. As indicated in its mission statement, CHS strives to teach gospel values in an environment of academic excellence according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Recognized as a "National School of Excellence" five times by the U.S. Department of Education, the school celebrates 123 years of operation with a current population of 1,158 students in grades 8-12. The senior class of 2017 numbers 279. The faculty consists of 101 members: 46 bachelor's, 50 master's and 5 doctoral degrees.

COURSE LISTINGS

Business/Computer Education

Accounting I (Part 1, Part 2)
Advanced Technical Drafting
Architectural Drafting
Computer Architecture
Computer Science I, II
Engineering Design I
Independent Study - A+ Certification
Independent Study - Computer Science
Multimedia Productions
Personal & Family Finance
Webmastering

English

English I, I A, I H*, II, II H*, III, III H*, AP English Language*, IV, IV (Dual Enrollment), IV H*, AP English Literature*
Reading I
Speech I
Independent Study - Newspaper Publications I, II (Newspaper)
Publications I, II (Yearbook)

Fine Arts

Art I, II, III, IV
Art: Drawing & Painting
Art: Sculpture
Fine Arts Survey
AP Music Theory
Music Appreciation
Music & Technology
Ballet I
Advanced Band B, A
Applied Music (Percussion)
Jazz Ensemble
Wind Ensemble
Beginning Men's Choir
Intermediate Men's Choir
Advanced Men's Choir
Advanced Chorus II (Schola, Chamber)
Technical Theatre
Theatre I, II, III, IV

Foreign Language

French I, II, III H*, IV H*, AP French*
Latin I, II, III H*, IV H*, AP Latin*
Spanish I, II, III H*, IV H*, V H*, AP Spanish*

Health & Physical Education

Health & Physical Education I, II, III, IV

Health Occupations

Sports Medicine I, II

Mathematics

Algebra I, I A, I H*, II, II H*
Geometry, Geometry H*
Advanced Math: Functions and Statistics
AP Statistics*
Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus H*
Calculus, Calculus H*, AP Calculus AB*

Religion

History of Religion
Religion II, III, IV

Science

Biology, Biology H*, AP Biology*
Chemistry, Chemistry H*, Chemistry II H*
Environmental Science,
AP Environmental Science*

Physics, Physics H*, AP Physics 1*
Physics for Technology

Social Studies

Civics (Part 1, Part 2)
AP U.S. Government and Politics*, AP Comparative Government and Politics*
American History, American History H*, AP U.S. History*
Western Civilization, AP World History*
AP Microeconomics*
AP Human Geography*
History Through Film
Law Studies
Psychology, AP Psychology*

*A-Advanced, H- Honors,
AP- Advanced Placement
Honors Program courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Program: Minimum Total 26

Religion - 4 credits
English - 4 credits
Fine Arts - 1 credit

Foreign Language (in sequence) - 2 credits
Health and Physical Education - 2 credits
Mathematics - 4 credits

Science - 4 credits
Social Studies - 3 credits
General Electives - 2 credits

Honors Program: Minimum Total 26

Completion of the Academic Program with at least 13 Honors/AP credits (including 2 in senior year) and a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher and no semester grade lower than C in any course. A student must meet departmental guidelines and have approval from the departmental chairperson to enroll in these courses. Given the obligation to meet state and diocesan guidelines, no student, regardless of how advanced or gifted he is, is able to enroll in all the Honors/AP courses Catholic High School offers.

GRADING

Report cards are issued four times a year. Each division of the school year is referred to as a quarter. The first two quarters make up the first semester; the third and fourth quarters make up the second semester. The letter system used is as follows:

A.... 4 Quality Points B.... 3 Quality Points C.... 2 Quality Points D.... 1 Quality Point F.... 0 Quality Points

Letter grades will appear on the report card according to the following scale: A = 93-100; B = 85-92; C = 75-84; D = 67-74; F = 0-66.

First and second semester grades are calculated by counting each quarter's numeric average as 40% of the semester grade, and the semester exam as 20%. The cumulative grade point average (weighted and unweighted) is determined by semester grades. In determining the cumulative grade point average (weighted and unweighted), all semester grades are included.

RANK IN CLASS

Because of the academic strength of our students, class rank is not considered a notable indication of an individual student's scholastic achievement and is not computed. Instead, weighted grade point average information is available below for comparison purposes.

<u>GPA Distribution</u>			<i>Honors Program Core Curriculum</i> <i>(The following Honors and AP courses are given equal weight in the GPA.)</i>
Weighted GPA*	Number of Students	Percentage of Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English II Honors • Any two of the following: English III Honors, AP English Language, English IV Honors, AP English Literature • Algebra II Honors • Pre-Calculus Honors • Calculus Honors or AP Calculus AB • Chemistry Honors • Physics Honors or AP Physics 1 • AP Biology, Chemistry II Honors, or AP Environmental Science • American History Honors or AP U.S. History • AP World History
4.0+	43	15%	
3.5 - 3.99	90	32%	
3.0 - 3.49	71	26%	
2.5 - 2.99	44	16%	
2.49 and below	31	11%	
<i>Weighted GPA=Unweighted grade point average + (Number of honors program core curriculum semesters completed with grades A, B or C x .02)</i>			

TEST DATA

<u>ACT</u>	<u>Middle 50%</u>	<u>National Merit and National Achievement Program Recognition</u>		
Class of 2015 (100% of class).....	23-29	<i>Class of 2015</i>	<i>Class of 2016</i>	<i>Class of 2017</i>
Class of 2016 (100% of class).....	22-28	8 semifinalists	6 semifinalists	9 semifinalists
<u>SAT</u>	<u>Middle 50%</u>	8 finalists	6 finalists	4 commended
Class of 2015 (7% of class).....	1840-2180	3 commended	13 commended	1 national Hispanic
Class of 2016 (13% of class).....	1820-2090	2 national Hispanic scholars	1 national Hispanic scholar	scholar

GRADUATES

Graduates from the classes of 2015 and 2016 have matriculated at the following colleges: American University, Auburn University, Baton Rouge Community College, Baylor University, Belmont University, Birmingham-Southern College, Boston College, Brown University, Fordham University, Full Sail University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Louisiana State University, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Louisiana State University at Eunice, Louisiana Tech University, Loyola University New Orleans, Millsaps College, Mississippi Valley State University, National American University, New York University, Nicholls State University, North Carolina State University, Northeastern University, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Our Lady of the Lake College, Rice University, River Parishes Community College, Saint Joseph Seminary College, Saint Joseph's University, Saint Louis University, Savannah College of Art and Design, South Louisiana Community College, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern Methodist University, Southern University and A&M College, Spring Hill College, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Tulane University, United States Air Force Academy, United States Naval Academy, University of Alabama, University of Georgia, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana at Monroe, University of Mississippi, University of New Orleans, University of Notre Dame, University of Oklahoma, University of Pennsylvania, University of South Alabama, University of Tennessee, University of Texas at Austin, University of the South, Vanderbilt University, Wofford College and Xavier University of Louisiana.

SCHOOL POLICY ON DISCIPLINARY NOTIFICATION

Membership in the senior class and graduation from Catholic High School implies that a student is in good standing regarding both the behavioral and academic requirements of the school. Any significant changes to a student's record will be reported to the post-secondary institution(s).