



Mission

The Catholic school communities of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are committed to providing quality education in the Catholic tradition for all students in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. We accompany families in challenging children to recognize, develop and share their God-given gifts and talents.

System at a Glance

- 19 elementary schools and 6 high schools
- 5,022 elementary and secondary students
- Over 500 professional staff
- 13% of students represent minorities
- 16th largest West Virginia school system in number of students
- 8th largest West Virginia school system in number of schools
- 13 counties are served by West Virginia Catholic schools



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Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Department of Catholic Schools

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston continues to work diligently to provide an education of intense academic rigor within the context and practice of our Catholic faith. Our Catholic schools have always been a tremendous resource for the faith community. Our teachers and administrators don't allow complacency to set in, but strive to increase our tradition of Catholic identity and academic excellence. Catholic Church teaching and the Gospel values will continue to be the vision that our schools use to set up the mission and vision in each Catholic school. We strive to develop the next generation of Catholics in West Virginia. As Catholic faith communities we strive to educate the whole person through numerous initiatives, tuition assistance, and an active faith life.

Our schools are always striving to improve and become better institutions with our constant focus on what is best for our students. Our Catholic Schools strive to provide learning and innovative skills to prepare our students for a rapidly changing life and work environment in the 21st Century. A focus on creativity and innovation; critical thinking and problem-solving; and communication and collaboration; is evidenced by an increased emphasis on project-based, hands-on activities which are enhanced through technology. Many of our schools include STEM/STEAM projects or even labs for the students to participate in dynamic activities that challenge them in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.

I invite you to review the information in this publication. The pictures highlight students and teachers in 12 of our 25 schools, and share glimpses of some of the great things happening across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Thank you for your continued support as we keep Jesus at the core of everything we do in our Catholic Schools.

Mary Ann Deschaine, EdS

Superintendent



St. Michael Parish School



Madonna High School



St. Joseph the Worker Grade School



St. Francis de Sales School



Parkersburg Catholic High School



St. Joseph Central Catholic High School



St. Joseph Catholic School



Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School

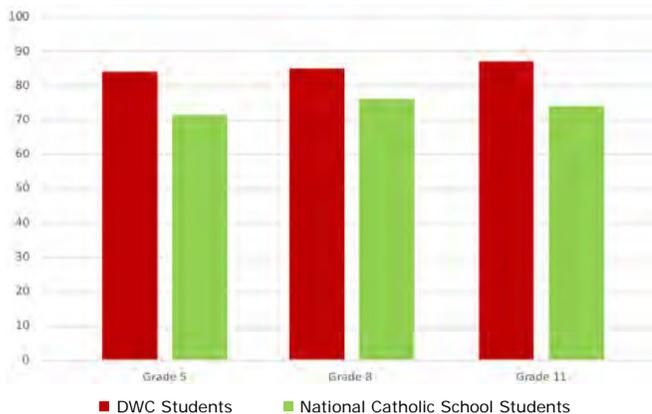
Catholic Identity

Our Catholic schools are grounded in Gospel values and Church tradition from beginning to end. Whether it is in the classrooms, sports arenas, assemblies, or service projects, the Catholic faith is being lived by the entire school community.

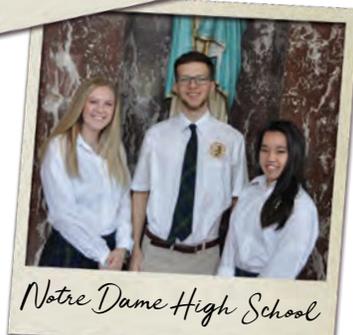
Catholic Schools have:

-  Daily religion classes
-  Prayer throughout the school day
-  Weekly and monthly Masses
-  Student and faculty retreats
-  Reconciliation services
-  Living Rosaries
-  Service clubs and organizations
-  School-wide service hours
-  Involvement in the parish
-  *Camp Magis* - for all 7th grade students
-  *The Summit* - for all 10th grade students

2017-2018 ACRE Test Results



Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston scored higher than Catholic School students across the nation in the Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education test (ACRE).

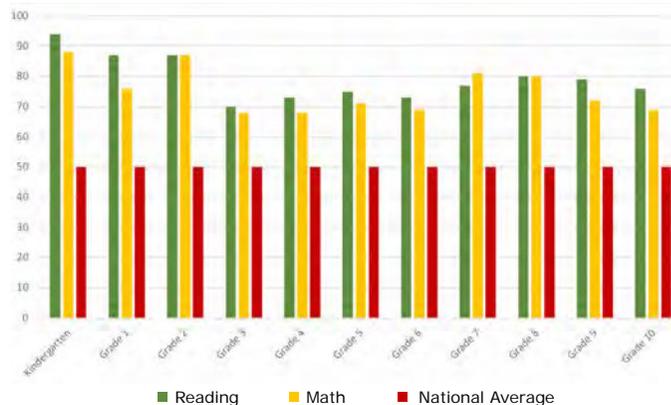


Academic Excellence

In the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we seek to provide an education of academic excellence that is both instructional and formative; an education that offers a synthesis of faith and reason; an education rooted in our Catholic faith.

- Our students are recognized with numerous awards earned at the local, county, state, and national levels.
- Members of the Class of 2018 were offered more than \$25 million in college scholarships.
- Members of the Class of 2018 are enrolled in nearly 80 different colleges and universities.
- The Classes of 2013–2018 had 67 National Merit Semi-Finalists and Finalists.
- The Classes of 2013–2018 had 3 students named as Presidential Scholars.

2017-2018 Terra Nova 3 Test Scores NP of MNCE (Mean Normal Curve Equivalent)



Students in grades K-8 score higher than the national average.

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The class of 2018 had a graduation rate of 99% and 98% continued on to higher education.



The graduating classes of 2018 from our six high schools were offered \$23 million in scholarships.



Schools across the Diocese are utilizing Google Apps for Education in order for students to use technology to create, share and collaborate on a variety of projects.



Schools across the Diocese are continuing to implement mobile technologies including Chromebooks and iPads into the classrooms. Some teachers across the Diocese are using a program called Nearpod to enhance the effective use of the 1:1 devices.



Nineteen schools were awarded Bishop's Cross Merit Grants in 2018 totaling over \$90,000 to implement new and innovative projects across our schools, such as: 1:1 device implementations, virtual classrooms, leadership programs, classroom gardens and retreat opportunities.



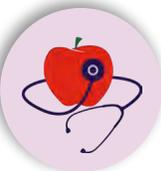
Over \$900,000 in tuition assistance was distributed from the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program to families in need during the 2018-2019 school year.



In the fall of 2018, all teachers from our 25 Catholic Schools gathered in Morgantown for our Professional Development Days. Teachers participated in workshops focusing on current classroom best practices and faith enrichment opportunities.



Teachers continually receive training on new learning and teaching strategies. In the summer of 2018, over 50 teachers attended technology workshops. During these workshops, there were networking opportunities and training sessions on a variety of technology topics including: growth mindset, Nearpod, Coding and Google Apps for Education, and more.



The School Based Health Program (SBHP) is housed in two of our elementary schools and funded by the Sisters of St. Joseph Health and Wellness Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. It provides health and wellness programs and screenings for students. In addition, the SBHP website provides information and a periodic newsletter for all schools.

This year's graduates were accepted to a wide range of colleges, universities, and military academies across the U.S. including:

Allegheny College, American University, Art Academy of Cincinnati, Auburn University, Baylor University, Boston College, Buckeye Hills Technical College, Bucknell University, California University of Pennsylvania, Carnegie-Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Columbus College of Art and Design, Davis & Elkins College, Drexel University, Duquesne University, Elon University, Furman University, High Point University, Indiana University, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Marymount University, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Mercyhurst University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, North Carolina State University, Notre Dame University, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, Radford University, Seton Hill University, St. Vincent College, The Citadel, The College of William and Mary, The Fashion Institute of Technology, United States Air Force Academy, University of Arizona, University of California San Diego, United States Naval Academy, University of North Carolina, University of Pittsburgh, Urbana University, Wake Forest University and Xavier University.