

Carmel Catholic High School

PROFILE 2016-2017



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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

Carmel Catholic High School empowers students to be reflective thinkers, grateful stewards, and responsible leaders as an expression of faith.

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 1,300 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 2015-16 school year, more than \$1.2 million in assistance was distributed to 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 41 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 fifty-acre campus with 73 academic classrooms and premier athletic facilities. A new \$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 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 160 hours of Christian Service.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

Carmel Catholic offers 22 AP courses and 65 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 have the option to take the corresponding AP exam. Students may take AP exams in other subject areas for which they are prepared. In spring 2016, 268 students took AP exams; 43% percent earned a score of four or five, well above state and national averages.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Carmel Catholic's dual credit program in conjunction with Loyola University began this school year with four courses: Accounting, AP Chemistry, Mandarin (levels 3 and 4), and Love and War in the Age of Cicero (replacing AP Latin). Students enrolled in these courses are exposed to college-level coursework in their high school classroom and will have the option to apply for dual credit through Loyola. 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

2016 ACT SCORES

100% of 338 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.

2016 AVERAGE ACT SCORES VS. STATEWIDE

English:	Carmel — 27.0	State — 20.5
Math:	Carmel — 24.8	State — 20.6
Reading:	Carmel — 26.7	State — 21.0
Science:	Carmel — 25.4	State — 20.6
Composite:	Carmel — 26.1	State — 20.8

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 20 hours of service to the community per semester. Upon graduation, each student has completed a minimum of 160 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 2016 COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augustana College
Ball State University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston College
Bowling Green State University
Bradley University
Butler University
California Lutheran University
Carroll University
Carthage College
Clemson University
Coe College
College of Lake County
College of St. Scholastica
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado State University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dalhousie University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drake University
Elmhurst College
Fontbonne University
Fordham University
High Point University
Illinois State University
Indiana State University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Lake Forest College
Lewis University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Miami University Ohio
Michigan State University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Montana State University
North Central College
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Ohio University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saginaw Valley State University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Santa Clara University
Southeast Missouri State University
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

Southern Methodist University
St. John Fisher College
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
Texas Christian University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Iowa
The University of Montana
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Tampa
Trinity International University
United States Military Academy, West Point
United States Naval Academy
Universidad Latina de Panama
University of California, Berkeley
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisiana
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of South Carolina
University of St. Thomas
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Utah
University of Windsor
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
University of Wisconsin-Parkside
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin-Stout
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Valparaiso University
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University
Wyoming Catholic College
Xavier University

CLASS OF 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% graduation rate
- 99% college bound; heading off to more than 100 colleges and universities nationwide
- Nearly \$35 million in college scholarships awarded
- 100% performed community service work – over 54,000 hours of service was performed by the class over four years
- Average ACT score: 26.2
- National Merit Finalists: 2
- National Merit Commended Scholars: 8
- Illinois State Scholars: 94
- Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction: 23
- Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors: 15
- Advanced Placement Scholars: 24
- IHSA Academic Achievement Athletes: 85
- East Suburban Catholic Conference (ESCC) Scholar Athletes: 20
- National Honor Society Members: 154
- Legacy Graduates — children of Carmel Catholic alumni: 43
- Four years perfect attendance: 6

338 TOTAL STUDENTS

In-State College Choices: 81

4 Yr. Public University: 36

4 Yr. Private University: 30

2 Yr. College: 15

Out-of-State College Choices: 247

4 Yr. Public University: 144

4 Yr. Private University: 103

Other: 10

Colleges Outside of the U.S.: 3

Unknown College Choice: 5

U.S. Military: 2