



DIOCESE OF TRENTON DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRESENTS:

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NEWS

RATED: ALL AUDIENCES

MISSION: Prepare students to achieve at their highest potential both academically and spiritually, ensuring a productive faith-centered life here on earth while preparing them for life eternal in Heaven.



**Notre Dame
HIGH SCHOOL**





LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT • FALL 2024

GOOD DAY!

When I think of Catholic education, including mine and that of my children, it does not stop after eighth grade. Educational experts say that the best adults are life-long learners. I would agree with that statement but would add the “Catholic Factor.” Our Catholic schools have so much to give to the foundation of children and young adults that it cannot be contained in just the elementary levels of education. Our high schools are a critical component of the development of life-long learners and **strong life-long Catholic adults**. The development of strong adults: strong in their academics, strong in their social development and of course strong in their faith, is the core of our Catholic schools’ mission.

This is an invitation for our elementary school families to explore all that our Catholic high schools have to offer this Fall. With this flyer is the complete calendar of opportunities to immerse your elementary student in our high schools. Our Catholic high schools welcome you and your family as you undertake the important decision of the next step in the educational journey of your student.

Our schools, whether elementary or high schools, are

committed to creating the best educational environment for our students with all that we have collectively learned. All our Catholic high schools have much to offer their future students. In the schools of the Diocese of Trenton, a student will find an outstanding academic program and a multitude of extracurricular and co-curricular activities from athletics to the arts. As Catholic schools, we offer varied social learning opportunities that develop character, a love for service as members of the Faith and a deeper relationship with Christ.

As Superintendent of Schools, I am excited about the future of our Catholic programs here in the Diocese of Trenton. Our schools have a rich history of success in molding the future of the next generations of our Faith.

I personally invite your involvement in researching our high school programs and thank you for allowing our schools to serve your children.

If there are any questions regarding our schools or the schools’ programming, please do not hesitate to ask.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Vincent de Paul Schmidt
Superintendent of Catholic Schools





CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Our Catholic schools are grounded in Gospel values. From classrooms to sport arenas, from academic assemblies to service projects, Gospel values are lived by the entire school community. Every year our students contribute thousands of service hours in support of local, national and global organizations and causes



The Catholic school experience includes:

- ✧ Daily religion classes
- ✧ Prayer throughout the day
- ✧ Weekly and monthly Masses
- ✧ Student and faculty retreats
- ✧ Reconciliation services
- ✧ Living Rosaries and stations
- ✧ Service clubs and organizations
- ✧ Parish involvement
- ✧ Sacramental preparation

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Trenton provide an education of academic excellence that is both instructional and formative, an education that offers a synthesis of faith and reason, and an education rooted in the Catholic faith.

Our students are recognized with numerous awards earned at the local, county, state and national levels.

Our high school student graduation rate for the 2021 school year was 98%

96% of our high school graduates continued their education at the next level and 2% proudly volunteered for military service

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

In **2024**, the graduating seniors in our **5** Diocesan High Schools received over **\$162,809,441** in scholarships and awards. That means that each student enrolled on our Catholic High Schools was offered an average of **\$193,360** in scholarships and awards to the colleges and universities of their choice



RED BANK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, RED BANK

New 21st Century Innovation and Design Lab Ready for Students

The new school year paved the way for a brand new, 21st-century combination CADD, Graphic Design and Engineering Lab space. CADD stands for Computer Aided Drawing and Design and the space has been upgraded with the latest in computer hardware, software, and mechanical tools.

Engineering and CADD teacher Mr. Bryan Nesci is very excited about the new space and said, "The design and layout of the room is really focused on student creativity. The Maker Space Room portion of the lab will be a flex space with tools and equipment on moveable bases for students to create and collaborate on their ideas with ease." The Maker Space Room will be separated from the CADD and Graphic Design Computer Lab with a fully retractable wall that doubles as a teacher whiteboard.

The orientation of computer workstations will allow the teacher more mobility between students than a standard row/table setup. For those classes, the computers will be upgraded with the latest version of SolidWorks CADD software and the full Adobe Suite, including Photoshop for Digital Photography and Photoshop courses.

Finally, a walled-off corner room will house six three-dimensional printers, with a 7th resin material printer to be added. These printers bring student design projects to life and were instrumental in 2023 Casey grad Savannah Isacson's Capstone prosthetic hand project. The lab is ready and fully functional for students. As the hallways return to student life, new and enhanced learning opportunities await to keep Red Bank Catholic a step ahead in the race to send the most prepared, skilled, and well-rounded students out into the world.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, LAWRENCEVILLE

Notre Dame High School, located in Lawrenceville, NJ, was founded in 1957 and offers a powerfully well-rounded college preparatory experience for young men and women in grades 9–12. Notre Dame provides an education grounded in Catholic Values in the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy, aiming to empower students within a positive and supportive community.

The school's commitment to academic rigor, innovative technology, athletics, and the arts ensures students a myriad of experiences. With 28 athletics teams and over 50 co-curriculars, 40 Honors, and 20 AP courses, Notre Dame provides unlimited

opportunities for students to explore, create, lead, and serve. The campus exudes energy, and the spirit of the community is strong, making it a place where young men and women can learn, grow, and thrive.

Notre Dame welcomes students with diverse interests, abilities, and strengths, offering them the appropriate academic challenge and empowering them to reach beyond their comfort zones. The school's ultimate goal is to prepare students for lives of fulfillment and service. Your Future Starts at Notre Dame High School.

ST ROSE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, BELMAR

The St. Rose Advantage: Small School, Large Opportunity!

For over 100 years, St. Rose High School in Belmar, NJ, has been a leader in faith-based, coeducational learning. We offer a small school environment with big opportunities, preparing students to become future leaders in our ever-changing world.

At St. Rose, students benefit from small class sizes that ensure personalized attention and close connections with our dedicated faculty. Our rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum challenges students to think critically, communicate effectively, and embrace creativity. St. Rose graduates consistently gain admission to prestigious colleges and universities, thanks to the strong academic foundation we provide.

We also offer diverse extracurriculars, including athletics, arts, and community service, alongside our Signature Learning Programs:

- Engineering and Design
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Institute of Financial Leadership, which competes in the prestigious Wharton Global High School Investment Competition.

Rooted in tradition and inspired by innovation, St. Rose empowers students to become compassionate, confident leaders, well-prepared for success in higher education and life. Supported by a close-knit community, we are committed to educating both the mind and the heart.

Discover the St. Rose advantage—where a small school means large opportunities for growth, leadership, and lifelong success. Schedule a tour today and see how your child can thrive at St. Rose High School!

DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, TOMS RIVER

It Makes a Difference

Since its founding in 1962, Donovan Catholic High School



(DCHS) has been a leading choice for motivated students seeking an individualized educational experience and discovering their purpose. DCHS is uniquely positioned to offer a student-centered learning environment in the Catholic tradition of excellence in education.

Our Mission, ever strong, continues to evolve to meet the goals of our school community. Guided by our Catholic faith and commitment to individualized instruction in a small, secure, and clean school environment, DCHS is truly unique. For over 60 years, our students, families, alumni, faculty, and staff have used the word “family” to describe their Donovan Catholic experience.

Donovan Catholic High School holds charters with the National Honor Society, Thespian Society, and the content-specific Honor Society in Science. It has also earned nationally recognized accreditation from Cognia. Our teachers, counselors, coaches, and staff work collaboratively to meet the needs of every student by providing equitable opportunities through a wide range of course offerings, athletics, fine and performing arts, clubs, activities, and service opportunities. We cultivate a vibrant student-centered learning culture that empowers students to explore their passions and reach their highest potential.

Griffin TV, anchored by our Broadcast Studio, continues to innovate, creating live content and elevating our social media presence. Providing our students with performing and fine arts electives, Set Design and Digital Art connect engineering, art, and design to our Performing and Fine Arts Program. Our Performing Arts program shines on the stage thrice yearly with two musicals and A Night on Broadway.

Donovan Catholic Griffins have enjoyed athletic success at every level and sport. Even more important is Donovan Catholic's reputation for outstanding sportsmanship and championship wins! We offer over 35 athletic teams within three seasons. As the first diocesan high school to institute the Catholic Athletes for Christ (CAC) program, Donovan Catholic has made spiritual learning a critical part of the sports life at Donovan.

Donovan Catholic offers a comprehensive academic program on a collegiate block schedule with various course offerings beyond our core college prep and honors classes, including Advanced Placement courses, Dual Enrollment College credit, and various enriching electives. At Donovan Catholic, you have the exceptional opportunity to graduate with unique certifications that set you apart. In addition to earning college credit through qualified scores and AP exams, Donovan Catholic has an established partnership with Ocean County College (OCC), Georgian Court University, and the University of Delaware to allow students to take college classes while still in high school. Currently, we offer 60 dual college credit

courses at Donovan Catholic.

Wall Street has officially arrived at Donovan Catholic. Our Finance Lab hosts 20 Bloomberg Terminals, allowing students access to real-time data from markets worldwide and news, research, and powerful analytics used by top finance, business, and government decision-makers. Students will create a well-developed equity portfolio and participate in the Bloomberg Trading Challenge, developing a strategy and executing trades to achieve the highest profit against their competitors. Students will also be able to earn a Bloomberg Market Concepts certification through a standardized examination provided by Bloomberg.

Students enter our building as students and leave as leaders. We have a place for you here at Donovan Catholic! Be part of our family! Visit us at our Open House or call today to schedule a tour!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, HOLMDEL

Saint John Vianney is a co-ed Catholic high school in Holmdel, New Jersey with outstanding academics and exceptional extracurricular activities, including first-rate athletics. SJVHS has curriculum for all learners, from college preparatory courses, to Honors, to Advance Placement, and dual enrollment courses. SJVHS has the Early College Academy, a Business Academy, an Air Force Junior ROTC program, and a Pre-Law Academy launching in the Fall of 2025. We have Advanced Placement courses in all core subject areas. The college experience begins at Saint John Vianney High School.

The campus is technologically advanced, and all students receive tablet computers. Our textbooks are digitized, and we use the Canvas Learning Management System to house student digital portfolios and projects over their high school years. Additionally, SJVHS has athletic fields, a lighted turf athletic stadium, a 12,000-square-foot fitness center, and a state-of-the-art performance theater to support its 35+ student clubs and 30 sports programs. SJVHS has established a championship culture within its athletic programs. Our school takes great pride in the numerous athletic championships achieved by its sports teams, demonstrating the exceptional skill, dedication, and teamwork of our student athletes.

SJVHS also has a strong performing arts program, providing students with opportunities to explore and showcase their talents in music and theater. We encourage student involvement to foster a well-rounded educational experience. With such a wide array of options available, there is truly something for everyone at Saint John Vianney High School.



UNIVERSAL DATES:

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST ✧ Saturday, November 2, 2024

Make-Up Dates are scheduled per school

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS ✧ Friday, December 20, 2024

**IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING
SPOTLIGHT DATES SHOULD NOT BE MISSED:**

DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, TOMS RIVER

GRIFFIN FOR A DAY: October 17, 22, 24, and 29 • November 5, 12, and 19

RED BANK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, RED BANK

"SHADOW A CASEY" DAYS: Friday, October 11 • Thursday, October 17 • Friday, October 25 • Tuesday, November 5 • Tuesday, November 12 • Monday, November 18 • Thursday, November 21 • Tuesday, December 3 • Thursday, December 5 • Tuesday, December 10 • Thursday, December 12

Academics Spot Light Night: October 23 6:00-8:00

ATHLETICS AND PERFORMING ARTS SPOT LIGHT NIGHT: October 29 6:00-8:00

ST ROSE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, BELMAR

Call the Admissions Office to schedule the perfect date for your own personalized tour.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, HOLMDEL

HANDS ON HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE: October 18th. Register at www.sjvhs.com/handsonhighschool

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, LAWRENCEVILLE

COFFEE WITH LAURA SARUBBI (Virtually for 30 minutes; see website for Google Meets Link):

- Saturday, October 12 @ 8:30am • Wednesday, October 16 @ 8:30am • Saturday, November 2 @ 8:30am
- Wednesday, November 13 @ 8:30am

MORNING INFORMATION SESSIONS AND TOURS (8:30am-10am):

- November 7, 2024 • November 16, 2024 • December 16, 2024 • January 9, 2025
- February 19, 2025 (to 11am; includes Liturgy) • March 25, 2025

ACADEMIC EVENTS:

STEM BOWL: Saturday, November 9, 2024 for grades 5 & 6

DAY AT THE MUSEUM: Saturday, February 22, 2025 for grades 7 & 8

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