

# WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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## Mission/Vision

**Mission:** To form Disciples of Christ through a dynamic, excellence-driven Catholic education.

**Vision:** Inspired by St. John Paul II, West Catholic High School is dedicated to the transformation of students who will live their earthly and eternal lives as humble servants of God.

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**Special Recognition:** Named “School of Excellence” as one of the top Catholic schools in the country by the Cardinal Newman Society. Named one of “America’s Most Challenging Schools” numerous years by The Washington Post.

## **Postsecondary Plans:**

92% - College (2 or 4 year)

5% - Trade School

3% - Employment, Gap Year, Military

## Academic Program

All course sequences are college preparatory. Students are allowed to take other on-line Advanced Placement courses (in addition to the ones listed below) in other disciplines.

The following **Advanced Placement** courses are offered:

Literature & Composition  
Language & Composition  
Calculus  
Statistics\*  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
Physics

Government  
Microeconomics  
Macroeconomics  
U.S. History  
World History  
Spanish  
Psychology  
Computer Science Principles\*

*\*offered alternating years*

The following **Honors** courses are offered:

English I  
English II  
Algebra II  
Geometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Integrated Science

*\*All honors courses are based on enrollment requests*

**College Dual Enrollment** courses are offered to students who would like to take a class that we do not offer, students who have exhausted the curriculum in a certain content area, or students with significant scheduling conflicts.

**Kent Career/Technical Center (KCTC)** vocational classes are available in 29 areas.

**Opened:** 1962

**Affiliation:** Private, Co-ed Catholic High School  
Diocese of Grand Rapids

**Student Body:** 494  
Student ratio is 16:1

**Accreditation:** Michigan Non-Public School  
Accrediting Association (MNSAA)

**Community:** Grand Rapids is the second largest city in Michigan and growing rapidly. The students come primarily from the metropolitan area, including urban, suburban and rural areas. The range in socio-economic background is extensive. West Catholic also hosts 23 international students from China, Germany, Italy, South Korea, Spain, and Taiwan.

**Faculty:** 33 teacher faculty; 65% hold advanced degrees.

**Daily Schedule:** Hybrid schedule with 7 classes.

## Graduation Requirements

Students are required to complete a general college preparatory program consisting of twenty-four (24) course credits for graduation. Core course requirements are as follows:

English	4 credits
Visual Performing Arts	1 credit
Physical Education/Health	1 credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
<i>One credit physical and one credit life science</i>	
Social Studies	3 credits
Religion	4 credits
World Language	2 credits
Electives	2 credits

## Standardized Testing      ACT      SAT

Class of 2023 average: 9% tested - <b>23.3</b>	67% tested - <b>1182</b>
Class of 2024 average: 13% tested - <b>24.1</b>	65% tested - <b>1146</b>
Class of 2025 average: 7.4% tested - <b>25.3</b>	47% tested - <b>1190</b>
Class of 2026 average: 10% tested - <b>26.4</b>	60 % tested - <b>1164</b>

*\*Averages calculated using the highest composite scores earned by each student during the junior year.*

## **2023 AP Scholars (314 exams taken)**

- AP Literature and Composition-92% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Macroeconomics-96% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Microeconomics-91% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Psychology-88% with 3, 4 or 5
  - *AP Scholar:*      24
  - *AP Scholar w/Honor:*      11
  - *AP Scholar w/Distinction:*      15

## **2024 AP Scholars (404 exams taken)**

- AP 2D Art and Design-100% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Calculus BC-90.9% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Macroeconomics-93.1% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP U.S. Government & Politics-92.6% with 3, 4 or 5
  - *AP Scholar:*      31
  - *AP Scholar w/Honor:*      13
  - *AP Scholar w/Distinction:*      12

## **2025 AP Scholars (442 exams taken)**

- AP Psychology-100% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP Literature & Composition-89% with a 3, 4 or 5
- AP Macroeconomics-86% with 3, 4 or 5
- AP U.S. Government & Politics-92.6% with 3, 4 or 5
  - *AP Scholar:*      35
  - *AP Scholar w/Honor:*      13
  - *AP Scholar w/Distinction:*      12

## **National Merit Finalists and Commended Scholars**

Class of 2023: 1 Commended Scholar

Class of 2024: 1 Commended Scholar

## Featuring

College/Individual Counseling, 25 Athletic Teams and 15 State Championships, Computer Labs, Theater, Drama, Jazz Band, Choir, Mission Trips, Christian Service Program, Priestly Discernment Group, Women's Religious Discernment Group

## Sports

Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, LaCrosse, Ski, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

**Club Sports:** Equestrian, ESports, Rugby, Sailing, Sideline Cheerleading

## Activities and Clubs

Art Club, Catholics in Action, FIRST Robotics, Garden Club, Investment Club, Life Force, Liturgical Choir, Math Competition Groups, Model UN Club, Morning Adoration Club, National Honor Society, Peer Advocates, Podcast Club, Quiz Bowl, Rotary Club, Safe Haven, House Council, Students for Life, Student Newspaper, World Language Club, Writing Club

GRADING SCALE					
% Score	Letter Grade	Grade Point	% Score	Letter Grade	Grade Point
96.5-100	A+	4.0	76.5-79.4	C+	2.4
92.5-96.4	A	4.0	72.5-76.4	C	2.0
89.5-92.4	A-	3.7	69.5-72.4	C-	1.7
86.5-89.4	B+	3.4	66.5-69.4	D+	1.4
82.5-86.4	B	3.0	62.5-66.4	D	1.0
79.5-82.4	B-	2.7	59.5-62.4	D-	0.7
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- *Honors and AP courses receive a .036 add-on per credit hour in computing GPA. West Catholic does not rank students.*

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOURS

Required Hours and Division of Required Categories

Grade	Minimum	Transcript Endorsement
9 <sup>th</sup>	10 Hours	20 Hours
10 <sup>th</sup>	20 Hours	30 Hours
11 <sup>th</sup>	30 Hours	40 Hours
12 <sup>th</sup>	30 Hours	40 Hours

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

**Members of the Class of 2025 are attending the following colleges and universities:**

Adrian College	Michigan State University
Aquinas College	Michigan Technological University
Benedictine College	Muskegon Community College
Bowling Green State University	Northern Michigan University
Butler University	Northwest Vista College
Calvin University	Pennsylvania State University
Central Michigan University	Saint Mary's College
Cornerstone University	Spring Arbor University
Davenport University	Trine University
Ferris State University	United States Naval Academy
Flagler College	University of California-Davis
Florida Gulf Coast University	University of Dayton
Georgia Southern University	University of Illinois Chicago
Grand Canyon University	University of Michigan
Grand Rapids Community College	Univ. of North Carolina-Wilmington
Grand Valley State University	University of Notre Dame
Hillsdale College	University of Tampa
Holy Cross College	University of Toledo
Hope College	University of St. Thomas (MN)
Lake Michigan College	University of Washington-Seattle
Lansing Community College	Utah State University
Loyola University Chicago	Valparaiso University
Marquette University	Western Michigan University