

## MISSION STATEMENT

Central Catholic High School, a college preparatory, diocesan school for boys, is guided by the educational principles of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

The school strives to provide a challenging, relevant, and diverse program of studies and extracurricular activities in an environment that fosters a life of faith and learning and develops leaders rooted in the Gospel values of integrity, respect, service, justice and peace.



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# School Profile

2009-2010

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**High School Code Number 393655**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Central Catholic High School is a Catholic, college preparatory high school for boys, administered by the Brothers of the Christian Schools for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. It serves a population from the City of Pittsburgh and from three surrounding counties of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

## ACCREDITATION

Central Catholic High School is accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Satisfactory elementary school record and IOWA scores  
Satisfactory scores on the entrance exam (STS Placements)  
Letters of recommendation

## ENROLLMENT .....845

Grade 12.....182    Grade 11..... 202  
Grade 10.....233    Grade 9..... 228

## FACULTY .....66

With Bachelor's Degree ..... 28  
With Master's Degree ..... 22  
With Doctorate..... 1  
With multiple Degrees ..... 15

## GRADING SYSTEM

**MARKING SYSTEM:** A percent grade will appear on the student report card as well as on the Permanent Record. This percentage is based on the following grading scale:

98-100= A+    90-92= B+    82-84= C+    73-74= D+  
95 - 97= A    87-89= B    78-81= C    71-72= D  
93 - 94= A-    85-86= B-    75-77= C-    70= D-  
69 and below = F

*Every academic course except Physical Education is used in calculating the percentage and the rank in class.*

**RANK IN CLASS:** Rank in class will be determined by a weighted quality point system which reflects course content difficulty. With the exception of Physical Education, all courses taught will be categorized in one of five WQPA levels as follows:

Level 5 (highest possible value A+ = 6.000)  
Level 4 (highest possible value A+ = 5.400)  
Level 3 (highest possible value A+ = 4.800)  
Level 2 (highest possible value A+ = 4.400)  
Level 1 (highest possible value A+ = 4.000)

*The student's Permanent Record will reflect his percentage grades, his cumulative weighted quality point average and his cumulative class rank.*

## CURRICULUM NOTES:

The courses taught at Central Catholic High School are weighted to reflect the difficulty of the course content. The levels of weight are as follows:

Level 5 Highest difficulty, Advanced Placement courses  
Level 4 Very difficult, Honors courses  
Level 3 Moderately difficult, Advanced courses, above average  
Level 2 College Preparatory, average courses  
Level 1 Basic curriculum

*It is very common that a student will select courses from more than one level in any given year and throughout his four years at Central Catholic.*

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

The following Advanced Placement courses are offered to juniors and seniors:

AP English AP Economics  
AP French AP Calculus  
AP Spanish AP Biology  
AP European History AP Chemistry  
AP U. S. History AP Physics

Students must meet prerequisite requirements and be recommended for the course. All AP students must take the AP exam. Only one section of each AP course is taught each year. Therefore, the number of AP courses a student can take in a given year is always subject to scheduling possibilities. It is unlikely that a student will graduate from Central Catholic High School with more than 6 AP courses on his transcript.

## HONORS COURSES:

The following Honors courses are offered in the curriculum over four years:

Honors English I, English II, British Literature, American Literature, World Literature  
 Honors World Geography/Cultures, Civilizations, U.S. History, World History I & II, Foreign Policy  
 Honors Algebra I, Honors Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra II/Geometry,  
 Trigonometry/Math Analysis, Calculus  
 Honors Biology I, Biology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Physics  
 Honors Spanish I, II, III, IV  
 Honors French IV  
 Honors German IV  
 Honors Latin IV  
 Programming in C+ +  
 Studio Art IV

Students must meet prerequisite requirements and be recommended for the course. Typically, only one section of each Honors course is taught each year. Sometimes this results in scheduling difficulties but it is very possible for a student's transcript to reflect a course of studies over four years that contains primarily Honors level courses.

## DAVID S. BAGINSKI, FSC, SCHOLARS PROGRAM

In the spring of 2002 a new academic program was introduced to the Central Catholic community. The requirements for successful completion of the program are:

- Completion of a minimum of 15 credits of Honors/AP courses by the end of senior year
- Three years of a foreign language
- Maintain honor roll status each semester
- 30 hours of approved service in Greater Pittsburgh Area during each year
- Completion of an approved independent and integrated project during senior year

*In May 2009, twelve seniors graduated with the distinction "Scholar".*

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

Juniors and seniors also have the option of taking the following courses for college credit:

### Through Duquesne University

AP English  
 AP Spanish  
 AP Biology

### Through the University of Pittsburgh

Argument and Debate  
 AP Calculus  
 Web Calculus B/C  
 AP Chemistry  
 Programming in C+ +

### Through LaRoche College

AP U.S. History  
 Studio Art IV

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: ..... 25-3/4 credits

Religion .....	4	Science .....	3
English.....	4	Foreign Language.....	2
Social Studies .....	4	Health/Phys. Ed. ..	1-3/4
Mathematics.....	3	Electives.....	4
(including one computer course)			

## SAT I MEAN SCORES:

	CLASS OF 2009	AVG. OF PREVIOUS 5 YEARS
Critical Reading	547	547
Math	551	547
Writing	535	537
Writing Sub-Scores:		
Multiple Choice	534	
Essay	7.6	

Members of the Class of 2009 established the following score ranges:

	50TH PERCENTILE	75TH PERCENTILE
Critical Reading	550	620
Math	550	650
Writing	540	600

The top 35% of the Class of 2009 scored 600 or better in both verbal and math.

## POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS<sup>7</sup>

Class of 2009  
(181 Graduates)

### Acceptance into:

Four-year colleges .....	168	93%
Two Year colleges.....	9	5%
Armed Service.....	2	1%
Employment .....	2	1%
Catholic Colleges in PA.....	45	26.7%
Out of PA .....	18	10.7%
Public Colleges in PA .....	49	29.1%
Out of PA .....	30	17.8%
Private Colleges in PA .....	14	8.3%
Out Of PA .....	12	7.4%

## ADVANCEPLACEMENT SCORES FOR 2009

Test Takers .....	74
Tests Taken.....	127
59% or 75 Students scored .....	5 or 4
81% or 103 Students scored .....	5, 4, or 3
Score of 5 .....	24
Score of 4 .....	51
Score of 3 .....	28
Score of 2 .....	12
Score of 1 .....	12

## BREAKDOWN OF WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGES IN THE CLASS OF 2009

Students ranked # 1 .....	5.0468
Top 10 Students .....	5.0046 – 4.6431
Top 10% (#1-19) .....	5.0046 – 4.4776
Top Fifth (#38 -36) .....	5.0046 – 4.3049
Second Fifth (#37-72) .....	4.2893 – 3.8466
Third Fifth (#73-108) .....	3.8447 – 3.5298
Fourth Fifth (#109 – 144) .....	3.5001 – 3.1189
Bottom Fifth (#145-181) .....	3.1158 – 1.7638

## 2009 CENTRAL CATHOLIC GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

US Air Force Academy, University of Akron, Allegheny College, American University, Arizona State University, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berklee College of Music, Bethany College, Bowling Green, Boston College, Boston University, Bucknell University, University at Buffalo-SUNY, California University of PA, Canisius College, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Catholic University of America, Clarion University of PA, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, University of California Berkeley, University of Cincinnati, University of Colorado at Boulder, Coastal Carolina University, Cornell University, University of Dallas, Davidson College, University of Dayton, Desales University, Delaware State University, University of Delaware, Denison University, Dickinson College, Drexel University, Duquesne University, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro University of PA, Elon University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Emory University, Evergreen State College, University of Florida, Fordham University, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Gannon University, Geneva College, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Gettysburg College, Goucher College, Grove City College, Hampton University, Harvard University, Howard University, Hofstra University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana University Bloomington, Iowa State University, John Carroll University, Johns Hopkins University, Juniata College, Kent State University, LaRoche College, La Salle University, Lehigh University, Lewis University, Lockhaven University, University of Louisville, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola College Maryland, Loyola Marymount University, Loyola University New Orleans, Manhattan College, Marietta College, Marshall University, Marquette University, University of Maryland College Park, Marrymount, Mercyhurst College, Miami University Ohio, Millersville University, University of Maine, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Mount Aloysius College, Mount Union College, Niagara University, University of Notre Dame, North Carolina A&T State University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, North Carolina State University, Northeastern University, Northwestern University, Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan University, University of Oklahoma, University of Pennsylvania, Penn State University-University park, Penn State-Johnstown, Penn State-Erie, Penn State University-Altoona, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Pepperdine University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg, University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, University of Pittsburgh-Titusville, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, Point Park University, Polytechnic University, Purdue University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Robert Morris University, University of Rhode Island, Rutgers University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Seton Hill University, Shippensburg University, Slippery Rock University, Southern Methodist University, St. Francis University, University of South Carolina, St. John's University, St. Joseph's University, St. Vincent College, St. Louis University, SUNY-Fredonia, SUNY-Maritime, Temple University, University of Texas, Texas Christian University, University of Texas El Paso, Thiel College, University of Toledo, University of Vermont, Villanova University, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, University of Waynesburg, Washington & Jefferson College, Washington & Lee University, Westminster College, West Virginia University, Wheaton College, Wheeling Jesuit University, Widener University, Williams College, College of William and Mary, Wooster College, Xavier University