Seton Catholic Schools Transition to High School School Handbook



2023-2024

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Note: Some of this info has not been updated, like tuition costs, high school recruitment staff, and others.

Seton Catholic Schools Mission Statement

Seton Catholic Schools is a transformational educational system committed to overcoming social and academic challenges, empowering students, families and educators to attain their God-given potential.

Rationale

"Following what St. Ignatius teaches us, the main element in school is learning to be magnanimous ... This means having a big heart, having a greatness of soul. It means having grand ideals, the desire to achieve great things in response to what God asks of us and, precisely because of this, doing everyday things, all our daily actions, commitments, and meetings with people well. [It means] doing the little everyday things with a big heart that is open to God and to others." - Pope Francis

As a Seton Network, we want our students to develop this level of education that Pope Francis speaks about. There is no better way to do this than to attend a Catholic High School. Navigating the high school process can be challenging. In order to make this process as simple as possible, we wanted to create a handbook that walks schools through everything they need to know when students are applying to Catholic High Schools. Schools play a large part in helping students find the right high school. In order to help each student find their fit, we have compiled a description of Catholic High Schools in the area. These descriptions act as a snapshot of all the wonderful things each high school has to offer. We want all of our students to attend a Catholic High School and we hope that this handbook helps achieve that goal.

Common Vocabulary Terms

Before we go into all of the details, it is important to go over some common terms that are used through the high school application process. Below is a list of common terms and what they mean.

Applications: These are forms that are filled out when applying to attend a school. The three most common applications associated with high schools are the application to be admitted, the application for financial aid, and applications for scholarships.

Choice Application: This is an application done through Wisconsin's DPI website that allows families to apply for a Choice Seat at a school. Those that apply for a seat through this program are entered into a lottery to determine who receives the seat and funding.

Entrance Exam: This is an exam that students need to take for most high schools. The entrance exam is a component of what high schools consider when they determine whether to accept, waitlist, or deny a student for an admission spot.

Financial Aid: This is what is given by high schools to help families with the costs of attending private high schools. Families must apply for this and the school will determine how much they will offer based on a family's financial need. This does not need to be paid back, but students who receive financial aid will typically participate in a work program associated with the school.

Interview: This is when a high school asks a student to come in to answer questions. This is typically done for students when a high school is undecided about whether to accept them and wants to ask questions about an area of concern with a part of their application.

Letter of Recommendation: This is a formal letter from a teacher, community member, etc. that is written on behalf of a student. These are typically included with an application to be admitted or an application for a scholarship. Each high school has different rules on letters of recommendation ranging from required to not looked at.

Open House: This is when a high school opens its doors to prospective families to tour and learn more information about what they have to offer. These are typically done in late October for each private high school.

Placement Exam: Placement exams are exams taken at the end of 8th grade year to determine whether a student should be placed in an accelerated class when they start their Freshman year. This is common for students looking to start at a higher Math or Spanish level.

Recommendation Form: These are forms that students typically give or send to their teachers to fill out on their behalf. All high schools have recommendation forms that are filled out by teachers. Most schools now have students send the form electronically to teachers, but there are some schools that still have paper copies. These are different from letters of recommendation.

Scholarship: These are financial awards given to students who excel in a certain subject area and/or meet a particular need. These are different for each high school and typically have certain requirements in order to qualify for it.

Shadowing: This is when a student spends a day at the high school following another high school student around through their class schedule. These are typically available to 8th grade students during the fall semester and 7th grade students during the spring semester.

Suggested Timeline

The following is a suggested timeline to ensure that your school and the families you serve have tools and information necessary to navigate the high school application process.

7th Grade

- Throughout the School Year: Encourage families to attend different events offered by the school and work to set up visits to these events such as a volleyball team going to a high school volleyball game.
- Early September: Give out 7th grade interest survey and meet with each student to begin to lay the groundwork out for the application process.
- Late-September: Send letter to families encouraging them to attend Virtual High School Fairs and Open Houses in October.
- Mid-January: Send letter to families encouraging them to shadow at different Catholic High Schools.

8th Grade

- Throughout the School year: Encourage families to attend different events offered by the school and work to set up visits to these events such as a volleyball team going to a high school volleyball game.
- Early September: Give out 8th grade survey and meet with each student to see where they are at with the high school process.
- Mid-September: Send letter to families encouraging them to shadow at interested high schools and remind them to make sure applications are turned in on time.

- September/October Send High School Fair flyers home and encourage 8th graders to attend a minimum of 3 Fairs.
- Mid-Late October: Offer days when families can come in after school to fill out applications and can receive support
- Mid October: Check in with students to make sure they are on track to complete applications.
- Mid October: Confirm with students to make sure they are signed up for an Arch High School Entrance Exam testing session.
- Late October: Members involved with high school transition meet to make sure everything is completed and all forms/transcripts from the school have been sent in.
- Early February: Offer days when families can come in after school to fill out Choice applications and can receive support.
- Spring Semester: If necessary, work with families on finding a school if initial options have fallen through.

7th Grade

Organize Events at High Schools

A great way for families to get to know local high schools is to attend events at the high schools that they are interested in. Coaches should be looking at having their team attend a high school event for their sport. Here students can see how the athletic program runs, the energy and excitement around game day, and how the coach interacts with their players. Teachers should be looking at having their class attend any academic competitions or events that high schools in the area are putting on. This will allow students to interact with current students, see what the high school has to offer, and get a feel for the high school. Getting students exposed to different high schools in the area allows for students to become aware of possible opportunities for their high school education.

Report Card Comments

High schools have commented on how important teacher comments on recommendation forms, recommendation letters, and report cards are to the high school application process. Since these comments are so important, it is crucial that teachers be as specific as possible when sharing their comments on a particular student. DO NOT use generated comments as these are not helpful. A good rule of thumb is to highlight areas of glows and grows for each student.

Interest and Informational Survey/Meeting

An important aspect of the high school application process is gathering information about the students you teach and giving them guidance on where they should attend. By giving your students an interest survey and meeting with them about their answers, you can give students and families guidance on places they should attend open houses and shadow. This is a crucial step in helping gather information about the different high schools in the area. A sample survey is in the appendix.

Attend the High School Recruitment Visits

All 7th grade families are required to attend at least one virtual High School Fair on Zoom. It is crucial that families begin speaking with representatives from the area Catholic High Schools so they can learn about their options and so the high schools get to know prospective students. Faculty and staff need to publicize these events and personally encourage their families to attend.

Advertising Open Houses

Faculty and staff need to advertise and promote the local area open houses to their 7th grade families through hallway posters, weekly newsletters and email blasts. 7th grade is the time to visit open houses so students can determine where they'd like to shadow visit and ultimately apply to in the fall of their 8th grade year.

Advertising Shadowing

After attending the school sponsored high school night and attending open houses, it is important to encourage your 7th grade students to schedule shadow visits in the spring of 7th grade. A school day shadow visit is a student's best opportunity to get a feel for a high school. Stress to your 7th graders that a shadow visit does not count as an absence! Take time to talk to them about the schools they are interested in and encourage them to visit those school websites and sign up for a shadow visit!

8th Grade

Using the High School Tracker

Each school should designate a person to manage the high school enrollment tracker. A Google Form has been created for each school to facilitate this task. Utilizing the tracker will allow each school to keep tabs on the high school enrollment process for their 8th graders and will allow Seton to get a network wide view of where our grade school students are going.

Delegation of Responsibilities

To ensure that all of our students are not lost in the shuffle of a busy school year, it is imperative that the same person or team of people are responsible for transcripts, coordinator of recommendation forms, high school tracker forms, and information about open houses, events and other programs that take place in our local high schools. Ideally, if your school has a counselor, they should be in charge of this responsibility. If not, please make sure it is someone who is in contact with the 8th grade students on a regular basis.

High School Corner

Applying to high schools can be a very overwhelming process for students. They are receiving a lot of information which can be very difficult to remember. In order to make this process easier for the students, it is required that a High School Corner is set up in each school. Place the High School Corner in a place that is clearly visible to the 8th graders at your school. This Corner should be the information center for all things high schools. Hang up posters of different high schools, information about shadow dates, open house dates, application deadlines, and entrance exam dates in the fall and winter. In the spring, highlight all the hard work the 8th graders have put in to finding the perfect high school for them by displaying what high school each graduating 8th grader will be attending.

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8th Grade Informational Survey/Meeting

While 7th grade is an important year for getting different information on the high schools in the area, 8th grade is when all the pieces come together. Giving a survey and meeting with students at the beginning of 8th grade allows us to create a game plan for what each student/family has to do to make sure they apply to a Catholic High School. This check-in provides crucial information about where students are at in the process. A sample survey is in the appendix.

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Filling out Recommendation Forms

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Writing Letters of Recommendation

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Application Assistance for Families

The application process can be a daunting endeavor for families the first time. Some families may have a language barrier or no access to a computer. It is important that your school provides time for parents to come in and complete the high school application process amongst a familiar, friendly environment. Schools also need to make sure that someone fluent in the dominant language will be on hand to ensure that all questions are answered.

Sharing Public and Charter School Options

While it is our goal to have all of our students attend a Catholic High School, we need to realize that there are many reasons why this may not be possible - finances, transportation, special needs support, siblings, etc. It is important that we encourage all 8th graders to apply to at least one high performing public or charter school in case their Catholic High School options do not pan out. Many of the high performing public or charter schools have fall application deadlines similar to the Catholic High Schools. Communicate this information to your families so they can make informed decisions about their child's high school and have a safety net in case their Catholic High School choices fall through.

Entrance Exams

One of the most critical components for students and their high school application portfolio is their entrance exam. The day when most students take this is on the morning of the first Friday of November. This does not count as an absent day for students who are out for this reason. Schools should encourage families to take the test at their first choice for high school as most high schools will share test results with the other high schools. There are some ways that schools can help students for this test. One way is to provide questions and settings that help students get an idea for what the test and environment will be like when they take the

test. If families do not have the money to pay for the entrance exam, contact the school where they are taking the test to see if they can have the fee waived.

February Choice Open Enrollment

Children enrolled through the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental Choice Program need to apply for the program EVERY year. Most families will be used to this throughout the grade school years. They use the exact same application to sign up for the area high schools that participate in the Milwaukee and/or Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs. Beginning February 1st, families may fill out the Choice application at: https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/ When the parent logs into the system, they will need to add any high schools they would like to select for their 8th grade child. It is very important that parents understand that just because their child is currently in the Choice program, they are not guaranteed a Choice Seat at the high schools they are accepted to. By the end of the February enrollment period, most Catholic High Schools have a waiting list for Choice Seats so it is important to encourage your families to apply to many Catholic High Schools and to include those on their Choice application to increase their odds of securing a seat. It is also important that families fill out their Choice application during the February enrollment period as in most cases, going beyond February is too late.

Back-up Plan Advocate

Working with families and communicating with schools to ensure that their child gets into a high school is an important part of the application process. There should be a person on each school staff who does this. This person can be their current 8th grade teacher, counselor, or administration. Every year, someone does not get into a high school and they scramble to find a school to attend in the Fall. It is important to work with families if things do not go as planned to ensure that their child gets into a rigorous high school. Advocating for students may mean helping students prepare for interviews, looking at possible alternatives with families, and writing letters of recommendation on their behalf. Being proactive when the application process does not go according to plan is the best way to make the best out of the situation.

Assistance with Placement Test

Students take placement tests as another measure to find strengths and weaknesses. This is a valuable test because it provides a greater insight on what courses you will take during your Freshman year of high school and ensure help in areas in need and a successful beginning to high school. Some families may need help with signing up for the test and preparing for it. Helping families out with these tests can help students get onto an accelerated track for a subject.

***Please Note: The following High School information has been updated since this was published Encourage families to consult the school website or call the school for exact information like tuition, financial assistance, and important dates like application, testing, Open Houses and more.

Catholic High School Portraits

Cristo Rey



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

- 97% Milwaukee and Wisconsin Choice
- Tuition: up to \$2000 based off of a needs based assessment plus a \$300 activity fee

General School Information

- 1215 South 45th Street, West Milwaukee, WI 53214 moving to 1818 W. National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53204 in the future
- Phone number: 414-436-4600
- http://www.cristoreymilwaukee.org/
- Geographic Location: Southwest
- 2018 Enrollment: 411 students
- Average Class Size: 22
- Opened in 2015, first class is graduating in 2019
- Part of Cristo Rey national network of schools

Technology

- 1:1 with Chromebooks issued through the school
- Cell Phone Policy: Silent and invisible
- Google Apps for Education used

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - Currently offering 10 sports
- Clubs
 - Offering 14 clubs with the opportunity to suggest new clubs to be added to the school. Meetings for clubs built into the school day.

Catholic Identity

- All School Mass each month
- Yearly retreat for all classes including Kairos
- Campus Ministry Program with student participation
- 4 years of religious studies
- Community service requirement yearly with juniors and seniors required to do 20 hours yearly.

Academics

- 7 AP classes offered
- All students gain valuable experience by participating in the Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP). Through CWSP, all students work in a professional setting, developing the knowledge and skills to prepare them well for college and the professional work environment.
- First graduating class set to graduate in 2019
- Spanish offered as a foreign language
- 3 theater performances done yearly
- 4 week required Summer Program that includes technology training, introduction to Milwaukee business community, visiting Marquette.
- Summer pre-college seminar support available for students
- Academic Learning Support offered to students when needed

Dress Code

School uniform is required.

Transportation

Transportation is not offered, but there is the ability to set up carpools. Transportation given to job sites.

Divine Savior Holy Angels



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

- Tuition: \$14,170 plus \$275 in fees for freshmen. Does not include books and uniforms
- Scholarships and financial aid are available
- 14% Milwaukee and Wisconsin Choice

Technology

- Bring your own device policy.
 Students have access to desktop and laptop computers in the library.
- Cell Phones are allowed but can only be used during certain times in the day.

Catholic Identity

- All School Masses throughout the school year
- Optional mass once a week during school day
- Campus Ministry Program
- Religion classes taken all four years
- Community service requirement each year including a two-week service learning project senior year
- Service Trip over the summer to Ecuador

Dress Code

School Uniform is required.

Transportation

Yes through some school districts. DSHA will also help with setting up carpools if needed. They can be contacted for assistance with this.

General School Information

4257 N. 100th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222

Phone number: 414-462-3742
 Fax number: 414-466-0590

687 students for 2017-2018

https://www.dsha.info/page
 Geographic Location: North

Average Class Size: 24

All girls

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Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - Greater Metro Conference
 - Offering 15 sports including swim team, hockey, field hockey, skiing, gymnastics, and rugby
- Clubs
 - Over 30 clubs are offered and there is built in time in the weekly school schedule for these clubs to meet

- 15 AP classes
- 9 concurrent classes offered partnering with Cardinal Stritch, University of Minnesota, and UW-Whitewater
- Introduction to engineering course offered and the opportunity to take an independent science research project course
- ACT Average: 26.7 in 2017
- Graduation Rate: 100%
- College Acceptance Rate: 100% to a 2 or 4 year college
- Spanish, French, and Latin offered as foreign languages
- Numerous Fine Arts Offerings including 4 annual theater productions. A fall musical, a winter comedy or drama, a spring production, and a summer community theater.
- An exchange program with France is offered along with semi-annual trips to Spain and Italy.
- Support given to incoming freshman through Freshman Seminar Program

Dominican High School



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

- Tuition: \$11,600 plus \$900 books, activity and technology lease fees
- Scholarships (merit and needs based) and financial aid are available
- 20% Milwaukee and Wisconsin Choice

Technology

- 1:1 Environment with laptop provided by school
- Cell Phones allowed in locker
- Microsoft OneDrive for Cloud Storage
- Turnitin and Moodle
- Technology Training integrated in Freshman KIC classes

Catholic Identity

- Once a month all school Mass
- Optional morning Mass once a week
- Campus Ministry Program
- Annual retreats for all grades including Kairos Junior year
- Weekly meal prep for Guest House
- Veritas Preaching Program
- Religion classes taken all four years
- Guatemala Mission Trip every other year

Dress Code

No school uniform, dress is business casual (no blue jeans).

Transportation

Southside (pick up and drop off) and Northside (drop off only) bus.

General School Information

 120 E. Silver Spring Dr. Whitefish Bay 53217

Phone Number: 414-332-1170
 Fax Number: 414-332-4101

dominicanhighschool.com
 Geographic Location: Northeast
 School Population: 355 students

Average Class Size: 18

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - Offering 12 sports for boys and girls in the Metro Classic Conference
- Clubs
 - Integrated two times per month into the regular school day, Club Period offers nearly 20 clubs with student interest driving the creation of new clubs every year

- 4 11 AP Courses
- 2 concurrent courses with Cardinal Stritch
- ACT Average: 25
- Graduation Rate: 100%
- College Acceptance Rate: 98% to a 2 or 4 year college
- Spanish and French offered as foreign languages
- Many Fine Arts Offerings including theatrical play in the fall, musical theater production in the spring and dance revue in late spring as well as Stained Glass course in the Visual Arts department
- Support given to incoming freshman through programs such Summer Bridge and Knights Interdisciplinary Curriculum (KIC) where freshman are organized into KIC families and have their core academic courses with their family
- Trips alternating between Spain/France through foreign language program and Guatemala mission trip every other year

Marquette University High School



For Faith, Scholarship and Community

Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

- Tuition: \$13,525 (excludes textbooks and technology device).
 - Technology provided for students accepted for Choice Program - up to \$300
- Financial aid available and merit scholarships offered to top scores for entrance exam for Freshman year only
- 14% Milwaukee Choice

Technology

- Bring your own device policy.
 Students have access to desktop and laptop computers in the library
- Cell phones not allowed during the school day
- All students are provided an email address
- Teachers use a variety of tech programs in their classrooms.

Catholic Identity

- Once a month all school mass
- Once a week optional mass
- Optional morning mass 4 times per week
- Campus Ministry Program
- Religion classes taken all four years
- Community service requirement each year including two-week Senior Shared Life Project
- Mission trips available each year (domestic and international)
- Service homerooms available to choose from each year

General School Information

3401 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53208

Phone number: 414-933-7220
 Fax number: 414-937-8588

https://www.muhs.edu/

Geographic Location: North
 School Population: 980 students

Average Class Size: 21

All male school

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - Greater Metro Conference
 - Cut and non-cut sports available
 - Intramurals available
- Clubs
 - Marquette High offers more than 50 different homerooms and after-school clubs, including debate, robotics, Latin, Key Club, Best Buddies, rock climbing and improvisation

Academics

- 19 AP classes
- Robotics Program Coed with DSHA
- ACT Average: 27
- Graduation Rate: 100%
- College Acceptance: 99% to 4 year college
- Foreign Language Offerings: Spanish, German, Latin
- Fine Arts Offerings
- Study Abroad

Dress Code

No school uniform, dress is business casual.

Transportation

Transportation not provided by the school. Carpooling through families



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

Tuition: \$11,000

 Scholarships and financial aid available based on need

 Participates in the Milwaukee Choice Program

Technology

- Cell phones may be used before/after school. They are to remain off and in backpacks during the school day
- Laptops and Chromebooks are school-issued
- Google Apps for Education are used
- TEALS program sponsored by Microsoft

Catholic Identity

- All school Mass once per month, with weekly staff and student-led prayer services
- Active Campus Ministry Program including annual retreats, many opportunities for service in the community (including St. Ben's Community Meal and Habitat for Humanity), Serve2Unite, and leadership development
- Religion classes taken all four years
- Faith development through the lens and annual pilgrimage experience

Dress Code

Students are to wear navy blue pants and school logo polo shirt.

Transportation

Transportation is provided by parents.

General School Information

742 West Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53206

Phone Number: 414-264-5440
Fax Number: 414-264-0672
www.messmerschools.org
Geographic Location: North

School Population: 725 students

Average Class Size: 18-20

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - Midwest Classic Conference
 - Offering more than 10 sports for both boys and girls
- Clubs
 - Offering 16 clubs including forensics, robotics, choir, band, and more

- AP/Honors Courses
- College Acceptance Rate: over 85% of graduates attend 2 or 4 year college
- French and Spanish offered with a placement exam for students who have previously taken a foreign language
- Hands-on, experiential learning including a new class: Introduction to Craftsmanship
- Project Lead the Way
- STEM-focused; apprenticeship training
- ACT Prep courses offered
- Graduation Rate: 86%
- Fine Arts
- Study abroad opportunities
- Summer School used as a pre-Freshman Academy
- After-school tutoring and Saturday opportunities offered for extra help



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

Tuition: \$12,350

- Numerous scholarships available and financial aid offered
- 40% Milwaukee and Wisconsin Choice

Technology

- 1:1 with Chromebooks.
 Chromebooks issued through the school
- Google Apps for Education used
- Schoology used as learning management program
- Cell Phone per teacher discretion
- Technology Training offered during Freshman Orientation. Training also done in English classes

Catholic Identity

- Daily Prayer Service Offered
- Monthly Mass in the fieldhouse
- Campus Ministry Program offered.
 Campus Ministry team helps plan
 Masses
- Theology taken all four years
- Class retreats for Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors. Kairos Retreat offered for Seniors
- Service requirement for Freshmen and Sophomores
- Mission Trip to central or South America offered yearly

Dress Code

No school uniform, dress is business casual.

Transportation

Carpool lists sent out each year to assist with transportation; Potential Pius Flyer available.

General School Information

135 N 76th St, Milwaukee, WI 53213

Phone number: 414-290-7000

Fax number: 414-290-7001

www.piusxi.org

Geographic Location: Northwest

School Population: about 800 students

Average Class Size: 23 students

Extra-Curriculars

Athletics

Woodland West Conference

 Offering more than 20 sports for boys and girls

Clubs

25 clubs offered with the opportunity for student input to create new clubs

Academics

13 AP classes/2 Honors Classes

5 concurrent classes with Cardinal Stritch

 Project Lead the Way offerings with four year Engineering and Biomedical tracks that are eligible for college credit

ACT Average: 20.2

Graduation Rate: 100%

 College Acceptance Rate: 90% to a 2 or 4 year college

French and Spanish offered as foreign languages

Numerous Fine Arts offerings

25 Performing Arts classes including instrumental, choral, dance, theater, and improv; 13 Visual Arts classes; 152 shows done yearly; Play production in the fall and a musical in the spring; State of the Art Theater and Art Gallery (contains art from Pius Alumni from around the country);

Trip to Edinburgh for a Theater Production trip

- Yearly trip taken in the summer to France based on language classes taken
- Support given to students through programs such as Peer to Peer Writing Center, Achievement via individual Determination (AVID), and Freshman Summer Bridge.
- All students placed in a mixed grade level Teacher Advisory Contact (TAC) Homeroom that meets daily and builds a family relationship over all four years.
- Learning Disability Program offered for students diagnosed with a specific learning disability through a professional educational evaluator such as a psychologist or IEP Team. Students in this program are 100% mainstreamed.

St. Anthony



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

Tuition: \$8,000 Per Year

St. Anthony Scholarship Based on Need

Milwaukee Choice

Technology

- Cell phones are prohibited during the day, except during lunch
- Laptops and chromebooks are provided
- Students use both Google And Microsoft technology

Catholic Identity

- Weekly all school Mass and morning daily prayer
- Campus Ministry holds 2 retreats annually for all students
- Religion classes taken all four years
- Service Learning: Students are required to complete 20 Hours of Service Learning each year (10 hours, per semester)

Dress Code

School uniform required.

Transportation

Students in need of transportation are picked up and dropped off at 9th and Mitchell.

General School Information

4807 S. 2nd St. Milwaukee, WI 53207

Phone number: 414-763-6352
Fax number: 414-384-6613
Geographic Location: South
School Population: 560 students

Average Class Size: 27

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - > Indian Trails Conference
 - Offering 8 sports for boys and girls including Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer and Track
- Clubs
 - Offering 11 clubs including College Possible, National Honor Society, Student Council and Notre Dame Mentor Program

- 7 AP Courses including Honors Math
- Dual Enrollment Academy with MATC for College Credit and Cardinal Stritch for Juniors and Seniors
- ACT Average: 15.6
- Graduation Rate: 100%
- College Acceptance Rate: 66%
 - 33% 4 Year and 33% 2 Year College/University
- Foreign Language Offerings: Basic Spanish, Spanish
 For Spanish Speakers and AP Spanish



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

Tuition: \$11,000

 Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, Merit Scholarships and Need Based Scholarships Available

 96% Milwaukee and Wisconsin Choice

Technology

- Laptop Lab available for student use
- Cell Phones may be on campus but must be powered off during the school day
- Technology in the classroom determined by classroom teacher

Catholic Identity

- Monthly all student Mass
- Daily Morning and Meal Prayer
- Campus Ministry Program helps students live out their motto, "God Alone"
- Religion classes taken all four years
- Student retreat required each year for all grades
- 10 day pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome offered every other year

Dress Code

School uniform required

Transportation

Yes. Yellow bus transportation is provided to students who register for transportation.

Pick-up locations on both the north and south side of the city

General School Information

1341 N. Cass St. Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone number: 414-272-8423
 Fax number: 414-272-3135

www.stjoanantida.org

Geographic Location: East

School Population: 142 students

Average Class Size: 18

All girls

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - > Midwest Classic Conference
 - > Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer
- Clubs
 - 14 clubs and student organizations including National Honor Society and Hispanic Heritage Month Committee
 - Milwaukee Repertory Theater Program where students interested in theater and stage design can work with the After School Program

- ACT Average: 18.5
- International Baccalaureate Program
- Milwaukee's Only School with a Four Year Bridge To MSOE for Students
 - In the STEM Track
 - Receive a 4 on the IB Math Exam
 - All are admitted at a reduced tuition rate
- "go-to" school for young women in Southeastern Wisconsin who are interested in STEM related careers
- Graduation Rate: 100%
- College Acceptance Rate: 100% to 2 or 4 year college
- Spanish and IB Spanish offered as foreign languages
- Fine Arts Offerings: IB Art
- Incoming Freshmen attend Week Summer Bridge Program

St. Lawrence Seminary High School



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

Tuition: \$13,700

 Scholarships and Financial Aid available based on needs

Technology

- Computer lab available for students to use
- Cell phones are to be registered with the Dean of Students during registration. Phones are to be kept in the dormitories during academic hours.

Catholic Identity

- Daily morning prayer; Mass every Friday morning
- Sunday morning Liturgy
- Evening prayer every Saturday and Sunday
- Campus Ministry Program
- Religion classes taken all four years
- On campus and off campus Service Hours are required of all students including summer ministry activity.
- Juniors are able to apply to work on a mission trip that provides an opportunity to work with some of the very poor along the Texas/ Mexico border.

Dress Code

Black, blue, grey, tan, or brown dress pants with a short or long sleeve solid color polo.

Transportation

Since St. Lawrence is a boarding school, transportation to come home for a weekend or break is provided by parents. If students want to go off campus on their own time, they can walk, bike, or transportations is provided by the school.

General School Information

301 Church Street, Mt. Calvary, WI 53057

Phone Number: 920-753-7570
 Fax Number: 920-753-7507

http://www.stlawrence.edu

 Geographic Location: Boarding school in Fond du Lac, WI

School Population: about 200 students

Average Class Size: less than 20

All male population

Students are placed into fraternities comprising of around ten to twelve students that are also balanced on grade, culture, and compatibility. Every freshman has a senior sponsor. Through the school year, fraternities sit together in chapel, lead prayer for the entire community, participate in liturgical ministries for mass together, and compete in social events together such as Winter Carnival and Field Day.

Extra-Curriculars

- 7 sports offered on the junior varsity and varsity level
 - Wrestling
- Intramurals also offered
 - Softball, volleyball, bowling, racquetball, and fitness
- Over 15 clubs
 - Bike Club, Movie Club, Cooking Club, Math Club, Venturing Scouts
- Every student must participate in an activity that goes beyond the expected spiritual, academic and residential life activities.

- 7 AP classes
- ACT Average: 23.6
- Graduation Rate: 97%
- College Acceptance Rate: 98% to a two or four year college
- Spanish, German, and Latin are offered.
- Fine Arts are offered including band, choir, and drama (one production per year alternating between a drama and a drama or musical)
- Every other year, students reaching a certain level of German can travel to Ostbevern, Germany



Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

- \$11,200 plus \$120 eBook and technology fee
- Scholarships and financial aid (needand merit-based) available
- Participant in Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs
- 90% of students receive some type of financial aid

Technology

- 1:1 environment with laptop provided by school
- Cell phones allowed off-body
- Interactive Smart Boards in all classrooms
- Adaptive academic software provided for math (ALEKS), reading (Read Theory), and writing (NoRedInk)
- Online Learning Management System for students and parents (Schoology)
- 17-foot screen with high-definition projector in newly renovated Learning Commons
- Technology training provided for all incoming students

Catholic Identity

- Monthly all-school and all-class masses
- Optional weekly morning mass led by campus chaplain
- Campus Ministry program that encourages authentic conversation, student leadership, and openness and inclusion
- Center for Servant Leadership & Civic Engagement featuring prominent guest speakers, mentoring, service opportunities, and experiential retreats
- International mission trips offered

General School Information

2601 East Morgan Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207

Phone number: 414-481-8370
 Fax number: 414-481-3382

https://tmore.org/

Geographic Location: Southeast
 School Population: 530 students

Average Class Size: 18

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - Over 20 sports including soccer, volleyball, golf, swimming, and hockey
 - 2018 girls' basketball WIAA state semifinalist
 - Newly renovated gymnasium featuring Rick Majerus Court
 - Metro Classic Conference
- Clubs
 - Over 20 school-sanctioned clubs, including Latino Student Organization, National Honor Society, MORE Robotics, Forensics, The Water Council, and International Thespian Troupe
 - New clubs created based on student interest

Academics

- Innovative curriculum emphasizing collaborative, experiential learning
- 24 courses offering college credit, including Advanced Placement, Cardinal Stritch Concurrent Enrollment Program, and Project Lead the Way engineering and biomedical science
- 100% high school graduation rate
- 100% two- or four-year college acceptance rate
- Numerous fine arts courses, including visual arts, music, and performing arts
- Partnerships with TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) MIAD, UWM Lubar Entrepreneurship Center, Marquette University College of Education, First Stage Theater
- After school tutoring provided four days a week
- Academic Resource Center tutoring available throughout school day
- Award-winning teachers, including 5 Kohl Teacher
 Fellows, a Project Lead the Way Master teacher, and the
 2017 & 2018 Wisconsin Art Teacher of the Year

Transportation

3 bus routes with 14 stops. Additional busing available for after school tutoring

Dress Code

No school uniform. Business-casual for mass, guest speakers, and other special events



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF MILWAUKEE

Tuition/Scholarships/Financial Aid/Choice

- Tuition: \$7,800.
 - Non-refundable deposit \$1.000
 - Student fee \$350
- Financial aid available and merit scholarships offered to top scores for entrance exam for Freshman year only
- Milwaukee Choice School

Technology

- No Cell Phones
- No Laptops traditional Catholic Classical High School

Catholic Identity

- Daily Mass
- 2-day School Retreat
- Junior/Senior Pilgrimage trip to Rome
- Pro-Life Mission service project

General School Information

- 9000 W. Chester St. Suite 310 Milwaukee WI, 53214
- Phone number: 262-264-8660
- www.chestertonacademymke.org
- Geographic Location: Milwaukee West
- School Population: 980 students
- Co-Ed School
- Placement Exam Required

Extra-Curriculars

- Athletics
 - Offered based on year-to-year interest
- Clubs
 - Offered based on year-to-year interest

Academics

- Socratic traditional methodology
- 3:1 student to faculty ratio
- Small class sizes
- College prep curriculum
- Latin 2-year requirement
- 1 year of other foreign language required

Dress Code

Full Uniform purchased by families

Transportation

Transportation not provided by the school.

Non-Catholic High School Directory

High School	Geographic Location	Description	Application Contacts/Time Frame
Carmen High School of Science and Technology http://www.carmenhighschool.org/	South, Southeast, Northwest South - 1712 S 32nd St, Milwaukee, WI 53215 Southeast - 2500 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53215 Northwest - 5496 N 72nd St, Milwaukee, WI 53218	Carmen Schools of Science and Technology is a college preparatory school with a liberal arts curriculum, emphasizing student proficiency in science and technology and integrating student work and internship and career apprenticeship experiences. Carmen is a Charter School with on-line application process.	South Campus - Mariela Fonseca at 414-384-4444 Southeast campus - Xiomara Ortiz at 414-509-7800 Northwest campus - Shanyce Matthews at 414-837-4000 ext. 148
Wisconsin Lutheran https://www.wlhs.org/ page	Northwest Milwaukee 330 Glenview Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53213	Wisconsin Lutheran is a Wisconsin Synod Lutheran educational community that participates in the Choice program.	Bradley Wetzel Director of Admissions (414) 453-4567 x1322 brad.wetzel@wlhs.or g The Application Period begins October 1st
Milwaukee Lutheran http://www.milwauke elutheran.org	Northwest Milwaukee 9700 W Grantosa Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53222	Milwaukee Lutheran is a Missouri Synod Lutheran educational community that participates in the Choice program.	Mr. Jim Datka, Director of Admissions idatka@milwaukeelut heran.org Placement exams monthly. The Priority Application Period runs from October 5th to December 11th
Tenor High School https://tenor.seedsof health.org/apps/page s/applicationprocess	Central City 840 N Jackson St, Milwaukee, WI 53202	Tenor is a UW-M Charter school, with over 90% of graduates enrolled in post-secondary institutions and training programs Tenor graduates receive a free year of college at MATC, earning a certificate or technical diploma in a specific area of concentration, credits for an associate's degree, or credits which transfer to 2 or 4 year degree programs	The following steps are required to apply to Tenor High School: -Review Application Information (below) -Submit a Tenor Application (form below) -Schedule an interview

			-Attend a mandatory student/parent orientation
Veritas https://veritas.seedsofhealth.org/	Southside 3025 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53215	The Veritas High School is a UW-M Charter school whose mission is to prepare Milwaukee students for post-secondary education success through completion of an academically challenging, values-based curriculum in a safe and supportive environment.	The following steps are required to apply to Veritas High School: Review Application Information Submit a Veritas Application Schedule an interview Attend a mandatory student/parent orientation
Martin Luther http://www.martinluth erhs.org	Greendale 5201 S 76th St, Greendale, WI 53129	Martin Luther High School is a Choice Lutheran school, with a mission is to share Jesus, shape lives, and develop future leaders through relevant, rigorous academics and life preparation from a Christian world view. Simply put, we are a Christ-centered school of excellence!	Admissions Director, Ms. Abbie Amling, at (414) 421-4000

MPS High School	Geographic Location	Description / Application
MPS general information	City-wide	Neighborhood schools
High school enrollment with Early	This is not a complete list of MPS high	Neighborhood Specialty schools
High School Admissions.	schools. It is a list of high school destinations of our 1st two years of	Citywide Specialty schools
For students who were not in MPS at 7th grade: Students who were not in an MPS school in 7 th grade who wish to apply	Seton graduates.	Comprehensive middle schools and comprehensive high schools Charter schools
to a Select Criteria high school will need to provide the following		Alternative schools
information before October 29, 2017		MPS link
at any help session, testing session or at MPS Central Services, Room 133, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30		http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/home.htm
p.m.: Student's 7th-grade attendance data (number of days absent and number of days in the school year)		Admissions link http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Sc hools/How-to-Apply/Early-Admissions. htm

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Student's final 7th-grade report card		
Student's 7 th -grade standardized test results (WI Forward Exam individual student report if available; STAR, MAP or ITBS individual student may also be used)		
If school seats are available after Early Admissions has closed, the remaining seats will be available during Fall Enrollment.		
Ronald Reagan (414) 304-6100 4965 S 20TH ST	South	Founded in 2003, Reagan High School is a nationally-recognized International Baccalaureate World School offering a comprehensive IB curriculum.
Rufus King (414) 267-0700 1801 W OLIVE ST	North	With a strong focus on academics, activities and diversity, Rufus King International High School is consistently a top-rated Wisconsin public high school (U.S. News & World Report and the Washington Post).
Golda Meir (414) 758-2500 227 W PLEASANT ST 1555 N MARTIN L KING JR DR	East	Golda Meir School offers an array of Gifted and Talented programs and services including Project Lead the Way, the SpringBoard program and extended local, regional, national and international field trips and regional college tours.
Riverside (414) 906-4900 1615 E LOCUST ST	East	Riverside is known throughout the region as the Advanced Placement school. RUHS offers more Honors and AP courses than any other area high school.
Milwaukee High Schools of the Arts (414) 934-7000 2300 W HIGHLAND AVE	North	MHSA offers students the chance to select an arts-focused major (creative writing, dance, theater, music or visual art) and receive at least two class hours of instruction per day focused on that major.

Area Suburban High School	Geographic Location	Description / Application
County-wide general information To enroll: 1. Students living in the district 2. For students who do not live in the district, you must visit the school district website and apply for District Open Enrollment per district policy & calendar Sample: Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. The Open Enrollment application timeline is 8:00 am, February 5, 2018 to April 30, 2018 at 4:00 pm. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. The School Board determine by January 31, 2018 what seats will be approved for the 2018-19 school year under Open Enrollment. The Board approved the following seats to be available for open enrollment: Grade: seats approved 9th: 4 10th: 4 11th: 5 12th: 5	County-wide This is not a complete list of suburban high schools. It is a list of high school destinations of our 1st two years of Seton graduates.	State of Wisconsin information on Open Enrollment: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment.
Cudahy High School Address: 4950 S Lake Dr, Cudahy, WI 53110 Phone: (414) 294-2700	Southeast	www.cudahy.k12.wi.us/schools/high/
Franklin High School Address: 8222 S 51st St, Franklin, WI 53132 Number of students: 1,464 (2013–2014)	Southwest	https://www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklin-high-school

Founded: 1962		
Greendale High School	South	hs.greendale.k12.wi.us/
Address: 6801 Southway, Greendale, WI 53129		
Founded: 1953		
Number of students: 935 (2014–2015)		
Greenfield High School	South	ghs.greenfield.schooldesk.net/
Address: 4800 S 60th St, Greenfield, WI 53220		
Founded: 1957		
Nicolet High School	North	www.nicolet.k12.wi.us/
Address: 6701 N Jean Nicolet Rd, Glendale, WI 53217		
Enrollment: Approximately 1300		
South Milwaukee High School	Southeast	www.sdsm.k12.wi.us/
Address: 801 15th Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172		
Number of students: 1,145 (2014–2015)		
West Allis Central High School	West	central.wawm.k12.wi.us/
Address: 8516 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53227		
West Allis Hale High School	West	hale.wawm.k12.wi.us/
Address: 11601 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53227		
Whitnall High School	Southwest	https://www.whitnall.com/schools/high
Address: 5000 S 116th St, Greenfield, WI 53228		
Founded: 1959		
Whitefish Bay High School Address: 1200 E Fairmount Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53217	Northeast	www.wfbschools.com/schools/high/
Shorewood High School	Northeast	https://www.shorewood.k12.wi.us/



Address: 1701 E Capitol Dr, Shorewood, WI 53211 Founded: 1924 Number of students: 671 (2016–2017)		
Wauwatosa East High School	West	https://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/Eas
Address: 7500 Milwaukee Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53213		•
Founded: 1897		
Number of students: 1,183		
Wauwatosa West High School	West	https://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/wes
Address: 11400 W Center St, Milwaukee, WI 53222		+
Founded: 1960		
Number of students: 1,031 (2014–2015)		
Oak Creek High School	South	https://www.ocfsd.org/schools
Address: 340 E Puetz Rd, Oak Creek, WI 53154		
Founded: 1961		
Brown Deer High School	North	www.browndeerschools.com/
Address: 8060 N 60th St, Brown Deer, WI 53223		
Number of students: 812 (2014–2015)		
St. Francis High School	Southeast	www.stfrancisschools.org/
Address: 4225 S Lake Dr, St Francis, WI 53235		
Phone: (414) 747-3600		

<u>Appendix</u>

7th Grade Scholar and Parent/Guardian Information/Interest Survey

Scholar Name:
How many siblings do you have?
If you have siblings, where do they go to school?
If any of your siblings are in high school, are you planning on attending the same high school?
Are you limited on how far you can travel to a high school due to transportation?
What clubs and sports do you participate in through school or outside of school?
What hobbies and interests do you have?
What types of clubs, activities, and sports are you looking for in a high school?
What qualities are you looking for in a high school?
Are there any high schools you plan on shadowing at or visiting? If so, which ones?
What ways can we support you with researching high schools in Milwaukee?
What questions do you have about looking into high schools?

8th Grade Scholar and Parent/Guardian Information Survey

General

Scholar Name:
Parents/Guardian Names:
Prefered e-mail:
Prefered phone number:
Prefered method of contact (please circle one): e-mail phone
High School Information
Have you attended any open houses yet? Yes No
If yes, please note which high schools:
Have you shadowed at any high schools yet? Yes No
If yes, please note which high schools:
Which high schools are you looking at applying to right now?
Is there any way I can help you out with the high school admissions process?
Is there any additional information I should be aware of that will help me best meet the needs of
your scholar?
If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through
e-mail ator phone at

High School Family Checklist

The following is a checklist to follow along with when applying to high schools. Not all boxes may be filled out (in particular not all the recommendation forms and letters of recommendation) but most should be filled out in order to ensure a complete application.

Topic	Date Complete/Requested
Attend Open House (7th)	
Shadow at High School (7th)	
Attend Events at High School	
Attend Summer Program	
Shadow at High School (8th)	
Complete Application for Admission	
Recommendation Form Request #1	
Teacher:	
Subject:	
Recommendation Form Request #2	
Teacher:	
Subject:	
Recommendation Form Request #3	
Teacher:	
Subject:	
Letter of Recommendation Request #1	
Teacher:	
Subject:	
Letter of Recommendation Request #2	
Teacher:	
Subject:	
Complete Application for Financial Aid	
Complete Application for Scholarships	
Scholarship Letter of Recommendation	
Request #1	
Teacher:	
Subject:	
Scholarship Letter of Recommendation	
Request #2	
Teacher:	
Subject:	
Receive Letter for Admission	
Complete Application for Choice Seat	
Select Classes for Next Year	
Take Placement Exams	