



Pius XI Catholic High School

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President: Jack Herbert

Principal: Mark Ostap

School Profile: 2020-21

OUR MISSION

Pius XI Catholic High School welcomes a diverse community of students into our care. Inspired by our Catholic values, we prepare our students for higher education and lead them toward lives Guided by Faith, Driven by Compassion, Formed by Scholarship and Prepared to Engage the World.

COVID-19 Structure: In response to the pandemic spring of 2020, our school was 100% virtual from March 17- May 22. We completed a full academic year and maintained our traditional grading policy. Fall of 2020-21, students have the choice of a hybrid face-to-face/online or fully virtual schedule. Grading and graduation requirements remain the same.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Pius XI Catholic High School is a coeducational, college preparatory school founded by the School Sisters of St. Francis and the Pallottine Fathers.

Pius XI draws students from over 90 different feeder schools in Southeastern Wisconsin. Pius XI also maintains a global collaboration with over 35 students from China through the Wisconsin International Academy. In 2020-21, the enrollment is 731, 57% female and 43% male, and reflects a rich ethnic and social diversity.

Ethnic Diversity

Caucasian	33%
African American	27%
Hispanic	18%
Asian	7%
Multiracial	10%
Native American	5%

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Some form of Financial Assistance is received by 85% of the students.

FACULTY

Of the 62 teaching faculty, 60% hold an advanced degree. The average class size is 22.

CALENDAR

There are 180 school days in the academic year. The school has a distinctive modular schedule that allows great freedom and personal management of one's school experience.

GRADING SCALE

Regular, Accelerated & Honors Classes: A+ = 4.3
AP Classes: A+ = 5.3

ACADEMICS

- AdvancED Accreditation
- Recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School
- Advanced Placement classes offered: 19
- Dual Enrollment classes offered: 1
- Centers of Excellence
 - Project Lead the Way
 - Nationally Recognized Visual and Performing Arts Programs
- 100% Graduation Rate

DATA/STATISTICS

2021 2 National Merit Semi-finalists

2020

- 320 AP exams taken
- 73% of students scored 3 or higher on AP exams
- Over 9 million in college scholarship offers
- 1 National Merit Scholar
- 26 recipients of the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

2019 Composite ACT score of 27.4 for top quartile

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Pius XI Catholic High School students must pass a minimum of 25 credits. These credits include:

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Theology
- 3 credits Science
- 3 credits Math
- 3 credits Social Science
- 2 credits World Language
- 1.5 credits Physical Ed.
- 1 credit Fine/Performing Arts
- 0.5 credit Health
- 3 credits Electives

ATHLETICS

A tradition of athletic excellence exists. State level records and championships; over 20 multi-level sports offerings for males and females.

CLUBS

Over 25 student-led clubs are offered

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS:

TAC [Teacher Advisor Contact]

A distinctive component to the school, TACs are small communities of 15-20 students from all grade levels: freshman through seniors. The students interact much like a family, with the guidance and support of a trained faculty member who serves as the TAC teacher. Students belong to the same TAC for the entirety of their high school career. TAC meets every morning before classes begin and again briefly at the end of each day.

FINE ARTS

Students have consistently won state and national awards and honors for their excellence across various media. Five National Presidential Scholars in Arts (chosen by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars). Twenty-four National Young Arts Finalists, two that became Presidential Scholars in the past 5 years. Ten National Scholastic Art and Writing Award Gold Portfolio Awards and hundreds of regional gold and silver individual award in our history.

PERFORMING ARTS

We offer a full four year, scoped and sequenced curricular program in Dance, Drama, Vocal and Instrumental Music that ranges from beginner, to college audition major preparation and AP Music Theory. 70% of Pius XI students are enrolled in a Performing Arts class. Performance opportunities each academic year include concert performances, musicals, plays, dance showcases and festivals, liturgical services, music festivals, and community performances. The Pius XI Vocal and Instrumental Music Departments have received superior ratings in festival and competitions throughout the state and Midwest as well as displaying significant student participation in the Wisconsin School Music Association's State Honors and Ensembles.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Distinctive Engineering and Biomedical Science programs with potential to earn college credit. 2016 Rube Goldberg competition National Winner

COURSES OFFERED (137) and RIGOR

AP Courses are the most rigorous in each subject, followed by Honors and Accelerated courses

15 English: including

- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- Accelerated Foundations in Composition and Lit

9 Theology: including

- Honors Theology: Philosophy for Theology

14 Mathematics: including

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Honors Math 3
- Accelerated Algebra 1
- Accelerated Geometry

16 Social Sciences: including

- AP European History
- AP Macro Economics (optional Dual Enrollment)
- AP Psychology
- AP US History
- Honors American Government

19 Science and Engineering: including

- AP Biology
- AP/PLTW Computer Science
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics

30 Performing Arts

- 6 Choral Music
- 10 Instrumental Music: including
 - AP Music Theory
- 6 Dance
- 8 Theatre

11 World Language: including

- AP French
- AP Spanish

14 Visual Arts: including

- AP Studio Art-11
- AP Studio Art-12
- AP Art Portfolio Preparation

9 Fitness & Wellness