

# NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2019-2020 Profile



**Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy** is a co-educational, Pre-K through 12th grade Catholic school in Southeast Michigan. Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, invited the Marist Fathers and Brothers to sponsor a school in Oakland County in 1994. Nestled on a 100-acre campus in Pontiac, Mich., the school is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Notre Dame provides its diverse student body a Catholic and internationally recognized college-preparatory experience of lasting value. We work with God to form Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars.

## FACULTY

Seventy-four (74) faculty members educate 1,000 students across three distinct but coordinated academic divisions: Notre Dame Lower School (Pre-K through 5), Notre Dame Middle School (6-8), and Notre Dame Preparatory School (9-12). Three-out-of-four hold a postgraduate degree.

## SCHEDULE

Notre Dame introduced a new academic schedule in 2019 to improve student learning with fewer classes each day. Classes are held on an eight-day rotating schedule. Five classes meet each day for 65 minutes.

## CURRICULUM

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Notre Dame was the first Catholic high school in Michigan authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and the first Catholic school in the United States to offer the IB curriculum at all grade levels. Students may pursue the two-year IB Diploma Programme or continue with other college-preparatory courses. Fifty-one (51) out of 67 student candidates earned an IB diploma in 2019.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Beginning in 10th grade, students may choose from 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses in an array of disciplines. In 2019, 313 students took 553 exams; 281 earned a 3 or higher; 59 were named an AP Scholar or better.

## 2019-2020 COURSE OFFERINGS

### PERFORMING ARTS

Intro to Instrumental Music  
Symphony Band +  
Marching Band +  
Jazz Band +  
Electronic Music  
Irishmen  
Women's Choir  
Chamber Choir  
Freshmen Chorus  
Praise and Worship  
Intro to Theatre  
IB/AP Music Theory

### VISUAL ARTS

Art Foundations  
Drawing and Painting  
(intro and advanced)  
2D Design  
Ceramics  
(intro, intermediate and advanced)  
Digital Photography  
(basic and advanced)  
AP Art History  
IB Visual Arts

### SOCIAL STUDIES

World Cultures  
U.S. History  
American Government  
Investigating History of Mythology  
Economics  
Psychology  
Current Issues  
Investigating History through Film  
Law  
20th Century Conflicts  
Forensic Psychology  
Investigating History of Detroit  
AP U.S. History 1 and 2  
AP European History 1 and 2  
AP Comparative Government  
IB History 1-4  
IB/AP Macroeconomics 1 and 2  
IB/AP Psychology 1 and 2  
IB Theory of Knowledge

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1-4 +  
Geometry 1 and 2 +  
Trigonometry +  
Pre-Calculus +  
Honors Integrated Math 1-4  
Math Applications  
Personal Finance  
AP Statistics 1 and 2  
AP Calculus 1 and 2  
IB Math Studies  
IB Math HL 11 1 and 2  
IB Math HL 12 1 and 2

### WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish 1-10 +  
AP Spanish 1 and 2  
Mandarin Chinese 1-12 +  
AP Mandarin Chinese 1 and 2

### BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Accounting 1 and 2  
Entrepreneurship & Marketing  
Fundamentals of Computer Science  
Science of Technology  
Computer Aided Design (CAD)  
(intermediate and advanced) +

### RELIGION

The Bible  
Who is Jesus Christ?  
Paschal Mystery  
Sacraments  
Foundations of Christian Morality  
Catholic Social Teachings  
Moral Issues  
Christian History  
World Religions

### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Physical Education  
Training for the Athlete  
Sports Medicine  
Leadership  
Officiating Team Sports  
Mind and Body Wellness

### SCIENCE

Astronomy 1 and 2  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Biology 1 and 2 +  
IB Biology 1-4  
AP Biology 1 and 2  
Chemistry 1 and 2 +  
IB Chemistry 1 and 2  
Earth Science 1 and 2  
Engineering and Empathy  
Horticulture 1 and 2  
Science of Nutrition  
Physics 1 and 2  
IB Physics 1 and 2  
AP Physics 1 and 2  
Horticulture 1 and 2  
IB Environmental Science 1 and 2

### ENGLISH

Language and Literature +  
Language and American Literature 1 and 2 +  
Language and British Literature 1 and 2 +  
Language and World Literature 1 and 2 +  
AP English Language and Composition 1 and 2  
Film Studies  
Public Speaking  
Yearbook  
+ Honors

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass 7.0 credits per year and earn a total of 28 credits.

Religion	4.0
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
including Economics	0.5
Government	0.5
Modern Language	2.0
Health and Physical Education	1.0
Fundamentals of Computer Science	0.5
Visual or Performing Arts	1.0

## SERVICE LEARNING

Required for graduation, students demonstrate learning outcomes each year as well as a senior capstone project serving the marginalized, civic or spiritual community.

## GRADING

We do not rank students. The school does not believe rank provides a valid measure of students in a highly successful class.

### GRADING SCALE

	GRADE	GPA	HONORS	IB and AP
93-100	A+, A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90-92	A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87-89	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83-86	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
80-82	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77-79	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73-76	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-72	C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
67-69	D+	1.3	1.3	1.3
63-66	D	1.0	1.0	1.0
60-62	D-	0.7	0.7	0.7

## BY THE NUMBERS

**#1**

Best Catholic High School  
in Michigan and No. 3 Best Private  
K-12 School in Michigan –  
Niche.com

**3.65**

Average GPA  
of varsity student-athletes

**23**

Students in a classroom  
(on average)

**26.8**

Average ACT composite score  
compared to national average of 20.9

**29**

State championships won  
in school history: cheerleading,  
boys golf, girls skiing, girls soccer,  
volleyball and 17 individual titles  
in other sports

**36**

At least one student has  
recorded a perfect ACT score in  
seven of the last nine years

**40**

Scholastic art award recipients

**40**

K-12 schools in the United States  
are Microsoft Showcase Schools,  
including Notre Dame

**57**

Students from the Class of 2019  
scored a 30 or higher on the ACT last year

**\$10 million**

In academic scholarships  
were offered  
to the graduating class





## NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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## 2019 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

The Class of 2019 received offers from 145 colleges and universities across the country and the world. Bolded institutions indicate an offer acceptance and enrollment.

Adelphi University  
**Adrian College**  
**Albion College**  
 American University  
**American University of Beirut**  
 Appalachian State University  
 Aquinas College  
 Arizona State University  
 Auburn University  
 Ava Maria University  
 Baldwin Wallace University  
**Ball State University**  
**Belmont University**  
 Beloit University  
**Boise State University**  
**Boston University**  
**Bowling Green State University**  
 Bradley University  
 Butler University  
 Calvin College  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 The Catholic University of America  
**Central Michigan University**  
 Clemson University  
**College for Creative Studies**  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University  
**Columbia College Chicago**  
**Cornell University**  
 Cornerstone University  
 Dean College  
 Denison University  
**DePaul University**  
 Duquesne University  
**Eastern Michigan University**  
 Eckerd College  
 Elon University  
 Emerson University  
 Emory University  
 Ferris State University

Finlandia University  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Fordham University  
 Furman University  
 Gannon University  
 Georgetown University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Grand Valley State University**  
 Harvard College  
 Hope College  
**Howard University**  
 Illinois Institute of Technology  
**Indiana University Bloomington**  
 Ithaca College  
**John Carroll University**  
 Kalamazoo College  
**Kendall College of Art and Design**  
 Kent State University  
**Kettering University**  
**Lawrence Technological University**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
 Madonna University  
 Marquette University  
 Miami University  
**Michigan State University**  
**Michigan Technological University**  
 New York University  
 North Carolina A&T State University  
 North Carolina State University  
**Northern Michigan University**  
 Northwestern University  
 Nova Southeastern University  
**Oakland Community College**  
**Oakland University**  
 Ohio Northern University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
**Pontificia Universidad Católica - Argentina**  
**Purdue University**  
 Regis University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Richmond, The American  
 International University in London  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Roger Williams University  
 Roosevelt University  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Saginaw Valley State University  
**Saint Mary's College**  
**San Diego State University**  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
**Siena Heights University**  
**Slippery Rock University**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
**Spelman College**  
 Spring Arbor University  
 Suffolk University  
**SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry**  
 Syracuse University  
 The College of Wooster  
 The George Washington University  
**The Ohio State University**  
 The University of Alabama  
**The University of Arizona**  
**The University of Manchester**  
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
 The University of Nottingham  
**The University of Oklahoma**  
 The University of Sheffield  
 The University of Tampa  
 Trine University  
 Tulane University  
**University at Buffalo,**  
**The State University of New York**  
 University of Birmingham  
 University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
**University of Dayton**  
**University of Detroit Mercy**  
 University of East Anglia  
**University of East London**  
 University of Florida  
 University of Glasgow  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 University of Kentucky  
**University of Melbourne**  
 University of Miami  
**University of Michigan**  
**University of Michigan, Dearborn**  
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
**University of New England**  
 University of New Haven  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of Tennessee  
 University of Toledo  
 University of Virginia  
**University of Wisconsin**  
 Valparaiso University  
 Villanova University  
 Virginia Tech  
 Washington State University  
**Wayne State University**  
**Western Michigan University**  
**Xavier University**

## ADMINISTRATION

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