

SCHOOL PROFILE

2020 – 2021



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ABOUT MALDEN CATHOLIC

Malden Catholic is a regional, four-year college preparatory school (9–12) for young men and women from a wide range of academic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Malden Catholic's educational model is **codivisional**, featuring two single-gender academic divisions with shared extracurricular, social, and service learning opportunities. The school is approximately five miles north of the city of Boston. Malden Catholic was founded in 1932 by the Xaverian Brothers. The current domestic student body comes from more than 40 towns around greater Boston, and international students come from Vietnam and China. At present, the school enrolls approximately 450 boys in grades 9–12 and 240 girls in grades 9–11. The Girls Division will continue to add one grade level per year until a full cohort of 9–12 grade students is established in September 2021.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Malden Catholic offers over thirty extracurricular activities, clubs, and programs, which encourage students to explore their physical, creative, social, political, and career interests. The following activities are offered at Malden Catholic:

Admissions Ambassadors	Lancer Buddies	Ski and Snowboard Club
Art Club	Lancer Short Story Club	Spanish Club
Broadcast Club	Lancers-in-Action Service Club	Spanish National Honor Society
Chemistry Club	Liturgical Ministry	Sports Management
Chess Club	Math Team	STEM Club
Chorale	MC ComiCon	Stock and Trade Club
Creative Writers Club	Mock Trial	Strength & Conditioning
Crystal 99 Newspaper	Model Congress	Student Council
Drama	Model UN	Yoga Club
Fiber Arts	Multicultural Club	30 Day Challenge Club
Girl Up	Music Ministry	
Lancer Unity Club	National Honor Society	
Habitat for Humanity	Quiz Bowl	
Intramural Sports	Robotics	
The Lance (Yearbook)		

CURRICULUM

Course Placement

After initial administrative placement based on entrance testing and department placement tests, students enroll in courses according to ability, skill level, record of achievement, and departmental recommendations. Accordingly, students are not limited to a single track and may be enrolled in courses of varying levels of difficulties. Typically a student must receive a grade of 93 or better to move up to a more challenging course level. Course levels are as follows:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT – College-level courses prescribed and audited by The College Board, following College Board-approved curriculum. Placement is based on departmental approval and performance.

HONORS – Students with entrance scores in the 80th percentile or above and who, as upperclassmen, demonstrate superior performance.

ACCELERATED – Students with entrance scores in the 35th–75th percentile. Accelerated courses move at a faster pace and with greater depth than College Prep courses.

COLLEGE PREP – Students with entrance scores below the 35th percentile and for whom development of essential skills and fundamental understandings is required.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ For the 2020–2021 year, Malden Catholic was pleased to develop a re-entry plan for our students. For the fall of 2020, students are learning in our “yellow phase,” which is a hybrid model. Students are split into 2 cohorts, attending in-person learning two days per week. Some students have elected to be fully remote. On the 5th Day, Malden Catholic provides academic enrichment, virtual clubs, Leadership, Advisory, prayer services, and other community programming. Malden Catholic has partnered with LogMeIn to provide state-of-the-art systems for remote learning. Extensive safety procedures in the building include required social distancing and mask wearing, temperature scanners, daily attestation forms, and more. Malden Catholic is grateful to consult with Dr. David King of Massachusetts General Hospital in establishing our protocols. Our school nurse, Mrs. Elizabeth Paquette, along with our Girls Division Lead, Mr. Jeffrey Smith, developed our COVID reentry plan. We are prepared to go to a “red phase” of full remote learning if our community is at risk and look forward to the day we can return to our “green phase” of full in-person learning.
- ❖ Malden Catholic recently introduced an enhanced STEM program that features 2 STEM certificate tracks and classes in the Project Lead the Way curriculum and AP science, math, and technology courses, positioning students well for success in the 21st century by promoting innovation, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- ❖ Furthering the MC experience are two special academic programs including the highly selective SFX Scholars Program, an enrichment program for academic leaders, and the proven Brother Kevin Program, which offers additional support for students with a strong focus on study skills and learning strategies.

SPORTS

Malden Catholic currently offers seasonal intramural athletics as well as 15 interscholastic sports for boys and 12 for girls, with most providing opportunities at the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity levels:

Baseball (Boys)	Lacrosse
Basketball	Rugby (Boys)
Cheer (Girls)	Soccer
Crew	Softball (Girls)
Cross Country	Swimming
Football (Boys)	Tennis
Golf (Boys)	Track and Field
Hockey	Volleyball (Girls)
Indoor Track	Wrestling (Boys)



MATH CURRICULUM

The College Prep and Accelerated math levels follow a traditional math program (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-calculus) as determined by initial math placement assessments. Higher level learners follow the Saxon Integrated Math program. These students will not have Geometry on their transcript but have had a full Geometry course that was integrated through their math courses.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Theology	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
Electives	3 credits
Computer Application	0.5 credits
Physical Education	1 credit

Christian Service

Freshman	15 hours
Sophomore	25 hours
Junior	35 hours
Senior	90 hours



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Malden Catholic currently offers 16 Advanced Placement courses including: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, United States Government, Latin, European History, Physics 1, Physics 2, Spanish Language, United States History, World History, and Seminar. World History was added for the 2018–2019 school year for the class of 2022, expanding our AP program to the ninth grade. AP Capstone has been introduced with Seminar and Research for the Class of 2020. We also offer several Advanced Placement courses through The Virtual High School. All AP students are required to take AP Exams. Eligible freshmen and sophomore boys may take 1 AP course; juniors and seniors typically take no more than 3 AP courses per academic year. Seniors must have approval of their parent, School Counselor, and the Division Lead for Academics to take more than 3 AP courses. Students taking 1 AP course in grades 9–11 or 3 AP courses in grade 12 have a reduced schedule by .5 credit.

COURSES OFFERED

Level Code: AP = Advanced Placement; H = Honors; A = Accelerated; CP = College Prep.

THEOLOGY

Theology 1–A
Theology 2–A
Theology 3–A
Theology 4–A
Philosophy–H
Seminar–AP

ENGLISH

English 1–H, A, CP
English 2–H, A, CP
English 3–H, A, CP
English 4–H, A, CP
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
Language Arts 1–CP
Language Arts 2–CP
Literary Elements & Composition–A

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1–H, A, CP
Geometry–H, A, CP
Algebra 2–A, CP
Algebra 2 & Trigonometry–H
Integrated Math 1–H
Integrated Math 2–H
Pre-Calculus–H, A
Pre-Calculus/Calculus–H
Analysis–A
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Calculus–H

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, & ENGINEERING

Biology–AP, H, A, CP
Earth Science–CP
Chemistry–AP
(with extra lab)
Chemistry–H, A, CP
Intro to Chem/Phys–CP
Physics–H, A
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
Marine Biology–A
Environmental Science–CP
Anatomy & Physiology–H
Intro to Engineering–A
PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design–H
PLTW Principles of Engineering–H
Robotics–A
Engineering Design–A
Intro to Technology–CP
Web Design–A
Java Programming–H
AP Computer Science

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Italian 1–H
Italian 2–H
Italian 3–H
Italian 4–H
Latin 1–H
Latin 2–H
Latin 3–H
AP Latin
Spanish 1–H, A, CP
Spanish 2–H, A, CP
Spanish 3–H, A, CP

Spanish 4–H
AP Spanish

SOCIAL STUDIES & BUSINESS

World History 1–H, A, CP
Previously Global Studies and Eastern Civilizations
AP World History
World History 2–H, A, CP
Previously World History and Western Civilizations
AP European History
US History–H, A, CP
US Government & Current Issues
AP US History
AP US Government
Psychology–H
Mock Trial–H
Accounting–A
Economics–A

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Chorale–H
Music Appreciation–CP
Studio Art 1–CP
Studio Art 2–CP
Digital Art 1–CP
Digital Art 2–CP
Speech and Debate–ACC
Speech and Drama–ACC

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education/Health 1–CP
Physical Education/Health 2–CP
Physical Education/Health 3–CP

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL (VHS)

Malden Catholic is pleased to be a member of *The Virtual High School* (VHS), a global nonprofit collaborative offering high quality online courses. On a limited basis, courses are open to seniors and juniors, with priority given to senior placement. Candidates must have a cumulative average of at least 80% and administrative approval.

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION

Malden Catholic is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Malden Catholic is a member of the College Board, the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, the New England Association for College Admissions Counseling, the National Catholic Educational Association, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the Association of Independent Schools in New England. As of 2019, Malden Catholic Girls Division is a member of the National Coalition of Girls' Schools. As of 2019, Malden Catholic Boys Division is a member of the International Boys' Schools Coalition.

CLASS RANK

Malden Catholic does not rank its students.

TEST SCORES

Range of test scores for the middle 50% of the classes of 2018–2020

ACT.....	19–26
SAT.....	1050–1340
Evidence based reading and writing:...	520–660
Math:.....	520–690

Mean test scores for the classes of 2018–2020

SAT	1183
ACT.....	22.5

CLASS OF 2020 POSTSECONDARY PLANS

Recent colleges offering graduates admission (Partial list)

Adelphi University	Gannon University
Albany College of Pharmacy	George Mason University
Assumption College	George Washington University
Becker College	Georgetown University
Bentley University	Gordon College
Boston College	High Point University
Boston University	Hofstra University
Bowling Green State University	Husson University
Bryant University	Illinois Institute of Technology
California College of the Arts, San Francisco	Indiana University, Bloomington
Carnegie Mellon University	Ithaca College
Case Western Reserve University	Johns Hopkins University
Catholic University of America	Keene State College
Clark University	Loyola Marymount University
Clarkson University	Loyola University, Chicago
Clemson University	Loyola University, Maryland
Colby-Sawyer College	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Cornell University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Curry College	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Daemen College	Merrimack College
Dean College	Miami University, Oxford
DePaul University	Michigan State University
DeSales University	New England College
Drexel University	New England Institute of Technology
D'Youville College	New York University
Elon University	Nichols College
Emerson College	Northeastern University
Emmanuel College	Northwestern University
Emory University	Norwich University
Endicott College	Ohio State University
Fairfield University	Pennsylvania State University
Fitchburg State University	Plymouth State University
Fordham University	Pratt Institute
Framingham State University	Providence College

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Malden Catholic calculates both weighted and unweighted grade point averages. Grade Point Averages are calculated cumulatively and include all courses attempted with the exception of PE/Health. Failed courses that are remediated are given a maximum grade of 70, which is calculated into GPA. Though each course is assigned a weight according to level of difficulty (AP, H, A, CP), this weighted average is only used internally for scholarship awards and other recognitions. Malden Catholic reports unweighted GPA on transcripts using a 100 point scale.

A minimum grade of C- or 70 is required to pass all courses at Malden Catholic.

Below are unweighted GPA distributions for the Class of 2021 at the end of their junior year.

DISCIPLINARY INFRACTIONS

Malden Catholic does not disclose disciplinary infractions to colleges, with the exception of expulsion.

CLASS OF 2021 (N: 109)		
UNWEIGHTED		
Cumulative Average	# of Students	Percent
100–95	9	8
94–93	10	9
92–89	20	18
88–86	25	23
85–83	14	12
82–79	19	17
78–76	9	8
75–72	6	5
71 and below	0	0

Purdue University	Syracuse University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Quinnipiac University	Texas State University	University of New England
Regis College	The New School	University of New Hampshire, Durham
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Thomas College	University of New Haven
Rice University	Tufts University	University of Oregon
Rivier University	University of British Columbia	University of Pennsylvania
Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California, Davis	University of Pittsburgh
Roger Williams University	University of California, Irvine	University of Rhode Island
Sacred Heart University	University of California, San Diego	University of San Diego
Salem State University	University of California, Santa Barbara	University of Scranton
Salve Regina University	University of Colorado, Boulder	University of South Florida
Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Connecticut	University of Southern California
School of Visual Arts, New York	University of Georgia	University of Southern Maine
Seton Hall University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	University of Vermont
Southern New Hampshire University	University of Maine	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Springfield College	University of Maine, Farmington	Villanova University
St. Anselm College	University of Maine, Machias	Virginia Tech
St. Joseph's College, Maine	University of Maryland, College Park	Wake Forest University
St. Michael's College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Wentworth Institute of Technology
State University of New York, Binghamton	University of Massachusetts, Boston	Western New England University
State University of New York, Stony Brook	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	Westfield State University
Stonehill College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Suffolk University		Xavier University

SPRING 2020 COVID RESPONSE

In the spring of 2020, Malden Catholic moved to a remote learning model in mid-March. This affected our 4th quarter. Using an online platform, students continued to receive new curriculum and live instruction. Students were numerically graded. Final exams were eliminated. Their 4th quarter grades made up 19% of their final grade for full year courses.