

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2021-2022 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 currently is in its 28th 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.

NOTE: In March 2020, with the onset of the pandemic, NDPMA transitioned to online learning. During virtual learning, students continued with their college prep curriculum. Teachers hosted Zoom classroom meetings and lessons, and students accessed their assignments online through PowerSchool Learning. Classes continued on an eight-day rotating schedule and students were responsible for course work in five classes each day. Since August 2020, Notre Dame students returned to in-person learning.



FACULTY

One-hundred eight (108) faculty members educate 1,024 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 post-graduate degree.

SCHEDULE

For the 2021-2022 school year, Notre Dame Prep students will be following an A/B rotating schedule. Four of eight classes meet each day for eighty 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. Twenty-eight (28) out of 31 student candidates earned an IB diploma in 2021.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Beginning in 10th grade, students may choose from 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses in an array of disciplines. In 2021, 344 students took 657 exams; 321 earned a 3 or higher; 73 were named an AP Scholar or better.

2021-2022 COURSE OFFERINGS

PERFORMING ARTS

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

VISUAL ARTS

Art Foundations
Drawing and Painting
Advanced Drawing
Advanced Painting
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
Economics
Psychology
Current Issues
American Culture
Law
Forensic Psychology
AP U.S. History
AP European History
AP Comparative Government
IB History HL
IB/AP Macroeconomics
IB/AP Psychology
IB Theory of Knowledge

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1
Algebra 2+
Geometry +
Trigonometry +
Pre-Calculus +
Honors Integrated Math 1 and 2
Math Applications
Personal Finance
Honors Discrete Mathematics
AP Calculus
IB Math SL Applications and Interpretation
IB Math HL 1 and 2 Analysis and Approaches

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish 1-5 +
AP Spanish Language
Mandarin Chinese 5 +
AP Mandarin Chinese

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

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

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
Independent Sports Medicine
Independent Leadership
Officiating Team Sports
Mind and Body Wellness

SCIENCE

Biology
Earth Science
Chemistry +
AP Chemistry
Astronomy
Anatomy and Physiology
IB Biology SL and HL
AP Biology
Physics
IB Physics SL
AP Physics
IB Environmental Science SL
Engineering and Empathy
Horticulture
Entomology
Botany

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
AP English Literature and Composition 1 and 2
IB English HL 1 and 2: Language and Literature
Personal Project
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

ADVOCACY AND CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP FORMATION

A service learning initiative designed to equip students with lifelong skills of personal and leadership engagement, living and serving in a global society. The four-year progressive formation is interwoven in the school curriculum and allows for students to grow in awareness of current social issues and how they can personally invest in change.

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

#2

Best Catholic High School in Michigan; No. 8 Best Private High School in Michigan; and No. 3 Best Private K-12 School in Michigan – Niche.com

3.73

Average GPA of varsity and JV student-athletes

19

Students in a classroom
(on average)

26.97

Average ACT composite score compared to national average of 20.9

34

State championships won in school history: competitive cheerleading, boys golf, girls skiing, girls soccer, volleyball and 20 individual titles in other sports

36

At least one student has recorded a perfect ACT score in eight of the last 10 years

280

Regional Scholastic Art Awards (gold, silver and honorable mention) and 31 National Scholastic Art Medals (gold and silver) since 2014.

39

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

50

Students from the Class of 2020 scored a 30 or higher on the ACT last year

\$7.98 million

In scholarships were offered to the graduating class



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2021 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

The Class of 2021 received offers from 142 colleges and universities across the country and the world. Bolded institutions indicate an offer acceptance and enrollment.

Adams State University

Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
AMD College of the Performing Arts
Aquinas College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Babson College
Ball State University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Brandeis University
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central Michigan University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Concordia University-Chicago
Cornerstone University
Culinary Institute of America
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Eastern Michigan University
Emory University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University

Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Grand Valley State University
Hillsdale College
Hope College
Indiana University-Bloomington
Indiana University-Purdue
University-Indianapolis
Ithaca College
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kettering University
Lipscomb University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Macomb Community College
Marquette University
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Montana State University
Montana Technological University
Murray State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Michigan University
Northwood University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakland Community College
Oakland University
Ohio State University
Old Dominion University
Olivet Nazarene University

Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Point Park University
Purdue University
Reed College
Rice University
Rochester College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saginaw Valley State University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
Southern Illinois University
St. John's College
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The King's College
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Evansville
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky

University of Louisville
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Michigan-Flint
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southampton
University of Toledo
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Washington State University
Washington University in St Louis
Wayne State University
Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University
Xavier University
Xavier University-New Orleans

ADMINISTRATION

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Principal

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Vice Principal

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