

# NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2022-2023 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 29th 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 thirteen (113) faculty members educate 1,047 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

Students follow 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. Notre Dame offers thirteen (13) IB Diploma Program courses across multiple subject areas and students may choose to complete the full IB Diploma or to enroll for certificates in individual classes. Eleven (11) out of fourteen (14) student candidates earned a full IB Diploma in 2022.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Beginning in 10th grade, students may choose from 18 AP courses in an array of disciplines. In 2022, 340 students took 696 exams; 383 exams earned a 3 or higher; 100 students were named an AP Scholar or better.

### HONORS

Students may select from 14 honors courses in a variety of disciplines.

## 2022-2023 COURSE OFFERINGS

### PERFORMING ARTS

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

### VISUAL ARTS

Art Foundations  
Drawing and Painting  
Advanced Drawing  
Advanced Painting  
Ceramics  
(intro, intermediate and advanced)  
Digital Photography  
(basic and advanced)  
IB Visual Arts  
AP Art Studio

### SOCIAL STUDIES

World Cultures  
U.S. History  
American Government  
Economics  
Psychology  
Current Issues  
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 4 +  
AP Mandarin Chinese

### BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

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  
Sports Medicine  
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  
AP Physics  
IB Environmental Science SL  
Engineering and Empathy  
Horticulture  
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. Notre Dame 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. 5 Best Private K-12 School in Michigan – Niche.com

### 76

Percent of students who participated on at least one athletic team in 2021-2022

### 18

Teams that earned team academic all-state honors in 2021-2022

### 19

Students in a classroom (on average)

### 25.8

Average ACT composite score compared to national average of 20.6

### 36

State championships won: competitive cheerleading, boys golf, girls skiing, girls soccer, volleyball and 21 individual titles

### 36

At least one student has recorded a perfect ACT score in nine of the last 13 years

### 305

Regional Scholastic Art Awards (gold, silver and honorable mention) and 33 National Scholastic Art Medals (gold and silver) since 2014.

### 39

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

### 41

Students from the Class of 2022 scored a 30 or higher on the ACT last year

### 12

State championship titles in robotics across all three schools of Notre Dame, offering VEX IQ, VEX EDR, OCCRA and FIRST

### 23

Different clubs and organizations



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## 2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

The Class of 2022 received offers from 135 colleges and universities across the country and the world. Bolded institutions indicate an offer acceptance and enrollment.

Adrian College	Gannon University	Rochester College	University of Michigan-Dearborn
<b>Albion College</b>	Gonzaga University	<b>Rutgers University</b>	University of Michigan-Flint
Alma College	<b>Grand Valley State University</b>	Saginaw Valley State University	University of Minnesota
Appalachian State University	Hampden-Sydney College	Saint Louis University	University of Mississippi
<b>Aquinas College</b>	<b>Hillsdale College</b>	Saint Mary's College	University of North Carolina
<b>Arizona State University-Tempe</b>	<b>Hope College</b>	<b>Savannah College of Art &amp; Design</b>	University of Notre Dame
<b>Auburn University</b>	Indiana Tech	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Oregon
Ave Maria University	<b>Indiana University-Bloomington</b>	<b>Schoolcraft College</b>	University of Pittsburgh
Babson College	<b>John Carroll University</b>	Seton Hall University	University of San Diego
Baylor University	Kalamazoo College	Southern Methodist University	University of San Francisco
<b>Benedictine College</b>	Kansas City Art Institute	Syracuse University	University of South Carolina
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	Kettering University	The College of Wooster	University of Toledo
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>Lawrence Technological University</b>	<b>The University of Alabama</b>	University of Tulsa
Bowling Green State University	Louisiana State University	<b>The University of Arizona</b>	University of Washington
Bradley University	<b>Loyola University Chicago</b>	<b>The University of Findlay</b>	University of Wisconsin
Bryant University	Lynn University	<b>The University of Tampa</b>	<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</b>
Butler University	<b>Macomb Community College</b>	<b>The University of Tennessee</b>	Walsh University
Calvin University	Marquette University	<b>Tulane University</b>	<b>Wayne State University</b>
Case Western Reserve University	<b>Marshall University</b>	<b>United States Air Force Academy</b>	<b>Western Michigan University</b>
<b>Central Michigan University</b>	<b>Merrimack College</b>	<b>University of California-Los Angeles</b>	Western New England
Clemson University	<b>Miami University, Oxford</b>	University of California-Santa Barbara	University
<b>College for Creative Studies</b>	<b>Michigan State University</b>	University of Central Florida	Xavier University
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	<b>Michigan Technological University</b>	University of Cincinnati	Xavier University of Louisiana
Concordia University-Ann Arbor	Millikin University	<b>University of Dallas</b>	
Cornerstone University	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Dayton	
<b>Davenport University</b>	Northern Michigan University	<b>University of Detroit Mercy</b>	
Fulton Street Campus	Northwestern University	University of Florida	
DePaul University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Georgia	
Eastern Michigan University	<b>Oakland Community College</b>	University of Hawaii	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	<b>Oakland University</b>	University of Illinois	
Emory University	Ohio Northern University	University of Indianapolis	
Fashion Institute of Technology	<b>Ohio State University</b>	University of Kentucky	
Ferris State University	Pace University	University of Maine	
Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Maryland	
Fordham University	<b>Purdue University</b>	University of Maryland	
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Quinnipiac University	University of Massachusetts	
	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Miami	
	<b>Rice University</b>	<b>University of Michigan</b>	

## ADMINISTRATION

**Rev. Leon Olszamowski, s.m.**  
Corporate President

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Head of School

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