



## Cardinal Newman School

*Redefining Excellence: In the Classroom - On the Field - In the Community - For Their Futures*

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### MISSION STATEMENT

**Cardinal Newman School** is a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston. As a Catholic middle school and high school, its mission is to provide an academically rigorous Christian educational program to young men and women of diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, who value and embrace the traditions of an education deeply rooted in faith. Students are challenged to embrace truth, pursue academic excellence, act with integrity, lead courageously, work for justice and engage in generous service. Within the Cardinal Newman School community, every student is known, the dignity of all is appreciated, and apparent and potential gifts are explored and developed in mind, body and spirit.

#### Accreditation & Affiliations

- Cognia Accreditation and Certification
- National Catholic Educational Association
- College Board
- South Carolina Independent School Association

#### About Cardinal Newman School

Founded in 1858 by the Ursuline sisters, Cardinal Newman School originally opened as the Ursuline High School for Young Women on the grounds of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia, SC. After several moves, the school became accredited in 1938 as the Ursuline High School. The school moved to its Forest Drive location in 1961, where it remained until the development of a state of the art, 50 acre campus in Northeast Columbia. Today, Cardinal Newman School is a co-educational, college preparatory institution providing a comprehensive education for students in grades seven through twelve, including a wide range of athletics, fine arts, extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Cardinal Newman School does not discriminate on the basis of color, national or ethnic origin in any of its policies, practices or procedures. Cardinal Newman School welcomes students of all faiths.

#### 2024-2025 School Population

Student enrollment: **560** = 292 male/268 female

Seniors	76	Catholics	55%
Juniors	97	Teaching faculty	47
Sophomores	84	Religious	1
Freshmen	109	Holds advanced degrees	67%
Eighth graders	102	Student/Teacher ratio	12:1
Seventh graders	92		

#### Curriculum

Cardinal Newman School provides a diverse, college preparatory curriculum that is aligned with the State of South Carolina and National Educational Standards. Students choose from content area courses that are instructionally designed to promote rigorous instruction at a variety of levels, including college preparatory, honors, dual enrollment and Advanced Placement. 2024-2025 saw a new academic schedule, moving from 7 classes a year to eight classes a year. This also resulted in a change in credits required for graduation, increasing required credits in theology and world languages.

Theology I-IV	4 credits
English	4 credits
Introduction to Research & Speech	0.5 credit
Personal Finance	0.5 credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Laboratory Science	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Social Studies	3.5 credits
World Languages (all three in the same language - effective 2025-2026)	3 credits
Technology	1 credit
Physical Education/Health	1 credit
Electives	1.5 credits

**Total minimum required for graduation - 27 credits plus successful completion of the senior social justice exit project.**

#### Community Service

Integral to the formation of the total student, Cardinal Newman requires students to perform community service outside of the scope of their commitments to the school on an annual basis.

<b>Seventh: 15 hours</b>	<b>Ninth: 20 hours</b>	<b>Eleventh: 40 hours</b>
<b>Eighth: 15 hours</b>	<b>Tenth: 30 hours</b>	<b>Twelfth: 40 hours</b>

#### Class of 2024 Achievement Scores

SAT		ACT	
Top 10% Scoring Average	1442	Top 10% Scoring Average	31
Top 20% Scoring Average	1368	Top 20% Scoring Average	29
Fifty-percent Average Score	1134	Fifty-percent Average Score	23

\*Based upon 4 years of undergraduate eligibility

### The Class of 2024 by the Numbers

- 91 graduates in the Class of 2024 attending 37 colleges throughout the United States and the United Kingdom**
- 97% of 2024 graduates qualify for State of South Carolina academic scholarships**
- \$1,764,000 awarded in State of South Carolina academic scholarships**
- \$12,367,482 in merit and talent based scholarships and grants**
- \$14,131,482 total award value for the Class of 2024\***
- 2 graduates recognized as National Merit Finalists, 1 as a Semi-Finalist**
- 26 graduates secured college/university Athletic Signings**
- 4 graduates secured Band, Vocal, and Organ Signings**

