



DIOCESE OF TRENTON
DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SNAPSHOT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



"Catholic schools strive for and achieve general academic excellence while at the same time enhancing their students' experience of prayer, respect and concern for peers and development of moral character and good citizenship."

- Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.



OUR SCHOOLS at a GLANCE

- ▶ **25** Elementary Schools,
5 Catholic High Schools
- ▶ **13,345** Elementary and High
School Students
- ▶ **1,350** professional Staff
- ▶ **9th** largest school system in the State of New Jersey in number
of students
- ▶ **6th** largest school system in the State of New Jersey in terms
of number of schools
- ▶ **40th** largest Catholic school system in the United States

The Department of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Trenton provides leadership, direction, support, and service to pastors, principals, and school communities as they form students in the Catholic faith and develop each child's potential.

Snapshot of Our Growth

Fall 2023,

I consistently say that **Mission** is what drives our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Trenton...daily. Never has that been more important than it is today.

The educational climate in the United States, and specifically the State of New Jersey, has moved to a place that the Catholic schools **never will**. Our Catholic schools are focused on Catholic values, high academics, and social growth. Our Catholic schools have never been subject to the political or social winds of change that can affect the direction of other educational institutions.

Believe me when we say that our schools are on the cutting edge of technology and infrastructure to better support the mission of Catholic education. Our Catholic schools have all the contemporary educational needs such as computers, video capabilities, and strong bandwidths to connect to the world and to ensure success for our students. You can be assured that the science labs, 21st Century skills, and educational supports necessary for real academic growth are all present and accounted for in our Catholic schools. Perhaps most importantly, certified and high-quality teaching and administrative staffs that are **mission driven**, as well as filled with the love of faith and the Catholic communities they serve within our schools, are the expectation and the norm throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Couple that with the Catholic schools here in Trenton's solid sacramental preparation, teaching the tried-and-true foundational pieces that have made you proud of our program such as basic cursive and the "Three R's" and you have a system that is ready for the next generation without losing sight of where we are from, collectively, as an organization.

Our Catholic schools have served Central New Jersey for over 170 years, because of the kindness and gifts of those that have come before. You have seen the results of Catholic education in your lives and those of your children. You can pass along this gift to today's Catholic students and ensure the opportunity for those who will come next through continuing to support our Catholic schools. Today, you have a choice when it comes to the educational opportunities available. I prayerfully ask you to reflect on the mission of Catholic education, the impact it has had on your life, and our students who are working to learn of God's gifts.

Please accept this invitation to explore our Catholic schools. Reading this snapshot will hopefully whet your appetite for the real Good News in Education...that our schools are growing and developing students who not only maximize their potential and make you proud as parents, but, more importantly, are alive in the Spirit of Christ and are willing to go into our communities, and the world as a whole, to make substantial difference in the lives of others.

With sincere appreciation and prayers for you and your family,



Dr. Vincent de Paul Schmidt
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Trenton

Catholic IDENTITY

Our Catholic schools are grounded in Gospel values from the beginning to the end of each day. From classrooms to sport arenas, from academic assemblies to service projects, Gospel values are being lived by the entire school community. Each year our students contribute thousands of service hours in support of local, national, and global organizations and causes.



Catholic Athletes for Christ began in the world of professional sports. The organization then expanded into college level athletics. The Diocese of Trenton is the first diocese that has established a chapter for high school athletes.

The Catholic school experience includes:

- Daily religion classes
- Prayer throughout the school day
- Weekly and monthly Masses
- Student and faculty retreats
- Reconciliation services
- Living Rosaries
- Service clubs and organizations
- Involvement in the parish

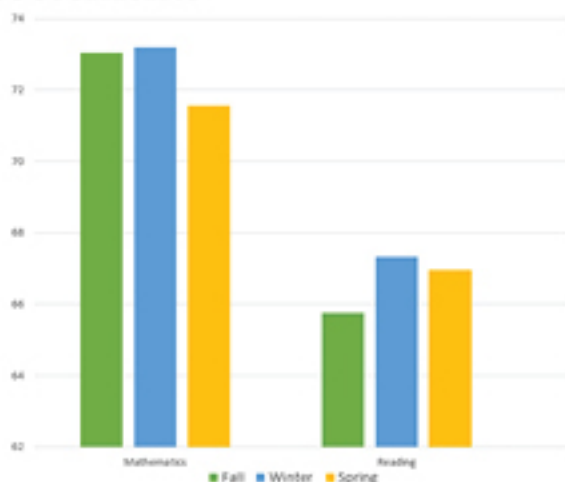
Academic EXCELLENCE

In the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Trenton, we seek to provide an education of academic excellence that is both instructional and formative; an education that offers a synthesis of faith and reason; an education rooted in our Catholic faith.

- Our students are recognized with numerous awards earned at the local, state and national level
- Members of the Class of 2023 were offered more than \$162,000,000.00 in college scholarships
- Members of the Class of 2023 are enrolled in over 250 different colleges and universities
- The Class of 2023 had numerous students recognized by National Merit and as Presidential Scholars

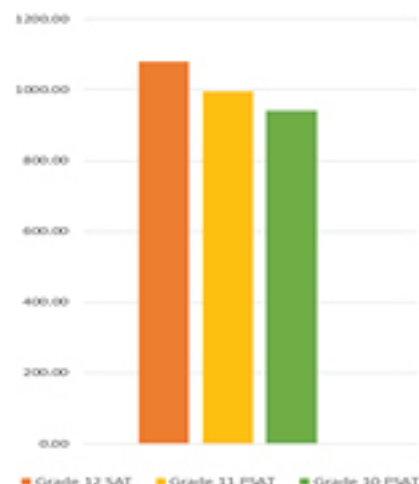
Renaissance Star Assessments

Diocese of Trenton
2022-2023



Percentage of Students at or above the Established Renaissance Benchmark for Proficiency

Diocese of Trenton Secondary Schools Standardized Testing Programs



Grade 12 SAT Grade 11 PSAT Grade 10 PSAT

Did YOU Know???

- Over \$820,000 intuition assistance will be distributed for students in need during the 2023-24 school year from the Diocese of Trenton.
- The Class of 2023 had a 99% graduation rate and 97% went on to higher education.
- The Diocese of Trenton boasts 10 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence.
- The Diocese of Trenton is home to a National Green Ribbon School.
- The Diocese of Trenton is home to an International Baccalaureate School.
- Schools in what is now the Diocese of Trenton have been

educating children since 1849 – 33 years before the Diocese was established.

- Elementary schools in the Diocese of Trenton are home to National Junior Honor Societies.
- The Diocese of Trenton is home to two National Schools of Character.
- Over 70,000 service hours in direct response to the needs of our school communities
- Over 7200 professional development courses in Eduscape for our school staffs
- Over 1200 hours of school safety and security training for our principals



Find more information at: www.catholicsschoolshaveitall.org or on Facebook @catholicsschoolshaveitall or Instagram or Twitter

Diocese of Trenton CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alabama A&M University Adelphi Allied University Allright College Allegheny College Alvernia University American College - Dublin American International College American University Anna Maria College Arcadia University Arizona State University Auburn University Babson College Barton College Baylor University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baylor University Belmont Abbey College Belmont University Bentley University Berkley College of New Jersey Berklee College of Music Binghamton University Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Boston College Boston University Bowie State University Bradley University Brookdale Community College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown University Bryant University Bucknell University Butler University Cabrini University Caldwell University Carnegie Mellon University Case Western University Catholic University of America Cazenovia College Centenary University Central Connecticut State University Gentle College Chapman University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charleston Southern University Chestnut Hill College Chowan University Citadel Military College Clark Atlanta University Clark University Clarkson University Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Colby College College of Charleston College of the Holy Cross College of New Jersey College of William and Mary College of Wooster | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado College Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University - Fort Collins Colgate University Concordia University Connecticut College Cornell University CUNY - Hunter College CUNY Queens College Delaware Valley University De Sales University Dickinson College Dominican University Drew University Drexel University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke University Duquesne University East Carolina University East Coast Prep School East Stroudsburg University Eastern University Elizabethtown College Elon University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Emerson College Endicott College Fairfield University Fairleigh Dickinson University Farmingdale State College |
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