

2024-2025 School Profile

Our faith-based, technology-infused learning environment has received national attention and makes us one of the premier Catholic high schools in New Jersey.

UC's progressive Tablet Learning Program and Canvas, our cutting-edge Learning Management System, offer a powerful integration of technology and curriculum providing UC students with a comprehensive, college preparatory education that's exciting, relevant and consistently results in academic success. These opportunities are within the context of a dynamic school community rooted in the Catholic tradition and infused with our core values of honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion and community. Here at UC students are active participants in their own learning and are challenged to think independently while being guided by a team of professionals committed to our student-centered teaching philosophy.

Six learning levels assure an optimum education that focuses on individual strengths. Our innovative Virtual High School Program allows students to take accredited online courses in non-traditional subjects like Screenwriting, AP Macroeconomics, Animal Behavior and Zoology, Peacemaking, Oceanography and over 200 additional courses.

The Community

Union Catholic is a regional, coeducational Catholic high school located in the suburban setting of Scotch Plains, NJ. We serve a diverse population of 650 students representing 12 counties, 84 towns, and drawing from over 154 sending schools. We also welcome international students through a competitive and supportive International Student Program. Students are accepted on the basis of the Archdiocesan Cooperative Exam, placement exams, school records and interviews. In a community with a population that exceeds 24,000, Scotch Plains is family-oriented, featuring many parks for recreation, golf courses, various athletic fields, and swimming facilities, all within two miles of the school. There is also a nearby train station which offers service to New York City.

Mission Statement

Union Catholic Regional High School prepares a diverse student body to fulfill their college and career goals by cultivating the students' achievement of academic standards of excellence within a value-centered environment, strong in its commitment to our core values (respect, responsibility, honesty, compassion, and community), and to the establishment of a community of faith and love in the Catholic tradition.

Within a cutting-edge, innovative, and technologically infused educational environment, Union Catholic develops and celebrates the unique gifts and talents of each student. Its strong programs in academics, athletics, activities, and service prepare students for life in the real, spiritual, and virtual worlds.

Central to its mission is a commitment to Teach As Jesus Did and to educate and inspire students to live the gospel message.

Academics

- Union Catholic graduates experience a 100% college acceptance rate
- On average 99% of our graduating seniors attend college in the fall semester following senior year
- 82% of students received at least one scholarship offer
- \$29,774,432 awarded to Union Catholic students in scholarships and grants in 2024
- 23 AP Scholars, 6 with Honors, 18 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 117 students inducted into the National Honor Society and 78 students inducted into the World Language Honor Society
- Business Networking Luncheon co-sponsored by Union Catholic and WCBS Radio 880 for participation by junior and senior business students
- One-to-One Tablet Program for all students since 1997

Through dual enrollment agreements with St. Thomas Aquinas College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, William Paterson University, New Jersey City University, Stockton University, University of Delaware, Catholic University of America, Georgian Court University, and Ramapo College students are eligible to earn college credits upon completion of one of forty courses that have been recognized as college level courses.

Athletics

FALL SEASON 2023

Girls Cross Country

Conference, Union County and Non-Public A State Champions

Boys Cross Country

Conference and Union County Champions

Girls Tennis

Conference Champions

WINTER SEASON 2023-2024

Girls Indoor Track & Field

Conference, Union County, Union County Relay, Non-Public A State and State Relay Champions

Boys Indoor Track & Field

Non-Public B State and State Relay Champions

Boys Basketball

Conference and Non-Public A State Champions

Swimming

Conference Champions

SPRING SEASON 2024

Boys Baseball

Conference Champions

Boys Tennis

Conference Champions

Boys and Girls Track & Field

Conference, Union County, Union County Relay, Non-Public A State and State Relay Champions

Activities

- Union Catholic offers an expansive extracurricular activities program with over 75 club offerings available for students
- Ten students qualified and competed in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament in Chicago, IL
- Union Catholic Performing Arts Company presented productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream and Emma! A Pop Musical
- #1 Catholic school forensics team in the Archdiocese of Newark
- Over \$20,000 raised by the Student Movement Against Cancer, the largest student organization on campus
- Business students participated in Fairleigh Dickinson University's prestigious Bloomberg Terminals
- UC Connection Crew enhances and facilitates the social media presence of Union Catholic
- UC Crayon Club (Autism Awareness) hosted multiple events on campus to honor diversified participation

Belief Statement

With the core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, compassion, and community as our guiding principles at Union Catholic High School.

- We believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God.
- We believe that every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.
- We believe that each student is entitled to a quality education in a safe, secure, and positive environment.
- We believe that each student can learn if given the opportunity.
- We believe that each student will strive to meet high expectations.
- We believe that each student learns best when supported and encouraged by his/her parents, community, teachers, and peers.
- We believe that the purpose of education is to provide students with the knowledge and tools needed to be responsible, moral, and productive members of society.
- We believe that the purpose of education in a faith-based environment in the Catholic tradition is to create a community of disciples, who through their prayer and service, provide a "light to all nations" (Pope Paul VI "Lumen Gentium").

UNION CATHOLIC Administration, School Counseling Staff and Admissions

Principal

Sister Percylee Hart, RSM

Associate Principal

Dr. Karen Piasecki '88

Assistant Principals

Noreen Andrews

Dr. James Reagan Jr. '96

Student Support Services Director

Meg Nuwer '98

Director of School Counseling

Dr. Jennifer Dixon

School Counseling Staff

Cedrick Alexis '08

Michael Conte

Kelly Kahney

Sister Donna Jo Repetti

Ashley Whittemore '04

Director of Admissions

Jane Bowman, M. Ed. '14

Admissions Department

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Requirements for Graduation

A minimum of 124 credits is required for graduation. Credits are earned for required and elective courses. All students must be registered for a full course load each year which is typically equal to 7 full year courses or the equivalent.

Required Courses Include:

- English – 4 years
- Math – 3 years
- World History – 1 year
- U.S. History – 2 years
- Lab Science – 2 years
- World Language – 2 years (*of same language*)
- Religion (passing grade each year)
- Physical Education (4 semesters)

Accelerated (higher than Honors) and Honors courses are offered:

- English
- History
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology
- Engineering

Advanced Placement Courses:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics I
- Pre-Calculus
- Environmental Science
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- U.S. History
- Government and Politics
- European History
- Statistics
- Calculus AB
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Art History

Students also take AP courses through Virtual High School in French, Psychology, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, World History, Music Theory, Computer Science A, Human Geography, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, Physics C.

Grading System

90 – 100	.....	A
86 – 89	.....	B+
80 – 85	.....	B
76 – 79	.....	C+
70 – 75	.....	C
65 – 69	.....	D
64 & Below	.....	F

CEEB Code 311362

	EBRW SAT	Math SAT	ACT Composite
Top 10%	687	695	29
Quintile 1	641	633	28
Quintile 2	579	552	24
Quintile 3	546	492	24
Quintile 4	513	470	19
Quintile 5	503	457	15

College Acceptances for UC Graduates

Adelphi University	Fashion Institute of Technology	Northeastern University	University of Alabama
Albright University	Felician University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Arizona
Alvernia University	Fordham University	Ohio State University	University of California
American University	Franklin & Marshall College	Old Dominion University	University of Colorado
Arcadia University	George Washington University	Pace University	University of Connecticut
Auburn University	Georgetown University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Dallas
Barry University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Princeton University	University of Dayton
Baylor University	Georgia State University Georgian	Providence College	University of Delaware
Binghamton University	Court University Gettysburg College	Purdue University	University of Florida
Bloomfield College	Hampton University	Quinnipiac University	University of Hartford
Boston College	Harvard University	Ramapo College of NJ	University of Kentucky
Boston University	High Point University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Maine - Orono
Brandeis University	Hofstra University	Rider University	University of Mary Washington
Brown University	Howard University	Roanoke College	University of Maryland
Bucknell University	Immaculata University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts
Caldwell University	Iona College	Rowan University	University of Minnesota
California College of the Arts	Ithaca College	Rutgers University	University of New Hampshire
Case Western Reserve University	James Madison University Johns	Sacred Heart University	University of New Haven
Catholic University of America	Hopkins University Johnson and	Saint Elizabeth University	University of North Carolina
Centenary University	Wales University Kean University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Notre Dame
Clark University	King's College	Saint Peter's University	University of Pennsylvania
Clemson University	Kutztown University	Salve Regina University	University of Pittsburgh
Coastal Carolina University	Lafayette College	Santa Monica College	University of Rhode Island
College of the Holy Cross	La Salle University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Richmond
College of William and Mary	Lehigh University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Rochester
Columbia University	Le Moyne College	Seton Hall University	University of Scranton
Cornell University	LIM College	Southeastern University	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Dartmouth College	Louisiana State University Loyola	Southern Connecticut University	University of Southern California
Delaware State University	University Maryland Lynn University	Spelman College	University of Toronto
Delaware Valley University	Manhattan College	Springfield College	University of Vermont
DeSales University	Marist College	Stanford University	University of Virginia
Dickinson College	Marywood University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Washington
Drew University	McDaniel College	St. Bonaventure University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Drexel University	Michigan State University Mitchell	St. John's University	Ursinus College
Duke University	College	St. Lawrence University	Villanova University
Duquesne University	Monmouth University	Stockton University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
D'Youville University	Montclair State University Moore	Stonehill College	Virginia State University
East Stroudsburg University	College of Art & Design Moravian	Stony Brook University	Wagner College
Ecole hoteliere de	University	SUNY Maritime College	Wake Forest University
Lausanne Switzerland	Morgan State University	Susquehanna University	Wellesley College
Elon University	Mount Saint Mary College Mount St.	Syracuse University	West Chester University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Mary's University	Temple University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
University-Daytona Beach	Muhlenberg College	The College of New Jersey	Xavier University
Emerson College	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Towson University	Yale University
Emory University	New York Institute of Technology	Tulane University	
Fairfield University	New York University	United States Naval Academy	
Fairleigh Dickinson University	North Carolina A&T State University		

