



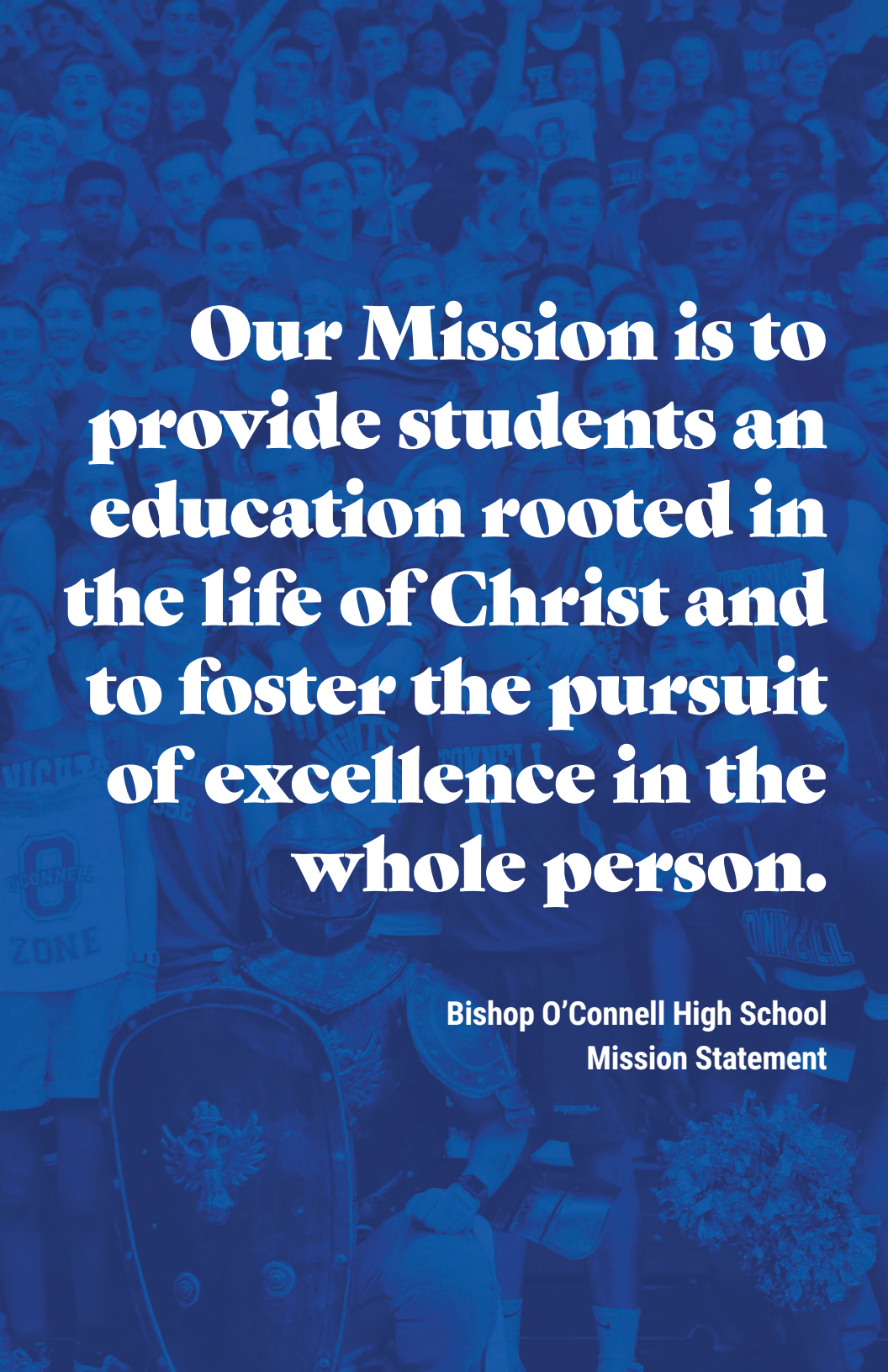
BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

Where Tradition Transforms



Every O'Connell Knight begins adding to our rich tradition the moment he or she enters our community. Our faculty and staff are committed to helping students recognize their potential and encouraging their efforts to see and fulfill God's plan for them.

DR. JOSEPH VORBACH,
*Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Arlington
and member of the Class of 1983*



**Our Mission is to
provide students an
education rooted in
the life of Christ and
to foster the pursuit
of excellence in the
whole person.**

**Bishop O'Connell High School
Mission Statement**

Small Classes, Big Impact

O'Connell has allowed me to pursue my academic goals and be successful in them with enormous support from my teachers and advisors.

CHRISTINA B. '23, Cornell University

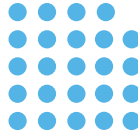


Small where it really matters



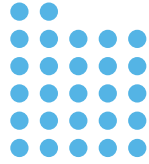
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Average Class Size of Bishop O'Connell



24

Average Class Size of Other Private Schools



27

Average Class Size of Public Schools

Big where it really pays off

GLOBAL STUDIES

Certificate Program

51

Honors Courses

31

AP Courses
(more than any school in our area)

31

Interscholastic Sports Teams

100+

Clubs and Activities

Broadening Horizons and Cultivating Collaboration

73%

Teachers Have Advanced Degrees

Our students learn to think deeply and inquisitively, exploring complex ideas with rigor and creativity.

11:1

Student-Faculty Ratio

O'Connell provides a demanding college preparatory curriculum designed to ready students for admission to the leading colleges and universities.

190

AP Scholars

(Scored 3 or higher on three or more AP exams)



Recent Mean SAT Scores

Reading & Writing

750

O'Connell
Top 10%

Math

744

710

O'Connell
Top 30%

683

616

O'Connell

568

572

Virginia

552

529

National
Average

521

Offering Advanced Placement (AP) courses, covering 30 subjects:

Art History

Biology

Calculus AB

Calculus BC

Chemistry

Comparative Government & Politics

Computer Science A

Computer Science Principles

Drawing

English Language & Composition

English Literature & Composition

Environmental Science

European History

French Language & Culture

German Language & Culture

Human Geography

Latin

Macroeconomics

Microeconomics

Music Theory

Physics 1

Physics C (E&M)

Physics C (Mechanics)

Pre-Calculus

Psychology

Spanish Language & Culture

Spanish Literature & Culture

Statistics

U.S. Government & Politics

U.S. History

DUAL CREDIT AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

Earn college credit while attending O'Connell with courses through Catholic University and Marymount University.

Dual Credit

These universities offer college credit for several classes at Bishop O'Connell. These courses are taught by O'Connell faculty who have obtained adjunct professor status at the University.

Dual Enrollment

Seniors interested in continuing a program of study at a higher level than currently offered at O'Connell are ideal candidates for dual enrollment. Students whose academic profiles meet Marymount criteria may enroll in classes offered at the University.

bishopoconnell.org/dual

An Education Rooted in the Life of Christ

Bishop O'Connell is committed to providing a rigorous, relevant and student-centered curriculum with intentional focus on how our students experience the Catholic mission of the school in every classroom.

64

Alumni in Priesthood
and Religious Life

73%

Catholic Student Body





Across the Curriculum

Guiding principles for each grade build on each other and prepare our students for life beyond O'Connell.

9th Grade
Dignity of the Human Person

11th Grade
Using Your Faith as a Guide

10th Grade
The Grace of a Catholic Community

12th Grade
Living Your Faith in the Broader World



Join us in Café Vaticano

A casual lounge staffed by Campus Ministry faculty, where students can enjoy snacks and fellowship.



Opportunities for Worship

I.H.M. Chapel Open for Prayer

Daily Mass

Regular Confession and Adoration Opportunities

All-school Masses Every Month

Stations of the Cross

Living Rosary

bishopoconnell.org/ministry

Growing in Faith

Our Campus Ministry programs help students develop a practice of faith and service that will carry over from high school into college years and adult life.

Stepping Away From Routine

From full-day freshman-only retreats to overnight off-campus service learning experiences for upperclassmen, O'Connell students have several opportunities over the course of every school year to step away from their daily routine and strengthen their personal relationship with Christ.

My time at O'Connell has allowed me to build valuable relationships and explore new perspectives while also strengthening my relationship with Christ. My teachers have been endlessly supportive and encouraging, and they have helped me discover where I want to go in life.

MOLLY W. '24, *William & Mary*



Freshman Retreats

The first retreat experiences for O'Connell students are filled with team building, reflection, Mass and prayer.

Sophomore Retreats

Sophomore days of service take small groups to service sites around the Washington D.C., area to put their faith into action.



Upperclassman Retreats

Juniors and seniors who participate in the DeSales Service Works weekend trip provide face-to-face service for an underserved community in Camden, N.J.

Upperclassman Retreats

The very popular Kairos retreats are opportunities for juniors and seniors to focus on their personal relationship with Christ.



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Participating students gain the skills, confidence and moral perspective to succeed as global leaders.

I joined Global Studies for the opportunity to enrich myself through learning about other cultures and countries. Global Studies has given me a way to connect with and learn about other peoples' experiences and to expand my horizons.

MATIAS F. '24



French students have the opportunity each year to connect with their peers from Lycée Privé Jean XXIII in France.

Bishop O'Connell 1995 graduate, **Vanessa Franck**, returned to her alma mater to share her experiences as a program analyst at the U.S. Mint with students in the Global Studies Certificate Program.



Global Studies Certificate Program

Students in grades 10 to 12 have the opportunity to attend after-school seminars and speaker series to complement field trips and student-planned activities. Students enrolled in this program receive a certificate upon graduation which indicates the completion of non-GPA credit units equivalent to a ninth semester of academic work.

Exchange Program

French and Spanish students can experience a week-long exchange program with their Catholic sister schools abroad. While continuing to build relationships, students will engage in classroom time and local history tours.

Summer Studies in Salamanca, Spain

This summer program is open to Bishop O'Connell juniors and seniors interested in studying and practicing the Spanish language at the prestigious University of Salamanca in Spain. Students have the opportunity of earning college credits, while participating in conversation classes as well as cultural activities that include side trips to Segovia and Madrid.

bishopoconnell.org/global

Inspiring Creativity, Problem Solving and Innovation

O'Connell provides students with a curriculum abounding with choices in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Project Lead the Way

Project Lead the Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of STEM education programs, is founded on fundamental problem-solving and critical-thinking skills development. This network includes university, corporate, foundation and association partners.

Students experience hands-on lessons, using real-world problems, supported by a state-of-the-art CAD system installed on classroom laptop computers.

O'Connell has connected me to teachers who are truly passionate about what they teach. They nurtured my passion for science and helped me to develop as a person.

SOPIA L. '23
University of Virginia



STEM Courses

SCIENCE

- Biology
- Integrated Biology & English (IBE)
- Biology Honors
- AP Biology
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Honors
- AP Chemistry
- Physics
- Physics Honors
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Physics C
- Ecology
- AP Environmental Science
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Anatomy and Physiology Honors
- Independent Research
- Biotech-Microbiology Honors

TECHNOLOGY

- AP Music Theory
- Civil Engineering & Architecture
- Multimedia and Image Management
- Journalism and Newspaper Production
- Yearbook Production
- Computer Science Fundamentals
- AP Computer Science
- Economics and Financial Management
- International Business
- Personal Money Management and Your Future
- Digital Technology: Gateway to Tomorrow
- Personal Branding and Digital Communication
- Cybersecurity 1: Introduction to Computer Security
- Cybersecurity 2: Introduction to Network Security
- Music and Computer Technology
- Theater Technology
- Audio and Video Production 1
- Data Science

ENGINEERING

- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering
- Civil Engineering & Architecture

MATH

- Algebra
- Algebra 2
- Algebra 2-Trig.
- Algebra 2-Trig. Honors
- Geometry
- Geometry Honors
- College Math Topics
- AP Pre-Calculus
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Calculus Honors
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- Statistics Honors
- Statistics and Applied Math
- AP Statistics
- Multivariate Calculus
- Linear Algebra

THE ARTS



Students have the opportunity to hone their acting skills as well as explore the technical aspects of stagecraft. All students are invited to audition for our shows.



Our performers have competed in music festivals in locations including Boston, Montreal, New York City, Orlando, Philadelphia and New Orleans.



Courses such as Survey of World and American Music and AP Music Theory provide opportunities for any student to deepen their knowledge of music.



Our visual arts classes are taught in a dedicated art space, which includes a darkroom and a wealth of equipment and supplies.



Our yearly Festival of the Arts showcases our students' talents throughout the school, including art galleries and music and dance performances.



Supporting Character Development Through Sports

O'Connell builds teams into faith-filled communities that encourage spiritual growth, intrinsic motivation and responsible decision-making.



Teams

Baseball ^{JV, V}

Boys Basketball ^{F, JV, V}

Girls Basketball ^{F, JV, V}

Cheerleading ^{JV, V}

Boys Crew ^{N, V}

Girls Crew ^{N, V}

Cross Country ^{CE, JV, V}

Royalette Dance Team

Field Hockey ^{JV, V}

Indoor Track ^{CE, JV, V}

Football ^{JV, V}

Boys Golf ^{JV, V}

Girls Golf ^{JV, V}

Boys Ice Hockey ^{JV, V}

Girls Ice Hockey ^V

Boys Lacrosse ^{JV, V}

Girls Lacrosse ^{JV, V}

Sailing ^{CE}

Boys Soccer ^{JV, V}

Girls Soccer ^{JV, V}

Softball ^{JV, V}

Boys Swim & Dive

Girls Swim & Dive

Track ^{CE, JV, V}

Boys Tennis

Girls Tennis

Volleyball ^{F, JV, V}

Wrestling

70%

Student Body
Sports Participation

164

Conference
Championships

193

State
Championships

JV | Junior Varsity V | Varsity F | Freshman
CE | Coed N | Novice

Bishop O'Connell High School has partnered with the nationally-recognized *Play Like a Champion Today* program to promote athletics as a ministry within the school community.



Supporting Students with Learning Differences

O'Connell provides students with the tools to thrive in a college-preparatory high school.

Exploring Learning Styles

The Muller Academic Support Program is a dynamic resource for both students and their parents. By ensuring accommodations are in place to help students reach their academic potential, students acquire the tools they need to become effective self-advocates for their learning choices.



Daily 45-Minute
Study Skills
Work



Small Groups
of No More
Than Seven



Expanding Catholic Education Through Inclusive Services

O'Connell offers Expanded Services so that students with intellectual or cognitive disabilities have the opportunity to grow academically, socially and spiritually with their peers.

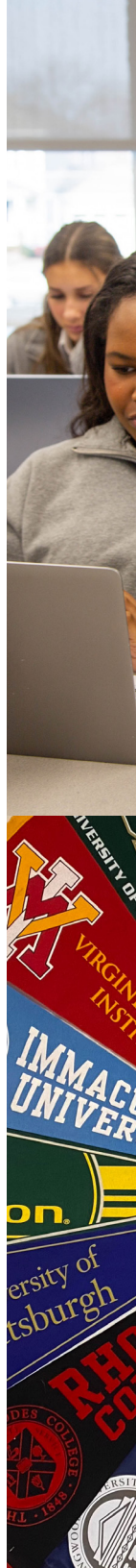
An Inclusive High School Environment

Students receiving Expanded Services benefit from small group classes with special education teachers as well as a wide range of grade level general education classes. They receive modified and individualized instruction and are encouraged to partake in the full Bishop O'Connell High School experience.

Peer Mentors support fellow students in all settings and, together, create a community characterized by friendship and belonging.

Shepherding Each Student Along His or Her Journey of Growth

Each O'Connell student receives the individual attention of a counselor to provide social, emotional, spiritual and academic support.





Easing Freshman Jitters

Entering freshmen begin with an orientation program that includes course selection, study skills lessons and team-building activities.

New parents also may attend various orientation sessions to get questions answered about student life, campus ministry, school traditions, academics, counseling and more.

Knight2Knight Mentors

Freshmen are connected to Knight2Knight mentors, juniors and seniors who are carefully selected based on their capacity to be positive role models. Transfer students are paired with a senior mentor based on similar interests through the Leaders in Networking Knights (LINK) program.

Achieving College Goals

Over their four years at O'Connell, students will participate in grade-level appropriate college and career counseling and learn skills to successfully matriculate to a four-year university.



Parent Information Nights on Key Topics

College Admissions

NCAA Sports Eligibility

Military Academies and ROTC

College Financial Aid

Grade-Specific In-School Seminars

Study Skills Workshops

Career-Focused Guest-Speakers

On-Site Visits by College Representatives

Senior Seminars on Preparing for College

The O'Connell Freshman Experience

The regular school day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m.

Most Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, students follow a standard schedule, known as the Anchor Schedule, where they attend all seven periods for 43 minutes each.

In addition to their class periods, students have an assigned "Knight Time" on every Anchor day. Knight Time is a period of flexible instructional time that allows for collaboration, learning

beyond the classroom, extension and support work, and access to student support services.

On most Wednesdays, students follow the B1 Schedule, where they attend periods 1, 3, 5 and 7 for 85 minutes each. On most Thursdays, students follow one of two B2 Schedules, where they attend periods 2, 4 and 6 for 85 minutes each. Some B2 days have an AM block for a school gathering, and some B2 days have a PM block.

Example Freshman Schedule

MONDAY ANCHOR SCHEDULE	TUESDAY ANCHOR SCHEDULE	WEDNESDAY B1 SCHEDULE	THURSDAY B2 SCHEDULE	FRIDAY ANCHOR SCHEDULE
7:45 – 7:55 a.m. Advisory	7:45 – 7:55 a.m. Advisory	7:45 – 8:05 a.m. Advisory	7:45 – 8:05 a.m. Advisory	7:45 – 7:55 a.m. Advisory
8:00 – 8:43 a.m. Period 1 - Algebra 1	8:00 – 8:43 a.m. Period 1 - Algebra 1	8:10 – 9:35 a.m. Period 1 - Algebra 1	8:10 – 9:35 a.m. Period 2 - World History	8:00 – 8:43 a.m. Period 1 - Algebra 1
8:48 – 9:31 a.m. Period 2 - World History	8:48 – 9:31 a.m. Period 2 - World History			8:48 – 9:31 a.m. Period 3 - Biology
9:36 – 10:25 a.m. Knight Time	9:36 – 10:25 a.m. Knight Time	9:40 – 11:05 a.m. Period 3 - Biology	9:40 – 11:05 a.m. School Assembly	9:36 – 10:25 a.m. Knight Time
10:30 – 11:13 a.m. Period 3 - Biology	10:30 – 11:13 a.m. Period 3 - Biology			10:30 – 11:13 a.m. Period 3 - Biology
11:13 – 11:43 a.m. Lunch	11:13 – 11:43 a.m. Lunch	11:10 – 11:55 a.m. Lunch	11:10 – 11:55 a.m. Lunch	11:13 – 11:43 a.m. Lunch
11:48 – 12:31 P.m. Period 4 - English Honors	11:48 – 12:31 p.m. Period 4 - English Honors	12:00 – 1:25 p.m. Period 5 - Religion	12:00 – 1:25 p.m. Period 4 - English Honors	11:48 – 12:31 p.m. Period 4 - English Honors
12:36 – 1:19 P.m. Period 5 - Religion	12:36 – 1:19 p.m. Period 5 - Religion			12:36 – 1:19 p.m. Period 5 - Religion
1:24 – 2:07 P.m. Period 6 - Spanish	1:24 – 2:07 p.m. Period 6 - Spanish	1:30 – 2:55 p.m. Period 7 - P.E. & Health	1:30 – 2:55 p.m. Period 6 - Spanish	1:24 – 2:07 p.m. Period 6 - Spanish
2:12 – 2:55 P.m. Period 7 - P.E. & Health	2:12 – 2:55 p.m. Period 7 - P.E. & Health			2:12 – 2:55 p.m. Period 7 - P.E. & Health



The first few days of orientation are for freshmen only. They learn about daily routines and traditions and celebrate their first school Mass as a class.



All new families are invited for an informal cookout just before the school year begins.









The Freshman Pep Rally gives the newest Knights the chance to embrace and showcase their school spirit.



Freshmen engage in problem-solving and team-building activities as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Course Map

Courses marked with (*) are offered at both the college-prep and honors level.

	 THEOLOGY 4 CREDITS	 MATHEMATICS 3 CREDITS (4 RECOMMENDED)	 ENGLISH 4 CREDITS
 GRADE 12	Living as a Disciple of Christ The Church in the 20th Century Sharing the Faith in the World Today Witnessing the Gospel	AP Calculus BC AP Calculus AB AP Pre-Calculus AP Statistics Multivariate Calculus Linear Algebra Calculus Honors Statistics* Pre-Calculus College Math Topics	AP English Literature English 4*
 GRADE 11	Theology 3: Sacraments Theology 3: Morality	AP Calculus AB Calculus Honors AP Pre-Calculus AP Statistics Statistics* Pre-Calculus College Math Topics Algebra 2/Trig* Algebra 2	AP English Language and Composition English 3*
 GRADE 10	Theology 2: Jesus, the Redeemer Theology 2: The Church	Pre-Calculus* Algebra 2/Trig* Geometry*	English 2*
 GRADE 9	Theology 1: Old Testament Theology 1: New Testament	Algebra 2/Trig* Algebra 1	English 1*
 DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIVES			Elective courses available in Writing, Literature, Journalism and more.

Bishop O'Connell High School offers a curriculum that is designed to prepare students for admission to leading colleges and universities. Coursework is available at the College Prep, Honors and Advanced Placement levels, and students work with their counselors on their four-year plan to map out their academic journey.

 ELECTIVES	 FINE ARTS 0.5 CREDITS	 HEALTH & PE 1.5 CREDITS	 TECH & BUSINESS 0.5 COMPUTER CREDITS
 SCIENCE 3 CREDITS (4 RECOMMENDED)	 SOCIAL STUDIES 4 CREDITS	 WORLD LANGUAGE 2 CREDITS (3 RECOMMENDED)	
AP Physics C AP Physics 1 Physics* AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science Ecology Anatomy & Physiology* Genetics Honors Biotechnology & Microbiology Honors Organic Chemistry Honors	AP U.S. Government and Politics AP Comparative Government and Politics AP Human Geography AP Economics AP Art History AP Psychology Psychology U.S. Government with Foreign Affairs* U.S. Government with Advocacy and Public Policy* U.S. Government with Social Justice	AP French Language AP German AP Latin AP Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature German 5 Honors Spanish 5 Honors Second, Third (Honors) or Fourth (Honors) Year of World Language Sign Language 2 or 3	
AP Physics 1 Physics* AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science Ecology Anatomy & Physiology* Genetics Honors Biotechnology & Microbiology Honors Organic Chemistry Honors	AP U.S. History AP Human Geography AP Economics AP Art History AP Psychology Psychology U.S. and Virginia History*	AP German AP Latin AP Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature Second, Third (Honors) or Fourth (Honors) of World Language American Sign Language 1 or 2	
AP Biology Chemistry* Intro to Engineering	AP European History European History Honors World Geography Fundamentals of Economics African-American History Poverty and Social Progress The Developing World	First, Second, or Third (Honors) Year of World Language American Sign Language 1	
Biology 1*	World History*	First Year or Second Year of World Language	
Elective courses available in Engineering and Independent Research	Elective courses available in Economics, Civil Rights, 21st Century Issues, Psychology and more.	Spanish Speakers (Honors) curriculum available	

New Facilities to Support Our Mission

Over the past several years, Bishop O'Connell has completed several campus projects to address functional, organization and space deficiencies of a school building that was designed more than 65 years ago.



The new front plaza, main entrance and atrium lobby enhance movement throughout the building and create new gathering spaces.



A state-of-the-art team room, completed in 2024, features stadium seating for 56, a comfortable conference area, and two SMART Boards.



The school's new academic wing, Kimmitt Hall, includes 14 new classrooms and is anchored by the beautiful new I.H.M. Chapel and the Murphy Family Campus Ministry Center.

Once a Knight, Always a Knight

Equipping Students for the Future

Bishop O'Connell High School graduates are equipped with skills they will use all their lives: how to seize upon what is most important in what they read, how to solve a problem, how to listen to others, how to frame a persuasive argument, how to organize their time, how to provide services for others, and how to walk in the footsteps of Christ.

Throughout our high school journey, we have forged friendships that will last a lifetime, discovered our passions, and successfully prepared ourselves for our journey ahead. I truly believe that we have embraced the O'Connell mission of pursuing excellence of the whole person and rooting ourselves in Christ. I may not know where each of us will be in the next ten or even five years, I know that we will continue to excel and to be a light to those around us.

RUTH P.

Class of 2024 Valedictorian, Wake Forest University



Class of 2024 by the Numbers

\$29.5M

In College
Scholarships Awarded

16,000

Service Hours

104

AP Scholars

45

Earned College Credit
from Marymount University

25

Received Global
Studies Certificates

25

Playing Sports at
the College Level



CLASS MATRICULATION

Bishop O'Connell graduates are currently enrolled at the following colleges and universities:

Allegheny College	Drexel University	James Madison University
Allen University	Duke University	John Carroll University
American University	Duquesne University	Johns Hopkins University
Anglo-American University (Prague)	East Carolina University	Lawrence University
Arcadia University	ECPI University	Lebanon Valley College
Auburn University	Elizabethtown College	Leeds Beckett Art Institute (UK)
Ave Maria University	Elon University	Lehigh University
Baylor University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Liberty University
Bellarmine University	Emory University	Lock Haven University
Binghamton University	Fairfield University	Longwood University
Boston College	Fashion Institute of Technology	Louisiana State University
Boston University	Florida Atlantic University	Loyola University (Maryland)
Bowie State	Florida State University	Marquette University
Bridgewater College	Fordham University	Marshall University
Brigham Young University	Franciscan University	Marymount University
Bucknell University	George Mason University	McDaniel College
Campbell University	George Washington University	McGill University
Case Western Reserve University	Georgetown University	Miami University (Ohio)
Catholic University of America	Georgia Institute of Technology	Michigan State University
Christendom College	Gettysburg College	Moravian University
Christopher Newport University	Gonzaga University	Morehouse College
Clemson University	Goucher College	Morgan State University
Cleveland Institute of Arts	Grand Canyon University	Mount Allison University
Coastal Carolina University	Grossmont College	New York University
Colgate University	Hampden-Sydney College	North Carolina A&T State University
College of Charleston	Hampton University	North Carolina State University
College of the Holy Cross	High Point University	Northeastern University
Colorado State University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Northern Virginia Community College
Cornell University	Hofstra University	Norwich University
Culinary Institute of America	Hood College	Nova Southeastern University
Dartmouth College	Howard University	Oberlin College
Denison University	Indiana University	Ohio State University
DeSales University	Institut Catholique de Vendée (France)	Ohio University
Dickinson College	Jacksonville University	Oklahoma State University



Old Dominion University
Pace University
Parsons - The New School
Patrick and Henry Community College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Providence College
Purdue University
Queen's University (Canada)
Quinnipiac University
Radford University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College

Regent University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Roanoke College
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Mary's College Indiana
Saint Vincent College
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Savannah State University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Seton Hill University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Shelton State Community College
Simmons University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. John's College (Maryland)
St. John's University
St. Olaf College
Stevenson University
Stony Brook University
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Temple University - Japan Campus
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The Citadel
Towson University
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
University College Dublin
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas



University of Baltimore	University of Northern Colorado
University of British Columbia	University of Northwestern Ohio
University of California-Davis	University of Notre Dame
University of California, Los Angeles	University of Oklahoma
University of California, Riverside	University of Oregon
University of California, San Diego	University of Pennsylvania
University of California, Santa Barbara	University of Pittsburgh
University of Central Florida	University of Rhode Island
University of Chicago	University of Richmond
University of Cincinnati	University of Rochester
University of Colorado Boulder	University of San Diego
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	University of South Carolina
University of Connecticut	University of South Florida
University of Dallas	University of Southern California
University of Dayton	University of St. Andrews
University of Delaware	University of Tampa
University of Denver	University of Tennessee
University of Findlay	University of Toronto
University of Florida	University of Vermont
University of Georgia	University of Virginia
University of Kansas	University of Washington
University of Kentucky	University of Wisconsin
University of Lynchburg	University of Wisconsin-Stout
University of Maine	University of Wyoming
University of Mary Washington	Vanderbilt University
University of Maryland	Villanova University
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Virginia Commonwealth University
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Virginia Military Institute
University of Massachusetts Amherst	Virginia Tech
University of Miami	Wake Forest University
University of Michigan	Washington and Lee University
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)	Washington University in St. Louis
University of North Carolina	West Virginia University
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Western New England University
University of North Carolina at Wilmington	William and Mary
	Xavier University
	York College

Where Tradition Transforms



Bishop O'Connell was the first diocesan high school in Northern Virginia, dedicated by The Most Reverend John Russell, Bishop of Richmond, when it was first opened in 1957. Today it is the largest high school in the Diocese of Arlington, and its most recent improvements have been celebrated and blessed by The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington.

Bishop O'Connell
Was Opened in

1957

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Since the school's opening, Bishop O'Connell has been blessed with the guidance and presence of a community of Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (I.H.M.), who serve in the classroom, as well as in administrative roles.

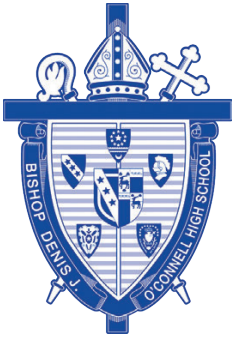
Something that began in 1975 as a way to honor an O'Connell family who lost several children to cystic fibrosis has turned into a uniting force and much-loved tradition at the school. This annual student-organized 12-hour dance marathon, known as Superdance, has raised more than \$4.5 million to help fund research to find a cure for this debilitating disease.



Since 1975, the annual soup drive has been a healthy competition between homeroom classes, which benefits local Catholic Charities' food pantries. At the conclusion of the drive each year, the school community gathers for a Living Rosary to pray for those who will ultimately benefit from these efforts.

The celebratory culmination of a Bishop O'Connell education is a memorable graduation ceremony at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.





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Visit Us

Weekly Tours

Individual family tours will be offered year round.

Knights for a Day

Prospective students can attend a day at O'Connell to see firsthand why it's always a great day to be a Knight! They may request to shadow a specific student, or be matched with a current student based on common interests.

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