



Notre Dame  
Preparatory School  
A Catholic and Marist Community

# 2024 - 2025 PROFILE

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**Notre Dame Preparatory School** 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, Michigan, the school currently is in its 31st year.



## MISSION STATEMENT

Notre Dame Preparatory School works with God to form Christian people, upright citizens, and academic scholars.



## FACULTY

One-hundred one (101) faculty members educate 1,025 students across three distinct but coordinated academic divisions: Notre Dame Prep's lower school (Pre-K through 5), the middle school (6-8), and upper 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. There are currently twenty-five (25) full IB Diploma students in Grade 12 and twenty-two (22) in grade 11.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Beginning in 10th grade, students may choose from 16 AP courses in an array of disciplines. In 2024, 328 students took 749 exams; 464 exams earned a 3 or higher; 107 students named scholar or better.

### HONORS

Students may select from 12 honors courses in a variety of disciplines.



# 2024-2025 COURSE OFFERINGS (+ HONORS)

## Performing Arts

Symphonic Band +  
Marching Band +  
Jazz Band +  
Freshman Chorus  
Concert Choir  
Chamber Choir +  
Praise and Worship

## Visual Arts

Art Foundations  
Drawing and Painting  
Advanced Drawing  
Advanced Painting  
Ceramics  
(intro, intermed., advanced)  
IB Visual Arts  
AP Art Studio

## Social Studies

20th Century Conflicts  
American Culture  
World Cultures  
U.S. History  
American Government  
Economics  
Law  
Forensic Psychology  
AP U.S. History  
AP Comparative Government & Politics  
IB History HL  
IB Economics  
AP Macroeconomics  
IB/AP Psychology

## Mathematics

AP Stats  
Algebra 1  
Algebra 2+  
Algebra Foundations  
Geometry +  
Trigonometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Honors Integrated Math 9 and 10  
Math Applications  
Personal Finance  
AP Calculus  
AP Pre-Calculus  
IB Math SL Applications and Interpretation  
IB Math HL 1 and 2 Analysis and Approaches

## World Language

Spanish 1-5 +  
IB/AP Spanish  
Mandarin Chinese 1 - 4+  
IB/AP Mandarin Chinese

## Business and Technology

Entrepreneurship and Marketing  
Fundamentals of Computer Science  
Computer Aided Design (CAD)  
(intro, intermed., adv.) +  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Computer Science A

## Religion

The Bible  
Who is Jesus Christ?  
Paschal Mystery  
Sacraments  
Foundations of Catholic Morality  
Catholic Social Teachings  
Moral Issues and Life Styles  
History of Christianity  
World Religions

## Health and Physical Education

Health and Physical Education  
Human Performance  
Sports Medicine  
Team Sports  
Mind and Body Wellness

## Science

Biology  
Earth Science  
Chemistry +  
AP Chemistry  
IB Chemistry SL  
Astronomy  
Anatomy and Physiology  
IB Biology SL and HL  
AP Biology  
Physics  
AP Physics  
IB Environmental Science SL  
Engineering and Empathy  
Horticulture  
Botany

## English

IB Theory of Knowledge  
MYP Language and Literature  
MYP Language and American Literature  
Language and British Literature  
Language and World Literature  
AP English Language and Composition  
IB English HL 1 and 2: Language and Literature  
Personal Project  
Public Speaking  
Yearbook  
AP English Language and Literature



	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>AVERAGE ACT</b>	26	26.1	24.7	27.0
<b>ACT SCORES +30</b>	65	30	41	50
<b>% OF STUDENTS SCORING 3+ ON AP EXAM</b>	62	54	55	49
<b>% OF DP CANDIDATES EARNING IB DIPLOMA</b>	89	65	78	90
<b>AP SCHOLARS</b>	107	95	100	73
<b>NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS</b>	1	1	2	5
<b>NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS</b>	-1	1	2	3
<b>NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS</b>	0	0	0	1

# 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
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

#4

Best Catholic High School in Michigan; No. 13 Best Private High School in Michigan; and No. 9 Best Private K-12 School in Michigan – Niche.com

76%

of students who participated on at least one athletic team in 2023-2024

18

Teams that earned team academic all-state honors in 2023-2024

19

Students in a classroom (on average)

26.10

Average ACT composite score compared to national average of 20.6

39

State championships won: (16 team) competitive cheerleading, boys golf, girls skiing, girls soccer, volleyball and 23 individual titles

36

At least one student has recorded a perfect ACT score in 11 of the last 15 years

328

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

1

Only school in Michigan to be recognized as a Microsoft Showcase School

65

Students from the Class of 2024 scored a 30 or higher on the ACT

13

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

25

Different clubs and organizations

# 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

The Class of 2024 received offers from 142 colleges and universities across the country and the world. Bolded institutions indicate an offer acceptance and enrollment.

Albion College  
**Alma College**  
American University  
**Arizona State University**  
Auburn University  
Ball State University  
Baylor University  
**Bowling Green State University**  
Brown University  
Bryn Mawr College  
**Butler University**  
Central Michigan University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
College for Creative Studies  
Cornell University  
**Culinary Institute of America**  
Dartmouth College  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Drexel University  
**Duke University**  
Eastern Michigan University  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Ferris State University  
Flagler College  
**Florida Atlantic University**  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida Southern College  
George Mason University  
Grand Canyon University

**Grand Valley State University**  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Hillsdale College  
**Hope College**  
Indiana University-Bloomington  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Kettering University  
**Lake Erie College**  
**Lawrence Technological University**  
**Liberty University**  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Madonna University**  
**Marquette University**  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
**Miami University-Oxford**  
**Michigan State University**  
**Michigan Technological University**  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Michigan University  
**Northwood University**  
**Oakland University**  
Ohio University-Main Campus  
Pace University  
**Pennsylvania State University**  
Pepperdine University

Providence College  
**Purdue University**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
**Rowan University**  
Rutgers University  
**Saginaw Valley State University**  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Mary's College  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
Seton Hall University  
**Southern Adventist University**  
St. Andrews University  
St. Lawrence University  
Texas Christian University  
The American University of Paris  
**The Ohio State University**  
**The University of Alabama**  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Tennessee  
The University of Texas  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
Union College  
University of Arizona  
**University of Cincinnati**  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
University of Colorado Denver  
**University of Dayton**  
University of Denver  
University of Detroit Mercy

University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Hawaii  
University of Illinois  
University of Iowa  
**University of Kentucky**  
University of Mary Washington  
**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan**  
University of Michigan-  
Dearborn  
**University of Michigan-Flint**  
**University of Mississippi**  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina  
**University of Notre Dame**  
University of Oregon  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of South Carolina  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
University of Wisconsin  
Villanova University  
Virginia Tech  
Wabash College  
**Wake Forest University**  
Washington and Lee University  
**Wayne State University**  
**West Liberty University**  
Western Michigan University  
Xavier University

## ADMINISTRATION

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