BISHOP McNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL
2026-2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

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BMHS MISSION

To educate hearts and minds in a dynamic, inclusive Catholic school community rooted in the Holy Cross tradition.

A HOLY CROSS TRADITION

Bishop McNamara High School is an independent Catholic, college-preparatory school, founded in 1962 and proudly rooted in the Holy Cross tradition. Located in Prince George's County, Maryland—just 15 minutes from downtown Washington, D.C.—our mission is to educate hearts and minds while forming ethical leaders and compassionate citizens. Guided by an independent Board of Directors, our school integrates faith, academic excellence, leadership, and service across a dynamic curriculum supported by two academic deans and expert department chairs. Each year, students complete more than 25 hours of service, embodying our values of Educating Minds & Hearts, Being Family, Bringing Hope, and Building Respect.

Our diverse student body of 896 comes from over 180 elementary and middle schools across Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. With a selective 40% acceptance rate and 60% of students receiving financial aid, McNamara reflects the rich cultural and socioeconomic diversity of our region. Last year, 100% of graduates were accepted into college, with 99% matriculating and earning over $33 million in scholarships and aid.

McNamara is widely recognized for excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. Seventy-five percent of students participate in the arts—including our nationally recognized Fine Arts Diploma Endorsement program—while over 55% compete in athletics, producing numerous Division I athletes each year. Our graduates are resilient leaders, grounded in faith, artistry, and service, inspiring hope for a better tomorrow.

STUDENTS:

- 896 students
- Average Class Size: 20
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 11:1

GRADUATION PROFILE:

- 4 Year Colleges & Universities: 95%
  - Public: 69%
  - Independent: 23%
  - Catholic: 8%
- 2 Year Colleges: 4%
- Other: 1%

FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION:

- 72 teaching faculty & administration
- 16 years average teaching experience
- 61% with Advanced degrees

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- 160+ courses offered
- Technology courses such as engineering, robotics, design & fabrication, and cybersecurity
- 19 Advanced Placement courses
- 55 honors courses
- 4 modern & classical languages
- Unique elective courses
- Over 35 teams at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman levels
- Over 50 clubs, societies, and organizations
- Sankofa teaches through traditional African music and dance
- Fine Arts Diploma Endorsement (FADE) serves to refine students' talent and skill, cultivate a community of respect, appreciation, and understanding of the arts, and acknowledge students' dedication to the Fine Arts
- Campus Ministry strives to carry out the vision of the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Blessed Father Basil Moreau, C.S.C. "to make God known, loved, and served"
- Service learning is required each year, consisting of a combination of school sponsored events, grade-wide activities, projects, and reflection opportunities

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Theology	4.0
Science	3.0
Electives	2.0
Modern & Classical Languages	2.0
Health & Physical Education	1.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Technology & Engineering	1.0
Gateway Seminar	0.5
Total	**27 credits**

Please note that community service hours are required in all years at Bishop McNamara High School.

GRADING SCALE

GRADE	NUMERICAL EQUIVALENT	GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)		
Letter	Range	College Prep	Honors	A.P.
A	100 - 90	4.0	4.5	5.0
B+	89 - 87	3.5	4.0	4.5
B	86 - 80	3.0	3.5	4.0
C+	79 - 77	2.5	3.0	3.5
C	76 - 70	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	69 - 65	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	64 - 00	0.0	0.0	0.0

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST SCORES 25-26

Total AP Students	292
Number Of Exams	552
% of Total AP Students with one or more score of 3 or higher	73%

2026-2027 CURRICULUM

ENGLISH
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
English 9*, 10*, 11* & 12*
Gateway Seminar
Literary Magazine

MATHEMATICS
Advanced Precalculus *
Algebra 1*
Algebra 2*
Analytic Geometry with Trigonometry*
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Calculus*
Contemporary Math with Trigonometry
Geometry*
Math Resource
Statistics
Personal Finance
Precalculus*

SCIENCE
Anatomy & Physiology 1*
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: Mechanics
Astronomy
Biology*
Chemistry*
Earth Science
Physics*

SOCIAL STUDIES
AP African American Studies
AP Psychology
AP U.S. History
Civilization*
Early American History*
Global Studies*
Government & Politics*
Introduction to Law
Maryland: Built Different
Psychology
Rock, Rap, and Revival: Popular Music and the Evolution of American Culture and Identity
Say It Loud: Social & Political Commentary
United States History*

MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
American Sign Language 1, 2, & 3*
AP Latin
AP Spanish
French 1*, 2*, 3*, & 4*
Latin 1*, 2*, 3*, & 4*
Spanish 1*, 2*, 3*, 4* & 5*

THEOLOGY
Peer Ministry
Theology 9, 10, 11, 12

FINE ARTS
Advanced Digital Art
Advanced Drawing*
Advanced Painting & Color Theory*
AP Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2D Design
Broadcast Journalism
Chamber Choir*
Chorale*
Concert Band*
Concert Choir*
Dance 1, 2, 3, & 4*
Dance Composition and Production 1
Dance Composition and Production 2
Digital Art
Drawing
Film Production
Foundations of Theatre
Intermediate Theatre
Introduction to Traditional African Music & Dance
Jazz Ensemble
Makeup and Costume Design
Musical Theatre Intensive*
Musical Theatre Production*
Music Theory
Painting & Color Theory
Percussion Ensemble
Photography
Sankofa Company*
Sankofa Narrator
String Orchestra*
Symphonic Band*
Tap 1, 2, 3, & 4*
Theatre and Event Production
Theatre Technology
Traditional African Music & Dance 1, 2, 3, & 4
Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Wind Ensemble*
Yearbook Journalism

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Active for Life
Archery & Target Games
Lifetime Sports
Personal Fitness
Walking for Wellness

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
Computer Programming
Cybersecurity
Digital Making & 3-D Design
Intro to Artificial Intelligence
Quantum Computing
Robotics + Programming
Web Design

TESTING
Freshmen: PSAT 8/9
Sophomores: PSAT, AP
Juniors: PSAT/NMSQT, AP
Seniors: SAT, ACT, and AP

AP = Advanced Placement
** = Honors credit available*

CLASSES OF 2022-2026 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Adelphi University
Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Allegheny College
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
Amherst College
Anderson University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Barry University
Bates College
Baylor University
Benedict College
Bennett College
Berklee College of Music
Bethune-Cookman University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Bridgewater College
Brown University
Bryant University
Butler University
Campbell University
Case Western Reserve University
Champlain College
Chatham University
Chicago State University
Christopher Newport University
Claflin University
Clark Atlanta University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Columbia University
Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg)
Coppin State University
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Dartmouth College
Dean College
Delaware State University
Delaware Valley University
DePaul University
Dillard University
Drake University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Eastern University
Eastman School of Music
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
Emory University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fayetteville State University
Fisk University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fredonia State University
Frostburg State University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Grambling State University
Guilford College
Hampton University
Harris-Stowe State University
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Holy Cross College
Hood College
Howard University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Iona University
Jackson State University
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Johnson C. Smith University
Kent State University
Kentucky State University
La Salle University
Lane College
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Liberty University
Lincoln University
Livingstone College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lycoming College
Lynn University
Marquette University
Marshall University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel College
Mercer University
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Miles College
Millersville University
Mississippi State University
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary's University
Neumann University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Oberlin College
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Prairie View A&M University
Pratt Institute
Prince George's Community College
Providence College
Purdue University
Radford University
Regent University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-Camden
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Rutgers University-Newark
Saint Anselm College
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Shaw University
Shepherd University
South Carolina State University
Southern University and A&M College
Spelman College
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stevenson University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University-College Station
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas Tech University
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University
The Johns Hopkins University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Arizona
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Towson University
Trinity Washington University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Tuskegee University
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland-Baltimore County
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of the Virgin Islands
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia State University
Virginia Union University
Virginia Wesleyan University
Voorhees University
Wake Forest University
Washington College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia State University
West Virginia University
Widener University
Wilberforce University
Wingate University
Winston-Salem State University
Wofford College
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana
York College of Pennsylvania

**Bold indicates colleges/universities where BMHS graduates are currently enrolled*