



CATHOLIC. GENTLEMEN. LEADERS.



WHERE WILL YOUR
CRUSADE
TAKE
YOU?



**BERGEN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
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WELCOME

Dear Families,



Welcome to Bergen Catholic High School! This brochure provides an opportunity to gain insight into our school and community. Founded in 1955 by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, our school is devoted to educating students in mind, body, and spirit. This commitment to educating the whole child develops leaders and prepare young men to make significant and positive impacts on the world around them.

At Bergen Catholic, families can expect a transformational school experience where their child enters as a young boy, becomes a young man, and graduates as a gentleman. Becoming a gentleman underscores the principles of being role models for society — one with your faith, a good husband, and a proud father. Becoming a gentleman provides a strong foundation for adulthood; it is about understanding and practicing manners and proper etiquette in a most respectful way.

We continue to build on our past successes by offering the highest quality academic courses, unique signature programs in mock trial, robotics, debate, and STREAM, along with championship athletics. Our Crusader College Counseling experience is unmatched and helps guide students to colleges and universities where they will find the most success. Last year the Class of 2019 earned \$31.5 million in merit-based scholarships. Most distinctive to Bergen Catholic is our Brotherhood. Students attending Bergen Catholic enter a 12,000+ member Brotherhood that they are part of long after graduation and that provides ongoing networking opportunities, support, and advice.

Thank you for considering Bergen Catholic. We are excited at the prospect of a world filled with even more Bergen Catholic Gentlemen and a future filled with the energy and success the Bergen Catholic Brotherhood shares with the world every day.

Deus Vult,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian Mahoney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Brian S. Mahoney
President

Colleges Love Bergen Catholic Students



THE VALUE OF A BERGEN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Bergen Catholic is first and foremost a Catholic college preparatory school. Everything we do is with the goal of preparing our young men to be leaders in college and beyond.

The curriculum is rigorous. Students are required to take a minimum of 140 credits in order to graduate. They are offered 18 AP classes and are taught by a dedicated faculty, 75% of whom hold a Masters degree or PhD.

The students are men of various faiths. All we do at Bergen Catholic begins with prayer, and while all students are exposed to Catholic religious education, our students' various faiths allow us all to examine our relationship with our creator together.

The individual's talent is cultivated. Whether it is in the classroom, on the stage or field, or in service to others, students are provided with opportunities to explore and grow in their own unique direction.

It is no wonder the most prestigious colleges and universities in the United States and abroad annually compete for Bergen Catholic students.

THE CLASS OF 2019 RECEIVED \$31.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

CLASS OF 2019 — COLLEGES ATTENDING

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| Brown University | Pennsylvania State University (4) |
| Cornell University (2) | Pepperdine University |
| Dartmouth College | Pratt Institute |
| Princeton University (2) | Providence College (6) |
| Yale University | Ramapo College (2) |
| Albertus Magnus College | Rutgers University |
| Amherst College | Rutgers University Camden |
| Bergen Community College (2) | Sacred Heart University (5) |
| Boston College (2) | Saint Joseph's University (2) |
| Bryant University | Saint Peter's University (2) |
| Bucknell University (2) | Salve Regina University (4) |
| Campbell University | San Diego State University |
| Claremont McKenna | Seton Hall University (3) |
| Clemson University (4) | Siena College |
| Coastal Carolina University (3) | Stanford University |
| College of Charleston (2) | Stevens Institute of Technology (2) |
| College of William and Mary (2) | St. John's University |
| College of the Holy Cross (3) | Stony Brook University |
| Colorado School of Mines | St. Thomas Aquinas College |
| Dickinson College | The University of Maine |
| Duke University (2) | Tufts University |
| Fairfield University (5) | Union College (2) |
| Fordham University (4) | University of California Berkeley |
| Georgetown University (2) | University of Central Florida (2) |
| George Washington University | University of Colorado Boulder (2) |
| Gonzaga University | University of Connecticut (2) |
| Hofstra University | University of Delaware |
| Iona College (3) | University of Maryland (2) |
| Ithaca College | University of Miami |
| James Madison University | University of Michigan |
| Lafayette College (2) | University of Nebraska New Brunswick (6) |
| Lesley University | University of Notre Dame (4) |
| Louisiana State University (2) | University of Pittsburgh |
| Loyola University Maryland | University of Rhode Island |
| Manhattan College | University of Scranton (2) |
| SUNY Maritime (2) | University of South Carolina |
| Syracuse University | Villanova University (2) |
| The College of New Jersey (3) | Virginia Tech |
| Boston College (2) | Wagner College |
| Maryland Institute College of Art | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Miami University of Ohio - Oxford | West Liberty University |
| Montclair State University (4) | William Paterson University |
| Monmouth University | Xavier University |
| New York University | York St. John University (England) |
| New York University Stern | |
| Northeastern University | |
| Pace University | |

HOW TO BECOME A CRUSADER

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I'll never forget the day he said, "Mom, thank you so much for allowing me to go to this school." I was elated. It is the academic excellence that impresses me the most. My son often comes home from school with thought-provoking ideas he is eager to share. BC has also shown my son the importance of applying his faith to everyday life.

*Darcia DePasquale
Parent of 10th Grader Joseph Cangro*

Bergen Catholic academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities are synonymous with excellence at a national level. Yet it is the "Brotherhood" that sets BC apart from any other boys' high school in the nation.

The BC culture, fostered by truly outstanding administrators and faculty, instills Christian values that shape young boys into strong-willed men; leaders with faith in God and compassion towards mankind. It leads to a lifetime of friendship among classmates; classmates that have the competitive drive to succeed, balanced with a spirited sense of service to others.

The Bergen Catholic experience is one-of-a-kind. Our five sons have loved it. We have loved it. Deus Vult!!

*Pam and Guy Talarico
CP'21 AP '08, '10, '15, '18*



EIGHTH GRADERS

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1. Come to an Open House and/or participate in Crusader for a Day.
2. Register and take the COOP Exam.
3. Put Bergen Catholic (805) as your #1 Choice on the COOP Exam.
4. Submit BC application, Ninth Grade Applicant Record and Financial Assistance application (if needed).

TRANSFER AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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1. Please call admissions at 201.261.1844.
2. All applicants must disclose transcripts before interview and be in good academic standing at their current school.
3. An interview is required for all transfers.
4. Timing of transfer is based on availability and individual circumstances.

SEVENTH/SIXTH GRADERS

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1. Attend an Open House.
2. Attend Crusader for a Day in the spring of seventh grade.
3. As rising eighth graders, take COOP Prep Course at Bergen Catholic.



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Bergen Catholic is one of the leading academic institutions in the region. In order to remain at the forefront of education, we constantly challenge ourselves to introduce innovative programs that will enhance our student experience and provide them with an advantage over other college applicants.



MOCK TRIAL

The Mock Trial program is designed to increase understanding of the historical, ethical, and philosophical basis of the American system of justice. By participating, students will improve their critical analysis, listening, speaking, writing, and reading skills.



ROBOTICS

Innovation is central to this class as students design, build, and program their own robot. Students are given a unique opportunity to exercise creativity while they learn about technology as a subject rather than as a delivery method of course materials.



CRUSADER CAREER DAY

Crusader Career Day gives our students the opportunity to network with members of the Alumni brotherhood, who provide guidance and partnership to the students as they prepare to enter college and later the professional environment.



STREAM PROGRAMS

The STREAM program is unique, not because it calls for students to combine mathematics with analytical tools of science and engineering, aided by technology, but is rooted in the belief that, through religion, one comes to understand the full impact on our society.



CRUSADER COUNSELING PROGRAM

Beginning in the freshman year and through their senior year, students receive an excellent college preparatory education and individual guidance in the search for, application to, and selection of the right college or university for each of them.



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CLASSROOM AND BEYOND

The basic curriculum is rigorous and requires 140 credits in order to graduate. There are no free periods at Bergen Catholic. Here are some of the basics. Please visit bergencatholic.org for a more complete picture of the program.

Various Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available for students beginning in sophomore year. The school currently offers 18. In addition, over 40 honors and high honors level courses provide a foundation for those APs.

If a course is not offered on campus, our partnership with the Virtual High School and Educere enables us to meet almost any interest a student may have while in high school. Courses are taught by state-certified teachers who are masters at presenting and assessing an on-line program.

SERVICE

The foundation of a Bergen Catholic education is to follow the essential elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers education. Students at Bergen Catholic live these out through service to others, especially through solidarity with the poor and marginalized. Each student at Bergen Catholic is required to perform 40 hours of service, with majority of our students performing over 100 hours of service throughout their four years. In addition to required service projects, students participate in program such as Operation Smile, Midnight Run, Crusaders against Cancer, and Habitat for Humanity to help those in need in our community. In addition to clubs and organizations, the after school extracurricular programs offer in-season and off-season service opportunities that are separate from each students own personal service project each school year. Students also participate in two different immersion experiences, where they take the lessons they learn, as well as their talents and abilities to West Virginia and Lima, Peru to build homes for those less fortunate, as well as giving of their time and resources to enact positive change to those communities in which they visit.



TECHNOLOGY

Today's students are connected to the world and asked to lead in a global manner like no generation before. Bergen Catholic is a leader in infusing technology into the classroom and using technology to go beyond the bricks and mortar of the school building. Every student uses a MacBook Air and iPad Mini, providing students with experiential knowledge, and combining learning modalities with teacher coaching to develop students who become lifelong learners and global citizens.



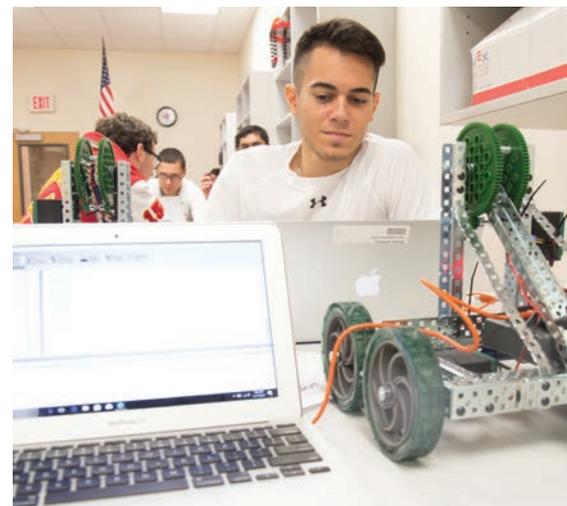
CITY AS CLASSROOM

City as classroom is a unique experience at Bergen Catholic for all students. This program provides students the opportunity to use the research skills they have honed in their classes, as well as outside the classroom in which they both live and learn. In 9th grade, students will have the opportunity to visit museums and other cultural attractions in NYC such as MSG, the NY Historical Society Museum, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, the Hudson River Clearwater Sloop, and El Museo del Barrio. In grade 10, they will have the experience of a Broadway play, such as "To Kill a Mockingbird." In grade 11, students recently investigated St. Augustine's "City of God/City of Man" treatise by visiting different places of worship for different denominations as well as Wall Street. Finally, grade 12 students shadowed an alumnus or parent in a field of their interest.



ROBOTICS

Students design, build, and program their own robot. During this process, students will learn important STEM principles and basic robotics concepts. Through engaging, hands-on projects, students are encouraged to develop their problem-solving skills, and critical thinking skills, as well as their creative and innovative reasoning abilities. The development of these skills enables students to be developers of new technology and innovation.



ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS



Bergen Catholic offers a wide variety of activities and clubs to our students. An Activity Period is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday of each week so that students who travel to school by bus may have an opportunity to participate and still have a ride home.

Each year, a number of activities are added or dropped. Students are able to have substantial impact on the school as they create new ways of building clubs. Some of our athletic programs have grown from intramural clubs to become interscholastic sports. Enthusiastic participation is a trademark of all of our clubs. Junior Statesmen of America (JSA) consistently has one of the largest representations as the students travel to Fall, Winter, and Spring State Conventions. With more than 40 clubs and activities, Bergen Catholic is certainly the place to be involved.

Bergen Catholic sponsors school dances, semiformals, and proms throughout the year.



Performance Clubs

- Chorus
- Drama Club
- Jazz Ensemble
- Orchestra

Religious and Service Clubs

- Crusaders Against Cancer
- Crusaders for Christian Action
- Eucharistic Ministry
- Midnight Run
- Operation Smile
- Peer Ministry
- Peer Tutoring
- Tomorrow's Children
- USO

Competitive Clubs

- Chess Team and Club
- Math Team and Club
- Mock Trial

Student Political Clubs

- Junior Statesmen of America
- Student Government

Publications

- The Crusader (yearbook)
- The Herald (newspaper)

Intramural Athletics

- Br. Beyer Basketball League

Other Clubs

- Architecture Club
- Art Club
- BCMDs
- BCTV/Film Production
- Birding Crusaders
- Driver's Education
- Enrichment Labs
- Green Club
- Photography Club
- Ski Club
- Stock Market Club
- TED Talk Club
- World Language/Diversity Club



INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Everyone can find an opportunity to participate in Bergen Catholic's athletic program. The program is designed to encourage a lifelong commitment to one's physical health and plays an important role in the school's mission to educate the whole person. Our interscholastic teams regularly compete for league, county, and state championships in 15 sports. Both the interscholastic and intramural programs encourage students to build friendships through healthy competition.

The athletic program also serves to help build community in the school. Classmates take great pride in seeing their friends compete and succeed athletically. Nothing is more exciting than seeing the Crusaders compete against some of their top rivals. The atmosphere is absolutely electric and a "must" for any high school sports enthusiast.

Some of the closest friendships that develop are among the parents who cheer on their sons and participate in booster clubs. BC is the type of school where you can always feel welcome. Perhaps that is why so many alumni and alumni parents are regulars at our athletic events. BC is the place to be for the scholar athlete and his family.



INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

Cross Country	Football	Soccer
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WINTER SPORTS

Basketball	Indoor Track	Wrestling
Bowling	Skiing	
Ice Hockey	Swimming	

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball	Lacrosse	Volleyball
Crew	Outdoor Track	
Golf	Tennis	

CELEBRATING THE ARTS



The Performing Arts Department at Bergen Catholic continues to raise the cultural awareness and esteem of the arts by providing our students with meaningful experiences and numerous opportunities for public performance. The department continues to showcase the talents of the young men involved in our Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Band and Chamber Ensemble, not only within the school community, but throughout the community at large.

The Men's Vocal Ensemble was awarded 1st place honors and a superior rating at the Festivals of Music competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Our Chamber Ensemble is our newest Performing Arts organization and is directed by renowned bassist, Charles Dougherty, an alumnus of Bergen Catholic. This rapidly growing performing group is open to all string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instrumentalists. Students involved in our performing organizations receive 2 elective credits for their continued participation as well as a letter grade twice a year.



The TRIM National Music Honor Society was established at Bergen Catholic during the 2013-2014 academic year. The Society now boasts 25 members and offers our musicians opportunities for service and leadership.

The Visual Arts Program provides a four-year art curriculum that includes an AP Studio Art Program where motivated and talented National Arts Honor Society students submit college-level portfolios for potential college credits. The latest additions are new Apple computers for those AP Art students who are interested in computer-generated digital art and graphic design.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of merit-based scholarships are notified in their acceptance letter. Major factors for the awards include: the student's transcripts from 6th – 8th grade as well as their COOP scores. It is highly recommended students put Bergen Catholic (805) as their first choice on the COOP Exam.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Bergen Catholic has chosen to use SSS – www.solutionsbysss.com/ – for review of financial aid applications and integration with the application, enrollment, and tuition payments processes. The portal to BC applications will be open approximately mid-October 2019.

All assistance is distributed on the basis of demonstrated need. All information must be received by SSS no later than December 3, 2019. The application is online and will prompt you with the documents required for uploading. The application, your most recent (2018) taxes and all of the related schedules, a copy of your W-2 and/or 1099, and a letter with any unusual circumstances outlined, if any, should all be uploaded directly to their site. If parents are separated, divorced, and/or remarried, we expect all parents and step-parents to apply for the student.

Due to the volume of financial assistance requests and time involved to process these requests, information WILL NOT be accepted after the deadline. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE DEADLINES YOU SEE ON THE SSS WEBSITE. Any missing information will render the application incomplete and no financial aid will be distributed.

Class of 2024: Financial assistance for those who complete requirements and are accepted will receive awards in their acceptance letter.

TRANSPORTATION

Please call the main office at 201.261.1844 and ask for transportation.

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The Brotherhood is evident from Day 1 and continues long after graduation. Brothers helping Brothers extends to the 12,000+ plus alumni who are there to help each other.

ALMA MATER

Lead on Bergen Catholic High
Lift our Banner to the sky
Sons of scarlet – sons of gold
In honor – brave and bold

“B” for bravery without guile
“C” for Catholics all the while
“H” for hearts until we’re old
“S” for scarlet tinged with gold

Honor bound we’ll always be
Filled with real sincerity
Alma Mater with all pride
Is Bergen Catholic High

Music & Lyrics by Mr. James J. Obrotka

MISSION STATEMENT

Bergen Catholic High School is a diverse, Catholic community, which prepares young men to become dynamic global leaders by deepening religious faith, developing academic excellence, and strengthening social consciousness and responsibility in accordance with the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.



BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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