

## 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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CATHOLIC. GENTLEMEN. LEADERS.

WHERE WILL YOUR  
**CRUSADE**  
TAKE  
**YOU?**



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# WELCOME

Dear Prospective Families,

Along with the administration, faculty, and staff, I am delighted your family is interested in joining Bergen Catholic High School. We are a thriving learning community rooted in our Christian faith, and teach, learn, and live our lives through the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brothers education. We are grateful to the Brothers who have come before us and who courageously founded and led Bergen Catholic. As we celebrate our 49th year, we remain true to our mission and purpose, and continue to help young men become worldly gentlemen, underscoring the importance of good manners, respect, and etiquette.

At Bergen Catholic, families find a home that offers opportunities for young men to maximize their potential, achieve great success, and position themselves to excel in college and beyond. Rigorous academics, rewarding clubs, art, and music programs, along with championship athletics, provide an unparalleled environment for students to experience their formative high school years. We are committed to helping students be well-prepared for college by having families participate in our highly successful Crusader College Counseling Experience. This program begins in grade 9 and follows students through all four years at BC, creating a long-term, forward looking college admissions process. And the hallmark of our school

is The Bergen Catholic Brotherhood of alumni. This ardent group of supporters is unmatched in providing opportunities for students to make lifelong friends and to partner with alumni who provide help navigating the high school and college years, and provide networking opportunities that can lead to rewarding careers across all industries.

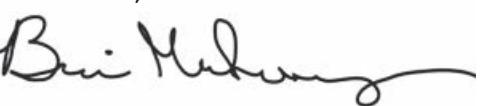
For years, Bergen Catholic has been offering classes in STREAM (STEM, plus Arts and Religion) and provides exciting courses in robotics and coding to augment them. Over the years, our school has enjoyed successful partnerships with colleges and universities by offering dual enrollment courses, which means that qualified students may take college-level courses while enrolled at Bergen Catholic. We continue to be the leader in technology, providing students with both a Macbook and iPad to use in our classrooms.

Throughout our school and within our Missions Club, students are introduced to the importance of helping those less fortunate. Our students have traveled near and far, domestically and internationally, answering the call to help. These rewarding opportunities are another

fine example of how our young men progress further in understanding their purpose and continuing their journey to be successful and compassionate in the world they will inherit.

I encourage you to come visit our school, walk the halls, and look in on classes. There is a deep feeling of pride and togetherness that is fostered throughout our campus. 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 Brotherhood shares with the world every day. May God bless you and your family and may we live, Jesus, in our Hearts. Forever!

Deus Vult,



Dr. Brian S. Mahoney, President

## Colleges Love Bergen Catholic Students



THE CLASS OF 2020 RECEIVED \$30.2 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

### CLASS OF 2020 — COLLEGES ATTENDING

Allegheny College  
Amherst College  
Anna Maria College  
Babson College  
Baylor University  
Belmont Abbey College  
Bentley University  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
Bucknell University  
Cabrini College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Catholic University  
Central Michigan University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Saint Elizabeth  
College of the Holy Cross  
College of William & Mary  
Cornell University  
DeSales University  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Eckerd College  
Elmira College  
Elon University  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Tech  
Gettysburg College  
Haverford College  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
Iona College  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson & Wales  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
LeMoyne College  
Long Island University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University of Maryland  
Manhattan College  
Marist College  
Maryland Institute College of Arts  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy  
Michigan State University  
Misericordia University  
Monmouth University  
Montclair State University  
Moravian College  
Mount Saint Mary's College  
New England Institute of Technology  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York Institute of Technology  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Oberlin College  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Ramapo College  
Rensselaer  
Polytechnic University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rollins College  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University New Brunswick  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Salve Regina University  
Savannah College Art & Design  
School of the Visual Arts  
Seton Hall University  
Sewanee  
Shippensburg University  
Siena College  
St. John's University  
Stetson University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stevenson University  
Stonehill College  
Stony Brook University  
SUNY Albany  
SUNY Brockport  
SUNY Delhi  
SUNY Oneonta  
SUNY Oswego  
Susquehanna University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
The College of New Jersey  
The Ohio State University  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Towson University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
University of Arizona  
University of California - Irvine  
University of California - Los Angeles  
University of California - San Diego  
University of California - Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado - Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois - Urbana  
University of Indiana  
University of Iowa  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of San Diego  
University of Scranton  
Washington & Lee University  
University of Southern California  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington & Lee University  
Wofford College  
Xavier 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 11th 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*

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## EIGHTH GRADERS

1. Participate in a personal tour or virtual admissions event.
2. Submit the online application for admission on the Bergen Catholic website.
3. Submit the Ninth Grade Applicant Record Form found on Bergen Catholic Website (online or by email).
4. Submit Financial Assistance Application (optional) .

## TRANSFER AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1. Please call Admissions at 201.261.2205.
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

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



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## 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.



### CAREERS4CRUSADERS

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](http://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 programs 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 student's 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.



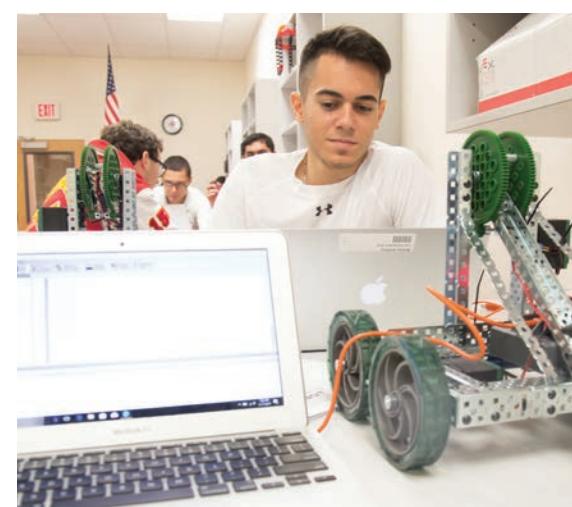
## CITY AS CLASSROOM

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

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

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|---------------|----------|--------|
| Cross Country | Football | Soccer |
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### WINTER SPORTS

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| Basketball | Indoor Track | Wrestling |
| Bowling    | Skiing       |           |
| Ice Hockey | Swimming     |           |

### SPRING SPORTS

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|----------|---------------|------------|
| 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 TRI M 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

Students who qualify for the Presidential Scholarship will be invited to apply in their acceptance packet. To apply for a scholarship, you must submit a separate application, 2 recommendation letters, and take the scholarship exam which will take place after acceptances are received.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Bergen Catholic has chosen to use TADS — [www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.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 2020.

All assistance is distributed on the basis of demonstrated need. All information must be received by TADS no later than December 4, 2020. The application is online and will prompt you with the documents required for uploading. The application, your most recent (2019) 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 TADS WEBSITE. Any missing information will render the application incomplete and no financial aid will be distributed.

Class of 2025: 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.

# THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER (SSC)



The Student Success Center (SSC) at Bergen Catholic offers students who have mild learning differences support and resources to develop organizational, study, reading and writing skills necessary to be successful in high school and college. The SSC is staffed by a special education teacher, a reading specialist and a math specialist who meet students' educational needs through individualized approaches and strategies via small group and one on one instruction. Students attend the SSC period 3 out of the 7 day cycle, in place of physical education.

The Student Success Center period is only available to students who have a documented learning difference, though a 504, IEP or ISP. Students who do not meet the requirements, but who want to take advantage of what the SSC has to offer, are welcome to select the SSC for their activity period(s). Please contact Tara Maka, director of Guidance and the Student Success Center, if you have questions about your son's eligibility: [Tmaka@bergencatholic.org](mailto:Tmaka@bergencatholic.org)

Accommodations available for students with documented learning differences:

1. Extended time on tests/quizzes
2. Preferential seating
3. Student Success Center period 3 out of the 7 day cycle



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“The Student Success Center gives students the necessary tools and resources to be as successful as they can be.

## VIRTUAL LEARNING

Bergen Catholic was extremely well positioned when it became necessary to move from the physical classroom to the real-time virtual classroom. Several years ago, Bergen Catholic's Technology Early Adopters group was tasked with mitigating the loss of classroom time due to snow days during especially harsh winters. This group, led by Br. Christopher Hall, began experimenting with different virtual classroom technologies and strategies. After about a year, Blackboard Collaborate became the best choice at the time and all faculty was trained in its use.

Fast forward to March of 2020, and the looming threat of the Covid-19 pandemic. Bergen Catholic held in-person classes on Thursday, March 12. During the school day, it was decided that the building would need to be shut down immediately. Without any hesitation, BC faculty conducted real-time, virtual classes on Friday, March 13, and continued to do so for the remainder of the school year. All classes were held in real-time, quizzes and tests were administered, and the school year continued with as much normalcy as could be attained.

Today, Bergen Catholic's technology teams continue to look for the best ways to conduct real-time virtual classes. Using Collaborate, Zoom, Google Classroom, and a host of other technologies, Bergen Catholic continues to deliver the best possible education and experience possible. While we know there is no perfect substitute for the in-person learning environment, BC will continue to provide the finest education available, regardless of the circumstances. Deus Vult!



## ESPORTS LEAGUE

One of the newest additions to the Bergen Catholic Activity Program, is the Bergen Catholic Crusaders Varsity Esports League. This Esports League gives our students the opportunity to compete against their classmates as well as other schools across the country in games such as "Rocket League," "NBA 2K20," "Minecraft," "Madden NFL 20," and several others. The members have the ability to compete in tournaments in the fall, winter, spring, and summer seasons both in-school and at-home.

Each individual game has their own specific roster, of which all are invited to play. Once their accounts are created, they will create "Game Connections." These connections allow the members to not just choose their game, but be placed onto a roster. Throughout the four seasonal tournaments, the High School Esports League allows its members to talk to each other using the streaming service called "Discord." This is an opportunity to not just have our students compete in tournaments and represent Bergen Catholic High School, but to stay connected to each other in these uncertain times.

