

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,

We are excited to share with you the Bergen Catholic Difference and provide you with insight into how our programs help young men become Christian gentlemen. Founded and staffed by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, we are a faith-based school offering service programs that balance our academic life at Bergen Catholic. There are numerous rewarding mission and community-based service programs that help bring students closer to their faith and further understand the teachings of our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, and the Essential Elements that help guide us and prepare us for life.

At Bergen Catholic, we are committed to teaching good manners and etiquette and expect our young man to learn the importance of being polite and treating each other fairly. We also expect our young men to treat others with respect and learn the importance of giving back in an effort to help those less fortunate. Our rigorous academic programs challenge students in all areas and help them reach their potential. We offer 18 Advanced Placement courses and have partnered with local universities to offer over 15 dual enrollment courses. These courses give students the opportunity to earn college-level credit while in high school. Our teachers continue to lead the way and I remain impressed by their dedication and decades of service to Bergen Catholic.

Our Crusader College Counseling Experience is truly unmatched. This college placement program begins in grade 9 and we partner with families to ensure that students are on the best track to maximize college acceptances and merit-based scholarship offers. We continue to enjoy multiple acceptances to top colleges throughout the US and receive record levels of merit-based scholarship awarded to members of the senior class.

One of the greatest opportunities at Bergen Catholic is for all students to be part of the Brotherhood. With over 700 students on campus and more than 12,000 alumni, our community is focused on ensuring we are all successful in high school, accepted to great colleges, positioned well for internship opportunities, and ready to launch a rewarding and fulfilling career in the workforce. Every day is a great day to be a Crusader! Thank you for joining us and we look forward to taking the journey with you and your family. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Deus Vult,

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 2020
RECEIVED \$30.2 MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AND GRANTS

CLASS OF 2020 — COLLEGES ATTENDING

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| Amherst College | New York University (Shanghai) |
| Anna Maria College | The Pennsylvania State University |
| Babson College | Princeton University |
| Bentley University | Providence College |
| Binghamton University | Quinnipiac University |
| Bergen Community College | Ramapo College of New Jersey |
| Boston College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| Bowdoin College | Rutgers University |
| Brown University | Sacred Heart University |
| Bucknell University | Saint John's University |
| The Catholic University of America | Saint Thomas Aquinas College |
| Cabrini University | Salve Regina University |
| Central Michigan University | Seton Hall University |
| Clemson University | Shippensburg University |
| Coastal Carolina University | Stevens Institute of Technology |
| College of Saint Elizabeth | Stony Brook University |
| The College of New Jersey | SUNY Albany |
| The College of the Holy Cross | SUNY Brockport |
| Cornell University | SUNY Delhi |
| Eastern Kentucky University | Susquehanna University |
| Fairfield University | Temple University |
| Farleigh Dickinson University | Trinity College |
| Fordham University | UC Berkeley |
| The George Washington University | UCLA |
| Gettysburg College | UC San Diego |
| Hampton University | United States Marine Corps |
| Howard University | University of Connecticut |
| Indiana University | University of Delaware |
| Iona College | University of Maine |
| Ithaca College | University of Miami |
| James Madison University | University of Michigan |
| Johns Hopkins University | University of North Carolina Chapel Hill |
| Lafayette College | University of Notre Dame |
| Lehigh University | University of Pittsburgh |
| Long Island University CW Post | University of Richmond |
| Loyola University Maryland | University of Scranton |
| Manhattan College | University of South Carolina |
| Maryland Institute College of Art | University of Virginia |
| Montclair State University | University of Wisconsin — Madison |
| Moravian College | Vassar College |
| New Jersey Institute of Technology | Villanova University |
| New York University | Wake Forest University |
| | Wesleyan University |

HOW TO BECOME A CRUSADER



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).

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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.

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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.

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.



DUAL ENROLLMENT

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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 bergenatholic.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.

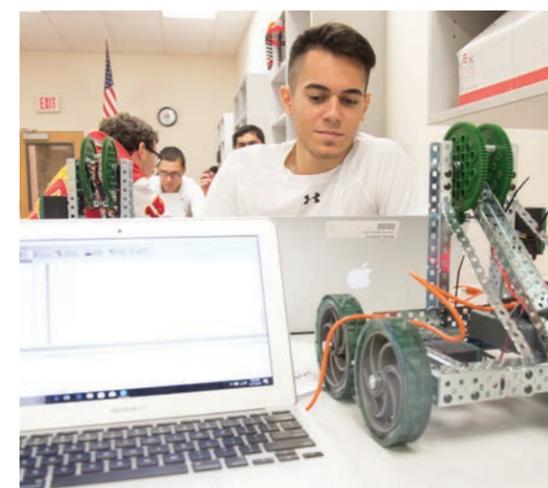


CITY AS CLASSROOM

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 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 — 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

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



“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!



CRUSADER COLLEGE COUNSELING EXPERIENCE

An interactive and comprehensive approach to the College Planning process beginning in the Freshman year. Focused interaction between students and experienced counselors, integrative Parent Education Seminars, Summer Enrichment Opportunities, and various College Admission events will assist students in getting an early start in the College Planning Process.

STUDENT INTERACTION

GRADE 9

College planning activities with the guidance of the College & Guidance Counseling teams will include the creation of an interactive activity & academic resume that both the student, parent and counselor can access. Counselors will introduce how to use Naviance for college planning and career goal identification purposes. Students should also begin developing goals to participate in each areas of concentration: academic, athletic or extra-curricular activities, community service based experiences and creating a dynamic summer filled with varied experiences. Counselors will meet with freshman throughout the year to ensure all college preparation goals are met.

GRADE 10

College preparation will resume as students continue building an outstanding academic profile that will reflect all of the student's achievements. He will be encouraged to start attending college fairs and college campus visits, take the PSATs, learn with BC teachers in an SAT/ACT prep course, participate in City as a Classroom cultural experiences, attend a Crusader Mission based summer trip, and volunteer locally in their community.

GRADE 11

The College Planning process comes to the forefront as Juniors take PSAT/ACT practice tests, take the SAT/ACT/SAT II, receive counseling on scores, attend Junior parent/student meetings to develop individualized list of schools to apply, participate in AP testing program, attend college open houses, attend the JET tour at BC, attend the BC sponsored College Bus Tour, College Admission Panel and organized College Fairs.

GRADE 12

College application process assistance will be provided to all students by way of creating, preparing and sending Common and Coalition applications, assisting with teacher recommendation letter procurement, resume building, college application essay, and supplementary application completion.

100%
College Placement
Rate of
Bergen Catholic
Students

\$30.2
Million in
Scholarships & Grants
for Class of '20

86%
of Class of '20
students received
Scholarships & Grants