

PUTTING OUR FAITH IN THE FUTURE



BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 Admissions Information



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WELCOME TO BCCHS!



Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

- 1 Corinthians 12:25-28

God made each of us in His image and likeness. He knew us before we were even born and before we knew ourselves. But yet, he made us all individual. We each have our own gifts, talents, abilities, characteristics, and qualities that make us unique. By granting us these qualities, we are expected to use them for His work here on earth. We are all individual parts, but are also members of the body of Christ.

The same can be said about the Bishop Carroll Catholic High School community. Each student, teacher, staff member, parent, and coach has a uniqueness that they bring to help make the body of BCCHS what it is. We celebrate our individuality and we rejoice for our collective unity.

We are constantly impressed with what the students of this school are able to accomplish. Their achievements in the classroom, on the stage, the court, the field, in their parish, and in the community are each, individually, remarkable and impressive. Assembling everything together and evaluating the entire body of work is beyond impressive. Each and every one of you has the opportunity to join this family of God.

On behalf of our students, faculty, staff, and families, we are so pleased to be able to welcome you to Bishop Carroll for a visit. For us, and for everyone here, this school is a second home. We are a family that looks out for each other, we celebrate the achievements of others, we support those who need it, and give generously of everything God has given us out of sense of love for our neighbors. This is how the body of Christ works in the world today.

We have Faith in the Future because of what we see day in and day out at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. The Christian spirit is present in every aspect. We pray daily that everyone who wishes to obtain a full, well-rounded, spiritually-based education at Bishop Carroll can receive one. We understand the many factors for families in determining the high school option for children. There are many things that make this school unique and able to meet the educational and spiritual needs of all.

As always, if you have any questions concerning Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, including academics, athletics, affordability, college and work force prep, extracurriculars, etc., please do not hesitate to contact any of us. Invest in excellence at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School.

Welcome to BCCHS. Welcome to our family. Welcome to our part of the body of Christ.

Prayerfully Yours,

Mrs. Lorie (Eget) Ratchford
Principal
BCCHS Class of 1986

Mr. Jonathan Nagy
Dean of Students
BCCHS Class of 2001

Mrs. Lynn Weber
Business Manager
BCCHS Parent

ACADEMIC PROFILE

MISSION STATEMENT

Bishop Carroll is a Catholic, co-educational high school operating within the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Bishop Carroll exists to educate students in spirit, heart, mind and body within a Catholic framework of gospel values to become the best possible members of their families, communities, church and world. To achieve this end, we rely on a dynamic academic program, based on traditional Christian values, supplemented and enriched by the collaboration of generous, talented people from the local community and church.

FULLY ACCREDITED

By the Pennsylvania
Department of
Education and the
Middle States
Association

QUALIFIED FACULTY

22 teachers including 13 with
advanced degrees, 2 part-time
teachers, a full-time counselor, and
language arts and math lab
instructors

VO-TECH PARTNERSHIP

Students in grades 10,
11, and 12 may also
enroll in technical
programs at Admiral
Peary Vo-Tech

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from Bishop Carroll Catholic High School requires the satisfactory completion of no less than 28 units of study in acceptable sequence.

4 credits each of religion, english, math, and science
3 credits of social studies

2 credits of a foreign language or language arts, and physical education and health
.5 credits each of music or art appreciation and introduction to computer

3 credits of elective courses

Additionally, students must complete Accelerated Reader and Service requirements each year.

*Accommodations on the required number of credits will be made for upper class transfer students based on their previous school records.

Honors and advanced classes are weighted.



The Class of
2023 was offered
over \$1 million
dollars in college
scholarships and
grants.



ACADEMICS CONTINUED

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School supports various levels of academic abilities. A complete course offering is listed on our website.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Bishop Carroll has arrangements with several local colleges and universities to provide over 70 dual enrollment credits for our students, taught by our teachers, at a fraction of the price if actually taken at college:

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4 credits
AP Biology	4 credits
AP Advanced English 12	3 credits
Advanced Trig/Pre-Calculus	3 credits
AP /Advanced Calculus	4 credits
AP Computer Science	3 credits
Advanced Accounting 1	3 credits
AP U.S. History	3 credits
Advanced Honor Chemistry	4 credits
Advanced Spanish 3	3 credits
Advanced Psychology	3 credits

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Advanced Math Statistics	3 credits
Advanced Physics	4 credits
Advanced Spanish 3	3 credits
Advanced Spanish 4	3 credits
Advanced Honor Chemistry	4 credits
Advanced Latin 3	3 credits
Advanced Latin 4	3 credits
Advanced Business in Global Society	3 credits
Summer Abroad (Pending)	3 credits

CARLOW COLLEGE

Advanced Trig/Pre-Calculus	3 credits
AP/Advanced Calculus	4 credits

PENN HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AP Biology	4 credits
Advanced Anatomy/Physiology	4 credits

FRANCIS WORLDWIDE THROUGH SFU

Several online courses are offered to our students. Email worldwide@francis.edu for more information.

AP / ADVANCED COURSES

Advanced or Advanced Placement courses are offered in every core subject area. Students are able to take the AP test for any of these courses:

Advanced Trigonometry / Pre-Calculus

AP Calculus

Advanced Spanish 3

Advanced Spanish 4

Advanced Physics

Advanced Anatomy and Physiology

AP Biology

Advanced Honors Chemistry

Modern American History/AP U.S. History

Advanced AP English 12

AP Computer Science

Advanced Accounting

Advanced Psychology

Advanced Statistics

Advanced Business in Global Society

Francis Worldwide College Courses

A total of 33 seniors in the Class of 2023 took 541 dual enrollment credits for an average of 16.5 credits per student, saving students and families thousands of dollars in college costs.

CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Bishop Carroll empowers young people—faced with daily challenges inside and outside the classroom—to be role models of the Catholic faith, to sustain an intellectual curiosity about the world, to remain joyous in their humanity, and to demonstrate love in their personal relationships and service to others.

Students of all faiths are welcome at Bishop Carroll. All of our students and families benefit from Bishop Carroll's supportive, nurturing environment, where each student's unique abilities and talents are acknowledged and encouraged. In addition to academic excellence, our faculty stresses the importance of critical thinking, of living by high ethical standards, and of thinking and acting independently according to a faith, values and principles.

The Bishop Carroll community believes that students can fully develop through a combination of these vital, collaborative forces:

- Our Catholic faith and its teachings and values
- A challenging academic curriculum
- A dedicated faculty and staff
- Active, involved families and friends

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School fosters growth in the Catholic faith both in knowledge and in virtue so that our students will live through expressions of faith, demonstrating compassion and respect in loving service to others. All members of our community are called to be role models of the Catholic faith and of the Gospel commandment of love.

Yearly off-campus retreats are held for all grade levels and the faculty.

Catholic religion classes are taught to every student, five days a week.

“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become better saints.” – Pope Benedict XVI



Students participate in monthly all-school Masses, weekly class Masses, Penance Services, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and other forms of prayer and spiritual guidance.



CATHOLIC SERVICE



A Bishop Carroll student graduates after four years with 80 hours of required service. The students conduct far more than the required hours, giving of their time and talent at school events and in their communities and churches. Student-led fund drives also contribute tens of thousands of dollars to local organizations every year.



Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. – 1 Peter 4:30



Why I teach at Bishop Carroll...

"I work at Bishop Carroll because they see the value in partnering with Saint Francis to provide additional opportunities for their students to prepare for further education, and because they are willing to offer me the privilege of teaching BC students."

Dr. Pete Skoner

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School provides students with opportunities to join many clubs and activities including:

Archery
Art Club
Band
Chess Club
Chorus
Drama Club
Envirothon
Esports

Faith on Fire
Forensics
Gardening Club
Liturgical Choir
Math Club
National Honor Society
Pen Club
Pro-Life Club

Reading Competition
Ski Club
SADD
Student Council
Student Ambassadors
Student Evangelizers
Spanish Club
Trap Shooting
Yearbook

Student interests are taken into consideration when forming clubs and activities. Additionally, students participate in off-campus activities and field trips to hear speakers, visit historical sites, participate in fairs and festivals, and many other events designed for teenagers. A complete education involves being actively involved in the school community and learning beyond the classroom!



Why I teach at Bishop Carroll...

"I truly love the atmosphere at BC. I have worked at many schools, and working here truly makes me happy. I enjoy my job."

- Ms. Carol Carlisle



HUSKIES ATHLETICS

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School is a member of the PIAA and competes in the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference in the following sports:

Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country

Football (co-op with Bishop McCort)
Swimming (co-op with Northern Cambria)
Rifle
Soccer

Softball
Golf
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

The health of our student-athletes is of utmost importance. Bishop Carroll employs an athletic trainer with the most up to date medical equipment. The training staff is backed up by local medical professionals and first responders.



ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Bishop Carroll student-athletes have access to a state-of-the-art gymnasium, complete with a weight training and fitness center. The school also has an on-campus multi-use athletic field for soccer and football. The baseball team plays nearby in Revloc and the softball team plays their games at Ebensburg's Memorial Field. Additionally, the golf team calls the Ebensburg Country Club home, and through a co-op with Bishop McCort Catholic High School, the football team utilizes the facilities at Sargent's Field at the Point in downtown Johnstown.

Why I work at Bishop Carroll...

"I'm so blessed to be back at BC working with the student-athletes, coaches, and administration to give back to the programs that formed me into the person I am today. Bishop Carroll sports were a huge part of my high school experience, and I now strive to make them a positive and formative experience for current students as well."

Athletic Trainer Mrs. Brooke (Mento) Weiland, BC Class of 2014

AFFORDABILITY

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School strives to make a Catholic education affordable to all who desire one.

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

- EITC Contributions
- Alumni Scholarships
- Named Scholarships
- Miscagna Challenge
- Endowments
- Donations
- Junior Achievement
- Other grants

For the 2023-2024 school year, the average financial aid package for those who applied for aid was around \$3200, which is a 44% discount on total tuition. That number fluctuates based on need, determined by the evaluation of applications by Simple Tuition Solutions, with a range of award amounts for the current school year between \$500 and \$6500.

For more information about the financial aid process, please contact Business Manager Mrs. Lynn Weber at weber.lynn@bishopcarroll.org or (814) 472 - 7500 ext. 107.

Tuition and Fees Breakdown (based on 2023-2024 numbers)

GROSS TUITION	\$13,500
BC DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (automatically given)	\$6,250
Total Tuition before financial aid	\$7,250
Expected fees	\$420



Why I teach at Bishop Carroll...

“While we all love teaching our content areas, at Bishop Carroll we help educate the whole person to be part of an authentic community. Teachers at BC help foster academic success and provide opportunities to pursue goodness, beauty, and truth in Holy Scripture. I love teaching at BC because I can promote both an affinity for Shakespeare and my sincere devotion to our Lord, Jesus Christ.”

- Ms. Katelyn Waterhouse

PARTNER GRADE SCHOOLS

All Saints Catholic School
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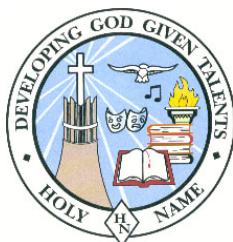
Holy Name School
Mrs. Robin McMullen, Principal
<http://holynameschool.net>
(814) 472 - 8817

Saint Benedict School
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Saint Nicholas Catholic School
Mrs. Theresa Burba, Principal
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Saint Michael School
Mrs. Rhonda Seymour, Principal
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Saint Bernard Regional Catholic School
Mrs. Tina Bucci, Principal
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COLLEGE BENEFITS



Please note that all quoted financial figures are subject to change.
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SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY



BCCHS graduates with a minimum 3.0 GPA have guaranteed admittance to most programs. Guaranteed scholarships of at least \$22,000 a year for four years (\$88,000 total) with potential for more merit-based scholarships. BCCHS graduates will have weighted admittance for MBA, Nursing, OT, PT and PA programs.



MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

BCCHS graduates are guaranteed admission with a 2.5 GPA and a \$2,000 scholarship per year with a total of \$8,000. Students can earn up to \$72,000 in scholarships over four years and are also eligible to compete for the Mercy Presidential Scholarship worth \$16,000 each year for a \$64,000 total over four.

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE



BCCHS graduates with a 3.0 GPA and either a 1080 SAT or a 21 ACT (nursing admissions have other requirements) will receive, at minimum, \$17,000 each year for a four year total of at least \$68,000. BC graduates also receive an additional \$2,000 each year.



DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

BCCHS graduates with a minimum 3.0 GPA, SAT 1080, and ACT 21 or 3.3 GPA and Test Optional are guaranteed a minimum \$15,000 per year. Based on higher qualifications, students may earn up to \$27,000 per year in scholarship money. BCCHS graduates are also eligible for a 10% tuition reduction per year.

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY



BCCHS graduates with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA who are accepted to Franciscan University and submit a FAFSA may qualify for up to a full-tuition scholarship for their freshman year. In order to maintain that scholarship for additional years, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and participate in one Catholic faith-based activity per semester.



LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY

BCCHS graduates meeting minimum requirements are eligible for, on average, \$31,000 a year for four years in scholarships. Students are also eligible to apply for additional merit scholarships and residential scholarships.

GANNON UNIVERSITY



BCCHS graduates will receive a minimum \$2,000 scholarship annually for a total of \$8,000 over four years. They are also eligible to receive merit scholarships upon acceptance as well as additional institutional aid, federal aid, and state aid.



SETON HILL UNIVERSITY

BCCHS graduates will receive a minimum \$2,000 scholarship annually for a total of \$8,000 over four years. They are also eligible to apply for merit based scholarships and grants.

CARLOW UNIVERSITY



BCCHS graduates are guaranteed a yearly scholarship of \$5,000 for a total of \$20,000 over four years. Additionally, if a student was enrolled at BC in a college in high school class through Carlow, they are guaranteed an additional \$1,000 award each year for four years for a total of \$4,000.

BCCHS STUDENTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS

- Saint Francis
- Mount Aloysius
- Saint Vincent
- IUP
- Penn State
- Pitt
- Duquesne
- Robert Morris
- Franciscan
- Seton Hill
- West Virginia
- Waynesburg
- Coastal Carolina
- Cal State
- San Francisco
- Juniata
- Kent State
- Penn College
- George Washington
- Chapman
- Lock Haven
- Gannon
- Delaware
- Slippery Rock
- Cal U. (PA)
- Berklee
- Penn
- Yale
- VMI
- Maryland
- Carnegie Mellon
- Notre Dame
- Drexel
- RIT
- Bucknell
- Cornell
- Stanford

CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE COLLEGE ARRANGEMENTS!

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OVER 70 COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS ARE ALSO OFFERED TO BCCHS STUDENTS, SAVING THEM THOUSANDS!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I really afford an education at Bishop Carroll?

A Bishop Carroll education is more affordable than you think! Scholarships, grants, and other financial aid sources are available to our families and students. Many factors determine the amount of aid given to each family. Our goal is to make a Catholic education affordable for all who desire one!

Is faith taught consistently throughout the curriculum, and are students of all faiths accepted?

Yes and yes! Religion class is taught five days a week. In addition, students participate in a variety of Catholic services and religious activities. Students of all faiths are always accepted at BCCHS.

Are students of different ability levels accepted at BCCHS?

Yes. Bishop Carroll uses a placement test for incoming freshman to place them in a math course that fits their learning level. Assistance from the Intermediate Unit is on site at the school for reading and math assistance. An after school tutoring program has also been developed to help students maintain and improve their grades. Families of students with IEPs or other learning accommodations are asked to set up a meeting with school administrators to determine if a student's needs can be met at BCCHS. In addition, several advanced and honors classes are offered. Please see page 4 of this booklet.

Is transportation provided to Bishop Carroll?

Yes. School districts that have borders within 10 miles of Bishop Carroll are required by law to provide transportation to the school. Additionally, Bishop Carroll provides transportation from the Indiana area.

Can my child attend both Bishop Carroll and Admiral Peary Vo-Tech?

Yes! Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 may choose to attend Admiral Peary Vo-Tech in a variety of programs. BC students who do attend Admiral Peary take core classes at Bishop Carroll in the morning and then attend Vo-Tech in the afternoon. Vo-Tech students pay half tuition as they are only at BC for half a day. For a complete list of all programs offered at Admiral Peary, please visit their website at <https://ap.tec.pa.us/>.



Why I teach at Bishop Carroll...

"To many of us, Bishop Carroll is home. We were students here, have worked here, and nurture the growth of current and future generations here. I believe 100% in the education and spiritual development of our students, and I am proud to be a Husky, both as a student, and now as an educator and administrator. I can't imagine being anywhere else! Bishop Carroll creates positive, life-changing experiences for students."

- Mr. Jonathan Nagy

AQUINAS INTERNATIONAL

Housed in Aquinas Hall, a 19th century Victorian mansion, the Aquinas International program welcomes students from all over the world. The students fully immerse themselves into the student life of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School.

“My experience at Bishop Carroll was amazing even though I didn’t stay the whole year. I met unforgettable people who works on Aquinas and the people who I stayed every day at the house too. On Bishop Carroll, I could try new things and do first times too that probably I couldn’t be able to do in my country (Brazil). I saw snow, I did ski club, drama club, archery club, track and I watched a hockey game. I will always remember this place and my moment over there with a lot of affection.”

- Stephany Montovani Tosetto from Brazil



“The experience that I had last year at Bishop Carroll taught me that school could also be a place where you make friendships with people that you never met that come from all around the world. At BC, I found who I really wanted to be and how to achieve my goals thanks to the help of the amazing people and teachers that I met there!”

- Karole Mazzaferri from Italy

RECENTLY REPRESENTED COUNTRIES WITH THE AQUINAS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM:

Brazil
China
South Korea
Italy
Slovakia
Japan
Spain
Germany



“Those 5 months at Bishop Carroll were the craziest, most incredible, difficult and happiest of my life, I met incredible friends and I also had the experience of living with other international students in the same situation as me. Living in a boarding school helped me to be more responsible and take care of myself. My favorite part was soccer training, I loved training every day and playing in games for BC. I would like to thank the entire Bishop Carroll staff who helped me a lot with everything and made this period the best it could be.”

- Thales Varicoda from Brazil



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“My catholic education has made me a resilient young adult and provides me the strength to persist in my every day challenges.”

- Caroline Golden, Class of 2025

“Everybody is like a family, and it helps us grow as a community, but also in education because we all help each other.”

- Isaac Bennett, Class of 2026

“I like that Bishop Carroll has a welcoming atmosphere and encourages all of the students to succeed.”

- Lilyann Strait, Class of 2027

“Bishop Carroll is an awesome school. They make sure religion is involved in every day activities. They also have great opportunities for the students to make great achievements.”

- Hannah Strittmatter, Class of 2027

“Bishop Carroll allows you to work your hardest and pushes you to be the best you can be academically.”

- Andrew Ostinowsky, Class of 2027

“I don't know if any other school could have helped me grow in my faith as much as Bishop Carroll has.”

- Andrew Lubert, Class of 2026

“My religious experiences at Bishop Carroll have been good and encouraging. On top of having religion classes every day, we are encouraged to join groups such as Student Evangelizers. SE has helped me open up to others about my faith and is training me to be a light for other Christians.”

“I like the nice teachers and the students. I also like that BC focuses its teachings on Catholicism.”

- Brody Public, Class of 2027

“The teachers are very friendly and willing to answer any questions you may have.”

- Jonathan Bishop, Class of 2027

CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/bishopcarrollcatholic>

X (Twitter) - BCCHSHuskies

Instagram - BishopCarroll15931

YouTube - bishopcarrollcatholichighs1194

Additionally, many teams and organizations also have school-approved social media pages. Please be sure to check them all out for updated schedules, results, pictures, and more information!



WORDS BC STUDENTS USE TO DESCRIBE THEIR CLASSMATES

Kind - Generous - Smart - Respectful - Faithful - Helpful - Caring - Devoted - Friendly - Determined - Creative - Moral - Christ-like - Trustworthy



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