

BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL

2009– 2010 PROFILE

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COMMUNITY

Bishop Shanahan serves Chester County, one of the fastest growing and most affluent areas in Pennsylvania; this suburban, residential county is characterized primarily by its college-educated, business, and professional population.

SCHOOL

Bishop Shanahan is the only archdiocesan, co-educational College Preparatory High School in Chester County. Shanahan carries accreditation by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Middle Atlantic States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. The professional staff of 82 is made-up of 2 archdiocesan priests, 9 Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and 71 lay teachers. 40% of the faculty hold bachelor's degrees, 52% have master's degrees, while 8% have earned their doctorate. The current high school enrollment is 1,261 students in grades 9-12.

CURRICULUM

SPECIAL FEATURES

Advanced Placement courses are available in English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, European History, United States History, Comparative Government, Foundations in Psychology & Life Span Development, Spanish, Principles of Sociology and Criminology, Statistics, Calculus, and Micro/Macro Economics. In addition, Honors courses are offered to students in English, World Languages, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Visual and Fine Arts, and Business/Technology. The Diocesan Scholars Program allows students to take courses at local colleges during their senior year. On site training is encouraged in conjunction with CAT Brandywine through our Allied Health and Teachers Academy Programs. The Language Skills Program, offered by the Chester County Intermediate Unit, provides development of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and study skills for all content subjects. The Fine Arts/Music Department activities include concert band, stage band, woodwind ensemble, saxophone quartet, flute ensemble, guitar ensemble, Broadway musical, mixed chorus, choral ensemble, and liturgical singers. Private lessons are available in brass, woodwind, strings, percussion, keyboard, guitar, and voice. The Art Program offers instruction in many mediums such as drawing, watercolors, oil painting, sculpture, and art history. The Computer Program offers courses using Microsoft Office XP on a LAN. Vocational education is available for students in association with the Chester County Intermediate Unit's Center for Arts and Technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Pennsylvania requires 4 credits in English, 2 credits in Western Civilization and non-Western Cultures, 1 credit in American Studies, 3 credits in Mathematics, 3 credits in Science, and 5 credits in electives. A course in Physical Education, Health, Related Arts, and Computer Application is also required. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires 4 credits in Religious Studies in order for students to receive a diploma from an Archdiocesan High School.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade point average at Bishop Shanahan does not carry weight. Report cards are issued four times during the school year.

A= 90 - 100

B= 80 - 89

C= 73 - 79

D= 70 - 72

F= < 70

TRACKING SYSTEM

Most required academic courses and many electives are offered at more than one ability level.

1= Honors

2= High Academic

3= General Academic

4= Basic Academic

5= Advanced Placement

CLASS RANK

Class rank at Bishop Shanahan is weighted. Rank in class is determined by the quality points earned according to grades achieved at the first semester and final marking periods.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

All students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular programs, most of which are offered after school.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student activities include Student Council, NHS, Leadership Council, Newspaper, Yearbook, CSC, Mathletes, Stage Crew, School Play, SADD, FACE Program, Mixed Chorus, Business Club, Platonic Academy, Science Club, Choral Ensemble, Concert, Pep, Jazz and R & B Bands, Channel Two, Respect Life, French, Italian, and Spanish Clubs, Drama Guild, Art Club, Ballroom Dancing, Mock Trial, Ministry Club, World Affairs Club, Literary Magazine, Forensics, Ambassadors Club, Photography, Bowling Club, Chess & Games Club, and Robotics Club.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Bishop Shanahan is a member of the Pennsylvania Inter-scholastic Athletic Association and the Chesmont League. Athletic opportunities include boys' baseball, basketball, football, soccer, golf, rugby, lacrosse, tennis, and ice hockey, inline hockey; girls' soccer, softball, basketball, tennis, volleyball, lacrosse, field hockey, and cheerleading, co-ed cross country, track, and swimming.

SAT I SCORE RANGE DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2008

(Class size of 371)

Score Range	Verbal	Math
700-800	3%	4%
600-699	22%	15%
500-599	43%	40%
400-499	27%	34%
300-399	5%	6%

Mean Verbal – 535 Mean Math - 519

Number of students reporting scores – 368
 Percentage of class reporting scores - 99%

CLASS OF 2009

(Class size of 308)

Score Range	Verbal	Math
700-800	10%	4%
600-699	22%	25%
500-599	38%	31%
400-499	26%	31%
300-399	4%	8%

Mean Verbal -547 Mean Math – 535

Number of students reporting scores – 284 *
 Percentage of class reporting scores - 92% *

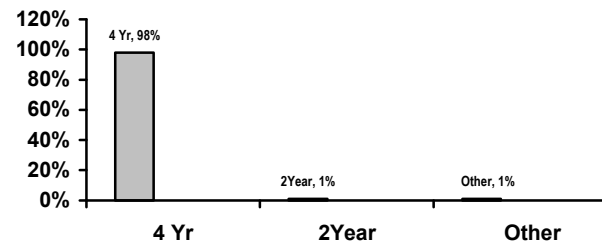
SAT II scores were reported in English Writing, English Literature, United States History, World History, Math Level IC, Math Level IIC, Biology, Biology-E, Biology-, Chemistry, Physics, French, and Spanish.

** 8% of the Class of 2009 chose SAT Fair Test Option Colleges.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION REPORT

Class of 2009 (Class size 308)

Information as of June 30, 2009 indicates that 99% of the Class of 2009 enrolled in higher education. 98% have matriculated to four-year programs, while 1% will continue their education at two-year institutions. The remaining 1% of the class pursued United States military service, travel, or vocational opportunities. The Class of 2009 earned a total of \$18,613,864 in scholarships and grants.



Class of 2009 College and University Acceptances

Albright College	Gettysburg College	Moravian College	Towson University
Alvernia College	Goldey Beacom College	Muhlenberg College	United States Naval Academy
American University	Gwynedd Mercy College	Neumann College	University of Colorado
Arcadia University	Hofstra University	New York University	University of Delaware
Bloomsburg University	Immaculata University	Northeastern University	University of Maryland
Boston College	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Norwich University	University of Michigan
Boston University	Ithaca College	Ohio State University	University of Notre Dame
Bucknell University	James Madison University	PA College of Art & Design	University of New Hampshire
Cabrini College	Johnson & Wales University	PA College of Technology	University of Pennsylvania
California Univ. of PA	Juniata College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Pittsburgh
Catholic Univ. of America	Kettering University	Philadelphia University	University of Richmond
Chestnut Hill College	King's College	Providence College	University of South Carolina
Coastal Carolina Univ.	Kutztown University	Purdue University	University of Southern Maine
Columbia University	La Salle University	Rochester Inst. Of Technology	University of the Arts
Cornell University	Lehigh University	Rollins College	Univ. of the Sciences In Phila.
DeSales University	Loyola University	Rutgers University	University of Scranton
Dickinson College	Loyola Marymount University	Saint Louis University	University of South Carolina
Drexel University	Lycoming College	Salisbury University	University of Tennessee
Duquesne University	Lynchburg College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Virginia
East Stroudsburg Univ.	Mansfield University	Seton Hall University	Ursinus College
Elizabethtown College	Marymount University	Shippensburg University	Villanova University
Elon University	Marywood University	St. Bonaventure University	West Chester University
Fairfield University	McDaniel College	St. Francis University	West Virginia University
Florida State University	Mercyhurst College	St. Joseph's University	Westminster College of PA
Franklin/ Marshall College	Millersville University	Susquehanna University	Widener University
Fordham University	Moore College of Art & Design	Syracuse University	Yale University
George Mason University		Temple University	York College of Pennsylvania