



DIOCESE OF TRENTON  
DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

# **SNAPSHOT** OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



"Catholic schools strive for and achieve general academic excellence while at the same time enhancing their students' experience of prayer, respect and concern for peers and development of moral character and good citizenship."

— Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.



## **OUR SCHOOLS** at a **GLANCE**

- ▶ **25** Elementary Schools,  
**5** Catholic High Schools
- ▶ **13,345** Elementary and High  
School Students
- ▶ **1,350** professional Staff
- ▶ **9th** largest school system in the State of New Jersey in number  
of students
- ▶ **6th** largest school system in the State of New Jersey in terms  
of number of schools
- ▶ **40th** largest Catholic school system in the United States

The Department of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Trenton provides leadership, direction, support, and service to pastors, principals, and school communities as they form students in the Catholic faith and develop each child's potential.



## Snapshot of Our Growth

Fall 2023,

I consistently say that **Mission** is what drives our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Trenton...daily. Never has that been more important than it is today.

The educational climate in the United States, and specifically the State of New Jersey, has moved to a place that the Catholic schools **never will**. Our Catholic schools are focused on Catholic values, high academics, and social growth. Our Catholic schools have never been subject to the political or social winds of change that can affect the direction of other educational institutions.

Believe me when we say that our schools are on the cutting edge of technology and infrastructure to better support the mission of Catholic education. Our Catholic schools have all the contemporary educational needs such as computers, video capabilities, and strong bandwidths to connect to the world and to ensure success for our students. You can be assured that the science labs, 21st Century skills, and educational supports necessary for real academic growth are all present and accounted for in our Catholic schools. Perhaps most importantly, certified and high-quality teaching and administrative staffs that are **mission driven**, as well as filled with the love of faith and the Catholic communities they serve within our schools, are the expectation and the norm throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Couple that with the Catholic schools here in Trenton's solid sacramental preparation, teaching the tried-and-true foundational pieces that have made you proud of our program such as basic cursive and the "Three R's" and you have a system that is ready for the next generation without losing sight of where we are from, collectively, as an organization.

Our Catholic schools have served Central New Jersey for over 170 years, because of the kindness and gifts of those that have come before. You have seen the results of Catholic education in your lives and those of your children. You can pass along this gift to today's Catholic students and ensure the opportunity for those who will come next through continuing to support our Catholic schools. Today, you have a choice when it comes to the educational opportunities available. I prayerfully ask you to reflect on the mission of Catholic education, the impact it has had on your life, and our students who are working to learn of God's gifts.

Please accept this invitation to explore our Catholic schools. Reading this snapshot will hopefully whet your appetite for the real Good News in Education...that our schools are growing and developing students who not only maximize their potential and make you proud as parents, but, more importantly, are alive in the Spirit of Christ and are willing to go into our communities, and the world as a whole, to make substantial difference in the lives of others.

With sincere appreciation and prayers for you and your family,



Dr. Vincent de Paul Schmidt  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools  
Diocese of Trenton

## Catholic IDENTITY

Our Catholic schools are grounded in Gospel values from the beginning to the end of each day. From classrooms to sport arenas, from academic assemblies to service projects, Gospel values are being lived by the entire school community. Each year our students contribute thousands of service hours in support of local, national, and global organizations and causes.



Catholic Athletes for Christ began in the world of professional sports. The organization then expanded into college level athletics. The Diocese of Trenton is the first diocese that has established a chapter for high school athletes.

The Catholic school experience includes:

- Daily religion classes
- Prayer throughout the school day
- Weekly and monthly Masses
- Student and faculty retreats
- Reconciliation services
- Living Rosaries
- Service clubs and organizations
- Involvement in the parish

## Academic EXCELLENCE

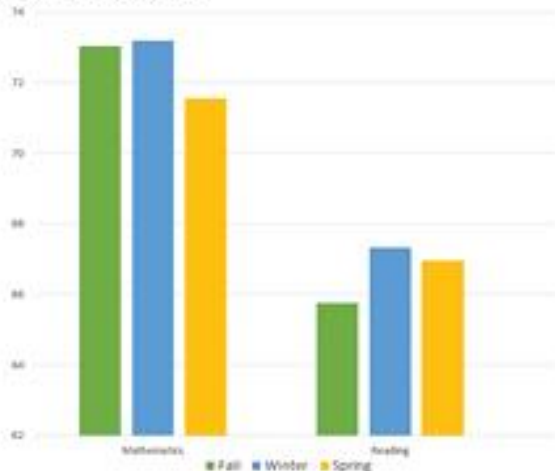
In the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Trenton, we seek to provide an education of academic excellence that is both instructional and formative; an education that offers a synthesis of faith and reason; an education rooted in our Catholic faith.

- Our students are recognized with numerous awards earned at the local, state and national level
- Members of the Class of 2023 were offered more than \$162,000,000.00 in college scholarships
- Members of the Class of 2023 are enrolled in over 250 different colleges and universities
- The Class of 2023 had numerous students recognized by National Merit and as Presidential Scholars



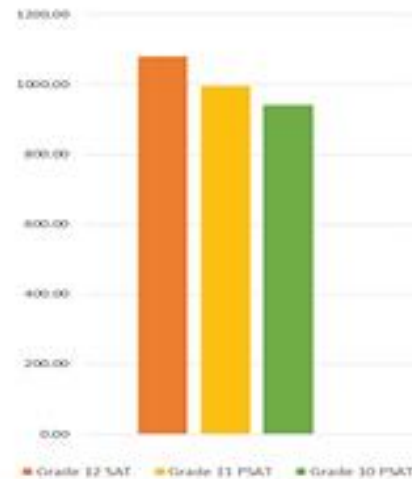
## Renaissance Star Assessments

Diocese of Trenton  
2022-2023



Percentage of Students at or above the Established Renaissance Benchmark for Proficiency

## Diocese of Trenton Secondary Schools Standardized Testing Programs



## Did YOU Know???

- Over \$820,000 tuition assistance will be distributed for students in need during the 2023-24 school year from the Diocese of Trenton.
- The Class of 2023 had a 99% graduation rate and 97% went on to higher education.
- The Diocese of Trenton boasts 10 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence.
- The Diocese of Trenton is home to a National Green Ribbon School.
- The Diocese of Trenton is home to an International Baccalaureate School.
- Schools in what is now the Diocese of Trenton have been

educating children since 1849 – 33 years before the Diocese was established.

- Elementary schools in the Diocese of Trenton are home to National Junior Honor Societies.
- The Diocese of Trenton is home to two National Schools of Character.
- Over 70,000 service hours in direct response to the needs of our school communities
- Over 7200 professional development courses in Eduscape for our school staffs
- Over 1200 hours of school safety and security training for our principals



Find more information at: [www.catholicsschoolshaveitall.org](http://www.catholicsschoolshaveitall.org) or on Facebook @catholicsschoolshaveitall or Instagram or Twitter

## Diocese of Trenton CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Alabama A&M University
- Adelphi Allied University
- Allright College
- Allegheny College
- Alvernia University
- American College - Dublin
- American International College
- American University
- Anna Maria College
- Arcadia University
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Babson College
- Balton College
- Bally University
- Baylor University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Belmont University
- Bentley University
- Berkley College of New Jersey
- Bethlee College of Music
- Binghamton University
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bowie State University
- Bradley University
- Brookdale Community College
- Brown University
- Bryant University
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- Cabini University
- Caldwell University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western University
- Catholic University of America
- Cazenovia College
- Centenary University
- Central Connecticut State University
- Centie College
- Champlain College
- Chapman University
- Charleston Southern University
- Chestnut Hill College
- Chowon University
- Citadel Military College
- Clark Atlanta University
- Clark University
- Clarkson University
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colby College
- College of Charleston
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of New Jersey
- College of William and Mary
- College of Wooster
- Colorado College
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University - Fort Collins
- Colgate University
- Concordia University
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- CUNY - Hunter College
- CUNY Queens College
- Delaware Valley University
- De Sales University
- Dickinson College
- Dominican University
- Drew University
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- East Carolina University
- East Coast Prep School
- East Stroudsburg University
- Eastern University
- Elizabethtown College
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emetson College
- Endicott College
- Fairfield University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Falmingdale State College



- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Flagler University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida International University
- Florida Southern College
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franciscan University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Fulman University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Main Campus)
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia State University
- Georgian Court University
- Gettysburg College
- Global Scholars
- Goucher College
- Grand Canyon University
- Grove City College
- Hamilton College
- Hampton University
- Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
- Hartwick College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- High Point University
- Hillsdale College
- Hillsborough Community College
- Hobart William Smith College
- Hofstra University
- Holy Family University
- Houghton College
- Howard University
- Icon Collective College of Music
- Immaculate University
- Indiana University (Bloomington)
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Iowa University
- Iowa State University
- Ithaca College
- Jacksonville University
- James Madison University
- John Cabot University
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Junata College
- Kean University
- Keiser University
- King's College
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- La Salle University
- Lackawanna College
- Lafayette College
- LaSalle University
- Lebanon Valley College
- Le Moyne College
- Lehigh University
- Liberty University
- LIM College
- Lincoln University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University - Chicago
- Loyola University - Maryland
- Loyola University
- Lynn University
- Manhattan College
- Marion Military Institute
- Marist College
- Marquette University
- MatyMount Manhattan College
- MatyMount University
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Matywood University
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- McDaniel College
- Mekeel County Community College
- Mettymack College
- Methodist College
- Miami University
- Miami University - Oxford
- Michigan State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Middlesex College
- Millersville University of Pennsylvania
- Misericordia University
- Mississippi State University
- Mitchell College
- Molloy University
- Moremouth University
- Montclair State University
- Moore College of Art and Design
- Motavian University
- Morgan State University
- Mount Saint Mary College
- Mount St. Mary's University
- Muhlenberg College
- Nazareth College
- Neumann University
- Newberry College
- New England College
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New York Film Academy
- New York University
- New York University of Technology
- New York University - Shanghai
- North Carolina A & T State University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Norwich University
- Notre Dame College
- Nova Southeastern University
- Oberlin College
- Ocean County College
- Ocean County Vocational Trade School
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio State University
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Old Dominion University
- Pace University
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Palm Beach State University
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Pennsylvania State University - Abington
- Pennsylvania State University - Blandysville
- Pennsylvania State University - Erie-Behrend
- Pennsylvania State University - Altoona
- Pennsylvania State University - Berks
- Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg
- Pennsylvania State University - Lehigh Valley
- Pennsylvania State University - Moritz Alto
- Pennsylvania State University - Scranton
- Pennsylvania State University - Peppelme University
- Point Park University
- Platt University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Quinnipiac University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Regent University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rider University
- Ringling College Art and Design
- Ripon College
- Roanoke College
- Robert Morris University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Rollins College
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Rowan College at Burlington County
- Rowan University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Anselm College
- Saint Bonaventure University
- Saint Elizabeth University
- Saint Francis University
- Saint John College
- Saint John University
- Saint John Fisher University
- Saint Joseph University
- Saint Lawrence University
- Saint Leo University
- Saint Mary's College
- Saint Michael College
- Saint Peter University
- Saint Thomas Aquinas College
- Salisbury University
- Salve Regina University
- San Diego State University
- Sarah Lawrence University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Seton Hall University
- Shippensburg University
- Siena College
- Simmons University
- Skidmore College
- Slippery Rock University
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Southern Methodist University
- Springfield College
- Stetson University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stockton University
- Stonehill College
- Stony Brook University
- Suffolk University
- SUNY Alfred State College of Technology
- SUNY University Albany
- SUNY University Cortland
- SUNY Polytechnic Institute
- Susquehanna University
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech University
- The New School
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Towson University
- Tufts University
- Tulane University of Louisiana
- Union College
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Military Academy - West Point
- University of Alabama
- University of Alabama - Huntsville
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas
- University of Bridgeport
- University of British Columbia
- University of Buffalo
- University of California (Davis)
- University of California (Irvine)
- University of Central Florida
- University of Chicago
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado - Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Glasgow
- University of Hartford
- University of Hawaii
- University of Houston
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of Maine
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Maryland (Baltimore)
- University of Maryland (College Park)
- University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of Montevallo
- University of Nebraska
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Haven
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina - Wilmington
- University of North Florida
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Pittsburgh - Bradford
- University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg
- University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of Saint Joseph
- University of Saint Thomas
- University of Scranton
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Dakota
- University of South Florida
- University of Southern Indiana
- University of the Pacific
- University of Tampa
- University of Tennessee
- University of the Arts
- University of the Districts - Greystone Academy
- University of Toronto
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
- University of Wisconsin (Madison)
- University of Wyoming
- Utisius College
- Utica University
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- Wagner College
- Washington College
- Washington and Jefferson College
- Washington and Lee University
- Wells College
- West Chester University
- West Virginia University
- Western Carolina University
- Western New England University
- Westminster College
- Wheaton College
- Widener University
- Wilkes University
- William Paterson University of New Jersey
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Xavier University
- York College
- Youngstown State University