



**BERGEN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

CATHOLIC. GENTLEMEN. LEADERS.

CRUSADER COLLEGE COUNSELING EXPERIENCE 2023-2024

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

How is this achieved?

THROUGH STUDENT INTERACTION

GRADE 9

In Grade 9, college planning activities with the guidance of the College & Guidance Counseling teams will include the creation of an interactive activity and 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 area 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 freshmen throughout the year to ensure all college preparation goals are met.

GRADE 10

In Grade 10, college preparation will resume as students continue building an outstanding academic profile that will reflect all of the student's accolades. 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, attend a Crusader Mission based summer trip, and volunteer locally in their community.

GRADE 11

In Grade 11, the College Planning process comes to the forefront as Juniors take PSAT/ACT practice tests, take the SAT/ACT, receive counsel 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

The Grade 12 College application process assistance will be provided to all students by way of creating, preparing and sending a common and coalition application, assisting with teacher recommendation letter procurement, resume building and essay and supplement completion. We assist parents with the Financial Aid process, scholarships and making their college choice.

BY PROVIDING PARENT EDUCATION SEMINARS

Freshman Sophomore Roundtable Seminar Seminar offered for parents ninth and tenth grade students who wish to gain insight on the College Admissions Process and the necessary preparation needed.

Junior College Planning & Scheduling Seminar Seminar held in the Winter of Junior year to assist parents and students about the College Planning and Application process. Information on how, when and where to apply will be discussed as well as how and when to take the SAT and ACT. The Director of Scheduling will also present on the options for courses as a Senior and what that timeline looks like.

Junior Year Consultation Tailored, student specific college list of schools identified, test preparation and test analysis provided collectively to the student and his parents. By appointment during the Winter/Spring of the Junior year.

Senior Parent College Application Seminar College Application Process information to be provided by the College Counseling department to aid students and parents with the demands and expectations facing them as they begin the Senior year.

NCAA Presentation for Athletes In conjunction with the BC Athletic department, typically two presentations are provided on the NCAA eligibility process and guest speakers to assist in clarifying the link between Collegiate Athletics and the College Admissions Process.

Financial Aid Process Seminar Parents are able to receive information from College or University Directors of Financial Aid and private Financial Management firms on both Merit based and Need based Financial Aid. The FAFSA, CSS Profile, saving for college, 529 accounts all to be discussed.

College Admissions Panel College representatives from universities such as Columbia University, Fordham University, NYU, Marist College, Iona University, Siena College, Rutgers University and Bucknell University visit BC in the spring and provide a Q&A panel for all BC students and parents to attend.



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IN OFFERING VARIOUS COLLEGE COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Princeton Review Partnership Under the terms of the recently signed agreement, Bergen Catholic High School (BCHS) students will have access to a wide range of digital and print resources from The Princeton Review for SAT test preparation. BCHS students will receive a selection of The Princeton Review's SAT course books, be able to take as many as four of The Princeton Review's practice SAT tests with diagnostic reviews, and have a full year of access to the company's online student portal. The students will also have access to curated college planning resources from The Princeton Review to research colleges and make informed decisions about their college selections and school applications.

College Essay Writing Seminars Deans of Admission from schools like Duke University, Fordham University and Babson College provides interactive seminars for students on writing the most effective college admissions essay. Spring of Junior and Fall of Senior year.

Summer @ BC College Application workshops, College Essay Writing workshops, Summer SAT/ACT Bootcamp.

JET Tour (Jesuit Excellence Tour) Jesuit colleges from all over the country come together to visit BC and hold a college fair for our students to meet with the college representatives.

Dual Enrollment Courses BC students will have the opportunity to take courses at Bergen Catholic in various disciplines while

earning college credits from Seton Hall University, University of Delaware (Horn School of Entrepreneurship,) and Iona College that can be transferred to their choice of college or university.

Common Application/Coalition Application/Essay Writing and Supplement Assistance Multiple workshops arranged for Seniors through the Fall and Winter to assist students in completing their College Applications.

Colleges Visit BC Over 100 colleges visit BC each fall. Opportunity for students to meet admissions representatives from select schools on an individual basis.

Regional College Visits BC Faculty to bring students to the regional college fair so students may gain valuable insight by speaking with College representatives about their prospective schools.

College Visit Bus Tour Annual overnight bus tour to colleges to visit the Admissions Office and take a tour of the school. For students in their junior year. Escorted by BC faculty. Juniors of 2019 visited Yale, Boston College, Boston University and Northeastern. Spring of 2023, BC visited the D.C. area: Loyola University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, Georgetown, American and George Washington University.

2023 COLLEGES ACCEPTANCE/ATTENDING OF BERGEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS

100%

College placement rate
of Bergen Catholic students

\$37.2 M

scholarships and grants awarded
to Class of 2023

91%

of Class of 2023 students received
scholarships and grants

Arizona State University
Baylor University
Bentley University
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Bridgewater State
University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
DeSales University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eastern University
Emerson College
Emory University

Endicott College
Elizabethtown College
Fairleigh Dickinson
University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington
University
Georgia Institute of
Technology
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Johns Hopkins University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Iona College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lasell College
LeMoine College
Loyola University of
Maryland

Manhattan College
Marist College
Middlebury College
Michigan State University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Morehouse College
Muhlenburg College
New Jersey Institute of
Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
North Carolina State
University
Pace University
Parsons University;
The New School
Pennsylvania State
University
Providence College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Ramapo College
Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute

Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of
Technology
Rowan University –
7 year Medical Program
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Leo University
Salve Regina University
Saint Joseph's University
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist
University
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of
Technology
Stonehill College
Syracuse University
SUNY Albany
The College of New Jersey
The Citadel
The Ohio State University
Texas A&M University
Trinity College
Tufts University

University of Alabama
UCLA
University of Connecticut
University of Cincinnati
University of Hartford
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of
Massachusetts – Amherst
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Nebraska
University of Oklahoma
University of North
Carolina
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Oregon
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester

University of Scranton
University of South
Carolina
University of Southern
California (USC)
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
US Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnical
Institute (Virginia Tech)
Wagner College
Washington University in
Saint Louis
Wesleyan University
Wake Forest University
William & Mary University
West Virginia University
Xavier University