

## KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*Inspiring young people through the ministry of Christ since 1932.*

President: Dickie Sompayrac  
Chaplain: Father Chris Manning  
Enrollment: 655 (167 Seniors)  
Grades: 9 through 12  
Tuition: \$8,860 (Catholic), \$10,645 (Non-Catholic)  
Average Class Size: 20  
Student Teacher Ratio: 9:1  
Motto: Ut Christum Feram (That I Might Bear Christ)  
Campus: Built in 2000 on 38 acres in West Knoxville  
Facilities: 60,000 square feet, featuring a Chapel,  
Athletic Training Complex, Guidance Suite, Fine  
Arts Wing, Technology Labs, Gymnasium, and more

### Standardized Testing

ACT Avg. Composite (Class of 2015): 24.6  
(State: 19.8, Nation: 21.0)  
ACT Avg. Composite (Class of 2016): 25.4  
SAT Mean (2015): 1712 SAT Mean (2016): 1779  
2 National Merit Finalists, 7 Commended Scholars (2015)  
1 National Merit Finalist, 5 Commended Scholars (2016)

### Advancement Placement

In 2015, 193 students took a total of 404 exams, 74% scored 3 or higher. KCHS offers 20 AP courses.

### Accreditation

Tennessee Department of Education  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville

### **Did you know?**

The Sisters of Mercy opened the school to its first group of students in the fall of 1932. Knoxville Catholic High School (KCHS) boasts over 5,500 graduates, from eight seniors in the Class of 1933 to 174 in the Class of 2015. Our college preparatory curriculum features 38 Honors and 20 Advanced Placement courses. KCHS has been recognized by the Catholic Education Honor Roll as a 2014 School of Excellence, an honor held by only five percent of our nation's Catholic high schools.



### **Development**

KCHS received \$565,000 in contributions between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015. The Annual Fund raised \$145,000, while signature events, the Shamrock Open Golf Tournament and Green & Gold Gala, netted \$42,000 and \$81,000, respectively. Recent designated contributions include gifts to enhance our Fine Arts program, upgrade our classroom technology, build our Robotics program, and expand our athletic facilities. The school's endowment is in excess of \$1.25 million.

### **By the numbers**

The faculty is comprised of 58 teachers and a guidance staff that includes three professional school counselors and two learning specialists. Fifty-five percent of our faculty hold advanced degrees. Thirty-four of our graduates have answered the call to a religious vocation.

On average, 99+ percent of our graduates plan to continue their education after high school. In 2015, 87 percent of the 174 graduates were offered college scholarships totaling \$13.3 million. The Class of 2015 is attending 50 different colleges and universities in 20 states, including institutions such as Cornell, Wake Forest, Notre Dame, Auburn, and West Point.

Our Fine Arts Department offers 17 courses—Digital Photography, Advanced Acting, Ensemble Chorus, 3-D Design, and more. Two-thirds of our students participate in one or more of our 20 school-sponsored sports, with 18 athletes from last year's senior class signing college commitments. Over 90 percent of our students are involved in at least one of our 28 extracurricular activities, including our award-winning Robotics, Model UN, Scholar's Bowl, Choral and Band programs.

### **Student Body**

KCHS is a co-educational secondary school operated under the supervision of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville, serving a 10 county region in East Tennessee. Our current enrollment is 79 percent Catholic and 21 percent non-Catholic. This year's freshman class joins us from the following schools: Sacred Heart Cathedral School (39%), St. John Neumann (20%), St. Joseph (8%), St. Mary's Oak Ridge (6%), Episcopal School of Knoxville (12%), and Other: Private/Public/Home School (15%).