



KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Profile 2016-2017

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School Mission

Knoxville Catholic High School, in partnership with parents and supporting parishes, is dedicated to teaching the Gospel, igniting love for learning, and nurturing individual growth in body, mind, and spirit, as students are prepared to be Disciples of Christ who influence a constantly changing world.

Accreditations, Memberships, and Honors

- In 2014, the Cardinal Newman Society recognized Knoxville Catholic High School as a "School of Excellence" - an honor given to less than five percent of our nation's Catholic high schools.
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Tennessee Department of Education
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville
- Member of the National Catholic Education Association
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

School Overview

Knoxville Catholic High School, a Roman Catholic coeducational secondary school, began in 1932 in a Victorian house in east Knoxville with a student body of 98. In January of 2000, KCHS moved to the current west Knoxville location, and expanded in 2008 with the addition of a new wing of 10 classrooms and a guidance suite.

For the 2016 - 2017 school year, enrollment at Knoxville Catholic is 620 students with a student/teacher ratio of 11:1. The faculty comprises 58 full and part-time teachers, and six full-time guidance staff, two of whom work exclusively with special needs students. Sixty-one percent of our faculty hold advanced degrees. Normally 100 percent of our graduates plan to continue their education after high school.

Knoxville Catholic High School strives to provide experiential academic and spiritual opportunities in which students develop knowledge of themselves, a sense of meaning in the world around them, and the skills necessary to advocate for and clearly articulate their thoughts, beliefs, and convictions.

Student Body

Knoxville Catholic High School is a diocesan school that exists primarily for the education of Catholic students. Students of any race, gender, creed, color, religion or national origin may apply and may be admitted as space permits. Currently 22 percent of our student body is non-Catholic. We have a total of 620 students in grades 9 - 12, with 152 seniors. Students in our school hail from a variety of socio-economic and family educational backgrounds, and span a wide range of academic abilities. Approximately 19 percent of our students are being served due to a diagnosed learning difference. Those students receive a Student Support Plan and work as needed with our Learning Center staff to ensure that they have appropriate accommodations for a positive learning experience.

Extracurriculars

Sixty-five percent of KCHS students are involved with school-sponsored athletics and a majority of all students are highly involved in some school-related extracurricular activities. KCHS is competitive in the state of Tennessee in several sports and our athletic teams frequently win district and regional honors. Additionally, many KCHS organizations, such as, Robotics, Mock Trial, Model UN, Latin Club, Scholar's Bowl and Yearbook, have also earned recognition at advanced levels. Students are intensely supportive of each others' efforts and talents whether musical, athletic or academic.

Graduation Requirement, Class of 2017

- 4 Religion*
- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 Science (4 recommended, Biology 1 and Chemistry 1 are required)
- 2 Foreign Language (2 years of the same language, 3+ recommended)
- 3 Social Studies (U.S. History, World History, U.S. Government, and Economics)
- 1.5 Lifetime Wellness (.5 of Health and 1 of P.E.)
- 1 Fine Art (.5 must be a Performing Art)
- .5 Grammar/Composition*
- .5 Personal Finance
- 2.5 Electives
- 26 TOTAL CREDITS

*Students not enrolled at the time these classes are normally taken are not responsible for these credits.

Service Requirement: Students must complete 75 hours of community service with a minimum of 35 of those hours being given directly to those in our community who are in need.

Typical Course of Study, Class of 2017

| Freshman | Sophomore | Junior | Senior |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Religion I | Religion 2 | Religion 3 | Religion 4 |
| English 1 | English 2 | English 3 | English 4 |
| Mathematics | Mathematics | Mathematics | Mathematics |
| Foreign Language | Foreign Language | Foreign Language* | Foreign Language* |
| Biology | Chemistry | Science | Science* |
| Health** | World History/ European History | U.S. History | U.S. Government** |
| Physical Education** | 2 Credits of Elective/ Fine Art** | 2 credits of Elective/ Fine Art** | Economics** |
| Grammar/Composition** | | | Personal Finance** |
| 1.5 credits Elective/Fine Art** | | | 1.5 credits of Electives |

* Strongly recommended in the year indicated.

** One semester class.

Levels of Study

College Prep: Independent study and a fast learning pace characterize this level. Students selected for these classes are expected to accept a rigorous college preparatory course of study. CP classes are not weighted.

Honors: Courses for gifted students to pursue their studies in greater depth and at an accelerated pace. Intense independent study, research, analysis, and critical thinking characterize courses at this level. To be admitted to an Honors class, students must meet the requirements specified in the course description. Honors classes are weighted .5 quality points.

Advanced Placement: In these courses, structured on the standards of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), teachers and students operate on the assumption that many juniors and seniors can complete college level courses in secondary school. Upon completion of these courses, students are expected to take the Advanced Placement examinations in May. Advanced Placement classes are weighted 1 quality point.

Dual Enrollment: KCHS offers multiple options for Dual Enrollment including English 1010/1020 and Computer Applications (INFS 1010) at Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC). Emergency Medical Responder is offered at Roane State Community College. The college credit may be transferable at the discretion of the receiving institution. Depth and pace of English and other PSCC Dual Enrollment classes are similar to an honors class, therefore, these classes are weighted .5 quality points.

Student Schedule

Students enroll in eight courses each semester. KCHS has a seven period rotating schedule so that each class generally meets for 47 minutes four days per week. One semester counts as one-half credit (.5). Study Halls are strongly encouraged.

Honors Classes, Class of 2017

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------------------------|
| English 1 Honors | Algebra 1 Honors | Spanish 1 Honors | Band Honors |
| English 2 Honors | Geometry Honors | Spanish 2 Honors | Irish Ensemble Honors |
| English 2 Combined Studies Honors | Algebra 2 Honors | Spanish 3 Honors | Digital Photography Honors |
| English 3 Honors | Statistics Honors | Spanish 4 Honors | Portfolio Honors |
| English 4 Honors | Pre-Calculus Honors | French 1 Honors | Computer Applications |
| English 4 Dual Enrollment Honors | Calculus Honors | French 2 Honors | Dual Enrollment Honors |
| Yearbook Editing Honors | Biology 1 Honors | French 3 Honors | (PSCC course on KCHS campus) |
| World History Combined Studies Honors | Chemistry 1 Honors | Latin 1 Honors | PSCC Dual Enrollment Opportunities |
| U.S. History Honors | Chemistry 2 Honors | Latin 2 Honors | |
| U.S. Government Honors | Physiology Honors | Latin 3 Honors | |
| | Physics Honors | Latin 4 Honors | |
| | EMR Dual Enrollment–Emergency Medical Responder | | |

Advanced Placement Classes, Class of 2017

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|--|------------------|
| Biology | Physics 1 |
| Calculus AB | Physics 2 |
| Calculus BC | Spanish Language |
| Chemistry | Statistics |
| English 3 (Language and Literature) | Studio Art |
| English 4 (Literature and Composition) | U.S. Government |
| European History | U.S. History |
| French Language and Culture | World History |
| Latin: Vergil | Music Theory |
| Macroeconomics / Microeconomics | |

85 of 152 Seniors (57%) in the Class of 2016 took 363 Advanced Placement courses.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Number of AP Classes Taken | <u>12</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Number of Students, Class of 2016 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 23 |

Knoxville Catholic High School Advanced Placement Exam Results, May 2016

In 2016, 230 students took a total of 473 exams; students scored a 3 or higher on 66.8% of exams.

| AP Scholars | Class of 2015 | Class of 2016 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| AP Scholar | 11 | 23 |
| AP Scholar with Honor | 10 | 5 |
| AP Scholar with Distinction | 17 | 15 |
| National AP Scholar | 2 | 5 |

ACT and SAT Profiles, Class of 2017

SAT

29 students tested through June 2016

| Section | Evidence Based Reading/Writing | Math |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Middle 50% | 540-705 | 530-590 |
| Mean | 630 | 590 |

9 students tested through December 2015

| Section | Critical Reading | Math | Writing |
|------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Middle 50% | 560-660 | 550-650 | 520-620 |
| Mean | 634 | 603 | 598 |

ACT

135 students tested through June 2016

| Composite |
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| 22-29 |
| 24.9 |

14 students tested before Oct. 2015

| Composite |
|-----------|
| 25-28 |
| 26.3 |

Class Rank

KCHS strives to keep the academic environment at Knoxville Catholic High School appropriately challenging at each level of study. Most students meet that challenge with excellent grades. KCHS believes that ranking students by GPA increases academic competition, increases pressure on students, and undermines students' love of learning. In addition, KCHS believes that students' achievements cannot be fully communicated by this particular statistic. **It is, therefore, the policy of Knoxville Catholic High School to refrain from tracking exact class rank.**

Weighted Grade Point Averages at the end of 6 semesters for the Class of 2017

| Highest | Top 5% | Top 25% | Mean | 75% | Lowest |
|---------|--------|---------|------|------|--------|
| 4.56 | 4.35 | 3.94 | 3.47 | 3.05 | 1.69 |

| Grading Scale | | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|--------|-----|
| | | AP | Honors | CP |
| 93 - 100 | A | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| 85 - 92 | B | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| 75 - 84 | C | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| 70 - 74 | D | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| 0 - 69 | F | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

| National Merit Competition | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Class | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Semifinalists | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Commended | Not Yet Available | 5 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| # Students | 152 | 164 | 178 | 174 | 170 |

College Matriculation for Classes 2014-2016

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| AMDA - College and Conservatory of | Lindsey Wilson College | The University of Montana, Missoula |
| Appalachian State University | Lipscomb University | The University of Tampa |
| Auburn University | Louisiana State University | Transylvania University |
| Austin Peay State University | Loyola University New Orleans | Trevecca Nazarene University |
| Babson College | Manhattan College | Tulane University |
| Belmont University | Mars Hill University | United States Military Academy - Army |
| Benedictine College | Marshall University | University of Chicago |
| Berklee College of Music | Maryville College | University of Cincinnati |
| Boston University | Miami University, Oxford | University of Colorado at Boulder |
| Brown University | Middle Tennessee State University | University of Dallas |
| Bryan College | Missouri University of Science and Technology | University of Dayton |
| Carson-Newman University | North Carolina State University | University of Houston |
| Carteret Community College | Northwestern University | University of Illinois at Chicago |
| Clemson University | Pellissippi State Technical Community College | University of Kentucky |
| Cleveland State Community College | Purdue University | University of Mary Washington |
| Coastal Carolina University | Queens University of Charlotte | University of Minnesota, Morris |
| College of Charleston | Reed College | University of Mississippi |
| Cornell University | Rhode Island School of Design | University of Missouri Columbia |
| Creighton University | Roane State Community College | University of Montevallo |
| Denison University | Rollins College | University of North Carolina at Asheville |
| DigiPen Institute of Technology | Saint Mary's College | University of North Carolina School of the Arts |
| East Tennessee State University | Salem College | University of Notre Dame |
| Elon University | Samford University | University of South Carolina |
| Florida State University | Savannah College of Art and Design | University of Tennessee, Chattanooga |
| Franciscan University of Steubenville | Sewanee: The University of the South | University of Tennessee, Knoxville |
| Furman University | Southern Methodist University | University of the Cumberland |
| George Mason University | Southern Virginia University | University of Washington |
| Georgetown University | Suffolk University | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | Tennessee School of Beauty | Virginia Military Institute |
| High Point University | Tennessee Technological University | Virginia Tech |
| Hillsborough Community College | Tennessee Technology Center - Knoxville | Wake Forest University |
| Hollins University | Tennessee Wesleyan College | Washington and Lee University |
| Iowa State University | Texas Christian University | Wesleyan University |
| Kansas City Art Institute | Texas Tech University | Western Kentucky University |
| Kennesaw State University | The Ohio State University | Western State Colorado University |
| Kenyon College | The University of Alabama | Wofford College |
| Lee University | The University of Alabama- Birmingham | Xavier University |
| Lincoln Memorial University | The University of Alabama- Huntsville | Yale University |
| | The University of Memphis | |