# Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School

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## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School was originally established under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as Norfolk Catholic High School in 1949. In 1993, the school relocated to Virginia Beach and opened as Catholic High School. In the fall of 2003, the school was renamed to honor the Most Reverend Walter F. Sullivan, D.D., Bishop of Richmond. Based firmly on Catholic tradition, Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School is dedicated to nurturing the intellect, shaping character and forming Christian values. The student body is composed of young men and women from varied socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. Students represent the major cities of southside Hampton Roads—Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Suffolk.

## ACCREDITATION

The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and the Virginia Catholic Education Association (VCEA).

## FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The faculty totals 40 instructors and administrators; 26 have advanced degrees. The student body of 397 includes 108 seniors.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 credits in grades 9 – 12 is required for graduation. Students are also expected to complete 100 hours of community service.

| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
|---|---|---|---|
| Theology | 4 | Lab Science | 3* |
| English | 4 | Foreign Language | 3 |
| Social Studies | 4 | Health/PE | 2 |
| Math | 3* | Fine Arts/Business | ½ |
| | | Elective | ½ |

*Students are encouraged to take four credits in these areas. In the class of 2014, 95 seniors are enrolled in math and 91 are enrolled in science.

## CURRICULUM

The academic year is divided into two semesters, totaling 180 days. Midterm exams are held in December. The schedule consists of seven academic periods each day. Each student is required to take six classes per semester, one of which must be theology. The entire curriculum is rigorous and complex, in preparation for college entrance.

## HONORS AND UPPER LEVEL CORE COURSES

***Theology***: Theology III: History of the Catholic Church/New Testament, Theology IV: Survey of World Religions/Topics in Social Justice

***English***: *Honors English 10, English 11, ***AP English Language and Composition**, English 12, ***AP English Literature and Composition**

***Social Studies***: *Honors World History II, ***AP World History,** United States History, ***AP United States History,** American Government, ***AP Government and Politics (US)**

***Mathematics***: Algebra II, *Honors Algebra II, *College Algebra, *Trigonometry, *Pre-Calculus, *Statistics I and II, ***AP Calculus AB, *AP Calculus BC**, *Multivariate Calculus and Linear Algebra

***Science***: *Honors Biology, ***AP Biology**, Environmental Science, ***AP Environmental Science,** Chemistry, *Honors Chemistry, ***AP Chemistry**, Physics, *Honors Physics, ***AP Physics**, *Oceanography, Anatomy and Physiology, Forensic Science

***Foreign Language***: German *III, *IV, ***AP German**; Latin *III, ***AP Latin;** Spanish *III, *IV, ***AP Spanish**

***Art***: ***AP Studio Art**

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND WEIGHTED COURSES

GPA is determined by using a 4.0 system with additional weighting of .0208 per semester for accelerated and honors courses; Advanced Placement courses are weighted .03 per semester. All courses are included in the calculation of the GPA. AP, Honors, and accelerated courses are indicated on the transcript with an asterisk (*). All students in Advanced Placement and Honors courses are selected based on a competitive process that includes examinations, recommendations and standardized test scores. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exams.

## CLASS RANK

Because of the small class size and the college bound nature of the students, Bishop Sullivan CHS does not compute class rank. A grade distribution chart is provided.

## GRADING SCALE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A+ .. 98-100 .. 4.3 | A .. 95-97 ... 4.0 | A- .. 93-94 ... 3.7 |
| B+ .. 90-92 ... 3.3 | B .. 87-89 ... 3.0 | B- .. 85-86 ... 2.7 |
| C+ .. 82-84 ... 2.3 | C .. 79-81 ... 2.0 | C- .. 77-78 ... 1.7 |
| D+ .. 75-76 ... 1.3 | D .. 72-74 ... 1.0 | D- .. 70-71 ... 0.7 |
| | F 69 & below .. 0 | |

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond has mandated a change to a 10-point grading scale beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Transcripts for current seniors will reflect the 7-point grading scale through June 2013. The January 2014 transcripts will reflect the first semester under the 10-point grading scale.

## SAT SUMMARY - Class of 2013

| | BSCHS | VA | US |
|---|---|---|---|
| Critical Reading Mean | 555 | 516 | 496 |
| Math Mean | 545 | 514 | 514 |
| Writing Mean | 547 | 498 | 488 |
| Critical Reading + Math Total | 1100 | 1030 | 1010 |
| Critical Reading + Math + Writing Total | 1647 | 1528 | 1498 |

## SAT SUBJECT TESTS - Class of 2013

Literature.....670
U.S. History.....651
World History.....715
Math 1.....657
Math 2.....662

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS

In May 2013, 153 students at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School took 287 AP exams in 22 different subjects. Seventy-one percent (71%) of the exams resulted in scores of 3, 4, or 5.

## DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE SIX-SEMESTER GPA

| Class of | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3.6-4.0+ | 36% | 30% | 35% |
| 3.0-3.5 | 31% | 24% | 21% |
| 2.5-2.9 | 13% | 26% | 21% |
| 2.0-2.4 | 7% | 10% | 17% |
| Below 2.0 | 13% | 10% | 6% |
| Average GPA | 3.21 | 3.10 | 3.17 |
| Middle 50% | 2.75-3.77 | 2.68-3.77 | 2.57-3.83 |

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 112 MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2013

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | National Merit Finalist |
| 1 | National Merit Commended Student |
| 13 | AP Scholars |
| 5 | AP Scholars with Honor |
| 11 | AP Scholars with Distinction |
| 1 | National AP Scholar |
| 3 | ROTC Scholarships |
| 11 | Presidential Volunteer Service Award Winners |

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Approximately 87% of the 2013 graduates attend four-year colleges. Thirteen percent attend two-year colleges.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2012 AND 2013

American University
Auburn University
Belmont Abbey College
Binghamton University*
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College*
Bridgewater College
Carleton College
Catholic University of America*
Christopher Newport University*
Clemson University
College of Charleston*
College of William and Mary*
DePaul University*
Drexel University
East Carolina University*
Elon University*
Flagler College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
George Mason University*
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hofstra University
Indiana University*
James Madison University*
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology,* South Korea
Longwood University*
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago*
Loyola University Maryland
Manhattan College
Marquette University*
Marymount University
Miami University
Michigan State University
Norfolk State University*
North Carolina State University*
Occidental College
Old Dominion University*
Parsons The New School for Design
Pennsylvania State University*
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Radford University*
Randolph-Macon College*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Royal Military College of Canada*
Rutgers University*
Seton Hall University
St. John's University
St. Joseph's University
St. Louis University
Stony Brook University
Union College
United States Military Academy*
University of Alabama
University of Albany
University of Arizona*
University at Buffalo
University of California San Diego
University of Central Florida*
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Mary Washington*
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina*
University of Texas*
University of Virginia*
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin*
Villanova University*
Virginia Commonwealth University*
Virginia Military Institute*
Virginia Tech*
Virginia Wesleyan College*
Wake Forest University
West Virginia University*
Xavier University*

*Colleges attended by students in the last two graduating classes