

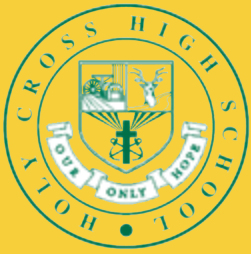
# HOLY CROSS

H I G H S C H O O L

A group of students is gathered in a schoolyard during autumn. In the foreground, a young man in a dark blue sweater and khaki pants stands with his hands in his pockets, looking towards a young woman in a light pink shirt and light blue jeans who is holding a black folder. To their left, two other young women are talking; one is wearing a dark jacket and the other a maroon jacket. To the right, a young woman in a green jacket and pink skirt is talking to a young man in a blue sweater. The background features a large tree with vibrant red and orange autumn leaves and a brick building with white-framed windows. The ground is covered in fallen leaves.

**School Profile**





**HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL** is a private, four year, Roman Catholic school and provides a college preparatory program for young men and women.

Established in 1968 as a school for boys, Holy Cross merged with Waterbury Catholic High School in 1975 and became co-educational. The school is sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross, Moreau Province, in association with the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame and dedicated lay men and women.

In cooperation with parents, Holy Cross provides a framework which fosters integration of the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical and social growth of each individual.

### THE CAMPUS

Holy Cross maintains a campus-wide Wi-Fi signal, the Brother James Kane Library Media Center, a large instrumental and choral music room with adjacent practice rooms, the Fryer Family Chemistry Lab, two Brother Harold Hathaway Life Science Labs, a state-of-the-art language lab, a guidance complex, a 740-seat auditorium, the Monteiro Family Sports Medicine Facility, a full-service cafeteria, the Timothy J. McDonald Gymnasium, the Stephen J. Ross Memorial Fitness Center, and three digital classrooms and art studio and the Alix Family Gallery in the Art & Technology Center.

### ACCREDITATION

Holy Cross High School is accredited by the Department of Education of the State of Connecticut and the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. The school is a member of the National Catholic Educational Association.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school year consists of two semesters of approximately equal length. Holy Cross utilizes a block schedule in which class periods are 80 minutes and meet every other day throughout the year.



### QUICK FACTS

**Enrollment:** 450, grades 9-12, from 30 cities/towns across the region

**Student-faculty ratio:** 11:1

**Average class size:** 20

**Location:** 37 acre campus in the suburban West End of Waterbury, CT

**Curriculum:** More than 100 courses including twelve Advanced Placement classes, the Early College Experience Program and an International Student program.

**Activities:** 40 clubs and organizations, offering opportunities in leadership, service, recreation and arts

**Athletics:** 25 sports in the Naugatuck Valley League

**Financial Aid and Scholarships:** Available to those who qualify.

# COURSE AVAILABILITY

COURSES	AP	HONORS	CP-A	CP	COURSES	AP	HONORS	CP-A	CP
English 9		X	X	X	Italian I, II, III, IV			X	
English Skills Program				X	Spanish I			X	
English 10		X	X	X	Conversational Spanish I				X
English 11		X	X	X	Spanish II		X	X	
AP Language & Comp.	X				Conversational Spanish II				X
AP English	X				Spanish III		X	X	
English 12		X	X		Conversational Spanish III				X
Effective Writing I			X		Spanish IV			X	
Effective Writing II			X		Advanced Spanish		X		
Creative Writing			X		AP Spanish	X			
Journalism			X		Language Peer Tutor	<i>No Level</i>			
Western Civilization		X	X	X	Biology		X	X	X
World Regional Studies		X	X	X	Environmental Science			X	
US History		X	X	X	Chemistry		X	X	X
AP US History	X				Physics		X	X	
AP World History	X				Human Anatomy & Physiology		X	X	
AP European History	X				AP Biology	X			
Political Science		X			Neuroscience		X	X	
American Government			X		Advanced Explorations in Science			X	
Practical Law			X		Accounting			X	
Contemporary Issues			X		Advanced Accounting			X	
Psychology		X	X		Business Law				X
AP Psychology	X				Personal Finance			X	X
Algebra 1		X	X	X	Web Design			X	
Geometry		X	X	X	Desktop Publishing			X	
Algebra 2		X	X	X	Comprehensive Computer Applications			X	
Pre-Calculus		X	X		Excel Software			X	
Integrated Topics in Math				X	PowerPoint			X	
AP Calculus	X				Introduction to Digital Art			X	
AP Statistics	X				Theology (all courses)			X	
Trigonometry			X		Health & Physical Education	<i>No Level</i>			
Statistics			X		Music (all courses except . . .)	<i>No Level</i>			
Math Peer Tutor	<i>No Level</i>				Music Theory	X		X	
French I			X		Musical Theatre History			X	
French II		X			Art (all courses except . . .)			X	
French III		X			AP Studio Art	X			
Advanced French		X			Art Assistant	<i>No Level</i>			
ECE French	X				Online Courses	<i>All Levels</i>			

AP = Advanced Placement

HON = Level 1

CP-A = Level 2

CP = Level 3

## CURRICULUM

The academic program is designed to prepare students to meet requirements for college and beyond. It also includes offerings in the areas of business, computer science, music and art. The religion program offerings include the study of Scripture, Christian Morality, Catholic Social Teaching, Church History, Lives of the Saints, World Religions, Development of Faith Through the Arts, Sacraments and Catholic Ethics. It is required of all students. This, along with other programs provided by Campus Ministry, is intended to help young men and women develop spiritual growth and a sense of Christian values.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in twelve subjects: English Literature, English Language and Composition, United States History, World History, European History, Calculus, Statistics, Spanish, Biology, Psychology, Music Theory, French Early College Experience (ECE) and Studio Art. In most academic courses, students are placed in levels appropriate to their scholastic potential. Difficulty levels have been established for each subject according to factors such as course content, nature of text, type of homework assignments and pace of the course. The AP level courses are considered the most difficult and those which require the most work from students followed by levels 1, 2 or 3.

## CO-CURRICULARS

The school provides an extensive athletic program consisting of 25 interscholastic sports. A full listing of our athletic offerings can be viewed on our website at [www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com](http://www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com). Holy Cross also offers more than 40 student clubs and activities in leadership, community service, recreation and the arts.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of twenty-three academic units plus two units in physical education and health are required of all students. These academic units include:

- (4) English
- (3) Mathematics
- (3) Social Studies (including U.S. History)
- (3) Science (including Biology)
- (3) World Languages

- (4) Religion
- (2) Health & Physical Education
- (2) Academic Electives
- (1) Arts

## GRADING SYSTEM

A numerical grading system is in effect, with a passing grade of 60 or above. Conversion is as follows:

### Numerical to letter

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
60-69 = D
0-60 = F

### Numerical to Four Point Scale

93-100 = 4.00
90-92 = 3.67
87-89 = 3.33
83-86 = 3.00
80-82 = 2.67
77-79 = 2.33
73-76 = 2.00
70-72 = 1.67
60-69 = 1.00
0-59 = 0.00

Grade Point Average and class rank, unweighted and weighted respectively, are computed each year. The quality point ratio is used to determine class rank. It is obtained by adding together the points of the weighted final grade in each subject (levels AP, 1, 2 or 3) and dividing the sum by the number of subjects taken. The number of quality points a student receives is proportional to the level of difficulty in each subject. Only students in the top 1/3 of their class are ranked.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

100% of Holy Cross students achieve college placement at the nation's top colleges and universities. \$3.2 million is awarded in merit-based grants and scholarships. A complete college acceptance listing can be viewed at [www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com](http://www.HolyCrossHS-ct.com).

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