

# NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2020 – 2021 Profile



**Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy** is a co-educational, Pre-K through 12th grade Catholic school in Southeast Michigan. Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, invited the Marist Fathers and Brothers to sponsor a school in Oakland County in 1994. Nestled on a 100-acre campus in Pontiac, Mich., the school currently is in its 27th year.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Notre Dame provides its diverse student body a Catholic and internationally recognized college-preparatory experience of lasting value. We work with God to form Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars.

NOTE: In March 2020, with the onset of the pandemic, NDPMA transitioned to online learning. During virtual learning, students continued with their college prep curriculum. Teachers hosted Zoom classroom meetings and lessons, and students accessed their assignments online through PowerSchool Learning. Classes continued on an eight-day rotating schedule and students were responsible

for course work in five classes each day.

Beginning in August 2020, Notre Dame students returned to in-person learning. A synchronous learning option has been made available for students who have health concerns, live with family members who have health concerns and/or are unable to return to campus this fall. Synchronous learners attend class virtually at the scheduled time.

FACULTY

Seventy-two (72) faculty members educate 962 students across three distinct but coordinated academic divisions: Notre Dame Lower School (Pre-K through 5), Notre Dame Middle School (6-8), and Notre Dame Preparatory School (9-12). Three out of four hold a post-graduate degree.

SCHEDULE

For the 2020-2021 school year, Notre Dame Prep students will be following an A/B rotating schedule. Four of eight classes meet each day for eighty minutes.

CURRICULUM

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Notre Dame was the first Catholic high school in Michigan authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and the first Catholic school in the United States to offer the IB curriculum at all grade levels. Students may pursue the two-year IB Diploma Programme or continue with other college-preparatory courses. Eighteen (18) out of 21 student candidates earned an IB diploma in 2020.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Beginning in 10th grade, students may choose from 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses in an array of disciplines. In 2020, 295 students took 484 exams; 322 earned a 3 or higher; 73 were named an AP Scholar or better.

2020-2021 COURSE OFFERINGS

PERFORMING ARTS

Intro to Instrumental Music  
Symphony Band +  
Marching Band +  
Jazz Band +  
Irishmen  
Women’s Choir  
Chamber Choir  
Praise and Worship  
IB/AP Music Theory

VISUAL ARTS

Art Foundations  
Drawing and Painting  
(intro and advanced)  
2D Design  
Ceramics  
(intro, intermediate and advanced)  
Digital Photography  
(basic and advanced)  
AP Art History  
IB Visual Arts

SOCIAL STUDIES

World Cultures  
U.S. History  
American Government  
Economics  
Psychology  
Current Issues  
American Culture  
Law  
Forensic Psychology  
AP U.S. History 1 and 2  
AP European History 1 and 2  
AP Comparative Government  
IB History 1-4  
IB/AP Macroeconomics 1 and 2  
IB/AP Psychology 1 and 2  
IB Theory of Knowledge

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1-2  
Algebra 3-4 +  
Geometry 1 and 2 +  
Trigonometry +  
Pre-Calculus +  
Honors Integrated Math 1-4  
Math Applications  
Personal Finance  
Honors Discrete Mathematics  
AP Calculus 1 and 2  
IB Math SL Applications and Interpretation  
IB Math HL 11 1 and 2 Analysis and Approaches  
IB Math HL 12 1 and 2 Analysis and Approaches

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish 1-10 +  
AP Spanish 1 and 2  
Mandarin Chinese 1-12 +  
AP Mandarin Chinese 1 and 2

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Accounting 1 and 2  
Entrepreneurship & Marketing  
Fundamentals of Computer Science  
Computer Aided Design (CAD)  
(intermediate and advanced) +  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Computer Science A

RELIGION

The Bible  
Who is Jesus Christ?  
Paschal Mystery  
Sacraments  
Foundations of Christian Morality  
Catholic Social Teachings  
Moral Issues  
Christian History  
World Religions

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health and Physical Education  
Training for the Athlete  
Independent Sports Medicine  
Independent Leadership  
Officiating Team Sports  
Mind and Body Wellness

SCIENCE

Biology 1 and 2  
Earth Science 1 and 2  
Chemistry 1 and 2 +  
IB Chemistry 1 and 2  
AP Chemistry 1 and 2  
Astronomy 1 and 2  
Anatomy and Physiology  
IB Biology 1-4  
AP Biology 1 and 2  
Physics 1 and 2  
IB Physics 1 and 2  
AP Physics 1 and 2  
IB Environmental Science 1 and 2  
Engineering and Empathy  
Horticulture 1 and 2  
Entomology  
Botany 1 and 2

ENGLISH

Language and Literature  
Language and American Literature 1 and 2  
Language and British Literature 1 and 2 +  
Language and World Literature 1 and 2 +  
AP English Language and Composition 1 and 2  
AP English Literature and Composition 1 and 2  
IB English HL 1 and 2: Language and Literature  
IB English HL 3 and 4: Language and Literature  
Personal Project  
Public Speaking  
Yearbook

+ Honors

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass 7.0 credits per year and earn a total of 28 credits.

Religion	4.0
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
including Economics	0.5
Government	0.5
Modern Language	2.0
Health and Physical Education	1.0
Fundamentals of Computer Science	0.5
Visual or Performing Arts	1.0

SERVICE LEARNING

Required for graduation, students demonstrate learning outcomes each year as well as a senior capstone project serving the marginalized, civic or spiritual community.

GRADING

We do not rank students. The school does not believe rank provides a valid measure of students in a highly successful class.

GRADING SCALE

	GRADE	GPA	HONORS	IB and AP
93-100	A+, A	4.0	4.5	5.0
90-92	A-	3.7	4.2	4.7
87-89	B+	3.3	3.8	4.3
83-86	B	3.0	3.5	4.0
80-82	B-	2.7	3.2	3.7
77-79	C+	2.3	2.8	3.3
73-76	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-72	C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
67-69	D+	1.3	1.3	1.3
63-66	D	1.0	1.0	1.0
60-62	D-	0.7	0.7	0.7

BY THE NUMBERS

#1

Best Catholic High School in Michigan and No. 3 Best Private K-12 School in Michigan – Niche.com

3.54

Average GPA of varsity and JV student-athletes

20

Students in a classroom (on average)

26.5

Average ACT composite score compared to national average of 20.9

30

State championships won in school history: competitive cheerleading, boys golf, girls skiing, girls soccer, volleyball and 17 individual titles in other sports

36

At least one student has recorded a perfect ACT score in eight of the last 10 years

65

Scholastic art award recipients; 58 regional awards, seven national awards

41

K-12 schools in the United States are Microsoft Showcase Schools, including Notre Dame

32

Students from the Class of 2020 scored a 30 or higher on the ACT last year

\$7.2 million

In scholarships were offered to the graduating class





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## 2020 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

The Class of 2020 received offers from 110 colleges and universities across the country and the world. Bolded institutions indicate an offer acceptance and enrollment.

Adrian College  
**Albion College**  
 Alma College  
 American University  
 Anna Maria College  
 Aquinas College  
 Arizona State University  
 Ave Maria University  
 Baldwin Wallace University  
 Ball State University  
**Baylor University**  
 Bellarmine University  
**Benedictine College**  
 Bowling Green State University  
**Brown University**  
**Butler University**  
 Calvin University  
**Case Western Reserve University**  
**Central Michigan University**  
 Clemson University  
 College for Creative Studies  
 Colorado State University  
 Davenport University  
 DePaul University  
 Duquesne University  
 Eastern Michigan University  
 Emory & Henry College  
 Ferris State University

Finlandia University  
 Fordham University  
 Franciscan University of  
 Steubenville  
 Furman University  
 George Washington University  
**Grand Valley State University**  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
**High Point University**  
**Hillsdale College**  
**Hope College**  
**Indiana University - Bloomington**  
 John Carroll University  
 Kalamazoo College  
**Kent State University**  
 Kettering University  
 Lake Erie College  
**Lawrence Technological University**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
 Loyola University Maryland  
 Lynn University  
**Marquette University**  
**Meiji University, Japan**  
 Miami University  
**Michigan State University**  
**Michigan Technological University**  
 Mount St. Mary's University  
 Nazareth College  
**New York University**

**Northern Michigan University**  
 Northwestern University  
 Northwood University  
**Oakland University**  
 Ohio University  
 Otterbein University  
**Pennsylvania State University**  
**Purdue University**  
**Rhode Island School of Design**  
 Roosevelt University  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Seattle University  
 Spring Arbor University  
 SUNY College  
 Texas A&M University  
 The New School  
**The Ohio State University**  
**The University of Alabama**  
 The University of Arizona  
 The University of Findlay  
**The University of Tampa**  
 The University of Tennessee  
 Tufts University  
**University of California - Irvine**  
 University of Cincinnati  
**University of Colorado at Boulder**  
**University of Dayton**  
**University of Detroit Mercy**

University of Florida  
 University of Hartford  
**University of Kentucky**  
 University of Miami  
**University of Michigan**  
 University of Michigan,  
 Dearborn  
 University of Michigan - Flint  
 University of Minnesota  
**University of Notre Dame**  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of South Florida  
 University of Toledo  
 University of Washington,  
 Seattle  
 University of Wisconsin  
 Valparaiso University  
 Villanova University  
 Walsh University  
**Wayne State University**  
**Western Michigan University**  
 Wright State University  
 Xavier University

## ADMINISTRATION

**Rev. Leon Olszamowski, s.m.**  
 Corporate President

**Andrew Guest**  
 Head of School

**Rev. Joseph Hindelang, s.m.**  
 Principal

**Kimberly Anderson**  
 Vice Principal

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 Assistant Principal

**Nicholas Kator**  
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**Marty Simmonds**  
 Assistant Principal

**Betty Wroubel**  
 Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

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