



PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2022-2023 Academic Profile

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OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1903, Peninsula Catholic High School is a co-educational college preparatory school for grades 8-12 located in mid-town Newport News. Students travel from the Peninsula, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Smithfield, and surrounding communities. The school is governed by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

OUR MISSION

Our community develops young men and women into spiritually, intellectually and morally mature citizens, prepared to lead in a global and diverse society, by providing a supportive and disciplined college preparatory environment rooted in the Catholic tradition.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

The school has 44 faculty and staff members, 57% of whom have a Master's Degree or higher.

The student to faculty ratio is 11: 1 and the average class size is 14.4.

The school has 270 students in grades 8 – 12.

There are 70 students in the senior class.

MARKING PERIODS

Classes are structured on a four by four, semester block schedule. The schedule consists of four classes per semester, with final exams in January and May-June. A grade of 60 or higher is awarded one credit at each term.

SCHOOL CEEB CODE

471550

STATEMENT ON CLASS RANK

Peninsula Catholic does not rank students other than recognizing a Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

As part of a fully integrated Christian education curriculum, Peninsula Catholic expects each student to complete at least 10 hours of service independent of class service projects or club-related service each year.

ACCREDITATION

Peninsula Catholic is accredited by Middle States Association.

THE CLASS OF 2022 AT A GLANCE

Last year, our 63 graduates earned:

- A 3.72 average GPA
- \$7,602,875 in scholarships, grants and awards
- 316 college credits through Dual Enrollment classes
- Matriculation:
 - 4-year colleges - 89% (51 graduates)
 - 2-year colleges - 11% (6 graduates)
 - In-state - 61% (35 graduates)
 - Out-of-state - 39% (22 graduates)
 - Public institutions - 74% (42 graduates)
 - Private institutions - 26% (15 graduates)

Over their four years of high school, the Class of 2022 performed over 6,700 hours of service to the community.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

In 2022, 149 Advanced Placement exams were administered to 101 students and 68 percent of exams resulted in scores of three or higher.

	SAT	PCHS	State	National
EBRW		570	584	532
Math		540	567	528
Total		1110	1151	1060

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INSTRUCTION

In 2020-2021, students had the option to attend either in-person or online instruction, and the school operated under a normal schedule for the duration of the year. Daily synchronous online learning was implemented to complete the 2019- 2020 school year. Course content, assignments, and final grades were not significantly altered despite the online setting.

GRADING SCALE

Grading Scale	Regular	Honors	AP/DE	
A+	97-100	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	93-96	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
D-	60-62	0.7	1.2	1.7
F	0-59	0	0	0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Peninsula Catholic High School offers a standard diploma (24 credits) and an advanced studies diploma (28 credits)

Subject	Standard Diploma	Advanced Diploma
English	4	4
History and Social Science	3	4
Laboratory Science	3	4
Mathematics	3	4
Physical Education/ Health	2	2
Theology	4	4
World Language and/or Fine Art or Technology	2 (1 Art or Tech)	3 language+ + 1 art
Elective	3	2
TOTAL	24	28

ADVANCED LEVEL CLASSES

PCHS partners with Virginia Peninsula Community College to offer qualified students the ability to enroll in college courses taught on our campus. Students may receive both high school and college credit through this partnership. Advanced placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) classes are weighted one point. Integrated honors courses are weighted 0.5 points.

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2022-23

English:

English 9*, English 10*, English 11*, English 12*, DE American Literature, AP English Literature and Composition, DE Creative Writing

History and Social Science:

AP European History, AP Human Geography, AP U.S. Government, AP U.S. History, U.S. Government*, U.S. History*, World History 1*, World History 2*

Laboratory Science:

Earth Science*, Conceptual Physics*, Biology*, Chemistry*, AP Biology, AP Physics 1, AP Computer Science Principles, Introduction to Engineering, Forensic Science

Mathematics:

Algebra 1*, Geometry*, Algebra 2*, Algebra 3/Trigonometry*, Statistics*, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus, AP Calculus AB/BC

Physical Education:

Physical Education 9/Health 1/First Aid, Physical Education 10/Health 2/Driver Education

Theology:

Theology 9, Theology 10, Theology 11*, Theology Capstone*, Introduction to Catholic Culture

World Language:

Spanish 1, Spanish 2*, Spanish 3*, Honors Spanish 4, Latin 1, Latin 2*, Latin 3*

Arts & Electives:

Abnormal Psychology, AP Microeconomics, AP Studio Art – 2D Design, Art 1, Art 2, Art 3, Band, Economics & Personal Finance, Freshman Seminar, Graphic Art & Design, Intro to Law, Intro to Marketing, Media Production, Modern US History, Music Theory, Psychology, Public Speaking, Sports Management, Strength Training, Technical Theater, Theater I

**Also offered as Integrated Honors Course*

CLASS OF 2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Bold letters indicate institution enrolling at least one Graduate

(* = at least one enrolled Graduate between 2019-2021)

Allen University*	Pratt Institute	University of Tampa
Arizona State University	Purdue Northwest University	University of Tennessee
Auburn University*	Purdue University*	University of Texas at San Antonio
Averett University	Radford University*	University of Tulsa
Barton College	Randolph College	University of Virginia
Bennington College	Randolph-Macon College	University of Virginia College at Wise*
Bridgewater College	Regent University*	Virginia Commonwealth University
Campbell University	Roanoke College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Castleton University	Rutgers University	Virginia Wesleyan University
Catholic University of America*	Salem State University*	Webster University
Champlain College	Santa Clara University	West Virginia University
Christopher Newport University	Savannah College of Art & Design	Western Carolina University
Coastal Carolina University	Seton Hall University	William Peace University
College of Charleston	Shenandoah University	Wingate University
College of William & Mary	Siena College	
Concordia University Chicago	Simmons University	
East Carolina University	St. Joseph's College of Maine	
Eckerd College	St. Joseph's University	
Emory & Henry College	St. Michael's College	
Fitchburg State University	Sweet Briar College	
Flagler College	Syracuse University*	
Florida Gulf Coast University	Temple University	
Florida International University	Thomas Jefferson University	
Franklin Pierce University	Thomas Nelson Community College	
Furman University	Tidewater Community College	
George Mason University	University of Akron	
George Washington University	University of Alabama	
Hampden-Sydney College	University of Arizona	
Hofstra University	University of Arkansas	
Hollins University	University of California at Irvine	
James Madison University	University of California at Riverside	
Juniata College	University of Colorado Boulder	
Keene State College	University of Connecticut	
Lees-McRae College	University of Delaware	
Liberty University	University of Florida	
Longwood University	University of Houston	
Louisiana State University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*	
Marshall University*	University of Iowa*	
Mary Baldwin University*	University of Lynchburg	
Marymount University*	University of Maine	
McDaniel College	University of Maine at Farmington	
Michigan State University	University of Mary Washington*	
Mississippi State University	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	
Montana State University	University of Miami	
Mount Saint Mary's University	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	
New England College	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	
Norfolk State University	University of North Texas	
North Carolina State University	University of Pittsburgh	
Northern Vermont University	University of Richmond	
Norwich University	University of South Carolina	
Notre Dame of Maryland University	University of South Carolina - Aiken	
Nova Southeastern University	University of South Florida	
Old Dominion University		
The Ohio State University		
Palm Beach Atlantic University		
Pennsylvania State University*		
Pfeiffer University		
Plymouth State University		
		Additional Graduate Matriculation, 2019-2021:
		American Musical & Dramatic Academy
		The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding
		Art Institute of Virginia Beach
		Barry University
		Boston University
		Capitol Technology University
		Clemson University
		Colorado State University
		DePaul University
		Duke University
		Ferrum College
		Florida International University
		Franciscan University
		Hampton University
		Huntingdon College
		Johns Hopkins University
		Kent State University
		Maine Maritime Academy
		Morehouse College
		New York University
		Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
		St. Francis University
		St. John's University
		Stony Brook University
		United States Air Force Academy
		University of California at Berkeley
		University of California at Santa Clara
		University of Central Florida
		University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
		University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
		University of Pennsylvania
		University of Toronto