

# Christian Brothers Academy

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National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



**Best #1**

Best #1 Catholic High School in Upstate New York on Niche.com

**39**

Students earned AP Scholar Awards

**4**

AP courses taken on average

**150**

Colleges visit campus each year to recruit students

**15%**

Average standardized test scores are in the top 15% of all high schools in the country

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

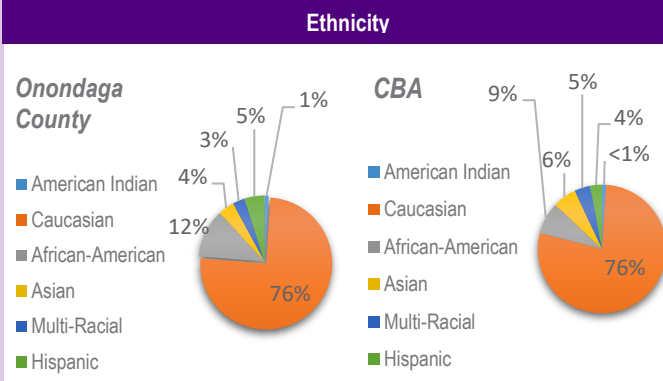
### Overview

Christian Brothers Academy, founded in 1900 as a Lasallian, Catholic college preparatory high school for boys is now a premiere coeducational 7-12 college preparatory school serving Syracuse and the Central New York region. In the tradition of Lasallian education, all students nurture belief in the living presence of God in our world, develop care and concern for social justice, demonstrate respect for all persons and are immersed in quality education within an inclusive community.

Chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, the school is a member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Christian Brothers Educational Association, and the National Secondary School Principals' Association.

### Enrollment Grades 7-12 and Student Body

- 218 Junior High
- 507 High School Students
- 52 percent male and 48 percent female
- In 2021-2022, 42% of CBA students received more than \$1.4 million in need-based financial aid



### Pandemic Response

In September 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, CBA transitioned to a hybrid learning platform that included a combination of 5 days per week, alternating days of in-person and remote instruction, with a fully remote component for those who were unable to come into the school building. CBA maintained its rigorous college-preparatory program. Students were provided with technology, as needed. An asynchronous method of instruction was used for remote learning days, with mandatory student-to-teacher virtual contact and exams administered using an assessment software program. Grading remained consistent with past practice. In April 2021, CBA instruction shifted to 5 days per week in-person instruction, with an option for students with medical conditions to continue in the remote learning platform. CBA held students to high academic standards, while remaining responsive and compassionate to the emotional needs of our students through this global pandemic. CBA returned to full-time, in-person instruction in September 2021.

### Academic Overview

- The school year is divided into two semesters comprised of six marking periods of approximately six weeks in length.
- The school day is divided into eight instructional periods of 40 minutes each.
- The school operates on a six-day rotating schedule. Core subjects (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language) meet daily.
- Students take midterm and final exams at the end of each semester.

### Administration

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### CBA Graduation Requirements

#### Credits:

English.....	4
Mathematics.....	4*
Science.....	3*
Social Studies.....	4
World Languages.....	2*
Religion.....	3
<i>(¾ credit earned each year)</i>	
Physical Education.....	2
<i>(½ credit earned each year)</i>	
Fine Arts.....	1
Health.....	½
Writing.....	½
Electives.....	4

\*Credits must be earned in the high school regardless of level

CBA students must earn:

- 7¼ credits in freshman year
- 7¼ credits in sophomore year
- 7¼ credits in junior year
- 6¼ credits in senior year

### Christian Service

Students are required to complete a minimum of 32 hours of Christian service during their senior year.

# PROGRAM OF STUDIES

All core subject area courses at CBA are taught at a college preparatory level. Honors and AP courses are offered in all core subjects.

Students are placed into Honors and AP courses based on their performance in the previous course, motivation, and ability. Teacher recommendation and approval is required for all AP courses. Students may not take more than five (5) AP courses per academic year.

## Elective Courses

- AP Art & Design
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP French Language
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics C
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP Statistics
- Advanced Studio Art
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Ceramics I and II
- Communications & Public Speaking
- Creative Writing
- Engineering I and II
- Forensic Science
- French 4H
- Introduction to Business
- Introduction to Finance
- Latin I and II
- Meteorology & Astronomy
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Sociology
- Studio Art II
- Spanish 4H, 5H
- Plus several online courses

## Course Averages

Course semester averages are determined by adding the three marking period grades in the given semester plus the semester exam, divided by four.

Final course averages (for full year classes) are the average of semester one and two. Course averages are NOT weighted.

## Rank

CBA does not rank its students. We believe that the minute fractional differences between positions of rank do not significantly distinguish one CBA student from another. The concept of rank does not accurately reflect the selective nature of our rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Rank could be misleading as an indication of a student's true academic quality and ability to perform successfully in college.

## National Honor Society

During their junior year, students who have a five or six semester cumulative GPA of 93% (or higher) will be notified that they are academically qualified to apply for induction into CBA's chapter of the National Honor Society. Accepted students must also demonstrate leadership, character, and service to the school and community.

Transfer students must be at CBA for at least three semesters to qualify for National Honor Society.

## Grade Point Averages

A student's grade point average (GPA) is calculated each semester and is weighted, based on the degree of difficulty of each course.

Cumulative GPAs are calculated at the end of each academic year.

GPA's are based on a 100-point scale and may be converted to a 4.0 scale using The College Board conversion chart.

### Courses are weighted as follows:

- **AP (Advanced Placement)**  
Courses are multiplied by 1.05
- **H (Honors)**  
Courses are multiplied by 1.03
- **Standard**  
All standard college preparatory courses are multiplied by 1.00

**Note:** ½ credit and ¾ credit classes do not receive the same weight as a full-year courses in determining a student's year and cumulative GPA.

## Honor Roll

Students may earn honors or high honors recognition at the end of each semester based on their semester course averages and semester GPA.

- **Honors** – 90 semester GPA
- **High Honors** – 93 semester GPA

# BROTHERS FOR OTHERS

### PEER TUTORING

Peer tutors help students learn material, practice academic skills, and improve study habits. Tutors teach students how to help themselves, guiding them to the point at which they become independent learners. Tutors typically work in one subject area and meet with students once or twice per week.

### PEER MINISTRY

Juniors and Seniors at CBA may become involved in Peer Ministry. The program encourages students to become active leaders in spiritual life through the community. Peer Ministers, after an orientation and training period, may choose to serve in one of the five areas: Spiritual Life, Social Justice, Art and the Environment, Christian Formation, and Community Outreach.

### BROTHERS ORIENTATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Brothers Orientation Leadership Team (BOLT) is chosen by the administration. This select group of rising seniors serves as positive role models and leaders for all new students. BOLT leaders help plan and lead all orientation activities in addition to year-round community building events.

### PEER MENTORING

Peer Mentors guide and support younger students in many areas of their life including academic, social, and emotional development. Mentors help students develop a connection to school and peers, foster positive behaviors and attitudes, and improve feelings of confidence and self-worth. The mentor serves as a role model, leader, and "Big Brother" to the younger student.



# TESTING DATA

## ACT scores – 10 students tested

2022	CBA	NYS	National
English	30.8	26.1	19.6
Math	30.4	25.7	19.9
Reading	31.9	27	20.9
Science	29	25.9	20.4
<b>COMPOSITE</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>20.3</b>

## SAT scores – 115 students tested

2022	CBA	NYS	National
ERW	602	526	541
Math	596	531	538
<b>COMPOSITE</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1088</b>

\* State and national data reflect College Board and ACT reports as of July 2021.

## AP Testing (2022)

All students in grades 10-12 in an AP course are required to take the corresponding AP exam.

- **204** students took an AP exam
- **447** total exams were administered
- **40** exams received a score of 5
- **82** exams received a score of 4
- **98** exams received a score of 3

**78%**

of CBA students received a score of 3 or higher

## Advanced Placement Scholars

	2020	2021	2022
w/ Distinction	20	20	18
w/ Honors	22	17	17
Scholars	87	36	39

## AP Pass Rate by subject (2022)

AP Exam	Number of Students	CBA Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
Biology	33	76	68
Calculus AB	29	66	55
Chemistry	13	68	53
English Language	81	74	56
English Literature	45	91	78
Environmental Science	9	56	54
French Language	2	100	71
Physics I	17	71	42
Physics C	12	33	74
Psychology	51	41	58
Spanish Language	2	100	82
Statistics	20	70	60
US Government	44	59	49
US History	44	59	49
World History	96	62	24
Independent/Online Classes	24	51	63

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2018-2022

The following list represents the most well-attended colleges over the last five years (3 or more graduates).

**\*Bold denotes 2022 graduates.**

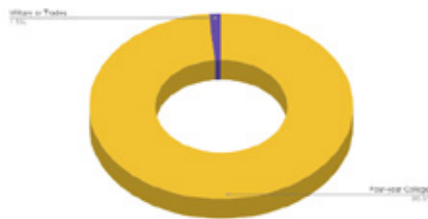
Baylor University	Ithaca College	SUNY College of ESF
Belmont University	James Madison University	<b>SUNY University at Albany</b>
Bentley University	<b>Le Moyne College</b>	<b>SUNY University at Buffalo</b>
Binghamton University	Marquette University	SUNY University at Stony Brook
Boston University	<b>Mercyhurst University</b>	<b>Syracuse University</b>
Bucknell University	<b>Michigan State University</b>	<b>Temple University</b>
Canisius College	Nazareth College	<b>Union College</b>
Clarkson University	<b>New York University</b>	<b>University of Delaware</b>
Clemson University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Florida
Colgate University	Providence College	University of Hartford
College of the Holy Cross	<b>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</b>	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Cornell University	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	University of Notre Dame
Elon University	<b>Seton Hall University</b>	University of Pennsylvania
Fairfield University	<b>Siena College</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>
Fordham University	<b>St. Bonaventure University</b>	<b>University of Tampa</b>
The George Washington University	<b>St. John Fisher College</b>	<b>University of Virginia</b>
Georgetown University	<b>St. Lawrence University</b>	<b>Villanova University</b>
Hamilton College	SUNY College at Cortland	Yale University
<b>Hobart &amp; William Smith Colleges</b>	SUNY College at Geneseo	

## COLLEGE ENROLLMENT STATISTICS: CLASS OF 2022

**125** students in the Class of 2022

**\$31.8** million in merit scholarship offers

**100%** college acceptance rate



**98.5%** Four-year colleges

**<1%** Trade Programs

**<1%** Military

### College Geographic Breakdown

**58%** New York State

**42%** Out of State

### Public vs. Private

**22%** Public

**78%** Private

**23%** attending Catholic colleges

**10%** attending SUNY schools