

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

31

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

2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

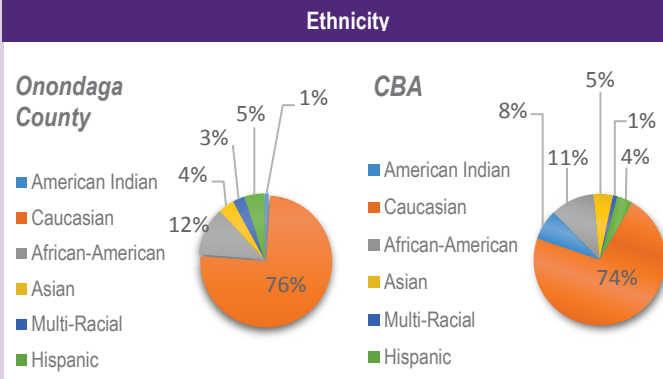
Overview

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

- 225 Junior High
505 High School Students
- 52 percent male and 48 percent female
- In 2022-2023, 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.

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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
Human Biology
Introduction to Business
Introduction to Finance
Latin I and II
Meteorology & Astronomy
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 – 8 students tested

| 2022 | CBA | NYS | National |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| English | 32.2 | 26.1 | 19.6 |
| Math | 29.3 | 25.7 | 19.9 |
| Reading | 32.8 | 27 | 20.9 |
| Science | 30.4 | 25.9 | 20.4 |
| COMPOSITE | 31.2 | 26.3 | 20.3 |

SAT scores – 116 students tested

| 2022 | CBA | NYS | National |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ERW | 612 | 526 | 541 |
| Math | 609 | 531 | 538 |
| COMPOSITE | 1221 | 1060 | 1088 |

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

AP Testing (2023)

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

- 🏆 **217** students took an AP exam
- 🏆 **497** total exams were administered
- 🏆 **78** exams received a score of 5
- 🏆 **113** exams received a score of 4
- 🏆 **165** exams received a score of 3

81%

of CBA students received a score of 3 or higher

Advanced Placement Scholars

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| w/ Distinction | 20 | 20 | 18 | 33 |
| w/ Honors | 22 | 17 | 17 | 14 |
| Scholars | 87 | 36 | 39 | 31 |

AP Honor Roll Platinum Recognition – 2023

AP Pass Rate by subject (2023)

| AP Exam | Number of Students | CBA Pass Rate | National Pass Rate |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Biology | 66 | 74 | 64 |
| Calculus AB | 36 | 83 | 58 |
| Chemistry | 7 | 86 | 75 |
| English Language | 66 | 82 | 56 |
| English Literature | 58 | 90 | 77 |
| Environmental Science | 14 | 43 | 53 |
| French Language | 2 | 100 | 71 |
| Physics I | 19 | 42 | 45 |
| Physics C | 20 | 50 | 73 |
| Psychology | 48 | 38 | 60 |
| Spanish Language | 9 | 89 | 84 |
| Statistics | 9 | 78 | 60 |
| US Government | 38 | 79 | 49 |
| US History | 46 | 74 | 48 |
| Visual Arts | 6 | 83 | 80 |
| World History | 30 | 93 | 65 |
| Independent/Online Classes | 25 | 56 | 66 |

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2019-2023

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

***Bold denotes 2023 graduates.**

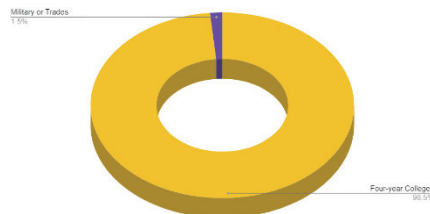
| | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Baylor University | James Madison University | SUNY College at ESF |
| Belmont University | Le Moyne College | SUNY Oswego |
| Bentley University | Lynn University | SUNY University at Albany |
| Binghamton University | Marquette University | SUNY University at Buffalo |
| Boston University | Mercyhurst University | SUNY University at Stony Brook |
| Bucknell University | Michigan State University | Syracuse University |
| Canisius College | Nazareth College | Temple University |
| Clarkson University | New York University | Union College |
| Clemson University | Niagara University | University of Delaware |
| Colgate University | Pennsylvania State University | University of Massachusetts-Amherst |
| College of the Holy Cross | Providence College | University of Notre Dame |
| Cornell University | Purdue | University of Pittsburgh |
| Elon University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of Rochester |
| Fairfield University | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Tampa |
| Fordham University | Sacred Heart | University of Virginia |
| The George Washington University | Siena College | Utica University |
| Georgetown University | St. Bonaventure University | Virginia Tech |
| Hamilton College | St. John Fisher College | Villanova University |
| High Point University | St. Lawrence University | Yale University |
| Hobart & William Smith Colleges | SUNY College at Cortland | |
| Ithaca College | SUNY College at Geneseo | |

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT STATISTICS: CLASS OF 2023

125 students in the Class of 2023

\$31.5 million in merit scholarship offers

100% college acceptance rate



98.5% Four-year colleges

<1% Prep School

<1% Professional Sports

College Geographic Breakdown

47% New York State

53% Out of State

Public vs. Private

34% Public

66% Private

36% attending Catholic colleges

14% attending SUNY schools