

John F. Kennedy Catholic High School

COLLEGE PROFILE 2009-2010

CEEB #332650

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THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY:

Located on a 64-acre campus in the Northern Westchester town of Somers, the school draws from over 30 different school districts throughout Westchester County. The students represent the socio-economic diversity of Westchester County. Established in 1966 as the successor to Saint Mary's High School in Katonah, Kennedy Catholic High School is a privately chartered, four-year college preparatory school with a strong Catholic Identity. The Kennedy Catholic mission is to prepare students to take their place in the world as articulate, well informed, Christian men and woman. Kennedy Catholic's program is a cooperative one in which faculty, students, and parents all contribute to develop graduates who have been enriched by their experience, and able and eager to enrich others because of it. The total enrollment of the high school is 600 students. The school's faculty includes: diocesan priests, Sisters of the Divine Compassion, Franciscan Sisters and lay men and women. Students have access to a vibrant and structured student life, which includes competitive athletic and theatre programs. John F. Kennedy Catholic High School is accredited by the Board of Regents and the University of the State of New York. In 2005, Kennedy Catholic was named as one of the top 50 Catholic High Schools in the United States.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

Most students enter as ninth-graders and are admitted on the basis of their performance on the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS); transfer students are admitted into the upper grades on the basis of their academic history and personal interviews. All students are required to take four years of Theology, English, Social Studies, Physical Education, Mathematics, Science and (unless exempt) a Language other than English; at least one year of Art or Music; and one-half year of Health Education. Students must also successfully complete required NYS exams. Sophomores are required to take a comprehensive PSAT prep program within their academic schedule.

Honors & Advanced Placement: Entrance into Honors & Advanced Placement classes is selective. Students are admitted based on teacher recommendation, placement exams and academic success. All students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP examination. Kennedy Catholic offers the following Honors Classes: English 10-H, Global I-H, Global II-H, U.S. History H, Integrated Algebra H, Geometry H, Algebra II Trigonometry H, Pre-Calculus H, Biology H, Chemistry H, and Spanish 3-H.

Kennedy Catholic offers the following Advanced Placement Classes: Biology, Calculus, English Language & Composition, English Literature, Environmental Science, Spanish, U.S. Government & Politics, U.S. History, and World History.

St. John's University College Advantage Program: Seniors must have a minimum average of 80% (juniors 85%) and a combined math and reading SAT score of 1000. Students may enroll in up to 9 credits per semester.

Approved Courses: AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English, Latin III, Latin IV, Perspectives on Christianity and the Bible, AP Spanish and AP World History (Approved for Iona College credit).

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Students remain with their counselor for four years.

Admissions Testing and Grade Distribution – Class of 2010

SAT I – Distribution

	C.R	Math	Writing
700-800	3	3	6
600-690	25	23	21
500-590	46	43	42
400-490	37	35	45
300-390	6	9	3
KCHS Mean	540	530	525
NYS Mean	485	502	478
NAT. Mean	501	515	493

ACT Mean Score – Class of 2010

Number Tested:	62
Mean Composite:	22.7
N.Y. State Mean:	23.1
National Mean:	21.1

Averages earned by the Class of 2010 at the end of junior year

157 Students:	
33%	93-100
35%	84-92
32%	70-83

Grading System:

Report cards are issued four times a year and the passing grade is 65%. The final grade in each course is derived from the four marking period grades (20% each) and two exam grades (10% each). The average is derived from all courses except Physical Education.

Because of the competitive nature of KCHS, students are not ranked for college admissions purposes.

Courses weighted as follows:

(1.00) All Elective Courses (Art and Music)

(1.02) All courses not otherwise indicated

(1.04) All Honors Courses, including Advanced Drawing & Advanced Painting

(1.06) All Advanced Placement Courses

Athletics

Kennedy Catholic offers 20 Varsity Sports made up of 52 teams.

2007-2008 Achievements:

League Champions

Varsity Girls Cross Country
Varsity Girls Tennis
Varsity Boys Basketball
Varsity Girls Softball
Varsity Boys Baseball

Section, Regional and State Champions:

Varsity Boys Baseball

2008-2009 Achievements:

League Champions

Varsity Boys Cross Country
Varsity Boys Indoor Track
Varsity Boys Track and Field
Varsity Girls Indoor Track
Varsity Boys Baseball

The Arts

- 8 NYS Public High School Art Association Award recipients
- National Art Association, National Art Honor Society, NYS Art Excellence
- 3 Metropolitan High School Theater Award nominations

Scholarships & Honors

- 99% were College Bound
88%-4-year, 11%-2 year, 1% Military
- 63% received Regents Diplomas
- 26% received Advanced Regents
- 11% received Advanced Regents with Honors
- \$8,428,926.00 in scholarship money (does not reflect grants or financial aid).
- 6 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 National Merit Finalists
- 1 National Merit Hispanic Recognition
- 36 Medal/Certificate Winners on National Spanish, Latin and Italian Exams, including 5 Gold Medalists

College Advantage Program Institutions Accepting St. John's University Credit

Post University	St. Francis College
Quinnipiac University	St. John Fisher College
Capital Community College	St. Joseph's College
University Of Delaware	St. Lawrence University
Barry University	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Florida Atlantic	Siena College
Florida Institute of Technology	SUNY Binghamton
Florida State University	SUNY Buffalo
Indiana State University	SUNY Canton
Valparaiso University	SUNY Cobleskill
Drake University	SUNY Old Westbury
University of Louisville	SUNY Oneonta
Wellesley College	SUNY Oswego
St. Louis University	SUNY Plattsburgh
University of Nebraska	SUNY Stony Brook
Keene State College	SUNY Empire State College
Barnard College	Wells College
Canisius College	Utica College
Cazenovia College	Burlington Community College
Clarkson College of Technology	Cumberland County College
College of New Rochelle	Kean University
Concordia College	Ocean County College
CUNY-Brooklyn College	Ramapo College
CUNY-Hunter College	Seton Hall University
CUNY Medgar Evans College	Stevens Institute of Technology
Daemen College	St. Peter's College
D'Youville College	Duke University
Hofstra University	Denison University
Ithaca College	Ohio State University
Le Moyne College	Oral Roberts University
Manhattanville College	Bucknell University
Marist College	Lehigh University
Medaille College	Muhlenburg College
Molloy College	Pennsylvania State University
Nassau Community College	Clemson University
New York Institute of Technology	University of Tennessee
Niagra University	Baylor University
Nyack Community College	Texas A & M University
Pace University	Green Mountain College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Vermont
St. Bonaventure University	Averett University
	College of William & Mary

Represented Colleges of Matriculation for Classes of 2004-2009

Adelphi University	Embry Riddle	Misericordia College	SUNY Env. Science/Forestry
Albany College of Pharmacy	Emerson College	Mitchell College	SUNY FIT
Alfred University	Emory University	Monmouth College	SUNY Geneseo
American University	Fairfield University	Mount Ida College	SUNY Maritime
Assumption College	Fairleigh Dickinson	Mount St. Mary College	SUNY Morrisville
Bard College	Fordham University	Muhlenberg College	SUNY New Paltz
Barnard College	Franklin Pierce University	Nazareth College	SUNY Oneonta
Baruch (CUNY)	Georgetown University	New York Inst. of Technology	SUNY Oswego
Bay Path College	George Washington University	New York University	SUNY Plattsburgh
Berkeley College	Gettysburg College	Northeastern University	SUNY Potsdam
Boston College	Green Mountain College	Pace University	SUNY Purchase
Boston Conservatory	Hamilton College	Parsons School of Design	SUNY Stony Brook
Boston University	Hartwick College	Penn State	Syracuse University
Brandeis University	Harvard University	Post University	Temple University
Brown University	High Point University	Providence College	The Citadel
Bucknell University	Hobart & William Smith	Quinnipiac University	Towson University
Cabrini College	Hofstra University	Radford University	Trinity College, CT
Carnegie Mellon University	Holy Cross	Reed College	Tufts University
Cazenovia College	Hunter College (CUNY)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.	Tulane University
Catholic University	Immaculata University	RISD	University of Connecticut
Central Connecticut State University	Iona College	Roanoke College	University of Delaware
City College of New York	Ithaca College	Rochester Institute. of Tech.	University of Hartford
Clark University	James Madison University	Rhode Island College	University of Maryland
Clemson University	John Jay (CUNY)	Rider University	University of Massachusetts
Coastal Carolina	Johnson & Wales University	Roger Williams University	University of Miami
Colby College	Juniata College	Sacred Heart University	University of New Haven
Colgate University	Kean University	Salisbury University	University of Notre Dame
Colgate University	Keene State University	Salve Regina University	University of Pennsylvania
College Mt. St. Vincent	Laboratory Inst. of Merchandising	Seton Hall	University of Pittsburgh
College of Charleston	Lafayette College	Siena College	University of Rhode Island
College of Notre Dame	LaSalle University	Skidmore College	University of Rochester
College of St. Rose	Lasell College	Southern Connecticut	University of Scranton
College of Westchester	Lehigh University	St. John's University	University of Tampa
Colorado State College	LeMoyné College	St. Joseph's (Pennsylvania)	University of Vermont
Columbia University	Liberty University	St. Lawrence University	U.S. Military Academy
Concordia College	LIU-CW Post University	St. Michael's College	U.S. Naval Academy - Annapolis
Connecticut College	Loyola College – Maryland	St. Thomas Aquinas College	Vassar College
Cornell University	Manhattan College	Stonehill College	Villanova University
Culinary Institute	Manhattanville College	SUNY Albany	Wake Forest University
Dartmouth College	Marist College	SUNY Alfred	Wellesley College
Dean College	Marquette University	SUNY Binghamton	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Dickinson College	Marywood University	SUNY Brockport	Wesleyan University
Drexel University	Mass. College of Pharmacy	SUNY Buffalo	West Virginia University
Drew University	Mass. Institute of Technology	SUNY Buffalo State	Westchester Community College
DeSales University	McGill University	SUNY Canton	Western Connecticut
Eastern Connecticut	Mercy College	SUNY Cobleskill	Western New England
East Carolina University	Miami/Ohio	SUNY Cortland	West Virginia University
	Middlebury College	SUNY Delhi	Williams College
			Worcester Polytechnic Institute