



BERGEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Crusader College Counseling Experience

Interactive and comprehensive approach to the College Planning process beginning in the Freshman year. Focused interaction between students and experienced counselors, integrative Parent Education Seminars, Summer Enrichment Opportunities, and various College Admission events will assist students in getting an early start in the College Planning Process.

## How is this achieved?

### Student Interaction

**Grade 9** - College planning activities with the guidance of the College & Guidance Counseling teams will include the creation of an interactive activity & academic resume that both the student, parent and counselor can access. Counselors will introduce how to use Naviance for college planning and career goal identification purposes. Students should also begin developing goals to participate in each areas of concentration: academic, athletic or extra-curricular activities, community service based experiences and creating a dynamic summer filled with varied experiences. Counselors will meet with freshman throughout the year to ensure all college preparation goals are met.

**Grade 10** - College preparation will resume as students continue building an outstanding academic profile that will reflect all of the student's achievements. He will be encouraged to start attending college fairs and college campus visits, take the PSATs, learn with BC teachers in an SAT/ACT prep course, participate in City as a Classroom cultural experiences, attend a Crusader Mission based summer trip, and volunteer locally in their community.

**Grade 11** - The College Planning process comes to the forefront as Juniors take PSAT/ ACT practice tests, take the SAT/ACT/SAT II, receive counseling on scores, attend Junior parent/student meetings to develop individualized list of schools to apply, participate in AP testing program, attend college open houses, attend the JET tour at BC, attend the BC sponsored College Bus Tour, College Admission Panel and organized College Fairs.

**Grade 12** - College application process assistance will be provided to all students by way of creating, preparing and sending Common and Coalition applications, assisting with teacher recommendation letter procurement, resume building, college application essay, and supplementary application completion.

### Parent Education Seminars

**Freshman Sophomore Roundtable Seminar** - Seminar offered for parents of ninth and tenth grade students who wish to gain insight on the College Admissions Process and the necessary preparations needed.

**Junior College Planning & Senior Scheduling Seminar** - Seminars held in the fall and winter of Junior year to assist parents and students with the College Planning and Application process. Information on how, when and where to apply will be discussed as well as how and when to take the SAT and ACT. The BC Director of Scheduling will also present the options for Senior year courses.

**Individualized Junior College Consultation** - Tailored, student specific list of colleges identified. Test preparation and test analysis provided. By appointment only during the Winter/Spring of the Junior year.

**Senior Parent College Application Seminar** - College Application Process information to be provided by College Counseling department to aid students and parents.

**NCAA Presentation for Athletes** - In conjunction with the BC Athletic department, typically two presentations are provided on the NCAA eligibility process with guest speakers to assist in clarifying the link between collegiate athletics and the college admissions process.

**Financial Aid Process Seminars:** Information provided by college and/or university Directors of Financial Aid and private financial management firms on both merit-based and need-based financial aid. The FAFSA, CSS Profile, 529 accounts and saving for college all to be discussed. Typically held twice per year.

**College Admissions Panel:** College representatives from universities such as Columbia University, Fordham, NYU, Marist College, Iona College, Siena College, Rutgers University and Bucknell University visit BC in the spring and provide a Q&A panel for all BC students and parents.

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## College Counseling Programs for students

**SAT/ACT Test Preparation Courses** - Offered at no cost to all Bergen Catholic students. Students are encouraged to register for test preparation classes that are held in November, March, June and August.

**Summer @ BC** - College Application workshops, College Essay Writing workshops, and summer SAT/ACT Test Prep Bootcamp

**College Essay Writing Seminars** - Interactive seminar for students on how to write the most effective college admissions essay. Offered in the spring of junior year with representatives from Babson College and Duke University.

**JET Tour (Jesuit Excellence Tour)** - Jesuit colleges from all over the country visit Bergen Catholic so students can meet with the college representatives and learn about the admissions process.

**Dual Enrollment Courses** - Bergen Catholic students have the opportunity to take courses at BC in various disciplines while earning college credits from Seton Hall University and Iona College that can be transferred to their choice of college or university. Bergen Catholic also offers a unique course in Entrepreneurship through the University of Delaware.

**4/3 Iona College/Bergen Catholic Collaborative** - Bergen Catholic students have the opportunity to take core coursework with dual enrollment credits that will then transfer to Iona College, shortening their college enrollment from 4 to 3 years, thus potentially saving the student and family a full year of college tuition.

**Mock Interview Program** - Students have the opportunity to practice their communication and interview skills during workshops held prior to Early Admission deadlines in the fall and Regular Decision deadlines in the winter. (For Seniors only)

**Colleges Visit Bergen Catholic Students** - Over 150 colleges visit Bergen Catholic each fall offering opportunities for students to meet admissions representatives from select schools.

**Individual College Consultations** - Scheduled meetings with a member of BC College Counseling staff to provide detailed advisement for the College Application Process. Spring of junior year.

**A Night with.....** - Evening College reception for parents and students as Boston College, Georgetown, Villanova, Duke, Notre Dame, etc. visit Bergen Catholic students.

**Regional College Fair Bus Tour** - Students will attend the regional college fair to gain valuable insight and speak to college representatives about their prospective schools.

**College Visit Bus Tour** - Students in their junior year will have the opportunity to take an overnight bus tour to various colleges. Students will visit Admissions Offices and take a tour of the school. Juniors of 2019 visited Yale, Boston College, Boston University and Northeastern University. Juniors in the spring of 2021 will visit the D.C. area including Loyola University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, Georgetown University, American University, and George Washington University.

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## College Placement Of Bergen Catholic Students

**100%**

College Placement Rate  
of Bergen Catholic Students

**\$30.2 mm**

Scholarships & Grants  
Class of '20

**86%**

of Class of '20 students  
received Scholarships & Grants

classes  
of  
'19  
&  
'20

Princeton University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Brown University, Yale University, Amherst College, Babson College, Bentley University, Binghamton University, Boston College, Bowdoin College, Bucknell University, Catholic University, Claremont McKenna, Clemson University, The College of the Holy Cross, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Emory University, Fairfield University, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Gonzaga University, Haverford College, Howard University, Indiana University, Iona College, Johns Hopkins University, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Loyola University in Maryland, Manhattan College, Marist College, New York University, Northeastern University, The Ohio State University, The Pennsylvania State University, Pepperdine University, Providence College, Purdue University, Quinnipiac University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers University, Sacred Heart University, Salve Regina University, Santa Clara University, Seton Hall University, Stanford University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Syracuse University, Temple University, Trinity College, Tufts University, UCLA, University of Delaware, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of Scranton, University of South Carolina, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin, Vassar College, Villanova University, Wake Forest University, Washington University of Saint Louis, Wesleyan University

