



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

**How is this achieved?**

## **THROUGH STUDENT INTERACTION**

### **GRADE 9**

In Grade 9, college planning activities with the guidance of the College & Guidance Counseling teams will include the creation of an interactive activity and 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 area 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 freshmen throughout the year to ensure all college preparation goals are met.

### **GRADE 10**

In Grade 10, college preparation will resume as students continue building an outstanding academic profile that will reflect all of the student's accolades. 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 experience, attend a Crusader Mission based summer trip, and volunteer locally in their community.

### **GRADE 11**

In Grade 11, the College Planning process comes to the forefront as Juniors take PSAT/ACT practice tests, take the SAT/ACT/SAT II, receive counsel 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**

The Grade 12 College application process assistance will be provided to all students by way of creating, preparing and sending a common and coalition application, assisting with teacher recommendation letter procurement, resume building and essay and supplement completion. We assist parents with the Financial Aid process, scholarships and making their college choice.

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## **BY PROVIDING PARENT EDUCATION SEMINARS**

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

**Junior College Planning & Senior Scheduling Seminar** Seminar held in the Winter of Junior year to assist parents and students about 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 Director of Scheduling will also present on the options for courses as a Senior and what that timeline looks like.

**Junior Year Consultation** Tailored, student specific college list of schools identified, test preparation and test analysis provided collectively to the student and his parents. By appointment during the Winter/Spring of the Junior year.

**Senior Parent College Application Seminar** College Application Process information to be provided by the College Counseling department to aid students and parents with the demands and expectations facing them as they begin the Senior year.

**NCAA Presentation for Athletes** In conjunction with the BC

Athletic department, typically two presentations are provided on the NCAA eligibility process and guest speakers to assist in clarifying the link between Collegiate Athletics and the College Admissions Process.

**Financial Aid Process Seminars** Parents are able to receive information from College or University Directors of Financial Aid and private Financial Management firms on both Merit based and Need based Financial Aid. The FAFSA, CSS Profile, saving for college, 529 accounts all to be discussed. Typically held twice per year.

**College Admissions Panel** College representatives from universities such as Columbia University, Fordham University, 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 to attend.

**Teacher Letter Writing Seminars** Did you know that all BC faculty receive the most accurate and relevant training to create the letters of recommendation College admission representatives are seeking? Visiting members of various Colleges and Universities visit Bergen Catholic to provide this Professional Development opportunity for our staff.



**BERGEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
CATHOLIC. GENTLEMEN. LEADERS.

**CRUSADER COLLEGE  
COUNSELING EXPERIENCE  
2021-2022**

## IN OFFERING VARIOUS COLLEGE COUNSELING PROGRAMS

**Princeton Review Partnership** Under the terms of the recently signed agreement, Bergen Catholic High School (BCHS) students will have access to a wide range of digital and print resources from The Princeton Review for SAT test preparation. BCHS students will receive a selection of The Princeton Review's SAT course books, be able to take as many as four of The Princeton Review's practice SAT tests with diagnostic reviews, and have a full year of access to the company's online student portal. The students will also have access to curated college planning resources from The Princeton Review to research colleges and make informed decisions about their college selections and school applications.

**College Essay Writing Seminars** Deans of Admission from schools like Duke University, Fordham University and Babson College provides interactive seminars for students on writing the most effective college admissions essay. Spring of Junior and Fall of Senior year.

**Summer @ BC** College Application workshops, College Essay Writing workshops, Summer SAT/ACT Bootcamp.

**JET Tour (Jesuit Excellence Tour)** Jesuit colleges from all over the country come together to visit BC and hold a college fair for our students to meet with the college representatives.

**Dual Enrollment Courses** BC students will have the opportunity to take courses at Bergen Catholic in various disciplines while earning college credits from Seton Hall University, University Of Delaware (Horn School Of Entrepreneurship,) and Iona College that can be transferred to their choice of college or university.

**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.

**Common Application/Coalition Application/Essay Writing and Supplement Assistance** Multiple workshops arranged for Seniors through the Fall and Winter to assist students in completing their College Applications.

**Colleges Visit BC** Over 100 colleges visit BC each fall. Opportunity for students to meet admissions representatives from select schools on an individual basis.

**College Fair** Annual college fair that we partner with Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) where over 80 colleges visit with Bergen Catholic and IHA students and their families.

**Night with...** Evening College reception for parents and students as BC, Georgetown, Villanova, Duke, Notre Dame, etc. visit Bergen Catholic students. College representatives visiting Bergen Catholic change every year.

**Regional College Fair Bus Tour** BC Faculty to bring students to the regional college fair so students may gain valuable insight by speaking with College representatives about their prospective schools.

**College Visit Bus Tour** Annual overnight bus tour to colleges to visit the Admissions Office and take a tour of the school. For students in their junior year. Escorted by BC faculty. Juniors of 2019 visited Yale, Boston College, Boston University and Northeastern. Spring of 2022, BC will visit the D.C. area: Loyola University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, Georgetown, American and George Washington University.

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT OF BERGEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS

**100%**

College placement rate of Bergen Catholic students

**\$38.2 M**

scholarships and grants awarded to Class of 2021

**91%**

of Class of 2021 students received scholarships and grants

**CLASS OF  
'21**

Amherst College, Anna Maria College, Babson College, Bentley University, Binghamton University, Bergen Community College, Boston College, Bowdoin College, Brown University, Bucknell University, The Catholic University of America, Cabrini University, Central Michigan University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Saint Elizabeth, The College of New Jersey, The College of the Holy Cross, Cornell University, Eastern Kentucky University, Fairfield University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Fordham University, The George Washington University, Gettysburg College, Hampton University, Howard University, Indiana University, Iona College, Ithaca College, James Madison University, Johns Hopkins University, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Long Island University CW Post, Loyola University Maryland, Manhattan College, Maryland Institute College of Art, Montclair State University, Moravian College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New York University, New York University (Shanghai), The Pennsylvania State University, Princeton University, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers University, Sacred Heart University, Saint John's University, Saint Thomas Aquinas College, Salve Regina University, Seton Hall University, Shippensburg University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Stony Brook University, SUNY Albany, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Delhi, Susquehanna University, Temple University, Trinity College, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Diego, United States Marine Corps, University of Connecticut, University of Delaware, University of Maine, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of Scranton, University of South Carolina, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Vassar College, Villanova University, Wake Forest University, Wesleyan University