



"Faith, Family Spirit, Academic Excellence"

# Billings Central Catholic High School

*The BCCHS community will develop lifelong learners, in an atmosphere of academic excellence, which stresses the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic faith.*

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## BCCHS in 2009

Principal: Sheldon Hanser  
 Vice-Principal: Jim Hawbaker  
 Counselor/College Advisor, 11-12: Sister Valerie McGeough  
 Counselor, 9-10: Pete Flotlin

Total Enrollment Grades 9-12: 339  
 Number of Faculty: 30  
 Number in Senior Class: 78  
 CEEB & ACT Code 270-087

*- Accredited by the Montana State Office of Public Instruction & Northwest Association of Accredited Schools -*

### Mission:

Billings Catholic Schools will provide a quality Catholic education that emphasizes formation in faith, family, spirit, academic excellence and service, justice and peace.

### School Characteristics:

- Beginning with the first graduating class in 1947, Billings Central Catholic High School has provided an education for the spirit as well as the mind. The tradition of academic excellence integrated into an atmosphere of discipline and Catholic religious values attracts a diverse student body. Billings Central is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and its students consistently perform well above national and state average scores on standardized tests. BCCHS students also contribute an average of over 6,000 hours of service to the Billings community each year. Billings Central is under the direction of the Diocesan superintendent of Eastern Montana Catholic Schools. Billings Central draws students from the seven Catholic parishes in Billings, as well as non-Catholics and families from the surrounding area.
- Billings Central Catholic High School faculty members have been teaching for an average of 15 years, and are chosen for their ability to serve as role models as well as their teaching skills. 48% of the faculty at BCCHS have earned advanced degrees, including three doctorates. BCCHS has one Sister of Mercy on staff, and parish priests participate in liturgies and retreats.
- Billings Central welcomes and expects a high degree of parental involvement and participation. Parents expect Billings Central to respond to the changing needs of students and to provide a safe environment in which students have the opportunity to develop emotionally, spiritually, and academically.

### Academic Requirements:

**BCCHS offers a total of 14 Honors/AP courses in English, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Math, and Science:**

AP English IV	AP Spanish	AP Calculus	AP European History
Honors English III	AP French	AP Statistics	AP Biology
Honors English II	Honors French II	Honors Geometry	Honors Chemistry
		AP Environmental Science	AP Chemistry

In 2009, BCCHS received the Siemens Advanced Placement Award. The award is given to only 50 schools across the United States, and honors exceptional achievement in Advanced Placement courses. In the class of 2009, BCCHS had four AP Scholar awards, and one AP Scholar with Distinction Award.

<b>Course Requirements:</b>			
English	4.0	Physical Education	
Theology	4.0	Health Enhancement	1.5
Social Studies	3.0	Fine Arts	1.0
Math	3.0	Electives, 2 years Foreign	
Lab Sciences	3.0	Language highly recommended	3.5
Practical Arts	1.0	<b>Core Graduation Requirement</b>	<b>24.0</b>

### National Test Information:

Freshmen:	Explore Test	Sophomores:	PLAN, CRT, PSAT/NMSQT
Juniors:	ITED, PSAT/NMSQT, ACT, SAT I	Seniors:	ACT, SAT or SAT II

### **Student Attendance and MHS Activity Involvement:**

The yearly attendance rate of BCCHS students is 93.7%. Of the 6.3% of class periods missed, 40% were for school-related activities. 85% of all BCCHS students are involved in Montana High School Association sanctioned activities. In 2008, BCCHS received the Class A Montana High School Association Academic Excellence Award for the second consecutive year. The Academic Excellence Award is given to the school whose students participating in MHS sanctioned activities maintain the highest average GPA of all Class A schools in the state. In 2008-09, BCCHS won 11 Eastern A Divisional titles, 3 State titles, and were in the top three in State 4 additional times.

### **ACT Results:**

In 2009, the average ACT score for Billings Central was 23.7, with over 95% of all seniors taking the exam. This compares with a state average of 22.0, and is the highest average in BCCHS history.

### **College Acceptance:**

In 2009, 89.83% of BCCHS graduates were accepted into a college or university, 6.78% into two-year colleges, and 3.39% entered the work force. 61.02% of graduating BCCHS students were awarded scholarships. In the past five years, BCCHS has graduated six National Merit Finalists, two National Merit Semi-Finalists, and five Commended Students. Schools to which BCCHS students have been accepted include:

#### **Alaska**

Alaska Pacific University

#### **Arizona**

Northern Arizona University  
Arizona State University Phoenix  
University of Arizona Tuscon  
Yavapai College DeVry

#### **California**

Concordia University Irvine  
Loyola Marymount University  
Mount St. Mary's College, L.A.  
Pepperdine University  
Nazarene University San Diego  
Saint Mary's College  
San Francisco Art Institute  
Santa Clara University  
San Jose State University  
Stanford University  
UC Berkeley  
Loyola University Redlands  
University of San Diego  
University of So California

#### **Colorado**

Colorado School of Mines  
Fort Lewis College, Durango  
Mesa State College  
Regis University  
Colorado State University  
CSU Veterinary School  
Colorado College  
University of Denver  
University of Northern Colorado  
Westwood College of Technology  
Air Force Academy

#### **Connecticut**

US Coast Guard Academy  
Yale University

#### **District of Columbia**

Catholic University of America  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Trinity College

#### **Florida**

University of Central Florida  
Ave Maria University

#### **Hawaii**

Hawaii Pacific University  
University of Hawaii at Hilo

#### **Idaho**

University of Idaho

#### **Illinois**

De Paul University  
Northwestern University  
University of Chicago  
North Central College  
**Indiana**  
Purdue University  
R-H Institute of Technology  
Notre Dame Indiana  
University of Notre Dame  
Indiana University

#### **Iowa**

Northwestern College

#### **Kansas**

University of St. Mary  
University of Kansas

#### **Kentucky**

University of Kentucky

#### **Louisiana**

Loyola University New Orleans  
Tulane University

#### **Maine**

United States Naval Academy

#### **Massachusetts**

Amherst College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Harvard College

#### **MIT**

Boston University  
Emmanuel College  
Stonehill College

#### **Michigan**

University of Michigan

#### **Minnesota**

Carleton College  
College of St. Benedict  
College of St. Catherine  
College of St. Scholastica  
St. John's University  
St. Olaf College  
University of St. Thomas

#### **Missouri**

St. Louis University  
Washington University

#### **Montana**

Carrall College  
MSU Billings  
MSU Bozeman  
MSU Northern

#### **Montana, continued**

Montana Tech  
Rocky Mountain College  
Salish Kootenai College  
University of Great Falls  
U of M Missoula  
U of M Western

#### **Nebraska**

Creighton University  
University of Nebraska

#### **Nevada**

UNLV

#### **New Hampshire**

Dartmouth College

#### **New Jersey**

Princeton University  
Seton Hall University

#### **New Mexico**

College of Santa Fe  
University of New Mexico  
St. Johns' College Santa Fe

#### **New York**

Cornell University  
Fordham University  
New York University  
Bard College  
Iona College  
Syracuse University  
University of Rochester  
Long Island University  
**North Carolina**  
Duke University  
University of N. Carolina  
Wake Forest University  
**North Dakota**  
Dickinson State University  
Jamestown College  
Minot State  
North Dakota State University  
University of Mary  
University of North Dakota,  
Grand Forks

#### **Ohio**

College of Wooster  
Denison University  
Franciscan University of Steu-  
benville  
University of Dayton  
Xavier University, Cincinnati

#### **Oklahoma**

Oral Roberts University

#### **Oregon**

Lewis & Clark College  
Linfield College  
Mount Angel Seminary  
Pacific University  
Reed College  
University of Oregon, Eugene  
University of Portland  
Willamette University

#### **Pennsylvania**

Dickinson College  
Duquesne University  
Lehigh University  
Swarthmore College  
Villanova University

#### **Rhode Island**

Brown University

#### **South Carolina**

The Citadel

#### **South Dakota**

Black Hills State University  
Presentation College

#### **Texas**

University of Dallas  
Rice University

#### **Utah**

University of Utah

#### **Vermont**

Middlebury College  
Sr. Michael's College

#### **Washington**

Eastern Washington University  
Gonzaga University  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Saint Martin's University  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Washington  
Washington State University  
Western Washington University  
Whitman College  
Whitworth College

#### **Wisconsin**

Marquette University

#### **Wyoming**

University of Wyoming