

Christian Brothers Academy

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Overview

Christian Brothers Academy was founded in 1900 as a Catholic college preparatory school for boys in the Syracuse area. 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. Although operating under Roman Catholic auspices, qualified students of all faiths are eligible for admission. In 1977 a Junior High Program was instituted for grades 7 and 8. In 1987 the school's Board of Trustees voted to admit female students.

Syracuse is a middle-income urban community of diversified industries with a population of approximately 750,000 in the regional area served by this school.

Enrollment, Grades 7-12

(September 2007)

Junior High250 students
High School500 students

Ratio: The ratio of students at CBA is approximately 60 percent boys and 40 percent girls.

Calendar

The school year is divided into six marking periods of approximately six weeks in length. The year is divided into two semesters. The school day is divided into 8 instructional periods of 40 minutes each. We operate on a six day rotating schedule and all major subjects (English, Social Studies, Math, Science and Foreign Language) meet every day. Students take Midterm and Final Exams at the end of each semester. (Seniors with an 85 average in a subject are exempt from the final in the second semester.) Except for seniors, the Regents exam is the Final Exam in the Regents courses.

CBA Graduation Requirements

English4 credits
Social Studies4 credits
Religion3 credits
(3/4 credit earned each year)
Mathematics3 credits *
Science3 credits *
Foreign Language2 credits *
Physical Education2 credits
(1/2 credit earned each year)
Music/Art1 credit
Health1/2 credit
Writing1/2 credit

** in the high school regardless
of level*

CBA students must take and earn

- 7-1/4 credits in Freshman year
- 7-1/4 credits in Sophomore year
- 7-1/4 credits in Junior year and
- 6-1/4 credits in Senior year (plus 32 hours of Christian service).

High School Curriculum

AP Courses Offered: Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Statistics, Spanish, U.S. History, European History, English Literature, English Language, Studio Art, French, Physics and U.S. Government & Politics.

Honors Courses Offered: Honors courses are available in most major subjects.

Students are placed in AP and Honors courses based on their performance in the previous course, teacher recommendation, motivation, and ability.

Grading, Grade Point & Class Rank

Semester averages are determined by adding the three Marking Period grades for that particular Semester to the Semester Exam grade and dividing by 4. Final Averages for the year are the average of the two Semesters.

I. Honors are based on semester averages:

- **High Honors** - 93 average with no grade lower than 85
- **Honors** - 90 average with no grade lower than 80

Semester averages are weighted, based on the degree of difficulty of each course. Honors distinction will be based on a weighted average. Overall GPA reflects weighting, not individual marking period grades.

- **A.P. (Advanced Placement)** courses are multiplied by 1.05.
- **H (Honors)** courses are multiplied by 1.03.
- **R (Regents)** courses are multiplied by 1.00.

Half unit courses do not receive the same weight in determining average. These include Computer, Writing, Art, Music, Health, Band, Chorus and Physical Education. They are divided by 2 in the calculation of the average. Christian Service is not included in the average.

II. 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. We are convinced that the concept of rank does not accurately reflect the selective nature of our student body or our rigorous college preparatory curriculum and individual achievement. We feel rank could be misleading as an indication of a student's true academic quality and ability to perform successfully in college.

III. Grade Point Average

The semester average is out of 100 points. A cumulative GPA will be calculated at the end of each academic year.

IV. 4.0 Conversion Scale

	100 = 4.0005
	99 = 3.9338
A+	98 = 3.8671
	97 = 3.8004
	96 = 3.7337
A	95 = 3.6670
	94 = 3.6003
	93 = 3.5336
A-	92 = 3.4669
	91 = 3.4002
	90 = 3.3335
	89 = 3.2668
B+	88 = 3.2001
	87 = 3.1334
	86 = 3.0667
B	85 = 3.0000
	84 = 2.9333
	83 = 2.8666
B-	82 = 2.7999
	81 = 2.7332
	80 = 2.6665
	79 = 2.5998
C+	78 = 2.5331
	77 = 2.4664
	76 = 2.3777
C	75 = 2.3330
	74 = 2.2663
	73 = 2.1996
C-	72 = 2.1329
	71 = 2.0662
D	70 = 1.9995
Failing	69 = 1.9328
	68 = 1.8661
	67 = 1.7994
	66 = 1.7327
	65 = 1.6660

National Honor Society

In the second semester of their junior year, students who have a five semester cumulative average of 3.5 (93%) or higher will be notified that they are academically qualified to apply for induction into CBA's National Honor Society. Students must also demonstrate leadership, character, and service to the school and community.

Post High School Plans for the Class of 2008

114 Graduates

- 100% accepted to 4-year colleges
 - 100% will matriculate to 4-year colleges
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- 60% will attend a NYS college
 - 40% will attend an Out-of-State college
 - 31% will attend Catholic colleges
 - 9% will attend SUNY colleges
 - 100% earned NYS Regents Diplomas
 - 94% earned Advanced Regents Diplomas
 - 36 seniors received Advanced Regents Diplomas w/Honors
 - 6 National Merit Commended Students
 - 2 ROTC Scholarships
 - 27 National Honor Society members (93% average or above)
 - 27 Academic Excellence Awards (93% average overall)
 - 5 Christian Service Awards
 - 25 Good Citizenship Awards
 - 12 Athletic Scholarships
 - 25 Collegiate Awards
 - 8 Leadership/Merit Awards
 - 8 Creative Writing Awards
 - 7 Leadership & Civic Responsibility Awards