

Bishop Walsh School
Celebrating 50 years of Excellence

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Academic Profile 2016-2017

Years Included -	Pre-K through 12
Total Enrollment	- 300
Number of Faculty	- 30
Size of Senior Class	- 36

C.E.E.B. Code # - 210435

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Administration

Principal	-	Dr. Ray Kiddy
Dean of Students	-	Mrs. Jennifer Flinn
Administrative Assistant	-	Mrs. Erin Dale
Academic Dean	-	Mr. James Zamagias
Athletic Director	-	Mr. Carl Watson
Director of Guidance	-	Mrs. Susan Cioni

Mission Statement: Bishop Walsh integrates Catholic beliefs in a pre-K through 12th grade college preparatory curriculum which incorporates technology with strong foundational academic skills. We challenge diverse learners through an atmosphere of high expectation and involvement. Our students are empowered with a lifelong love of learning and a passion for service to others.

Community

Founded in 1966, Bishop Walsh High School soon added a Middle School level. In the fall of 2002, an elementary level was added and the name of the school was changed to Bishop Walsh School. It is the only Catholic K-12 school serving Allegany County and neighboring counties in Western Maryland, as well as Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The city of Cumberland, nestled in the foothills of the Appalachians, has a population of over 20,000. Students come from lower-middle and middle class families. Parental occupations are professional, managerial, skilled and semi-skilled labor.

Grading Policy

The following grading system is in use:

A+ = 98-100	A = 93-97	B+ = 90-92	B = 85-89
C+ = 80-84	C = 75-79	D+ = 73-74	D = 70-72
Passing Grade = 70			
College Recommending Grade – B or higher – 85-100			

The Phase System

The Course Phase is indicated by the third digit of the course number.

Phase 1 – Courses are designed for students who need emphasis on the skills of the course.

Phase 2 – Courses are designed for students who need moderate emphasis on the basic skills of the courses. These courses are **college preparatory**.

Phase 3 – Courses are designed for students whose command of the basic skills enables them to pursue a more detailed study of the course material. These are considered **honors courses**.

Phase 4 – Advanced courses are designed for students who exhibit the capability to research topics and utilize skills of assimilation, correlation and synthesis. These honors courses are limited to upperclassmen. **All A.P. courses are Phase 4.**

Class Rank and Quality Points

Class rank is determined by assigning a “weighted” value to each course according to its phase. Greater “weight” is assigned to the higher phase levels. Class rank is determined by dividing the total weighted grades by the total number of courses taken.

Weighted Values

<i>Grade</i>		<i>Phase 4</i>	<i>Phase 3</i>	<i>Phase 1 & 2</i>
A+	100-98	4.50	4.25	4.00
A	97-93	4.25	4.00	3.75
B+	92-90	4.00	3.75	3.50
B	89-85	3.50	3.25	3.00
C+	84-80	3.00	2.75	2.50
C	79-75	2.50	2.25	2.00
D+	74-73	2.00	1.75	1.50
D	72-70	1.50	1.25	1.00

Special Curriculum Features

Advanced Placement Courses offered this year: Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, English Language, U.S. Government, Environmental Science, Art History, Statistics and Calculus.

(Note: Students are encouraged to take no more than three A.P. courses a year)

Four-year Sequence in: Religion, English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Spanish.

Graduation Requirements

Religion	- 4 credits	Foreign Language	- 2 credits
English	- 4 credits	Electives	- 1 credit
Social Studies	- 3 credits	Phys. Ed./Health	- 1 credit
Science	- 3 credits	Art /Music	- 1 credit
Mathematics	- 4 credits	Computer Education	- 1 credit

Total credits required – 24 credits

Further Education of Graduates – Class of 2016 Total Graduates - 32

Percentage attending college – 97%	Military Service - 0%
Four-year Institutions - 84%	Public Colleges - 71%
Two-year Colleges - 16%	Private Colleges - 29%

Total amount of Academic Scholarships for the Class of 2015= \$2,993,180.00