



ST. PETER-MARIAN

CENTRAL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-2010

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ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent - Delma Josephson
Headmaster - Matthew R. Sturgis
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GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

Dir. of Guidance/Counselor - Grade 9 & 10 - Robert Betters
College Counselor Grade 11 & 12 (A-L) - Kelli Reyngoudt
College Counselor Grade 11 & 12 (L-Z) - Karen Sutherland

THE SCHOOL:

St. Peter-Marian is a Central Catholic College Preparatory High School administered by the Diocese of Worcester.

Enrollment: 710

Class of 2010: 156

Professional Staff: 50

CEEB Code: 222525

Accreditation: New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges

THE COMMUNITY:

St. Peter-Marian is located in a residential neighborhood on the north side of Worcester, Massachusetts. Worcester is located in Central Massachusetts approximately 45 miles west of Boston, has a population of 176,000, and is the third largest city in New England. The high school student body typically includes students from more than 40 area cities and towns.

SCHOOL HISTORY:

The history of St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic High School begins with the separate histories of St. Peter's High School and Marian High School. St. Peter's opened its doors as a co-educational parish school in 1921, under the auspices of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Marian High School opened in 1963 with a freshman class of 97 young women and a faculty of four Sisters of Mercy. In an effort to strengthen Catholic secondary education in Worcester, the Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester established St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic High School by combining the 55-year-old traditions of St. Peter's High School with the 13-year-old traditions of Marian High School. The merger took effect with the opening of the 1976-1977 school year. In September of 1989, a junior high school was added to the St. Peter-Marian community with the enrollment of 83 seventh and eighth grade students. In September of 2003, a new junior high school building opened on the St. Peter-Marian campus, where currently 140 students are enrolled.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide each student at St. Peter-Marian with a quality, value-centered education in the Roman Catholic tradition.

OBJECTIVES:

- To expose students to humanity's rich heritage of faith, ideas, arts, and sciences.
- To instruct students in the evolution and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
- To help students mature in their abilities to make responsible decisions based on Gospel values.
- To nurture excellence of character and fullness of faith.
- To encourage students to take their places as active adult members of their respective faith communities.
- To foster within students a respect for the created goodness of each person and of all Creation.
- To develop students' social conscience/community service.
- To assist and support parents in fulfilling their roles of developing the varied gifts of their children to take their places in a rapidly changing world.
- To prepare students to think critically about popular culture and mass media.
- To challenge students to aspire to excellence in academic and extra-curricular endeavors.
- To foster in students a love of learning.
- To strengthen a good-faith, open, working relationship between administration, faculty, staff, and families for the good of the entire school community.

ACADEMICS AND STANDARDIZED TESTING

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

Religion	4 credits
English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Foreign Language (3 strongly encouraged)	2 credits
American History	1 credit
Social Studies	2 credits
Computer Science	.5 credit
Health & Fitness	.5 credit
Electives	2 credits
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Total	24 credits

GRADING:

Lowest Numerical Equivalent
 A = 90 B = 80 C = 70 D = 65
 Passing Mark = 65
 Honor Roll Mark = 80

LEVELS:

All courses are college preparatory.
 0 = Advanced Placement
 1 = Honors
 2 = Accelerated College Prep
 3 = College Prep

CLASS RANK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

Rank in class and grade point average are computed on all subjects receiving credit with the exception of physical education. All members of the class are included in the ranking, with the exception of students who did not complete both their sophomore and junior years at SPM.

Class rank is weighted for academic level; grade point average is unweighted.

CLASS OF 2009 SAT RESULTS:

Number of Students Testing	162
Middle 50% range Crit. Reading	460-570
Middle 50% range Math	440-590
Middle 50% range Writing	460-590
Middle 50% range Composite	1390-1730
Mean Scores	520 CR/516 M/526 W

ADVANCED PLACEMENT:

Advanced Placement courses are currently offered in ten subjects: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Psychology, French, Spanish, U.S. History, and U.S. Government and Politics.

Students must receive teacher approval to take an AP course, which may require that they complete an application, submit teacher recommendations, and have an interview. Extensive summer projects are required of all AP students. ALL students who take an AP class are REQUIRED to sit for the Advanced Placement examination. SPM does not discourage potentially capable students from taking AP classes.

Juniors & Seniors may register for a maximum of 3 AP classes per year.

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL:

Highly motivated students may apply to participate in Virtual High School (VHS). VHS is a non-profit consortium of schools that offer semester and year-long online courses to participating schools' students. The students who participate can choose from more than 200 courses including core, elective, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.

Advanced Placement Examination Results 2009

AP Grade	Bio	Calculus AB	Chem	English Language	English Literature	Gov't	Psych	Spanish	US History
5	4	2	1	1	1	3	9	0	2
4	4	3	2	9	5	3	12	0	6
3	2	2	3	10	22	7	7	5	6
2	0	1	2	4	31	4	6	1	4
1	0	4	0	0	5	0	8	0	4

- 205 Advanced Placement Exams, 123 Candidates
- AP scores of 3 or higher – 68%
- AP Scholars - 13, With Honor - 10, With Distinction - 3

COURSE OFFERINGS/ 2009-2010

Religion Department

Grade 9	Catholicism and Hebrew Scriptures
Grade 10	Christology and the Christian Testament
Grade 11	Catholic Morality
Grade 12	Living Life Based on Our Catholic Doctrine or Electives by application*:

*Discipleship and Mission: Students commit to leadership service with the St. Peter-Marian underclassmen.

*Church's Social Teachings: Students commit a minimum of 2 hours per week of direct service with an organization in the community.

English Department

Grade 9	English 9 (levels 1-3)
Grade 10	English 10 (levels 1-3) or Pre-AP English 10
Grade 11	American Literature and Composition (levels 1-3) or AP Language and Composition
Grade 12	British Literature (level 1-3), AP English Literature & Composition
Electives	Public Speaking, Creative Writing .5 credit

Mathematics Department

Grade 9	Algebra I (level 1-3) or Geometry (level 1)
Grade 10	Geometry (level 1-3) or Algebra II/ Trigonometry (level 1)*
Grade 11	Algebra II/ Trigonometry (level 1), Pre-Calculus (level 1-2), Algebra II (levels 2-3)
Grade 12	AP Calculus, Calculus (level 1), Pre-Calculus (level 1- 2), Trigonometry/Functions (level 3), College Foundations Math (level 3)

*By recommendation of the math department a student may elect to take both Geometry and Algebra II/Trig in 10th grade in order to accelerate his/her math program.

Science Department

Grade 9	Biology I (level 1-3)
Grade 10	Biology II (level 1-2), Biology, Environmental Science (level 3),
Grade 11	Chemistry (levels 1-3), AP Chemistry
Grade 12	Physics (level 1-2), Anatomy and Physiology (levels 1-2), Conceptual Physics (level 3), AP Chemistry

Social Studies Department

Grade 9	World History (level 1-3)
Grade 10	United States History (level 1-3)
Grade 11	Modern United States History /American Government (level 1-3), AP U.S. History
Grade 12	AP United States Government & Politics

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE:

Unless otherwise noted, all classes meet daily in a seven-period day. The school is on a four-quarter schedule.

Electives:	AP Psychology (11-12), Psychology (11-12), 1.0 credit each,
	20th Century Music (11-12) .5 credit
	Film Study (11-12) .5 credit
	Sociology (11-12) 1.0 credit

*AP U.S. History is a prerequisite for AP U.S. Government & Politics.

Foreign Language Department

Credit for the first year of a language is given for successful completion of study in Grades 7 and 8 or through placement exam. All students are required to study two years of a foreign language; three are highly recommended. Spanish is offered in levels 1-3; French is only available in level 1.

Grade 9	Spanish I or II, French I or II
Grade 10	Spanish II or III, French II or III
Grade 11	Spanish III or IV, French III or IV
Grade 12	Spanish IV, V, or AP Spanish, French IV or AP French

Computer Science/Business Department

All students are required to take a minimum of .5 credits in a computer course.

Grades 9-12 Electives:

AP Computer Science 1.0 credit (VHS)
HTML (level 2) .5 credit
Desktop Publishing (level 2) .5 credit
Introduction to Computers (level 2) .5 credit
Photo Shop (level 2) .5 credit
Keyboarding (level 3) .5 credit
Accounting (level 2) 1.0 credit
Economics (level 2) 1.0 credit

Art Department

Grades 9-12	
Electives	Art, Advanced Art 1 Advanced Art II Painting (Independent Study)

Physical Education Department

Grades 9-12	
Electives	Health and Fitness Physical Education

ALL COURSES ARE COLLEGE PREPARATORY.

Level 0= Advanced Placement
Level 1= Honors
Level 2= Accelerated College Prep
Level 3= College Prep

POST-SECONDARY OVERVIEW

Class of 2009 Graduates were accepted to the following institutions:

Albright College
 American International College
Anna Maria College**
Arizona State University*
Assumption College†
 Babson College
 Bates College
Bay Path College*
Becker College*
Bentley University**
Boston College†
Boston University*
Bridgewater State College†
Bryant University**
 Castleton State College
 Catholic University of America
Central Connecticut State University*
Champlain College*
Clark University**
 Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University**
 Colby-Sawyer College
 College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross**
 Connecticut College
 Curry College
 Drexel University
 Eastern Connecticut State University
 Eckerd College
 Elms College
 Emerson College
 Emmanuel College
Endicott College**
 Fairfield University
Fitchburg State College**
 Flagler College
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State University**
 Fordham University
 Framingham State College
Franciscan University of Steubenville*
Franklin Pierce University*
 George Mason University
George Washington University*
 Hampshire College
High Point University**
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Hofstra University
The Honor Academy's School of Worship*
 Husson College
 Iona College

Johnson & Wales University**
Keene State College**
 Kettering University
La Salle University*
 Lasell College
 Le Moyne College
 Lesley University
 Long Island University,
 C.W. Post Campus
 Loyola University Chicago
Manhattan College*
 Manhattanville College
 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Mercyhurst College*
 Merrimack College
Methodist University*
 Montana State University
 Mount Holyoke College
Mount Wachusett Community College*
New England Institute of Technology*
New Hampshire Institute of Art*
 New Mexico Institute of Mining
 and Technology
 Newbury College
Nichols College**
Northeastern University**
Norwich University*
 Pennsylvania State University
 Philadelphia University
Plymouth State University**
 Point Park University
Providence College*
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
Quinsigamond Community College†
Randolph College*
 Regis College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rivier College
Rochester Institute of Technology*
 Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University**
Saint Anselm College**
 Saint Joseph's College-ME
 Saint Josephs University, Philadelphia
Saint Leo University*
Saint Michaels College*
 Salem State College
 Salve Regina University
 Santa Clara University
 Savannah College of Art and Design

Seton Hill University
 Siena College
 Skidmore College
 Southern Connecticut State University
Southern New Hampshire University*
 Springfield College
St. Bonaventure University*
 St. Johns University
 St. Mary's College, IN
Stonehill College*
Stony Brook University*
Suffolk University*
 Temple University
 Thomas College
Trinity College*
 Tufts University
 Unity College
 University of Arizona
 University of Colorado
University of Connecticut**
 University of Dayton
University of Hartford*
 University of Louisville
University of Maine*
University of Massachusetts, Amherst**
University of Massachusetts, Boston**
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth**
University of Massachusetts, Lowell**
 University of New England
 University of New Hampshire
 University of New Haven
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Rhode Island*
 University of South Carolina
 University of Southern Maine
 University of Tampa
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin, Madison*
Valencia Community College, FL*
Wentworth Institute of Technology*
Western New England College*
Westfield State College**
 Wheaton College
 Wheelock College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute**
Worcester State College†

* 1 student attending
 ** 2-5 students attending
 † 5 or more students attending

Post-Secondary Plans, Classes of 2005 - 2009

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Class Size	165	170	175	181	168
Four Year Colleges	89%	92%	89%	93%	86%
Two Year Colleges	10%	5%	8%	5%	10%
Post Graduate Academies	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Military	0%	.5%	0%	0%	1%
Work/Undecided	0%	1.5%	1%	1%	3%