
Oakland Catholic High School

Freshman Admission Process and Application

For academic year 2012-2013

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Our Philosophy

Called into being by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, the educational community of Oakland Catholic High School dedicates itself to providing a value-oriented, college-preparatory education in an atmosphere which regards the Church's values as catalysts for action. Aware of the dignity of the students in our care, we fulfill our mission by developing their spiritual, intellectual, and personal potential. We understand our role is to guide students toward fulfillment in life and to help them to become confident women. We affirm a love of learning and critical thinking. We teach decision-making grounded in morality. We promote both leadership and service. At Oakland Catholic, we prepare our students for life.

Our Profile

Enrollment: Approximately 610 young women, grades 9-12

Faculty: All instructors are certified professionals in their respective disciplines; Over 75% hold advanced degrees. Student/Teacher ratio: 11/1

Curriculum: Over 100 courses with four different learning tracks - Advanced Placement (AP), College Equivalency (CE), Honors (Hon), and College-Preparatory (CP)

General: 18 sports teams; 23 clubs; Student Council; Newspaper; Forensics; boundless leadership opportunities

Checklist for Applying

- Parents** are to complete the Student Summary and other information sections of this application.
- Applicant** is to complete the short answer section. *Please note that the student should hand write her responses.*
- Fill in student/parent section of "Record Release Form" and submit to grade school principal.
- Make a copy of your application for your personal records before mailing to OCHS/Director of Admissions.
- Complete and mail pre-registration form for the Scholarship/Entrance Exam.
- Verify in early December/January that all elementary school records have been sent to Oakland Catholic.

Calendar

September, 2011	Applications available
September 30, 2011	Eighth Grade Visit Day
October 23, 2011	Open House
November 12, 2011	OC Entrance Exam
December, 2011	Our office will receive Scholarship/Entrance Exam scores
December-January, 2012	Applications will be reviewed
January-February, 2012	Notification letters and course registration materials sent out
March, 2012	Deadline for course registration and \$250 non-refundable fee

These dates represent the most significant points in the application process. Please go online for more specific information regarding calendar, admission, philosophy, curriculum, etc.

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Dear Applicant:

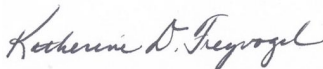
We are pleased that you have chosen to pursue becoming an Oakland Catholic student! We assure you that your individual application will receive the utmost attention.

As you continue in the process of exploring Oakland Catholic as your high school choice, we encourage you to peruse the Oakland Catholic website at oaklandcatholic.org. Here you will find pertinent information regarding dates, deadlines, financial assistance, clubs, athletics, bookstore items, lunch menus, and much more. If you do not find an answer to your questions, please contact us by email at admissions@oaklandcatholic.org, or by phone at 412.682.6633 x256.

Please assist us in the application process by reviewing all the information contained in this packet. Enrollment has been increasing annually and space is limited. We encourage you to send in your completed application as soon as possible. Admission acceptance to Oakland Catholic, as well as primary consideration for language and class choices, will be given to applications received by January 1, 2012. A rolling admissions process will apply after this date.

We hope the enclosed information will help you with your application to Oakland Catholic. Know that we are here to answer your questions as you move through this process. Thank you for your interest in Oakland Catholic. We look forward to welcoming you to the Class of 2016.

Sincerely,



Katherine D. Freyvogel
President



Maureen G. Marsteller, PhD
Principal

Instructions for Completing Application:

- 1. General guidelines:** Parents should complete all sections of the Student Summary and information sections, making sure to **print** clearly in blue or black ink. Please note that the email address should be clear and legible. Email is the most commonly used method of communication, therefore, make sure that your email addresses are accurate, and ones that you check on a regular basis. **Official Application Deadline: January 1, 2012.** *Applications will be accepted after this date, but only those applications received by January 1st will definitely be reviewed in the first round of acceptances.*
- 2. Parent information:** The parent information is equally important. The stated email address should be an account that is checked on a daily basis. Please note addresses of both parents, as well as that of the applicant's legal guardian in situations where the student resides with only one parent or a legal guardian.
- 3. Racial/Ethnic background:** This information is requested of U.S. citizens and permanent residents for statistical purposes within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- 4. Religious affiliation:** Please note your faith and the church or parish where you worship. If you are Catholic and a practicing member of a parish, please include the address, phone number, and name of your pastor.
- 5. Family information:** We would like to know about your family. How many siblings do you have? How old are they? Where do they attend school? Did your mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, cousin, or any other female relative attend an all-female Catholic High School? Feel free to attach an additional sheet of paper if the space provided is not sufficient for this information.
- 6. Foreign Language study:** We offer five different foreign languages at Oakland Catholic. Please let us know your preference of study by listing your first three choices. Also, please check if you are interested in pursuing two foreign languages at Oakland Catholic during your first year of study, and if you are currently studying a foreign language in your grade school for which you would like to test into the second level.
- 7. Short Answer section:** The purpose of this section is so that we can know more about you than a list of facts about where you live, how you scored on the Scholarship/Entrance exam, and your family. It is very important that the responses in this section come directly from the you, the student, in your own words and penmanship. Please complete this section thoughtfully, keeping in mind that this is where you show us who you are beyond your report cards and test scores.
- 8. Records Release form:** Parents, please complete the top section of this form and sign where indicated. Then, deliver the form to your grade school principal so that s/he can offer her/his insight and send us your elementary school standardized test scores, report cards, and overall placement recommendations. *You may want to check with your principal in December/early January to verify that the requested records were sent to Oakland Catholic High School.*
- 9. Final steps:** Before mailing your application, be sure to make a copy for your own records. Mail application to:

Oakland Catholic High School
Admissions Director
144 North Craig Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Our website is full of information regarding Admissions, Curriculum, Extracurricular activities, Calendar of events, the Handbook, the OC Experience, and much, much more. Please make it a habit to consult the site on a regular basis for updates, news, and changes. We look forward to receiving your application and will be in touch soon!

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Student Summary

To be completed by parent/guardian

Full/Legal Name of Applicant *(Please print.)*

Last First Middle Name you prefer to be called

Legal Address *(where Applicant resides primarily)*

Number and Street/ Apartment City State/Zip Country

Home telephone number Applicant's cell phone Applicant's email address

Personal Data

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Primary language spoken at home: _____

Current school _____ Public School district _____

Religious Affiliation

Religion Church/Parish

Pastor's name *(if Roman Catholic)* Address of rectory Phone

Sacraments

Baptism *(date/church/city, state)*

First Communion *(date/church/city, state)*

Confirmation *(date/church/city, state)*

***Name of individual financially responsible for tuition and fees:**

Name Relationship to Applicant

Number and Street/ Apartment City State/Zip Country

Home telephone number Cell phone Email address

For OFFICE use only:

Application Received: _____
Deposit Received: _____

Parent/Guardian Summary

To be completed by parent/guardian

Father

Full name	Religion	
Home address		
College(s) attended	Degree(s)	
Company/Employer	Occupation/Title	
Business address		
Home phone	Business	Cell phone
Email address that is checked regularly		Matching Gift Employer? ____ YES ____ NO

Mother

Full name	Religion	
Home address		
College(s) attended	Degree(s)	
Company/Employer	Occupation/Title	
Business address		
Home phone	Business	Cell phone
Email address that is checked regularly		Matching Gift Employer? ____ YES ____ NO

Please check any that apply. Parents are:

- Married Separated Divorced Single Mother deceased Father deceased
 Mother remarried *Name of Stepfather:* _____
 Father remarried *Name of Stepmother:* _____

Legal Guardian *(if applicant lives with someone other than a parent)*

Full name	Religion	
Home address		
College(s) attended	Degree(s)	
Company/Employer	Occupation/Title	
Business address		
Home phone	Business	Cell phone
Email address that is checked regularly		Matching Gift Employer? ____ YES ____ NO

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Predominant Racial/Ethnic Background of Applicant

(Only U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents are requested to complete this section.)

African American Asian American Caucasian Hispanic Other _____

Foreign Language Study

Oakland Catholic offers a full program in five different foreign languages: **Chinese, French, Italian, Latin, and Spanish**. In most cases, we are able to honor your first choice. However, due to increased enrollment, class size, or number of divisions available, OCHS reserves the right to place you in a second or third choice according to your indicated preferences. *Classes will be filled in the order that the applications are received.*

Please indicate your foreign language preference by listing your first, second, and third choices on the lines provided. *N.B. Chinese is only available to honors students.*

1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
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Are you interested in studying TWO foreign languages simultaneously next year? Check if "YES": _____

Please list any language for which you plan to take a placement exam in May in order to test into the second level of that language: _____

Brothers/Sisters *(Please include names, ages, and where they currently attend school. If they are finished with their education, please indicate if they live at home and what they are currently pursuing.)*

Graduates of Women's Catholic High Schools *(Please list any family members who graduated from a women's Catholic high school. Please include full name, the relationship to you, the high school attended, the year they graduated, and the city and state of the high school they attended.)*

Short Answer Section

To be completed by Applicant in her own writing

Please answer the following questions so that we can get to know you as we review your application.

1. How did you hear about Oakland Catholic High School?

2. What clubs (in or outside of school), hobbies, or athletics interest you? For example: summer camp, photography, music, volunteer work, church activities, travel, softball, etc. Please indicate if you've received any awards/recognition for these activities.

3. How would you describe yourself?

4. What is your favorite subject? Your least favorite subject? Why do you like/dislike them?

5. What excites you about going to high school in general and specifically about possibly attending Oakland Catholic High School?

6. What will you contribute to the Oakland Catholic community if you are accepted and choose to pursue your high school education here?

Records Release Form

Please complete the student and parent sections of this form. Next, deliver this form to your grade school principal. S/He will complete the requested information and send this form to Oakland Catholic High School along with a summary of standardized test scores, your transcript, and other pertinent information. Your application will not be considered complete or be able to be reviewed until all items have been received.

Applicant's name: *(Please print.)* _____

Applicant's current school: *(Please print.)* _____

Name of current Principal: *(Please print.)* _____

Parent/Guardian's signature *(By signing, you are indicating that you would like the above-named Principal to release all pertinent academic records to Oakland Catholic High School.)*

Signature

Date

Principal: Please complete the form below and return to Oakland Catholic High School/144 N. Craig Street/ Pittsburgh, PA 15213/Attn: Director of Admissions. Please send a transcript of grades for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, and achievement test scores for the same grade levels to Oakland Catholic along with this form. No application will be considered complete until our office has received this information from you. Thank you.

I recommend this applicant: Strongly With minor reservation
 With significant reservation I do not recommend this applicant.

Please explain: _____

Principal's signature/date: _____ Phone: _____

** Please complete the reverse side of this form. Also, it is imperative that we receive transcripts and achievement test results promptly in order to determine the eligibility of the applicant. Send to the following address:

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Oakland Catholic is very limited in the programs it can offer for learning-disabled students. Does this student have any **learning difficulties** or **special needs** of which we should be aware while evaluating her application for admission? Has there been a **clinical evaluation**?

Regarding **performance on standardized tests**, are standardized test scores a good indication of *this student's* overall academic performance? Yes No (Please explain.)

Level of mathematics. The student is currently enrolled in the following math class:

Pre-algebra Algebra I Geometry Other _____

The Math Teacher's recommendation for this student next year is:

Algebra I Geometry Algebra II

Should this student be placed in an honors level math course next year? Yes No

Additional comments that we might find useful while reviewing this student's application:

****Reminder: Please return this completed form and include a transcript of grades and standardized test scores for the student's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years. Applications are only reviewed once all items have been received. Early applicants receive primary consideration for foreign language choice and course selection.**

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Recent Oakland Catholic High School graduates have been accepted at the following institutions.

Allegheny College, PA
American University, DC
Auburn University, LA
Babson College, MA
Bard College, NY
Boston College, MA
Boston University, MA
Bowling Green State University, OH
Brynmarw College, PA
Bucknell University, PA
California State University, CA
Campbell University, NC
Carlow University, PA
Carnegie Mellon University, PA
Case Western Reserve University, OH
Catholic University of America, DC
Chatham College, PA
Clarion University, PA
Clemson University, SC
Colby College, ME
Colgate University, NY
College of Charleston, SC
College of Holy Cross, MA
College of William & Mary, VA
College of Wooster, OH
Columbia University, NY
Connecticut College, CT
Cornell College, IA
Cornell University, NY
Davison College, NC
Denison University, OH
DePaul University, IL
Dickinson College, PA
Drake University, IA
Drexel University, PA
Duquesne University, PA
Edinboro University of PA, PA
Elon University, NC
Emerson College, MA
Emory University, GA
Fairfield University, CT
Florida Atlantic University, FL
Florida Gulf Coast University, FL
Florida State University, FL
Fordham University, NY
Franklin & Marshall College, PA
Furman University, SC
Gannon University, PA
George Mason University, VA
George Washington University, DC
Georgetown University, DC
Gettysburg College, PA
Gonzaga University, WA
Goucher College, MD
Grove City College, PA
Hampton University, VA
Harvard University, MA
Haverford College, MA
Highpoint University, NC
Hobart & William Smith Colleges, NY
Hofstra University, NY
Houghton College, NY
Howard University, DC
Indiana University, IN
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA
Ithaca College, NY
James Madison University, VA
John Carroll University, OH
Johns Hopkins University, MD
Kent State University, OH
Lafayette College, PA
La Roche College, PA
La Salle University, PA
Lehigh University, PA
Loyola University of Maryland, MD
Loyola Marymount University, CA
Loyola Marymount University of Chicago, IL
Marietta College, OH
Marquette University, WI
Marymount Manhattan College, NY
Mercyhurst College, PA
Miami University of Ohio, OH
Michigan State University, MI
Mount Aloysius College, PA
Mount Saint Mary's College, MD
Muhlenberg College, PA
New York University, NY
North Carolina A&T, NC
Northeastern University, MA
Northwestern University, IL
Nyack College, NY
Oberlin College, OH
Ohio Northern University, OH
Ohio State University, OH
Ohio State University/Honors, OH
Ohio University, OH
Ohio Wesleyan University, OH
Otterbein College, OH
Pennsylvania State University, PA
Penn State University/Honors, PA
Philadelphia University, PA
Point Park University, PA
Polimoda Istituto Internazionale, Italy
Pratt Institute, NY
Princeton University, NJ
Providence College, RI
Purdue University, IN
Quinnipiac University, CT
Randolph-Macon College, VA
Reed College, OR
Rhode Island School of Design, RI
Roanoke College, VA
Robert Morris College, PA
Rochester Institute of Technology, NY
Rollins College, FL
Rosemont College, PA
Rutgers University, NJ
Saint Anselm College, NH
Saint Francis University, PA
Saint John's College, MD
Saint John's University, NY
Saint Joseph's University, PA
Saint Mary's College, IN
Saint Michael's College, VT
Saint Vincent College, PA
San Francisco State University, CA
Santa Clara University, CA
Sarah Lawrence College, NY
Seattle University, WA
Seton Hill University, PA
Sewanee: The Univ. of the South, TN
Slippery Rock University, PA
Smith College, MA
State University of New York, NY
Stetson University, FL
Stonehill College, MA
Susquehanna University, PA
Swarthmore College, PA
Syracuse University, NY
Temple University/ Honors, PA
Texas Christian University, TX
Thiel College, PA
Towson University, MD
Trinity College, CT
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
Tufts University, MA
Tulane University, LA
United States Air Force Academy, CO
United States Naval Academy, MD
Unity College, ME
University of Akron, OH
University of Alabama, AL
University of California Berkeley, CA
University of Chicago, IL
University of Cincinnati, OH
University of Colorado, CT
University of Dayton, OH
University of Delaware, DE
University of Hawaii, HI
University of Illinois, IL
University of Maryland, MD
University of Massachusetts, MA
University of Miami/Honors, FL
University of Michigan, MI
University of Mississippi, MS
Univ. of North Carolina Charlotte, NC
University of Notre Dame, IN
University of Pennsylvania, PA
University of Pittsburgh, PA
University of Pittsburgh Honors, PA
University of Rhode Island, RI
University of Richmond, VA
University of Rochester, NY
University of South Carolina/Hon, SC
University of South Florida, FL
University of Tampa, FL
University of Toledo, OH
University of Vermont, VT
University of Virginia, VA
University of Washington, WA
Vanderbilt University, TN
Vassar College, NY
Villanova University, PA
Virginia Tech Institute, VA
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, VA
Wake Forest University, NC
Washington and Jefferson College, PA
Washington College, MD
Washington University in St. Louis, MO
Wellesley College, MA
West Chester State University, PA
West Virginia University, WV
West Virginia Wesleyan College, WV
Westminster College, PA
Wheeling Jesuit University, WV
Xavier University, OH
Yale University, CT
York College, PA
Youngstown State University, OH

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