



ST. PETER-MARIAN

CENTRAL CATHOLIC JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2010-2011

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ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent - Dr. Delma Josephson
Headmaster - Matthew R. Sturgis
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Junior High Principal - Joanne Ethier

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

Dir. of Guidance/Counselor Grades 9-11 - Robert Betters
College Counselor Grades 11 & 12 - Kelli Reyngoudt

THE SCHOOL:

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

Enrollment: 602

Class of 2011: 135

Professional Staff: 52

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 182,596, 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 111 students are enrolled.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic Junior-Senior High school is to encourage each student to become a responsible, respectful member of the human community in the Roman Catholic tradition as espoused by the shared values of our founding orders, the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy: faith formation, academic excellence, and commitment to service.

CORE VALUES

- To expose students to humanity's rich heritage of faith, ideas, arts and sciences while fostering students' love of learning
- To motivate students to embrace the divine in all life
- To help students mature in their abilities to make responsible decisions based upon basic moral principles and Gospel values
- To challenge students to work toward a more just and peaceful world
- To foster within students stewardship and a respect for all God's creations
- To enable our students to use their God given talents generously in carrying out the works of mercy
- To develop students' social conscience through community service
- To encourage our students to actively engage in reconciliation with one another and with God
- To prepare students to think critically and to use their talents and gifts to make a Christian impact in an increasingly diverse world.
- To challenge students to aspire to excellence in academics, athletics and extra-curricular endeavors
- To strengthen a good-faith reciprocal relationship between administration, faculty, staff and families for the good of the entire school community

ACADEMICS AND STANDARDIZED TESTING

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

Theology	4 credits
English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits**
Foreign Language	2 credits*
Electives	2 credits
Physical Education	.5 credit
Computer Science	.5 credit
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Total	24 credits

* It is strongly recommended that students take 3-4 credits in Foreign Language.

** 1/2 credit in Social Studies MUST be in an American Government course.

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 2010 SAT and ACT results:

SAT – Number of Students Tested	151
Middle 50% range Critical Reading	440-560
Middle 50% range Math	460-580
Middle 50% range Writing	450-560
Middle 50% range CR+M+WR	1380-1690
ACT – Number of Students Tested	127
Middle 50% range Composite	18-24

ADVANCED PLACEMENT:

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

Students must complete an application, submit teacher recommendations, have an interview and receive teacher approval to take an AP course. 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 SPM 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 2010

AP Grade	Bio	Calculus AB	Chem	English Language	English Literature	Gov't	Psych	Spanish	US History
5	9	0	1	6	1	2	3	0	5
4	2	3	10	5	5	0	15	0	8
3	1	2	5	10	16	3	9	4	4
2	0	3	2	10	29	3	8	2	2
1	2	4	5	0	2	2	6	2	0

- 212 Advanced Placement Exams, 131 Candidates
- AP scores of 3 or higher – 61%
- AP Scholars - 16, With Honor - 3, With Distinction – 6

COURSE OFFERINGS/ 2010-2011

Religion Department

Grade 9	Sacred Scripture
Grade 10	The Mission of Jesus
Grade 11	Life in Jesus Christ
Grade 12	Called to Live as Christians 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	Literature and Composition I (levels 1-3)
Grade 10	Literature and Composition II (levels 1-3) or Pre-AP English 10
Grade 11	American Literature and Composition (levels 1-3) or AP Language and Composition
Grade 12	AP English Literature & Composition or British Literature (level 1-3)
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) AP Biology, Environmental Science (level 3),
Grade 11	Chemistry (levels 1-3), AP Chemistry
Grade 12	AP Chemistry, AP Physics Physics (level 1-2), Anatomy and Physiology (levels 1-2), Conceptual Physics (level 3)

Social Studies Department

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

Electives: AP Psychology (11-12), Psychology, level 2 (11-12), 1.0 credit each,
Sociology, level 2 (11-12) 1.0 credit
Economics, level 2 (11-12) 1.0 credit
Music in the 20th Century, level 2 (11-12) .5 credit
Film Study, level 2 (11-12) .5 credit

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 to four are highly recommended. Spanish is offered in levels 1-2; 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 French V

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

Art Department

Grades 9-12	
Electives	Art (level 2), Advanced Art 1 (level 1), Advanced Art II (level 1), Painting (Independent Study) level 1

Physical Education Department

Grades 9-12	
Electives	Health and Fitness Physical Education

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE:

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

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 2010 Graduates were accepted to the following institutions:

- Adelphi University*
Anna Maria College***
Art Institute of Boston
Assumption College**
Barry University
Bay Path College
Bay State College*
Becker College**
Binghamton University
Black Hills State University
Boston College*
Boston University*
Bridgewater State College**
Bryant University**
Castleton State College*
Catholic University of America
Centenary College
Clark University
Coastal Carolina University*
Colby-Sawyer College
College of Charleston
College of Mount Saint Vincent
College of Southern Maryland*
College of the Holy Cross**
College of Wooster
Concord University
Cornell University
Culinary Institute of America*
Curry College**
Dean College*
Eastern Connecticut State University*
Eckerd College
Elms College
Emmanuel College**
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
Fisher College*
Fitchburg State College
Florida Institute of Technology
Framingham State College**
Franklin Pierce College*
George Washington University*
Gordon College
Greenfield Community College
Hofstra University
Iona College
Ithaca College*
Johnson & Wales University**
Johnson State College*
Keene State College**
Lasell College
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
- Liberty University*
Loyola University, New Orleans*
Lyndon State College
Marist College*
Marquette University*
Marymount University*
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy**
McDaniel College
Mercyhurst College*
Merrimack College
Messiah College**
Michigan State University*
Mitchell College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Ida College
Mount Wachusett Community College
New England College
New England School of Communications*
New Hampshire Institute of Art*
Newbury College
Nichols College**
Northeastern University*
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University
Pace University*
Parsons School of Design
Pasco-Hernando Community College
Paul Smith's College
Pennsylvania State University, Erie*
Pennsylvania State University, University Park*
Plymouth State University*
Point Park University
Polytechnic Institute of NYU
Pratt Institute
Providence College***
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Quinsigamond Community College***
Randolph College
Regis College*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Rhode Island College
Rivier College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College**
Saint Joseph's College, Maine
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University*
Saint Michael's College
Salem State College*
Salve Regina University
- School of Visual Arts***
School of Fashion Design
Seton Hall University
*Sierra Nevada College**
Simmons College
*Smith College**
South Dakota State University
South Florida Community College
Southern New Hampshire University**
Springfield College*
St. Lawrence University
St. Petersburg College*
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University**
SUNY College at Fredonia
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY Buffalo
Syracuse University*
Temple University*
University of Arizona
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut*
University of Delaware
University of Hartford**
University of Illinois, Urbana
University of Maine*
University of Maine, Farmington
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, Wilmington*
University of Rhode Island*
University of Scranton*
University of Southern Maine
University of Tampa**
University of Vermont**
University of Washington
Wagner College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western New England College**
Westfield State College**
Westminster College
Wheaton College*
Wheelock College
Widener University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute**
Worcester State College***
- *1 student attending
 **2-5 students attending
 ***6 or more students attending

Post-Secondary Plans, Classes of 2006 - 2010

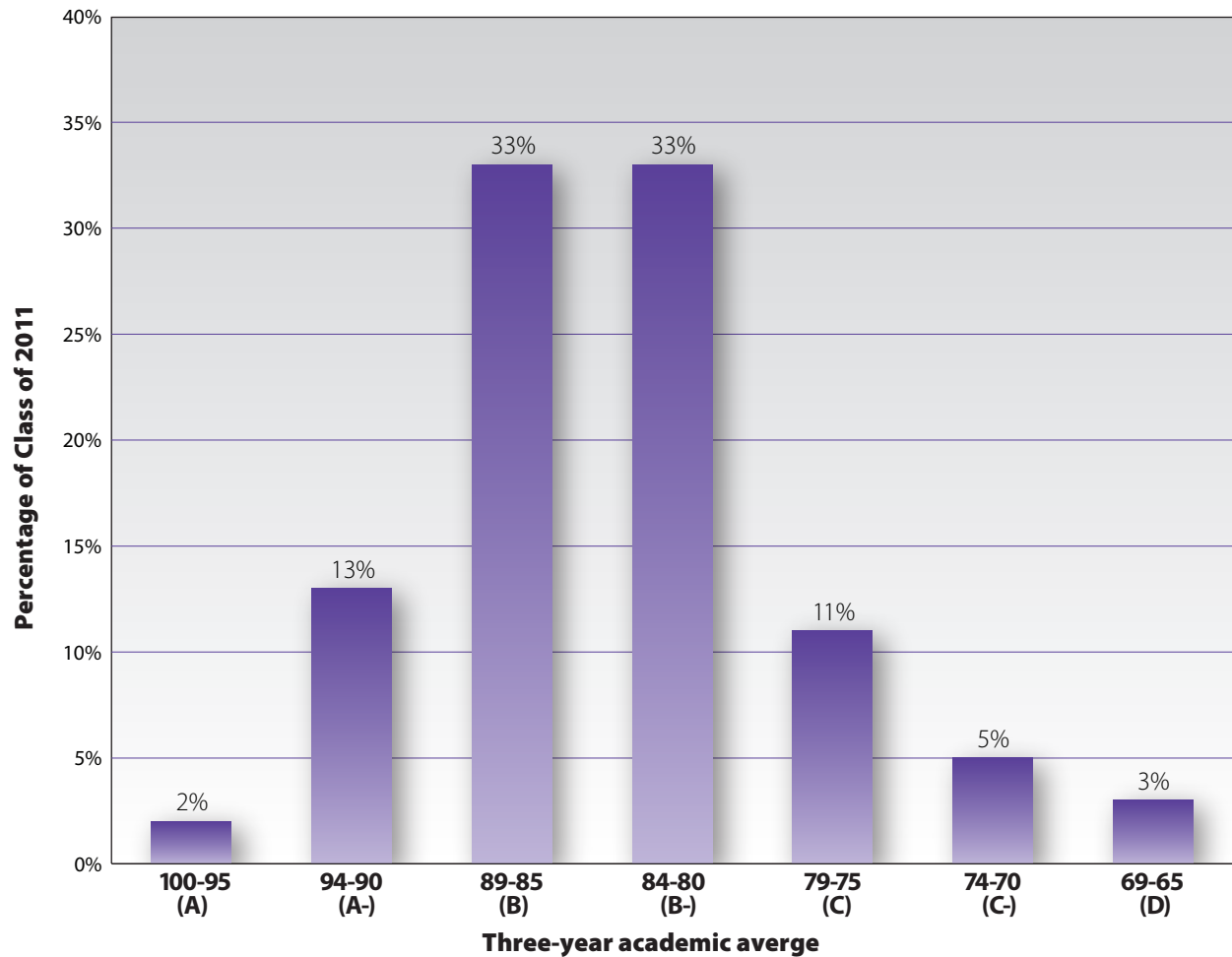
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Class Size	155	165	170	175	181
Four Year Colleges	90%	89%	92%	89%	93%
Two Year Colleges	8%	10%	5%	8%	5%
Post Graduate Academies	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Military	0%	0%	.5%	0%	0%
Work/Undecided	1%	0%	1.5%	1%	1%



Grade Distribution Chart

St. Peter-Marian High School
Class of 2011 Unweighted G.P.A. Distribution

Class Size 135
Highest G.P.A. 98.16
Median G.P.A. 84.38
Lowest G.P.A. 66.38



	100-95 (A)	94-90 (A-)	89-85 (B)	84-80 (B-)	79-75 (C)	74-70 (C-)	69-65 (D)
percentage of class	2%	13%	33%	33%	11%	5%	3%

The faculty at St. Peter-Marian has maintained a rigorous and traditional approach to grading. Students who receive grades of 'A' have demonstrated true academic excellence; grades of 'C' are both common and reflective of mastering classroom material. Of note, the Class of 2011 is a particularly strong class academically. For further information, please contact [Kelli Reyngoudt](#), College Counselor.