

ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Established in 1889, Roanoke Catholic, a regional Catholic school, operates under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Catholic Schools. A co-educational, college preparatory school located in Roanoke, VA, the student body is composed of young men and women from varied socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds who reflect the diversity of the greater Roanoke Valley.

VISION

Roanoke Catholic is dedicated to excellence in education and to the spiritual development of youth within the framework of the Gospel and the tradition of the Catholic Church. We strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to Christian values, and to community service. We are dedicated to achieving these goals in a supportive Christian community.

MISSION

The fundamental task of Roanoke Catholic School is the education of the whole person, blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Roanoke Catholic School, a regional school of the Diocese of Richmond, is accredited by Middle States Association, a worldwide leader in accreditation and school improvement. For over 130 years, Middle States has been helping school leaders establish and reach their goals, develop strategic plans, promote staff development, and advance student achievement. Hundreds of faith-based schools seek out MSA accreditation because MSA supports and recognizes the importance of having schools fulfill their missions under their specialized faith-based traditions and values.

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT: 401

Class of 2024 = 29

Upper School (grades 8-12) 171

Lower School (grades PreK-7) 230

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM

Effective 2010-2011 Roanoke Catholic School students may earn either a Standard Diploma or an Advanced College Preparatory Diploma. The Commonwealth of Virginia requires 24 credits for graduation with grades 9-12. While ensuring that this is achieved, RCS encourages that a student completes 28 High School credits across grades 8 through 12. Minimum graduation requirements include classes mandated by the Virginia Department of Education plus Theology. Credit requirements for grades 8 – 12 include:

SUBJECT	STANDARD DIPLOMA	ADVANCED COLLEGE PREPARATORY
English	4	4
Theology	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Lab Science	3	4
Social Studies	3	4
World Languages	0	3 Units of one language OR 2 units each of 2 languages
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education/Health	2	2
Electives	4	2
TOTAL Credits	24	28

GRADING SCALE (Effective 2013-Present)

A = 90 – 100 B = 80 - 89 C = 70-79 D = 60 - 69 F = Below 60

CLASS RANK

Roanoke Catholic School, like other rigorous college preparatory schools, does not rank students. Class rank can be misleading since only a college preparatory curriculum is offered and each graduating class is small.

GPA and COURSE INFORMATION

Unweighted GPA is determined by using a 100/4.33 scale. AP/DE classes use a weighted 100/5.33 scale

For the 2023-2024 academic year, **Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, English Language & Composition, English Literature, Physics, Pre-Calculus (23-24) and Government. Dual Enrollment (DE) courses are offered in Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Business Management, Government, Education, English 11 & 12, Quantitative Reasoning and Spanish II, III, IV, and V.** For 2023-2024, Spanish V and French V are the highest level of foreign languages offered. National Parks Experience fulfills the requirements of a lab science semester course.

<i>Grading Scale</i>	<i>Unweighted</i>	<i>AP/DE</i>
A+ 97-100	4.3	5.3
A 96-93	4.0	5.0
A- 92-90	3.7	4.7
B+ 89-87	3.3	4.3
B 86-83	3.0	4.0
B- 82-80	2.7	3.7
C+ 79-77	2.3	3.3
C 76-73	2.0	3.0
C- 72-70	1.7	2.7
D+ 69-67	1.33	2.3
D 66-63	1.0	2.0
D- 62-60	.07	1.7
F 59 and Below	0	0

RESPONSE TO COVID

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Virginia closed public and private schools to in-person instruction due to the COVID pandemic. On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, students at Roanoke Catholic School moved to a fully virtual setting. Daily class sessions with instruction, interaction, and assessment happened through Zoom and Google Meet. Even though the final quarter of the school year was non-traditional, students earned grades as presented on their transcripts. For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, students returned to in-person instruction five days a week for the entire school year.

SENIOR PROJECT

Satisfactory completion of the senior research project is a requirement for graduation. This project combines the formal research paper, digital presentation, and senior speech. The paper must be 10-12 typed pages with a minimum of ten sources, according to MLA guidelines; the 7-9 minute speech is presented to the school community.

SERVICE

Roanoke Catholic believes that service to school and community is an integral part of a Christian education; all students are involved in service projects. Each student in the Upper School is required to annually contribute a minimum of 40 hours of service. This requirement was waived during the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school years due to the ongoing pandemic.

MEAN SAT DISTRIBUTION:

READING/WRITING: 630

MATH: 590

MATRICULATIONS OF ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES CLASSES 2014 - 2023

Alderson-Broaddus College	Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Mary Washington
Appalachian State University	Iowa State University	University of Mississippi
Bridgewater College	James Madison University	University of Montreal
Carnegie Mellon University	Jefferson College of Health Sciences	University of North Carolina – Charlotte
Catholic University of America	John Paul the Great Catholic University	University of North Carolina – Greensboro
Christendom College	Lake Forest College	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
Christopher Newport University	Longwood University	University of Notre Dame
Colby College	Mars Hill College	University of Pennsylvania
College of Charleston	Mary Baldwin University	University of Pittsburgh
College of William & Mary	North Carolina State University	University of Richmond
Cornell University	Ohio Northern University	University of San Francisco
Culinary Institute of America	Old Dominion University	University of South Carolina
Duke University	Parsons The New School for Design	University of Tennessee
Duquesne University	Radford University	University of Toledo
East Carolina University	Randolph-Macon College	University of the Pacific
Elon University	Roanoke College	University of Virginia
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Washington
Falmouth University	Shenandoah University	University of Western Florida
Flagler College	Thomas Aquinas College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Florida Atlantic University	USMA at West Point	Virginia Military Institute
Fordham University	US Naval Academy	Virginia State University
Franciscan University	University of Alabama	Virginia Tech
George Mason University	University of California Irvine	Wake Forest University
George Washington University	University of Dallas	Walsh University
Hampden-Sydney College	University of Iowa	Washington & Lee University
Hampton University	University of Kentucky	West Virginia University
High Point University	University of Maryland	Xavier University