

ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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2021-2022 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 Cognia (formerly AdvancED), the largest community of education professionals in the world. Cognia is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of Pre-K-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential. Combining the knowledge and expertise of a research institute, the skills of a management consulting firm and the passion of a grassroots movement for educational change, Cognia serves as a trusted partner to 34,000 schools and school systems – employing more than 4 million educators and enrolling more than 20 million students across the United States and 70 other nations.

2021-2022 ENROLLMENT: 403

Class of 2022 = 39

Upper School (grades 8-12) 179

Lower School (grades PreK-7) 224

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 requires that a student completes 32 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. Honors classes use a weighted 100/4.5 scale and AP/DE classes use a weighted 100/5.33 scale

For the 2021-2022 academic year, Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Composition, English Literature, Physics, and American Government. Dual Enrollment (DE) courses are offered in subjects such as Marketing and Business Management, Government, Spanish II, III, IV, and V. For 2021-2022, 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.

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. During the 2020-2021 school year, 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 3-5 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 and 2020-2021 school years due to the ongoing pandemic.

MEAN SAT DISTRIBUTION:

READING/WRITING: 600

MATH: 570

MATRICULATIONS of ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES CLASSES 2014 - 2021

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