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Catholic Schools: Witnesses to Hope, Sound Investment Superintendent's Message



As I looked back on 2009 in preparation for the publication of this Annual Report, a consistent theme continued to surface: the impact of the economy on the ministry of Catholic school education. The Church's educational mission for Catholic schools has been and continues to be faced with complex challenges exacerbated by

the current economic recession.

Despite these challenges, Catholic school education remains a sound investment as illustrated by this 2009 Annual Report. The advantages of a Catholic education are undeniable: Catholic identity, faith and values are fostered; excellence in academics is expected and offered; communities are built as well as served; and resources are justly distributed to help ensure the affordability of our Catholic schools.

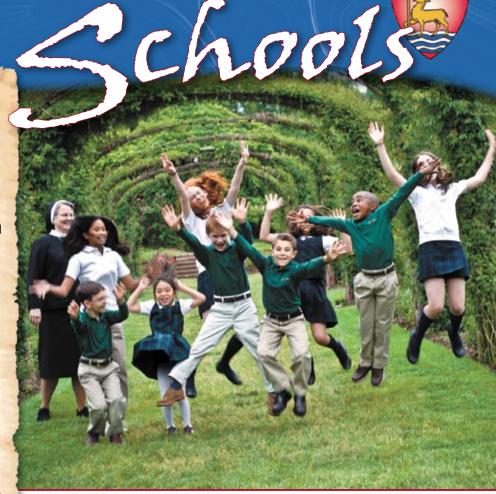
Further evidence of the value of the Catholic school investment can be seen in this past year's blessings: a significant grant from the Wilson Trust Foundation funded the Catholic Alumni Partnership Program; over 600 Catholic school parents were commissioned as Parent Ambassadors in support of school enrollment; Archbishop Mansell's Annual Appeal continued to provide families in need with tuition assistance; and the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools distributed vital scholarships from various charitable donors. Clearly, advocacy for Catholic schools runs strong and steady.

That advocacy is justified by the fact that our students continue to achieve beyond their grade level as indicated by the 2009 standardized test scores; by the 100% high school graduation rate; by the 99% of our secondary students who pursue further education or training; and most importantly, by the search for justice and caring inherent in student acts of service on behalf of their parishes and communities.

As we move through 2010, our goal is to preserve and enhance Catholic school education with innovative planning so that we can continue to produce young people who are prepared for a difficult world, yet who are true witnesses to justice, care and the Corporal Works of Mercy. The value of the investment will be maintained, and our schools will endure as witnesses to hope for our Church and society.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Dale R. Hoyt Superintendent of Catholic Schools



2009 Financial Resources

Percentage of schools providing some form of financial aid	100%
Total amount of Tuition Assistance from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal in 2009	\$880,192
Total amount of financial aid distributed by the high schools to secondary students in 2008-2009	\$8,381,275
Average cost of educating a child in Connecticut	\$12,336
Total savings to the State for educating children and youth in the Archdiocese of Hartford	\$204,444,528
Total Provided to Schools for Operations & Student Aid for 2009 Based on the following:	\$5,771,951
Total Archbishop's Annual Appeal	\$880,192
CSSP Elementary Scholarships	\$580,000
CSSP High School Scholarships	\$200,000
2008 HOPES Collection distributed in 2009	\$260,000
2008 High School Collection distributed in 2009	\$184,414
CSSP Operational - Elementary as of 12/09	\$1,267,345
CSSP Operational - High Schools as of 12/09	\$2,400,000
	\$5,771,951

Awards and Appointments

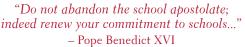
Lydia Forgetta-Sheffield, the Early Childhood Director at Our Lady of Mercy School in Madison, received the Sister Miriam Joseph Farrell, PBVM Distinguished Teacher Award for Region 1 from the Department of Elementary Schools of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). One of only twelve teachers nationwide recognized for her outstanding service to Catholic elementary education, Mrs. Forgetta-Sheffield received the award during the annual NCEA convention in Anaheim, CA in April.

Msgr. James G. Coleman, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Leo the Great Parishes in Waterbury, CT, received the 2008 – 2009 Archdiocesan Distinguished Elementary School Pastor Award. Msgr. Coleman, who has served Catholic education for over twenty years, was also nominated for the Distinguished Pastor Award bestowed by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) in Washington, DC. He received his award from Superintendent Hoyt on January 25, 2009 following Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Church.

Julie Pion, principal of St. Mary Magdalen School in Oakville, was the 2008 – 2009 recipient of the Archdiocesan Distinguished Elementary School Principal Award. Most of Miss Pion's 44-year career in education has been spent in Catholic schools, and she has served as principal of St. Mary Magdalen for over twenty-five years. Superintendent Hoyt presented Miss Pion with her award on January 18, 2009 following Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Church.

Robert O'Keefe received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award at the 32nd Annual HOPES Dinner on September 27 honoring Catholic elementary school volunteers. Mr. O'Keefe was recognized for his extraordinary support of Assumption School in Ansonia, his alma mater.





Vision Statement

The fundamental purpose of Catholic schools is to advance the educational mission of the Church!

Catholic schools educate diverse student bodies to form Catholic, person-centered learning communities; provide quality teaching through traditional and innovative educational programs infused with Catholic Social Teachings; involve students to serve and support parish life and the local civic communities; graduate students who are critical thinkers, productive moral citizens, and spiritual leaders; and recognize and appreciate parents as the primary educators of their children. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENTS 2009 – 2010

Pamela Belury – St. Francis Xavier, Waterbury Bohdan Cuprak – Pope John Paul II, New Britain Katherine Muller – Sacred Heart, New Britain Mary Alice Nadaskay – St. Bridget, Manchester Cynthia Niedbala – St. Augustine, Hartford Dr. Susan O'Brien – St. Brigid, West Hartford Sr. Frances Stavalo, MPF – St. Anthony, Bristol Sherry Steines – St. Bernadette, New Haven Sr. Juanita Szymanski, CSSF – St. Bernard, Enfield (Interim) Victor Vessicchio – St. Francis/St. Rose, New Haven Michael Votto – St. Aedan and St. Brendan, New Haven Mary Patricia Wirkus – St. Thomas, Southington

HIGH SCHOOL CHIEF Administrator Appointments 2009 – 2010

Eileen Regan – Interim President/Chief Administrator, Sacred Heart High School, Waterbury

Dr. Antoinette Iadarola – President, Academy of Our Lady of Mercy (Lauralton Hall), Milford

Margaret Leger – Principal, Holy Cross High School, Waterbury

Margaret Williamson – Principal/Chief Administrator, Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford



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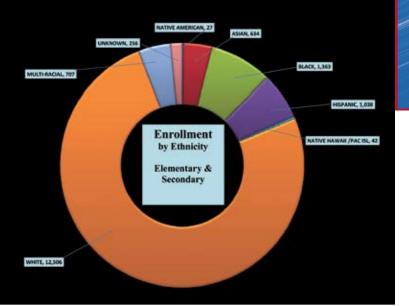
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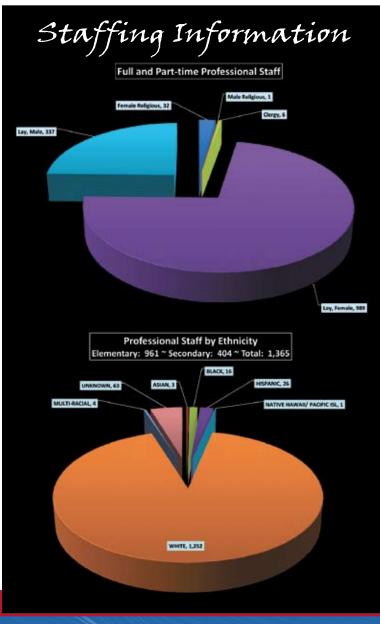
The Catholic Alumni Partnership is a new, privately funded effort to support Catholic elementary schools by helping them to develop or strengthen their fundraising programs. The project aims to help the schools raise money by providing the tools and guidance needed to identify, cultivate and eventually solicit alumni. Ultimately, the Catholic Alumni Partnership's vision is to create a sustainable fundraising program for every Catholic elementary school, with alumni support as its foundation. Today, the Catholic Alumni Partnership includes: 7 archdioceses and dioceses in New York and Connecticut, 303 schools and 100,000 elementary school students. In the Archdiocese of Hartford, fifty two schools are participating in this program.

School Enrollment

Enrollment by Grade - Total: 16,573 Elementary: 11,896 Secondary: 4,677









"A Catholic school that is a Christian community is capable of small miracles on a daily basis!" – Catholic University

NEASC Accreditation Report

Congratulations to the following schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford who were granted reaccreditation during the Fall of 2008 and the Spring of 2009:

Fall 2008

- St. Bernard School, Enfield
 St. Peter/St. Francis of Assisi School, Torrington
 St. Thomas School, Southington
 St. Stanislaus School, Meriden
 East Catholic High School, Manchester
 Spring 2009
 St. Martha School, Enfield
 St. Mary Magdalen School, Oakville
 Blessed Sacrament School, Waterbury
 St. Dominic School, Southington
- St. Francis of Assisi School, New Haven
- St. Francis Xavier School, Waterbury

Academic Excellence 2009 HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

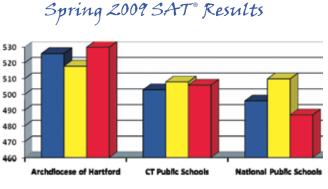
Our Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford do an outstanding job of preparing their students for the challenges of the 21st century. The data below demonstrates the exceptional quality of our secondary schools, particularly their remarkable 100% graduation rate and the 99% of graduates who pursue further education. In these difficult economic times, it is noteworthy that over \$8.3 million dollars in tuition assistance was distributed to our high school students, while the scholarship dollars awarded to graduating seniors this year increased by over a million dollars.

- 2009 Graduation Rate from our Catholic high schools is an impressive 100%.
- The percent of Catholic high school graduates who pursue further education/ training is an outstanding 99% (includes four-year colleges, two-year colleges, training programs and the military).
- The percent of Catholic high school graduates continuing their education at two or four-year colleges is 97%.
- The Class of 2009 at our Catholic high schools received over \$29,919,164 in scholarship dollars.
- All Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford consider it a priority to provide tuition assistance to students in need. Our Catholic high

- schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford distributed \$8,381,275 in tuition assistance during the 2008 2009 school year.
- The Class of 2009 at our Catholic high schools includes the following:
 33 National Merit Scholars
 112 Advanced Placement Scholars
 4 Governor's Scholars
 427 National Honor Society Members
- The number of Scholar Athletes in the Class of 2009 at our Catholic high schools is 256.
- 609 students in the Catholic high school Classes of 2009 were involved in the fine and performing arts.

- Students in our Catholic high schools are encouraged and expected to perform service projects on behalf of those in need, growing as they do so into young adults with a commitment to serving their communities. Our secondary students donated well over 55,803 hours of service throughout this past year.
- The Ivy League colleges or universities where members of the Class of 2009 are enrolled include:

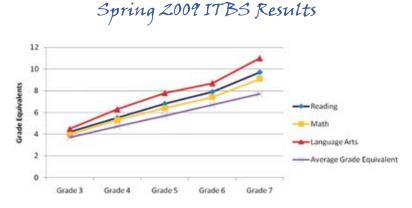
Brown University Columbia University Cornell University Dartmouth College Harvard University University of Pennsylvania Yale University



[📕] Reading 🛛 Math 📕 Writing

The following data represents all college-bound students who took the SAT in their senior year of high school. Nationally, 1,530,128 students took the SAT; in Connecticut, 35,799 students took the SAT; in the Archdiocese of Hartford, 1,089 students took the SAT during the 2008-2009 school year.

Seventeen percent of students in the Class of 2009 who took the SAT attended religious or independent schools. Those students outscored their public school counterparts by significant margins. In the writing section, public school students scored an average of 487, compared to 530 for students in religious schools. In the critical reading section, public school students scored an average score of 496; students from religious schools scored an average of 533. In the math section, public school students scored an average of 510; students who attended religious schools scored an average of 513. (Council for American Private Education, 2009) The average SAT score of students attending Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford is above both the State of Connecticut and the national average in all three tested areas. (see chart, above)



Each spring, students in grades 3 through 7 of the elementary and middle schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). Their scores are reported in both grade equivalents and percentiles. The chart above indicates the Archdiocesan average grade equivalents in the major tested areas. Students take ITBS in the seventh month (March) of each school year and should achieve minimally a grade equivalent score of the seventh month of whatever grade they are in. For example, third graders should score 3.7 (third grade, seventh month), and so on. Archdiocesan average scores are above grade levels in all tested subjects.



"Catholic schools provide rigorous academic programs that make the future for our students all the more promising, and they do so in the context of addressing the entirety of the human person." – Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, Common Threads

TESTING DATA

Catholic School Service

Service to the Schools by the Office of Catholic Schools

Appreciation Dinner – Elementary and secondary administrators enjoyed the annual dinner in their honor on May 14, 2009. Guest speaker at the event was well-known writer Patrick J. McCloskey, author of *The Street Stops Here – A Year at a Catholic High School in Harlem*. An autographed copy of his book was given to each administrator.

Catholic Educators Conference – Sr. Mary Angela Shaughnessy, SCN, J.D., Ph.D., returned to the Archdiocese of Hartford where she presented "Converging Paths to Truth: Faith and Law" during the annual Catholic Educators Conference that was held at St. Paul Catholic High School during October.

Safe Environments Training – Creating and maintaining a safe environment for the students in our Catholic schools remains a high priority. Over the past year, nine additional sessions of Protecting God's Children have been offered through our Catholic schools. To date nearly 3,800 educators and volunteers have been trained.

International Student Program – Over the past three years, the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford have experienced a ten-fold increase in the number of pupils from overseas who have been coming for the express purpose of obtaining a Catholic school education in the United States. We welcome them and embrace the opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

HOPES Dinner – Nearly 600 attendees enjoyed the 32nd Annual HOPES Dinner on September 27, 2009 in honor of our Catholic elementary school volunteers. Msgr. Gerard Schmitz, Vicar for Priests and President/Rector of the Archdiocesan Center, addressed the guests representing 50 schools. The St. John Neumann Award for Volunteer Service was presented to 124 honorees, and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Archdiocesan Award was bestowed on Mr. Robert O'Keefe from Assumption School, Ansonia.

Advancement Workshops – Administrators and volunteers enhanced their knowledge of Advancement for the benefit of their schools at two workshops: on May 6 the topic was "The Website – How to Make it Work for Your School", and on October 14, "The Catholic School Board's Role in Advancement" was presented.

School Board In-Service Training – New and veteran Catholic school board members received training on their role and responsibilities, the importance of board committees, the nature of the consultative board, and basic board functioning at an in-service session held on both August 25 and August 27.

NECACE – Mr. Russ W. Wilson presented an engaging and thought provoking professional development conference for principals, which was sponsored by the New England Chief Administrators of Catholic Schools on November 4, 2009. Delivering five star customer service in our schools was the focus of the sessions entitled: "Marketing, Merchandising and Messaging Our Catholic Schools".

Parent Ambassador Program – This initiative was established to empower and encourage parents/ guardians to serve as effective ambassadors for Catholic education by spreading the good news about their school via word of mouth marketing. Sr. Clare Fitzgerald, SSND, Ph.D., one of the foremost authorities on Catholic school education in the United States, motivated, inspired and commissioned over 600 Parent Ambassadors at two meetings on November 2 and 3, 2009. On December 16, 2009 Richard Burke, President of Catholic School Management, provided administrators with the necessary student recruitment tools and resources.

Secondary School Professional Development – On March 7, 2009 Brother Robert Bimonte presented to all Archdiocesan high school teachers and administrators his research on brain-compatible learning. "In order for young people to thrive and succeed to the best of their abilities, it is essential that our classrooms reflect...eight components of a brain-compatible learning environment." Bimonte provided specific strategies that outlined: 1) Absence of Threat, 2) Choices, 3) Meaningful Content, 4) Enriched Environment, 5) Collaboration, 6) Immediate Feedback, 7) Usefulness, 8) Emotional Connection.

Elementary School Professional Development -

On September 18 and 19, 2009 we were pleased to welcome Kathy Mears, Associate Director of Schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and a member of the Indiana State Advisory Council on Education of Children with Disabilities. She provided all elementary and middle school teachers and administrators with concrete solutions based on the latest research for using strategies that are "brainfriendly". The strategies presented were practical and have been utilized by teachers to provide successful learning opportunities for students with a variety of learning needs in a regular classroom.

Forum for Business Managers – The Director of School Finances hosted a forum of elementary school business managers to solicit "best practices" concerning the day-to-day accounting of transactions for schools. This collective information will contribute to an Operational Manual for all elementary school business managers and/or bookkeepers.

Administrators' Convocation – At the annual Convocation, held on August 13 and 14, 2009, Rev. Ronald Nuzzi, Ph.D, Director of the Alliance of Catholic Education Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame, led administrators in reflective, intellectual, and participatory faith formation on the topic of "Catholic Identity: Our Experience, Our Way of Life and Our Challenge".

Connecticut Federation of Catholic School Parents

- The Connecticut Federation of Catholic School Parents defeated a proposal in the State budget that would have reduced by \$877,000 reimbursements to municipalities to provide busing and nursing services for private and religious schools.
- The Federation worked with Meriden Catholic School administrators and parents to negotiate a reduction – rather than the city-proposed complete elimination – of special services provided to Meriden's Catholic schools. Parents, students and administrators attended five City Council meetings to voice their approval of the compromise.
- The Federation worked with Catholic school parents and administrators to create textbook loan programs in Milford, Meriden, New Britain, and Waterbury.
- Catholic schools all across Connecticut participated in Connecticut Catholic Schools Civics Week January 5 - 9, 2009, and Catholic school students wrote more than 3,000 letters to Governor Rell and members of the Connecticut General Assembly.
- Over 200 Catholic school students, parents, teachers, and administrators participated in Catholic Schools Day at the State Capitol on January 22.

SERVICE BY THE SCHOOLS

Below is a sampling of the many service projects routinely done at our Catholic Schools:

- Collect food items for and serve meals at local food shelters and pantries
- Donate winter clothing to the "Button-Up Connecticut" program and to various shelters
- Purchase Christmas gifts for Sponsor-a-Family Programs
- Collect toys for the Toys for Tots Program
- * Send letters and care packages to soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Reach out to residents of local nursing and convalescent homes
- \checkmark Serve as loving friends to the children at Connecticut Children's Hospital
- Share time, talent and treasure with Habitat for Humanity
- Care for the animals in local shelters
- Support Catholic organizations such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Heart Work Camps, Birthright, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Mercy Housing and Shelter Organization, and Catholic hospitals
- Write cards and bake cookies for the homebound elderly









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ANSONIA Assumption (PK-8) 51 North Cliff St. - (203) 734-0855

BERLIN St. Paul (Kensington) (PK-8) 461 Alling St. - (860) 828-4343

BRANFORD St. Mary (PK-8) 62 Cedar St. - (203) 488-8386

BRISTOL St. Anthony (PK-8)

30 Pleasant St. - (860) 582-7874 St. Joseph (PK-8) 335 Center St. - (860) 582-8696 St. Matthew (Forestville) (PK-8) Welch Dr. - (860) 583-5214

CHESHIRE St. Bridget (PK-8) 171 Main St. - (203) 272-5860

DERBY St. Mary - St. Michael (K-8) 14 Seymour Ave. - (203) 735-6471

EAST HARTFORD St. Christopher (PK-8) 570 Brewer St. - (860) 568-4100 St. Rose (PK-8)

21 Church St. - (860) 528-4169 EAST HAVEN

St. Vincent de Paul (PK-8) 35 Bishop St. - (203) 467-1606

ENFIELD Little Angels Preschool (PK)

90 Alden Ave. - (860) 745-6135 St. Bernard School (K-8) 232 Pearl St.- (860) 745-5275 St. Martha (K-8)

214 Brainard Rd. - (860) 745-3833 HAMDEN

St. Rita (PK-8) 1601 Whitney Ave. - (203) 248-3114 St. Stephen (PK-8) 418 Ridge Rd. - (203) 288-6792

HARTFORD St. Augustine (PK-8) 20 Clifford St. - (860) 249-5661 SS. Cyril & Methodius (PK-8) 35 Groton St. - (860) 522-8490

MADISON Our Lady of Mercy (PK-8) 149 Neck Rd. - (203) 245-4393

MANCHESTER Assumption (PK-8) 27 So. Adams St. - (860) 649-0889 St. Bridget (PK-8) 74 Main St. - (860) 649-7731 St. James (PK-8) 73 Park St. - (860) 643-5088

MERIDEN Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (PK-8) 115 Lewis Ave. - (203) 235-2959 MERIDEN - cont'd St. Joseph (K-8) 159 West Main St. - (203) 237-6800 St. Stanislaus (PK-8) 81 Akron St. - (203) 237-1005

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MILFORD St. Gabriel (PK-8) 1 Tudor Rd. - (203) 874-3811 St. Mary (PK-8) 72 Gulf St. - (203) 878-6539 St. Ann (PK-8)

64 Ridge St. - (203) 878-2738

NAUGATUCK St. Francis (PK-8)

294 Church St. - (203) 729-2247 St. Hedwig (Union City) (PK-8) 32 Golden Hill St. - (203) 729-2403

NEW BRITAIN

Pope John Paul II (PK-8) 221 Farmington Ave. - (860) 225-4275 Sacred Heart (PK-8) 35 Orange St. - (860) 229-7663

NEW HAVEN

St. Aedan and St. Brendan (PK-8) 351 McKinley Ave. - (203) 387-5693 St. Bernadette (PK-8) 20 Burr St. - (203) 469-2271 St. Francis/St. Rose (PK-8) 423 Ferry St. - (203) 777-5352

NEWINGTON

St. Mary (PK-8) 652 Willard Ave. - (860) 666-3844

SIMSBURY St. Mary (PK-8) 946 Hopmeadow St. - (860) 658-9412

SOUTHINGTON St. Dominic (PK-5) 1050 Flanders Rd. - (860) 628-4678 St. Thomas (PK-8) 133 Bristol St. - (860) 628-2485

TORRINGTON St. Peter/St. Francis of Assisi (PK-8) 360 Prospect St. - (860) 489-4177

WALLINGFORD Holy Trinity (K-8) 11 N. Whittlesey Ave. - (203) 269-4476

WATERBURY Blessed Sacrament (PK-8) 386 Robinwood Rd. - (203) 756-5313 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (PK-8) 645 Congress Ave. - (203) 755-6809 St. Francis Xavier (PK-8) 605 Baldwin St. - (203) 753-3197 St. Mary (PK-8) 55 Cole St. - (203) 753-2574 SS. Peter & Paul (PK-8) 116 Beecher Ave. - (203) 755-0881

WATERTOWN

St. John the Evangelist (PK-8) 760 Main St. - (860) 274-9208 **St. Mary Magdalen (Oakville) (PK-8)** 140 Buckingham St. - (860) 945-0621

WEST HARTFORD

St. Thomas the Apostle (PK-5) 25 Dover Rd. - (860) 236-6257 St. Timothy (6-8) 225 King Philip Dr. - (860) 236-0614 St. Brigid (Elmwood) (PK-8) 100 Mayflower St. - (860) 561-2130

WEST HAVEN

Our Lady of Victory (PK-8) 620 Jones Hill Rd. - (203) 932-6457 St. Lawrence (PK-8) 231 Main St. - (203) 933-2518

WETHERSFIELD

Corpus Christi (PK-8) 581 Silas Deane Hwy. - (860) 529-5487

WINDSOR

St. Gabriel (K-8) 77 Bloomfield Ave. - (860) 688-6401

WINSTED

St. Anthony (PK-8) 55 Oak St. - (860) 379-7521

PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ENFIELD

Enfield Montessori (PK-6) 1370 Enfield St. - (860) 745-5847

NEW HAVEN St. Martin de Porres Academy (PK, 5-8) 208 Columbus Avenue - (203) 772-2424

– HIGH SCHOOLS – BRISTOL

St. Paul Catholic H.S.* 1001 Stafford Ave. - (860) 584-0911

MANCHESTER East Catholic H.S.* 115 New State Rd. - (860) 649-5336

NEW MILFORD Canterbury H.S. Aspetuk Ave. - (860) 210-3800

WATERBURY

Holy Cross H.S. 587 Oronoke Rd. - (203) 757-9248 Sacred Heart H.S.* 142 South Elm St. - (203) 753-1605

WEST HARTFORD Northwest Catholic H.S.* 29 Wampanoag Dr. - (860) 236-4221

HIGH SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS HAMDEN

Sacred Heart Academy 265 Benham St. - (203) 288-2309

MILFORD Academy of Our Lady of Mercy (Lauralton Hall) 200 High St. - (203) 877-2786

HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS WEST HAVEN

Notre Dame H.S. 24 Ricardo St. - (203) 933-1673 * Archdiocesan High Schools