

REASONS TO ATTEND ST. PAT'S HIGH SCHOOL

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1. Students attend Mass as a school weekly.
2. By attending Mass at school, students have one more opportunity to receive the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith.
3. Daily prayer in classes.
4. 12-1 Student to teacher ratio*
5. Small class sizes mean more individual help and attention.
6. Strong foundation in the Catholic faith is formed through religion classes taught by a qualified teacher with a theology degree.
7. Six boys varsity sports teams, six girls varsity sports teams.
8. Students have opportunities to participate in multiple sports in the same season.
9. Active National Honor Society chapter.
10. Prestige of attending a Catholic high school (in other words, it looks good when applying for college).
11. Reap the benefits of a staff that is here because they want to be here. Teaching is not just a job, it is a vocation. They are committed to the education of the students.
12. Tight-knit community allows you to function as a family.
13. St. Pat's teachers are able to share their faith with students.
14. St. Pat's teachers will challenge students as individuals and as part of a group.
15. St. Pat's teachers deeply care whether you succeed or not. They want you to do well.
16. Fun events like the walk-a-thon, homecoming, Catholic schools week, etc.
17. Get to see faculty and staff at church-related events (youth group, etc.)
18. Faculty work closely with counselor, parents, and students to solve problems.
19. Plenty of opportunities for parents to get involved.
20. The discipline of a Catholic school will prepare students for the demands of adulthood.
21. The St. Patrick tradition!
22. An education here provides more than how-to instruction in math, English, history, etc.; it provides how-to instruction in life.
23. Teachers give students moral instruction through daily interaction.

24. If a student attended St. Patrick School for middle school grade levels, their teachers were preparing him or her for this high school.
25. The PTO and Education Commission are active in the school.
26. New boiler system will help keep the school at appropriate temperatures during cold weather.
27. At least three advanced placement (AP) courses (Biology, English, and Calculus) taught by teachers in the classroom.
28. 100% of students in the last two graduating classes have gone on to higher education.
29. At a small school, students can “know fewer people better.”
30. Martial arts after-school program taught by high school teacher.
31. Opportunities to develop performing arts skills through theater production and participating at Mass.
32. Students attend Mass during school hours on holy days of obligation, meaning they don’t have to go later.
33. Contrary to popular myth, technology is applied in most, if not all high school classes.
34. Students learn to do quality research across the curriculum, preparing them for college and beyond.
35. Students participate in retreats with their classmates several times through the high school years.
36. The students’ faith is not relegated to the weekend, it is fostered throughout the week.
37. Through charitable activities such as the walkathon and copper stoppers, students learn the importance of giving and sacrifice.
38. While assistance is provided when possible, students are also held responsible for both their coursework and their actions.
39. Student council that is active in planning many high school and school-wide events.
40. Faculty and staff present a consistent message based upon faith in Christ and the teachings of the Church.
41. Playing on a varsity sports team as a freshman can look impressive to college acquaintances.
42. Students do not need to worry about spending one or more seasons sitting the bench. Athletes participate regularly.