

# ABOUT US

## MISSION STATEMENT

DuBois Central Catholic is an educational complex for students Pre-K through Grade 12. As a school of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, we exist to fulfill the mission of the Catholic Church to teach as Jesus did. We strive to accomplish this mission by evangelizing, educating and socializing our students, while worshiping God as a community of believers. We are dedicated to the growth of the whole person, and we help students recognize and develop individual talents so that they can know God and serve Him in building a just society.

In the Fall of 2002, DuBois Central Catholic opened its doors in its present educational complex located at 200 Central Christian Road. Even though the first Central opened its doors in the Fall of 1961 on Hospital Avenue, Catholic education in DuBois has enjoyed a heralded history, actually dating back to 1889, thanks to local parish schools. The current four-wing educational complex serves students from Pre-School through Grade 12, and draws students primarily from Clearfield County and Jefferson County but also from areas within a 20 mile radius and beyond.

DuBois Central Catholic provides a private Christian education in a Catholic environment where faculty and students may grow in the love and spirit of Jesus Christ. To provide excellence in academics, to nurture a sense of community among students, and to impart to all students a commitment to God has always been the mission of DuBois Central Catholic.

DuBois Central Catholic welcomes students of all faiths who desire these educational values. Tuition assistance is available to all students, regardless of their faith.



## WE BELIEVE

Every person is made in the image of God. Celebrating the Eucharist, prayer and all forms of expression of our Catholic faith constitute the core of who we are.

The Catholic faith is the tradition of DuBois Central Catholic and will offer opportunities for students to be formed in Gospel values and Christian attitudes, taking these values and principles to the community.

Believing in academic excellence and life-long learning, we are dedicated to the growth of the whole person emphasizing self-development, critical thinking, reasoning, imagination, creativity, adaptability and the ability to communicate.

A faith-centered community cultivates a family spirit that promotes respect of self and others, teamwork, service to others, cooperation and communication.

Stewardship fosters the responsible use of human, material and financial resources which create a balanced environment.

Developing the integrity of an individual creates an openness to personal and intellectual growth, and one who is loving, religious and committed to justice.

## ACCREDITATION

DuBois Central Catholic is approved by the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The school meets and exceeds all of the educational requirements that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Erie have established for primary and secondary education.

## RELIGION

Faith plays an important role in the educational program at DuBois Central Catholic. All students take part in theology classes. The school provides a faith-filled and values-based program in which the teachings of Jesus Christ are modeled by employees and practiced by students throughout the school day.

Secondary students must take part in one faith based retreat during each school year, and complete 100 hours of community service prior to graduation. School masses are offered weekly during the school year for all students. Penance services are offered before Christmas and Easter. Special religious services are offered according to the time of the Liturgical Year.



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# ACADEMICS

DuBois Central Catholic, a regional school of the Diocese of Erie, aims to equip students to live productive, satisfying, and faith-filled lives. Our Pre-K thru Grade 12 curriculum meets, and in most cases, exceeds state and diocesan standards, with graduates routinely pursuing post-secondary education at a variety of colleges and universities.

Reinforcing the values taught at home, our staff of professionals recognizes and celebrates the important role parents play in the educational process. Likewise, the curriculum begun in pre-school follows a framework through high school graduation that advances with each grade level, building upon past knowledge while creating a solid foundation for future learning. Our curriculum mapping (Pre-K thru 12) assures families that a DCC education prepares students for standardized testing, such as the PSAT, SAT, Terra Nova, and other nationally-recognized tests of achievement.

## TECHNOLOGY

DuBois Central Catholic is a diverse community of learners who work collaboratively as critical thinkers who integrate technology. Students are supported with the best instructional practices that provide meaningful learning experiences which meet high professional standards. Our goal is to provide students with technology skills that will help them prepare for their future education and careers.

At all educational levels, students are supported with the best instructional practices geared to their age and un-

derstanding. Our one-to-one computer requirement for middle and high school students insures that all students have a lap-top; additionally, iPad carts are available for use in all secondary classes as well as all elementary classes to supplement more traditional work.

DuBois Central Catholic effectively integrates technology as a learning and information sharing tool to provide differentiated learning, encourage an interactive learning environment, and implement the 4 C's (collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity), all necessary to achieve a learning framework that prepares students for a global community.

DuBois Central Catholic strives to empower our students to acquire the skills which will prepare learners for real world challenges. In addition, we ensure a nurturing environment, beginning in Pre-School through Grade 12, which fosters student success and promotes innovation, creativity, and collaboration for the needs of the 21st century and beyond.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

30 Credits are required for graduation; two courses of study are offered for high school students who declare their course of study during the freshman year.

1. College Preparatory: This course of study requires, in addition to basic state requirements, at least two years of a foreign language, four science courses with a least two lab courses and a minimum

of four credits of math. Honors courses, advanced placement classes, and college course work are also options for a College Preparatory student at Central. A total of 30 credits is required for graduation.

2. Liberal Arts: Students in the program meet the same requirements as College Preparatory but with these exceptions: no foreign language is required; four years of science are still required but with only one lab science mandated. A total of 30 credits is still necessary for graduation.



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# STUDENT LIFE & ATHLETICS

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Below is a listing of the many clubs and organizations available for students of DuBois Central Catholic. These are intended to enhance student life by providing opportunities to grow in faith, leadership and life-long skills.

- Campus Ministry (HS)
- Chorus (MS & HS; 5th Grade)
- Civil War Club (MS)
- Envirothon (HS)
- Journalism (MS & HS)
- Lead and Seed
- Math Competition (HS)
- Math Options (STEM; MS)
- Mock Trial (HS)
- National Honor Society (HS)
- National Junior Honor Society (MS)
- Regional Science Competitions
- Rotary Interact Club
- Science Fair (5th & 7th Grades)
- Student Ambassadors
- Community Ambassadors
- Scholastic Challenge (MS & HS)
- Gifted Program (4th & 5th)
- ELO (Enhanced Learning Opportunities) (2nd through 5th Grade)
- Student Council (MS & HS)
- Student Government – Class Officers (MS & HS)
- Theater (MS & HS)
- Trout in the Classroom
- Girl Scouts (Elem.)
- Boy Scouts (Elem.)



## ATHLETICS

DuBois Central Catholic provides a wide range of interscholastic sporting activities that not only allow for maximum participation of our students, but also provide an opportunity for each of our students to find an activity in which they can excel. The school is an active member of the PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association) and abides by all PIAA state regulations.

### FALL SPORTS

Coed Soccer (7 & 8)  
Girls Volleyball (HS)  
Girls Basketball (Grades 4-8)  
Coed Cross Country (HS)  
Boys Soccer (HS)  
Girls Soccer (HS)

### FALL SPORTS, CONT'D

Football (Co-op HS; 7-8)  
Golf (HS)

### WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball (Grades 4 & 5)  
Little Dribblers (Boys & Girls; K- 4)  
Cheerleading  
Wrestling (Co-op with Brockway)  
Boys Basketball (MS & HS)  
Girls Basketball (HS)  
Rifle Team (MS & HS)

### SPRING SPORTS

Running Club (Elem.)  
Super Strikers Soccer (Grades 1-5)  
Boys Baseball (HS)  
Girls Softball (MS & HS)  
Coed Tennis (HS)  
Coed Track & Field (HS & MS)

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# COLLEGE COURSES & SERVICE

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide college-level curriculum developed by the College Board, the makers of the SAT, for high school students.

Presently, DuBois Central Catholic offers AP courses in:

- AP American History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- AP Chemistry II
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Environmental Science

## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

DuBois Central Catholic has articulation arrangements with several colleges which allow students to earn college credit for courses taken in-house, such as *Saint Francis University* and *Mount Aloysius College*. Other college credits can be earned by DCC students at *Penn State University*.

### *Butler County Community College*

has credentialed several of DuBois Central Catholic's Masters-level teachers to conduct college courses at Central.

Courses offered at DCC on a regular basis include:

- College Composition (6 credits)
- College Speech (3 credits)
- Psychology (3 credits)
- Anthropology (3 credits)
- Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
- Ethics (3 credits)

It is not unusual for students to graduate with up to 24 college credits. This opens up opportunities for them to graduate college early or to pursue dual majors or minors.

## SERVICE PROGRAMS

Each class in the high school and middle school completes two class projects, one focused on service to the school, the second focused on the community while elementary students work on group and classroom service projects. In addition, each secondary student is responsible to complete a set number of individual service hours.

Grades 6,7,8	10 hours/year
Grade 9	15 hours/year
Grade 10	20 hours/year
Grade 11	25 hours/year
Grade 12	30 hours/year

These hours are a requirement of the school program as well as a requirement for high school graduation. The service component is included in the theology grade for each middle and high school student. Each student is responsible for recording and submitting his or her hours.



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# SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

DuBois Central Catholic believes it is our mission to offer a Catholic education to as many students as possible regardless of income. To that end, qualifying families are granted access to a wide variety of financial aid options. To learn more about financial aid opportunities and availability, please contact the Business Office at 814-371-6889.

Tuition assistance scholarships are available to all students regardless of faith who meet the financial aid requirements. Scholarship amounts are based upon the financial need of the family.

In years past, the total annual financial aid and scholarship awards have totaled over \$900,000, with 70% or more of students and families receiving awards.



## SOURCES OF AID

### BISHOP'S ASSISTANCE TUITION PROGRAM

This is a needs based diocesan scholarship program that aids students attending a Catholic high school or elementary school in the Diocese of Erie.

### EITC FOUNDATIONS

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program, a program created by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, encourages businesses to get directly involved in education by redirecting their tax dollars from Harrisburg to DuBois Central Catholic to be used for tuition assistance scholarships.

The STAR Foundation, the BRIDGE Educational Foundation, the Bravo Foundation and the Children's Scholarship Foundation participate in the EITC and offer tuition assistance scholarships to DuBois Central Catholic students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Families are invited to apply for EITC scholarships in early January of each year. Eligibility requirements have been established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year more and more students benefit from donors who support the school's scholarship program. Some of these scholarships are based on financial need, some on academic performance, and some are given to students who meet other special criteria. These scholarships have been created by individuals who are committed to providing a quality, faith-based education to our children. For more information on how to apply, please contact the school's Business Manager.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Many scholarships and grants are available to graduating seniors and are awarded based upon criteria set forth by the presenting fund. These include, but are not limited to, students pursuing a degree in education, engineering, theater and fine arts, accounting, and health care. Scholarship applications and information are available by contacting the Guidance Department at 371-3060, ext. 635 or 372-3880.

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# ENROLLMENT

We offer an education centered on the values and principles of the Christian faith and our Catholic tradition, with an emphasis on academic excellence and life-long learning. We are dedicated to the growth of the whole person emphasizing self-development, critical thinking, reasoning, imagination, creativity, adaptability and the ability to communicate.

With an enrollment of nearly 500 students, and approximately 50 professional educators, DuBois Central Catholic offers a favorable 10:1 student to teacher ratio on the secondary level with small class sections on the elementary level for optimal teacher-student interaction. Both create an environment for all levels of students to excel.

Our students score higher than the national averages on standardized tests, and have above a 99% graduation rate, as well as a remarkable 99% college acceptance rate.



Experience the day in the life of a DuBois Central Catholic student for yourself! Contact the Admissions Office at 814.371.6689 for information on how to attend a Cardinal Visitation Day and experience the Central Difference: *Learn Well. Live Well. Serve Well.*



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