



2024-2025
Ozark Catholic Academy
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OCA MISSION: Ozark Catholic Academy engages students in a rigorous, integrated education that enables them to behold the fullness of reality through both faith and reason and to live the virtues that make one fully human and truly free.

OCA PHILOSOPHY: Ozark Catholic Academy's philosophy is to foster an educational culture of discipline and excellence that cultivates the whole person, intellectual, spiritual, moral and physical, and inspires a dedication to what is true, good, and beautiful. Essential to this culture are exceptional, dedicated teachers who serve as mentors to their students as well as assist parents in their role as the primary educators of their children. Through an intimate community of parents, students and teachers, the young men and women of Ozark Catholic are prepared not only to become excellent professionals and leaders of service in their communities, but also to become all God intends them to be.

CURRICULUM: The academic program at Ozark Catholic Academy engages students in critical thinking and teaches them to become self-regulated learners in preparation for success in college and in life. Our faculty actively engage with students and course material to promote better understanding and to develop the skills to form and articulate valid opinions. Through the Socratic teaching method, OCA students learn to hear and be open to different ideas. We are committed to an interdisciplinary view of education. This is evident in both our Humane Letters course, a combined study of History and Literature, and in our Math and Science curriculum, which encourages students to think creatively and across disciplines.

Ozark Catholic Academy has an A/B Day schedule with students attending five class periods a day. OCA prides itself on its faculty's ability to offer an upper-level elective curriculum that is inquiry-driven and conceptually challenging. Ozark Catholic Academy currently offers two AP classes, AP Precalculus and AP Calculus, and is looking to offer more AP classes in the future; in the meantime, students can "self-study" and take AP tests on their own, and they can take an AP exam after they finish a class of a similar subject. OCA students can also take dual enrollment classes through Northwest Arkansas Community College and online classes through Virtual Arkansas.

ACCREDITATION: Ozark Catholic Academy is fully accredited by the Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Association. OCA is also a member of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL: Ozark Catholic Academy (OCA) is the only private Catholic high school in northwest Arkansas. Located in Tontitown, OCA is part of the larger metropolitan area of northwest Arkansas that is home to over half a million people and is the world headquarters of several Fortune 500 companies, including Walmart Inc., Tyson Foods, and J.B. Hunt Transportation Services. Northwest Arkansas is also the site of several world-renowned cultural institutions such as the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the Walton Arts Center. OCA attracts students and families from across the northwest Arkansas region, extending as far as into the Fort Smith community.

Ozark Catholic Academy is a four-year private high school enrolling 113 students in grades 9-12 with 38% of the student body identifying as a minority. Twenty one percent of students receive financial aid, and sixty five percent receive the reduced Continuing Catholic Education tuition rate.

FACULTY/STAFF: 26

- Full-Time Faculty: 15
- Part-Time Faculty: 2
- Staff: 9
- 59% of Faculty Hold a Master's

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Students are required to complete 28.5 credits minimum:

- Humane Letters (English): 4 credits
- Mathematics: 4 Credits
- Science: 3 Credits
- History: 4 Credits
- Foreign Language: 3 Credits
- Religion: 4 Credits
- Fine Arts: 1/2 Credit
- Philosophy: 2 Credits
- Wellness and Physical Education: 1 Credit
- Oral Communications: 1/2 Credit
- Senior Capstone: 1/2 Credit
- Additional Courses: 2 Credits

HOUSE SYSTEM: Students, faculty, and staff are placed in one of four houses: House of the Elk, House of the Mountain, House of the Oak, and House of the Water. Each House is derived from the shield on the school's coat of arms and features a particular virtue as its motto. The Houses cultivate camaraderie, leadership, and a healthy competition among the students.

ATHLETICS: OCA has a number of athletic teams, including: archery, baseball, basketball, cheer, cross country, dance, golf, tennis, track, and volleyball. 93% of OCA students are involved in varsity athletics.

LEADERSHIP: Students at OCA have several opportunities for leadership, including:

- Head Boy/Head Girl—These two seniors serve together in the highest student leadership position at OCA as representatives and role models of the OCA student body. Their responsibilities include collaborating with the President and Principal about upcoming school events, communicating with prospective OCA students and families at information sessions, speaking at school assemblies, and much more.
- House Presidents/Vice Presidents—House Presidents and Vice Presidents are chosen each year to lead their respective Houses (a quarter of the student body comprising all grades) by example in spirituality, academics, and athletics and to encourage their fellow students. They also lead their respective houses with philanthropy and fundraising initiatives.
- Spiritual Leaders—Two students each year, a boy and a girl, are chosen to be the Spiritual Leaders at OCA. The Spiritual Leaders assist in organizing spiritual activities for the school weekly and lead students in the Catholic faith.

GRADING SCALE: Ozark Catholic Academy calculates a non-weighted cumulative GPA at the conclusion of each of two semesters.

- A- 90-100
- B- 80-89
- C- 70-79
- D- 60-69
- F- < 60

GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE 2023-2024 STUDENT BODY:

- 13 students earned a 4.0 GPA
- 35 students earned a 3.75-3.99 GPA
- 26 students earned a 3.5-3.74 GPA
- 20 students earned a 3.0-3.49 GPA
- 10 students earned a 2.5-2.99 GPA
- 9 students earned a 2.0-2.49 GPA
- 5 students earned a GPA below 2.0

GRADUATION HONOR DISTINCTIONS:

- Summa cum laude—4.0 GPA
- Magna cum laude—3.75-3.99 GPA
- Cum laude—3.5-3.74 GPA
- Valedictorian
- Salutatorian
- Order of the Gownsmen
- National Honors Society
- Arkansas Governor’s School
- Arkansas Boys State
- Arkansas Girls State
- Docilitas Award
- Veritas Award
- Libertas Award
- Sanctificate Award

ACT SCORES CLASS OF 2024:

Mean Composite Score: 23.68

Mid-50% Range of Composite Scores: 19-27

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE CLASS OF 2024: 84% of the Class of 2024 is attending college.

- 72% are attending a 4-year college
- 12% are attending a 2-year college
- 16% were selected for technical instruction, law enforcement, or work

CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST:

Arizona State University	Pennsylvania State University
Arkansas State University	Pittsburg State
Ave Maria University	Pratt Munson
Baylor University	Purdue University
Bellarmino University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Benedictine College	Rockhurst University
Clemson University	Saint Joseph’s University
Creighton University	Saint Louis University
Dallas Baptist University	Santa Clara University
Embry-Riddle University	Seton Hall
Florida Institute of Technology	Stetson University
Florida State University	Texas A&M
Fordham University	Texas Christian University
Franciscan University	University of Alabama
Harding University	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Hendrix College	University of Arizona
Indiana University Bloomington	University of Arkansas
John Brown University	University of California, Berkeley
Kansas State University	University of Central Arkansas
Louisiana State University	University of Dallas
Loyola Marymount University	University of Florida
Loyola University Chicago	University of Kansas
Loyola University New Orleans	University of Memphis
Massachusetts College of Art and Design	University of Miami
Michigan Technological University	University of Mississippi
Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Missouri
Missouri State University	University of New Mexico
Missouri University of Science and Technology	University of Oklahoma
New York University	University of Oregon
Northwest Arkansas Community College	University of Pittsburgh
Oklahoma State University	University of South Carolina
Oral Roberts University	University of South Florida
Pacific Northwest College of Art	University of Tulsa
	Xavier University
	* Colleges Graduates are Attending

OCA STUDENTS EARNED OVER \$4,650,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS LAST YEAR!