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CHILD**

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**SCHOOL PROFILE
2022-23**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Connelly School of the Holy Child, founded in 1961, is a Catholic, independent, college-preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12. The School is part of a network of 28 Holy Child schools in the United States, Europe and Africa.

2022-2023 Enrollment: 343
Class of 2023: 71

MISSION

Connelly School of the Holy Child is committed to the intellectual, spiritual, artistic, physical and social development of young women. The School emphasizes academic challenge, joy of learning and education of well-rounded women of faith and action. The Holy Child community welcomes students and families of different faiths and diverse backgrounds. In keeping with the philosophy of our founder Cornelia Connelly, Holy Child values the uniqueness of each individual and fosters a life of service to others.

GOALS

FAITH

Foster a joyous personal
relationship with God.

COMMUNITY

Live, learn, and worship as a
dynamic Christian community.

LEARNING

Provide a challenging, creative
curriculum for the students that
develops a love of learning.

PERSONAL GROWTH

Promote the personal growth
and development of the Holy
Child community.

DIGNITY

Create a learning climate based on
trust and reverence for the dignity
and uniqueness of each person.

THE FUTURE

Ensure the continuation and
growth of the Holy Child
mission and philosophy.

**JUSTICE, PEACE, AND
COMPASSION**

Incorporate the principles of
justice, peace, and compassion
in every facet of life.

CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-five credits are required for graduation, including: Four credits each in English, mathematics, and religion; three credits each in social studies and science; completion of 3 years in a world language; two credits in arts; and one and one-half credit in Physical Education/Health (grade not included in GPA calculation).

English	4	Science	3
Math	4	Visual & Performing Arts	2
Religion	4	Phys. Ed/Health	1.5
World Language	3	Electives	2

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA) includes only grades earned in courses completed at Holy Child or through the One Schoolhouse. Year-end grades are used in the computation of the CGPA, unless a course is one semester in length. The CGPA does not include grades earned in physical education courses. If a student repeats a course, both earned grades are used in computing the CGPA. The CGPA is the basis for determining academic eligibility for National Honor Society, awards, or other such programs or organizations. The CGPA is used when reporting the GPA distribution of a graduating class.

RANK: Holy Child does not assign class rank.

GRADES AND NUMERIC EQUIVALENTS:

Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses are weighted 0.5 and 1.0, respectively, in GPA calculations.

A=93-100 (4.0)

A-=90-92 (3.7)

B+=87-89 (3.3)

B=83-86 (3.0)

B-=80-82 (2.7)

C+=77-79 (2.3)

C=73-76 (2.0)

D=60-69 (1.0)

F=0-59 (0)

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

Due to Covid-19 the majority of seniors were unable to take standardized tests this year.

CURRICULUM

Faculty approval is required to take a seventh class and for admission to Honors, AP, and online courses.

Seniors in two AP courses: 20

Seniors in three AP courses: 20

Seniors taking more than three AP courses: 6

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

- Students are reviewed carefully for Honors and AP Courses
- Honors courses are available to freshmen based on placement exams
- Honors courses are given .5 weight
- AP courses are offered to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors (exceptions require approval)
- AP courses are given 1.0 weight
- AP students may take the AP exams in May or opt out

TWENTY-TWO HONORS COURSES INCLUDE:

English 9	Chemistry in the Earth System
Sophomore English	The Living Earth
World History I	Physics 1
World History II	Physics 2
US History	French III
Government and Law	French IV
Humanities	French Cinema and Culture
Algebra I	Spanish III
Algebra II Trigonometry	Spanish V
Geometry	Spanish for Heritage Speakers II
Precalculus	
Calculus	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (AP):

Upon graduation, students who have completed four or more AP courses are considered to have pursued the most rigorous curriculum during their high school career.

AP Biology	AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry	AP Calculus BC
AP Environmental Science	AP French
AP Literature and Composition	AP Spanish
AP Language and Composition	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Psychology	AP World History
AP US Government and Politics	AP Economics
AP US History	
AP Statistics	

CURRICULUM

INTEGRATED SCIENCE PROGRAM

This integrated program provides students with an introduction to the earth and environmental sciences, physics, chemistry, and biology. The comprehensive view gives the students an understanding of scientific principles and provides opportunities to develop problem solving, and technological skills necessary to compete successfully in the 21st century. The curriculum follows a spiral approach, connected by common concepts that complement the Next Generation Science Standards. All courses include lecture and discussion, problem solving, projects and laboratory experiments. After completing two years of integrated science, students will have the appropriate foundation to continue their science studies with a variety of science electives and AP courses.

INTEGRATED SCIENCE: CHEMISTRY OF THE EARTH SYSTEM

In this comprehensive, investigation-oriented science course, students will learn principles and practice procedures essential to all branches of science. Students make connections between concepts and apply the information presented during class as they explore the interrelationships between the levels of organization in chemical and environmental systems. Course objectives emphasize problem-solving strategies, methods for gathering and interpreting data, development of laboratory skills and discovering the connection between particles, properties, systems, and sustainability. Major units of study include atoms, elements, molecules, chemical reactions, the chemistry of climate change, and the dynamics of chemical reactions and ocean acidification.

INTEGRATED SCIENCE 2: THE LIVING EARTH

This course continues the comprehensive, investigation-oriented approach to understanding scientific principles. Students will strengthen and enhance their critical thinking and analytical skills when building upon foundational concepts and evaluating the convergence of physical and biological factors on change. Course objectives focus on analyzing and evaluating data, applying technical laboratory skills, and understanding the cyclical relationships between energy, matter, and their changes within various systems. Major units of study include the relationship between structure and function in biological systems, interactions within ecosystems, genetic variation within individual organisms and populations, natural selection and evolution, and properties of chemical systems and conditions that influence chemical reactions.

RELIGION

Religion is required each year, and students must complete at least 30 hours of community service as part of the required junior-year course. Seniors may take the full-year religion course, Foundations for Ministry, or complete the two one-semester courses: Gospel and Pop Culture, Introduction to Philosophy or World Religions.

ONLINE COURSES

Nine seniors are enrolled in an online class through One Schoolhouse. Courses include AP Art History, Business and Economics, Human Geography, Micro Economics, Psychology, Criminal Justice Reform, and Forensic Science.

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Connelly School of the Holy Child has partnered with Marymount University to offer qualified seniors the opportunity to enroll in dual credit courses. These advanced courses fulfill our students' high school academic requirements while also allowing them to get college credits. Dual Credit courses are created and taught by Holy Child faculty that have received adjunct status at Marymount University.

Holy Child currently offers two dual credit courses in 2022-2023:

Intermediate Spanish Language & Culture (full year, 3 college credits)

Biology 151 and Lab 151 for Fall Semester

Biology 152 and Lab 152 for Spring Semester (full year, 8 college credits)

COVID-19

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Holy Child continued to provide on-line learning and students received letter grades. 2020-2021 began in remote learning and transitioned to a hybrid model. The 2021-2022 school year will begin with in person teaching and learning. Students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear masks indoors.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES SINCE 2018

Adelphi University
University of Alabama
American University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Bard College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
Brown University
University of British Columbia
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Riverside
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Cazenovia College
College of Charleston
Christopher Newport University
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Coastal Carolina University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
Delaware State University
Denison University
University of Denver
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
University of Dublin
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory and Henry College
Endicott University
Fairfield University
University of Florida
Florida A&M University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Southern University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Frostburg State University
Furman University
Gannon University
University of Georgia
Georgia State University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Hampton College
University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Manoa
High Point University
Hollins
Hood College
Howard University
University of Illinois at Urbana
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata University
University of Kansas
Keene State University
Kent State University
Kenyon College
University of Kentucky
King's College
Lake Erie College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Liberty University
Lincoln University
University of Louisville
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, Chicago
Loyola University, Maryland
Maryland Institute College of Art
Loyola University New Orleans
Loyola Marymount University
University of Lynchburg
Lynn University
Marist University
Marquette University
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Mary Washington
Marymount University
McDaniel College
Mercyhurst University
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Massachusetts College of Art + Design
McGill University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Millerville University of Pennsylvania
Monash University
Montgomery College
Morgan State University
Mount Saint Mary's University
Muhlenberg College
Mississippi State University
Molloy College
Universidad de Navarra
Neumann University
University of New Hampshire
New Jersey City University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
University of New Orleans
New York University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A + T State University
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Northeastern University
University of Notre Dame
Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
Otterbein University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pittsburgh
Point Loma Nazarene University
Prairie View A&M University
Providence College
Purchase College SUNY
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Radford University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Regis College
Regis University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
Rollins College
Rutgers University
University of Saint Andrew's
Saint Anselm College
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Vincent University
Sacred Heart University
Salisbury University
Salve Regina University
University of San Diego
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
University of San Francisco
Sarah Lawrence College
Shenandoah University
Southern Methodist University
Savannah College of Art and Design
University of The South
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
Spelman College, Spring Hill College
Stevenson University
Stonehill College
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
University of Tampa
Technological de Monterrey
Temple University
University of Tennessee
University of Texas, Austin
Texas Christian University
The New School
Ursinus College
Webster University
Wingate University
Winston-Salem State University
Woodbury University
The College of Wooster
University of Toronto
Towson University
Trinity College
Tulane University
Union College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan University
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
University of Washington
Washington College
West Virginia University
Widener University
University of Wisconsin
Wofford College
Xavier University
Xavier University of Alabama
York College of Pennsylvania University