



BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2008-2009



President: Brother Karl J. Walczak
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Asst. Principal: Dr. Kevin Burns
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Alumni Director: Mr. James Casey
Director of Counseling: Ms. Sue Ellen Parker

COMMUNITY: Brother Rice High School is a private, all-male, Roman Catholic high school located on the far southwest side of Chicago. It is situated on a 23-acre campus sharing its borders with the towns of Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn as well as St. Xavier University and Mother McAuley High School. Students are drawn from the southwest side of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Students of all races and ethnic backgrounds are represented; over 85% of our students are Roman Catholic.

THE SCHOOL: The Congregation of Christian Brothers, formerly known as the Irish Christian Brothers, conduct the school which consists of a student body of 1,140. The faculty is composed of 75 teachers, both religious and lay, 44 of whom have Masters Degrees. Students are admitted to Brother Rice High School according to the results of a national competitive examination, their grade school record, and the recommendation of their grammar school teachers. Students are placed in high school courses according to their overall record. At the beginning of his freshman year, each student is assigned a counselor who will remain with that student during his four years at Brother Rice High School.

ACCREDITATION: State of Illinois, North Central Association. Member of: the College Board, Illinois Association of College Admission Counselors, National Catholic Educational Association, and National Association of Secondary School Principals. Br. Rice is also a Recognized Exemplary School in the U.S. Department of Education Exemplary Schools Program. Brother Rice was named one of the best secondary schools in the nation by the Catholic Honor Roll four years in a row. This designation is given to only 50 catholic high schools nationwide.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A total of 24 credits are required for graduation. Religion: one year for every year at BRHS, English 4, Mathematics 3, Science 3 (lab sciences), U.S. History 1 (including Public Law Test #195), Social Studies 2, Foreign Language 2* (one language), Health and Physical Education 1, and electives 5.

*FOCUS students are not required to take a foreign language.

GRADING SYSTEM: A+=99-100, A=95-98, A-=93-94, B+=91-92, B=87-90, B-=84-86, C+=82-83, C=78-81, C-=75-77, D+=73-74, D=71-72, D-=70, & F=69 and below. An "H" following a course on a student's transcript indicates that the course is of honors caliber; an "AP" indicates an Advanced Placement course. A weighting system of A+=5.2, A/A-=5, B+=4.2, B/B-=4, C+=2.7, C/C-=2.5, D=1, F=0 is given for honors courses. All other levels use the following: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.

HONORS: To qualify for the "Superior" Honor Roll, students must have a G.P.A. of 4.6 or better. To qualify for the "High Honors" Honor Roll, students must have no grade below "B" and a G.P.A. of 3.9 or better. To qualify for the "B Honors" students must have no grade below a "C" and a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT: AP classes are offered in English, U.S. History, European History, Chemistry, French, Spanish, Psychology, Computers, and Math.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: APEX (Academic Pursuit of EXcellence) is a special program designed to guide the truly academically gifted student to his full potential. Admission to the program is selective and class size is limited. Honors is the traditional approach to the above average student. PACC is a (Program for Advanced College Credit) through St. Mary's University and Moraine Valley College where a number of junior and senior classes have been accredited as college level courses. FOCUS is offered to students in need of more individualized strategies to improve their academic skills and prepare for college. "Main-streaming" of classes begins in junior year.

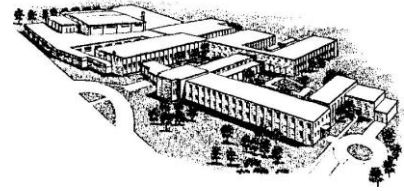
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS: Student activities include: newspaper, yearbook, forensics, billiards, chess, library club, drama, computer club, audio-visual club, fishing club, tutoring, National Honor Society, Peer Ministry, literary magazine, student council, pep-club and philosophy club. In addition to an intramural program, Brother Rice High School also participates in interscholastic athletic competition as a member of the Chicago Catholic League-Blue Division and the Illinois High School Association. Students compete in 14 Catholic League sports sponsored by the IHSA, plus hockey and rugby.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT: Approximately 95% of the 2008 class enrolled in college following graduation from Brother Rice High School. 93% of Brother Rice graduates were accepted to their first or second college choice. Significantly, 85% of the college-bound Brother Rice graduates were accepted by their first college choice.

NATIONAL TEST ACHIEVEMENT: During the 2007-2008 academic year, 256 students completed the ACT assessment. The average ACT score for Brother Rice students was 22.1 compared to the Illinois and national averages of 20.7 and 21.1, respectively. The young men who took the SAT assessment scored a verbal mean score of 601 and the math mean score of 617.



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Mission Statement: We, the family of Brother Rice High School, are a diverse, Catholic Christian community, committed to preparing young men for college and for the process of life-long learning. We educate young men to act manfully in Christ Jesus and to deal wisely with their world in the tradition of the Christian Brothers and the charism of Edmund Rice.

Facilities: Art Room
 Cafeteria
 Campus Ministry Center
 Chapel
 40 Classrooms
 Computer and Keyboarding Labs
 Guidance Department
 2 Gymnasiums
 Music Practice Rooms
 (1) Physics, (2) Biology
 (2) Chemistry Laboratories
 Research Library (more than 22,000 items)
 110-seat Auditorium
 Weight Training Room
 Computer Writing Center with
 60 Computers
 Title I Services
 Resource Room

Programs: Flexible academic scheduling
 College-prep and Advanced Placement academics
 3-year retreat program and Campus Ministry services
 Nationally recognized Band program
 Study skills/test preparation program
 Freshmen Orientation; Freshmen Follow-up
 Tutoring Services

Fine Arts: Competitive Marching, Concert & Jazz Bands,
 Colorguard
 Symphonic Band
 Liturgical Group
 4-year art program
 Theater productions annually

Parent and Friend Organizations:
 Alumni Association
 Alumni Moms/Dads
 Mothers' Club
 Dads' Club

COURSE OFFERINGS 2008-2009

BUSINESS

Accounting/Honors
 Advanced Accounting
 Business Law
 Economics/Honors
 Word Processing -- Microsoft Office
 Consumer Education

ENGLISH

English I, II, III/Honors
 English IV/Honors/AP
 American Lit./Honors
 Composition/Honors
 British Lit./Honors
 Speech, Expository Writing, Reading
 Journalism, Drama
 Novel Analysis

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I, II, III, IV/Honors/AP
 French I, II, III, IV/Honors/AP
 German I, II, III, IV/Honors

MATHEMATICS

Pre-Algebra
 Algebra I/Honors
 Plane Geometry/Honors
 Advanced Algebra
 Advanced Algebra/Trig/Honors
 Pre-Calculus Honors
 Analysis/Intro Calculus - Honors
 Calculus/AP; Calculus II
 Logic

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Computer Instruction
 Computer Literacy/Honors
 Advanced Computer Programming
 Cisco Networking Academy I & II
 Visual Basic
 Web Page Design

PHYSICAL ED/HEALTH I & II

SCIENCE -All Lab Courses

Biology/Honors
 Chemistry/Honors/AP
 Physics/Honors
 Earth Science
 Anatomy/Physiology (Honors)

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History/Honors
 U.S. History/Honors
 AP U.S. History
 AP European History
 WWII/Present/Honors
 Sociology/Honors
 Criminal Law/Honors
 Psychology/AP Psychology
 Geography
 Civil Law/Honors
 Vietnam War

RELIGION

Theology I: Life Management Skills,
 Old Testament
 Theology II: Sacraments, New Testament
 Theology III: Christian Conscience and
 Morality, Social Justice
 Theology IV: Faith and Christian Community,
 Marriage, Campus Ministry
 Christian Service, World Cultures
 Peer Ministry

OTHER ELECTIVE COURSES

Mechanical Drawing, Architectural Drawing,
 Engineering Drawing, CAD, Orchestra
 Concert Band, Symphonic Band – Honors
 Art I, II, III, IV