

# English Department



## Challenging students

Cathedral High School's English Department challenges her students by combining a traditional curriculum with state of the art technology in order to nurture an appreciation within each student for reading, writing, and speaking. The department's goal is to teach students to read critically, to write insightfully, to speak correctly, and to think analytically and creatively. Through careful study and preparation, our students are well-prepared for the rigors of the college classroom.

## Serving diverse student needs

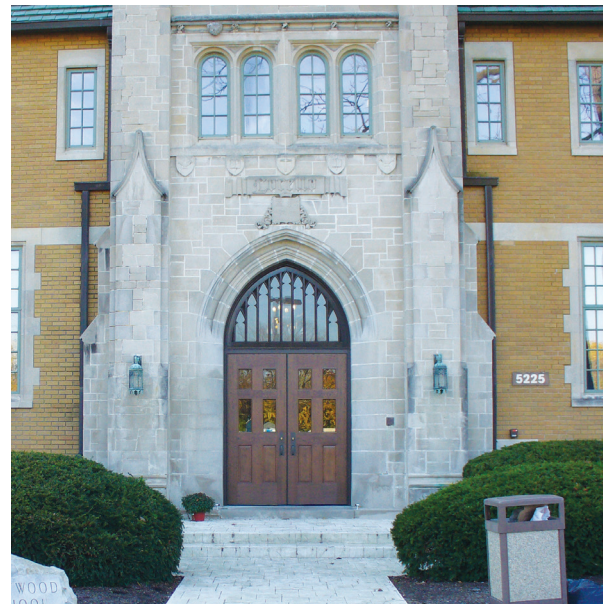
Cathedral's English Department is vertically and sequentially aligned to serve the diverse needs of her students. The department challenges students to work at their appropriate academic levels. To that end, we offer three levels of instruction: college preparatory, academic, and honors. Additionally, some students participate in the Language Support Program for their academic level instruction. AP, IB, and ACP English classes are available to juniors and seniors.

## College and career readiness

The English curriculum contributes extensively to every student's preparedness by focusing on vocabulary, grammar/usage, critical analysis of literature, and foundations of writing. The process of constructing a research paper is taught each year at every level. Our requirement of speech/debate and composition, in addition to state-mandated English classes, allows students to earn ten credits of English in a four-year span, enhancing speaking and writing skills.

## Summer Reading

Students choose selections of works aligned with the coming school year's Holy Cross Core Value. More information about summer reading is available on the school website.





## Newspaper/Yearbook

Student journalists are proud to produce the Megaphone (newspaper) and Cathedran (yearbook). The bulk of the production work occurs outside of normal school hours.

## Debate and Speech Teams

Students compete at local, regional, national, and Catholic events.

## English electives include:

- Advanced Debate
- Advanced Speech
- Creative Writing 1
- Creative Writing 2
- Etymology
- Film Studies
- In Our Village (Service Learning)
- Journalism (Yearbook and Newspaper)
- Photojournalism
- Ethnic Voices