

East Catholic High School — In Their Own Words

Parents and recent graduates of East Catholic share their thoughts and experiences.

I initially chose East Catholic for my two children because of its reputation for academic excellence. As my children moved through their high school years, I realized that having religion woven into the curriculum and overall learning environment is one of the most important components of their high school education. High ethical standards, family values, and respect for others are hallmarks of the East Catholic experience.

A faith-based education in a disciplined learning environment will not only prepare my children for college, it will make them better citizens and contributing members of the communities in which they will live.

Melanie Dino
Current Parent



In choosing a high school for our children, we looked for a variety of qualities, including a challenging academic program and a wide range of athletic and extra curricular opportunities. East Catholic High School fit our needs perfectly. One day of visiting the school as shadows sealed the decision for both of our children — East Catholic was the place for them.

The highly qualified faculty, guidance team, and administration provide individualized attention and a genuine personal touch. The dynamic and committed teachers take a real interest in their students; they are available to provide help when needed and take the time to make personal connections.

Our daughter has made wonderful friends here and had amazing experiences with the sports program. She truly enjoys being part of the East Catholic community. When our son comes in the fall, we are confident he will have the same positive experiences. I feel strongly that our children are receiving the very best high school education right here at East Catholic High School.

Carol Lemieux
Current Parent





Over the course of his four years at East Catholic High School, our son went from a boy to a young adult with a strong, solid education. We believe that sending him to East was one of the best decisions we have ever made.

When senior year rolls around, being accepted to one top university is an honor. Our son was accepted to five — Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Villanova, Boston University, Northeastern, and Merrimack College. We are very proud of his years of hard work and are most grateful for all East Catholic has done to enable him to achieve this milestone in his life. He is currently majoring in biology/biotechnology at WPI, where he was asked to play on the football team. He is on the Dean's List. We are most grateful to the teaching

staff, the guidance counselors, and the coaches at East for all they do, day in and day out, for our son and for all of their students.

Steven & Lynda Everett
Past Parents

Our interest in private schools arose from a concern that, in a large school, our son might be a little fish in a big pond, one who could easily be overlooked in the classroom. After hearing from friends and neighbors how well their children were doing at East, our curiosity was piqued. As we learned more, we found that East is a small, affordable private school that shared our commitment to family, education, and Christian values. Administrators and faculty are dedicated to building confidence in their students and helping each one develop his or her individual abilities. The low teacher-student ratio and school uniforms are strengths not to be overlooked. Tuition at East is a small price to pay for what we have received in return. East has built our son's confidence in the classroom and in his everyday life. He has gone after opportunities, including trying out for and making the varsity tennis team his freshman year and traveling to Italy with a group from school. It was the first time he was ever so far away from home. The safety he feels in school is priceless. East has more than fulfilled its commitment to helping our son become a successful student, a young man with a real sense of giving back to the community. He is clearly well prepared for college and beyond.



Terri & Hank Butler
Current Parents



Going to East Catholic High School was the best decision I made during my teenage years. The faith-filled atmosphere and high academic criteria provided me with a strong foundation for my college years and for life. During my time at East, I made quality friends who I will remain in contact with throughout the years to come.

Kristin Duquette '09

*Sophomore, Trinity College, Hartford
Paralympic Athlete, Swimming
Member, U.S. Team at 2009 Youth*

Parapan Games, Bogota Colombia

*Goal: Participate in 2012 London Paralympics
with the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team*

East Catholic provides a great learning and social environment that I believe gave me a head start on the path to medical school. Thanks to the rigor of my classes and the support of my teachers, I was well-prepared for college coursework. My AP Biology class prepared me to undertake a Genetically Modified Organism project at the university as a freshman.



The project entailed creating drought resistant banana plants that can be planted in countries that need money from the trade but have dry climates. I have shadowed major medical procedures, including triple bypass surgery. I believe the academic preparation and leadership skills acquired at East prepared me for these experiences. During my high school years, I made good friends that I know I will have my whole life.

Granger Marsden '09

*Sophomore, Honors Program, University of Minnesota
Major: Microbiology*

The academics at East were rigorous but not cutthroat. I learned so much there because I felt so comfortable. On any given afternoon, I could find a teacher who wanted to talk about the material — just for fun. Or a classmate who was willing to help with homework. East taught us to look at each other as friends, not competitors. Those friends and mentors from high school remain with me today. I continue to value that education in liberal arts and in faith.



Brian Bolduc '06

2006 Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien Scholar

*A.B., Economics, Harvard University, 2010
Harvard College Scholar, Freshman Year
Editor, The Harvard Salient*

*Summer 2010: Robert L. Bartley Fellow for the
Wall Street Journal's Editorial Board*

*2010-11: William F. Buckley Fellowship at
the National Review*

My East Catholic education provided me with a strong foundation that has shaped my endeavors academically, professionally, and personally. During my years at East, I made lifelong friendships and learned valuable lessons that remain with me. Once you become a part of the East Catholic community, you remain a part of it, even years after graduation. I am proud to be part of the East Catholic community.



Brigid Crean '04

2004 Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien Scholar

*BS in Chemical Engineering,
University of Rochester '08
MBA, Simon Graduate School of Business -
University of Rochester '09*

Current Job: National Grid in Waltham, MA. Brigid is a rates and pricing analyst on the regulatory side of the gas and electric utilities industry.