



John W. Hallahan
CATHOLIC GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL



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*an all-girls Catholic Education at
John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School.*

CENTER CITY IS OUR CAMPUS. JESUS CHRIST IS OUR COMPASS.



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culture and character rooted in tradition.

“There is an urgent need for the establishment in the City of Philadelphia of a Catholic High School for girls,” stated Father John W. Shanahan as found in the First Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the year ending June 30, 1895.

The Sisterhood Begins

In 1901, five High School Centers were established throughout Philadelphia known collectively as Catholic Girls' High School. Mary E. H. McMichan, a devout Catholic lay woman, realized the importance of a unified girls school and championed for such a school in order to provide a strong education for all girls. In 1911, with a donation of great size from Mrs. McMichan, the cornerstone of the building was laid by Archbishop Prendergast and thus the first diocesan catholic girls high school of the country was established.

At the request of Mary McMichan, the school's name was prefaced with John W. Hallahan in honor of her brother. Mrs. McMichan cared for the school and students, and made certain the school had the highest standard of education until her death. Thousands of women have been able to attend John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School and to pursue their dreams of bright educated futures.

The Sisterhood Grows

Over 100 years later, Hallahan continues to educate and empower young women with the most dedicated educators and devoted alumnae. Centrally located and easily accessible, Hallahan attracts students from all neighborhoods of Philadelphia, surrounding suburbs, and New Jersey.

Hallahan is nestled in the cultural heart of Philadelphia. A block from Logan Square, Hallahan is surrounded by Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Free Library of Philadelphia, Barnes Foundation, Franklin Institute, Moore College of Art and Design, Rodin Museum, and Academy of Natural Sciences. A short walk from Hallahan is Philadelphia City Hall, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Kimmel Center for Performing Arts, University of Pennsylvania, and Drexel University. Our teachers and Hallahan community take advantage of the wonderful opportunities of engaged learning beyond the classroom walls. Community and college partnerships, class trips, internships, all live out the ideal of Center City is our Campus.



Our Vision

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School develops the intellectual, spiritual, and emotional potential of each student within a diverse Catholic academic community. The Hallahan community works closely with its members to cultivate the leadership potential of each student. Through participation in Hallahan's inspiring traditions, rigorous academics and engaging activities, every young woman is encouraged to develop a vision for her future and is empowered with the faith and skills necessary to achieve her goals.

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*academic excellence to compete
in the global community.*

Educating young women today to compete in a global community tomorrow is Hallahan's primary focus. With a rigorous curriculum that is relevant to their world, our students are well prepared to meet future challenges.

Preparing our students for the future

A Hallahan student's education consists of core subjects intertwined with 21st century skills:

- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Communication and Collaboration
- Information literacy, Media literacy, and Internet Communication Technology

Each year more than 100 young ladies from Hallahan put these skills to the test, working in business, hospitals and educational institutions in the Philadelphia area as part of the Internship/Work program offered through the Guidance Department. College and career counseling (for all students) begins in the 10th grade.

Advanced Education

We offer a number of advanced educational opportunities for our students, including:

- Honors Classes in all Disciplines and Grade Levels.
- Advanced Placement Classes in English Language, English Literature, Calculus, Biology and Chemistry.
- Spanish, Latin and Chinese Language Classes.
- Science Electives in Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Forensics and Environmental Science, in addition to Advanced Placement Classes.
- Distance Learning: After school students attend Neumann University classes through online, live distance learning with students and faculty. College credits are earned for these classes.

- The Diocesan Scholars Program is open to the top 30 juniors. The selected students attend afternoon classes at either Neumann University, St. Joseph's University, LaSalle University, Chestnut Hill College, or Villanova.
- Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy offers online courses, including Arabic, Italian, Principals of Engineering, AP Government, Digital Photography.
- College acceptances include Drexel University, Fordham University, Penn State University, Philadelphia University, Princeton University, Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of the Sciences, University of Scranton, Swarthmore College, and West Chester University.

Fine Arts Department

Studio Arts: Highly rigorous four year curriculum. College and community partnerships include Moore College of Art and Design Youth Artist Workshop, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts studio art classes, Philadelphia Museum of Art Artist-in-Residence Program, and The University of the Arts STEAM Project.

Graduate acceptances include Moore College of Art & Design, Tyler School of Art, The University of the Arts, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, The School of Visual Arts NYC, and Fashion Institute of Technology NYC.

Dance: Level I and Level II classes offered. Dancers learn Ballet, Modern, Jazz, African and Hip-Hop, and design their own choreography.

Music: Orchestra class and lessons for a wide range of instruments are offered.

The Arts

At Hallahan, we strive to provide a well-rounded curriculum, which includes the Arts. With our center city campus, students are provided unique opportunities to expand their learning.

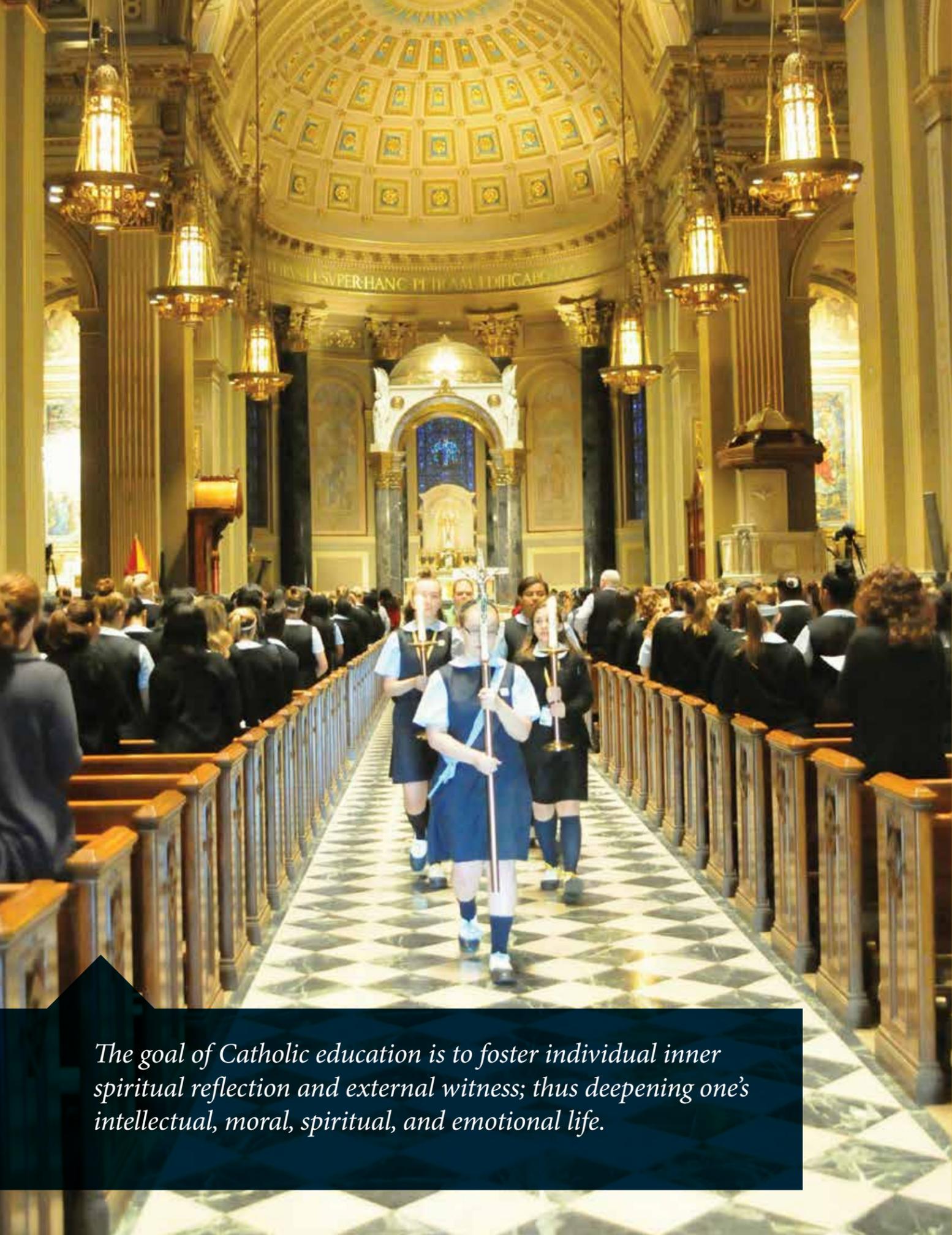


The science classes explore Hallahan's center city campus, and, within walking distance, visit the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia Zoo, and Mütter Museum. Classes attend lectures at Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania, and our Forensic Science class visits Philadelphia crime lab.

“The teachers of the Science Department always want the best for their students, and I can honestly say that I have learned so much from each of them. They do not just teach and hope we get it eventually; they go in depth and explain everything as best as they can. No one gets left behind in their classes. The teachers are the backbone, and without them, I don't know where we would be, in both daily classes and the Science Club.”

Nicole Rodriguez '16





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a foundation of Faith for a lifetime of success.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School develops young women into disciples for the 21st century. Personal spiritual development is fostered through a daily focus on prayer, the teachings of Jesus Christ, and service. Throughout the year, the School Minister holds Mass, prayer services, Sacrament of Penance, and is available for private spiritual counseling.

Our discipleship is lived out through our programs:

- **Annual Retreats**
Class retreats are offered each year.
- **Kairos**
Kairos is an overnight, three-day retreat program offered to juniors and seniors in which students and adults speak about various topics related to Catholic faith.
- **Annual Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction**
The driving force behind all that we do as a Catholic community is centered on the Eucharist. Adoration is offered every Thursday.
- **Annual Marian Devotions**
We honor the Blessed Mother, who is the model for our community, with Our Lady of the Rosary Procession in October and the Crowning of Mary in May.

On a daily basis, we are enriched through the celebration of our Catholic faith:

- **Daily Mass**
Mass is celebrated each morning in our chapel at 7:15 AM. Students, staff, families, and alumnae are always welcome to attend.
- **Daily Prayer**
Prayer is integral throughout the day, said at the beginning of homeroom and every class.
- **Sacrament of Penance**
The Sacrament of Penance is offered each semester during Theology classes and upon request.

“ As a member of our School Ministry program and Respect Life club, I have had many beautiful experiences while being of service to our school and community. Involvement in such clubs allows one to explore many perspectives, while still remaining strong in our Catholic faith and tradition! **”**

Katie Erin Greer '16

The goal of Catholic education is to foster individual inner spiritual reflection and external witness; thus deepening one's intellectual, moral, spiritual, and emotional life.

Community Service Corps

This dedicated group of students works to place the needs of others before their own. Throughout the year, they raise money for food drives, Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl, and Operation Smile. They minister to the homeless at St. John's Hospice and St. Francis Inn, spend time with the elderly at Little Sisters of the Poor, and befriend individuals with special needs with St. Joseph University's Hand-in-Hand.

Pictured right: Students preparing sandwiches at the 2015 World Meeting of Families.



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enhanced education with our clubs and organizations.

Hallahan offers a variety of clubs, service organizations and athletic teams for students interested in enriching their studies and sharing their talents with the Hallahan community and beyond. Hallahan's student athletes strive not only for competition, but also for respect, teamwork, and community, while students involved in organizations like CSC, student council and the student newspaper develop character, learn about leadership and gain a sense of responsibility.

Service & Spiritual Clubs

- Student Council
- Ambassadors
- Community Service Corps
- Handmaids of Mary
- RALY
- "Love for Life" Club

Culture Clubs

- African American Student Association
- Asian Culture Club
- Irish Club
- Italian Club
- Polish Club
- Spanish Club

Special Interest Clubs

- Club Otaku
- Mathletes
- Model U.N.
- Science Club
- Writing Club

Performance and Publication Groups

- Chorus
- Concert Band
- H.T.V.
- *Hourglass* (Literary Magazine)
- *Sand Script* (Newspaper)
- *Silver Sands* (Yearbook)
- Stage Crew
- Theater

Academic Honor Societies

- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Societe Honoraire Hispanica
- Tri-M Music
- Mu Alpha Theta, Math

Events

- Father/Daughter Dance
- Mother/Daughter Luncheon
- Jingle Jam
- Underclass Gala
- Big Sister/ Little Sister Meet and Greet
- Sophomore Spirit Day
- Junior and Senior Proms
- Junior Ring Mass
- Hallahan Day

Athletics

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Indoor & Outdoor Track and Field
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball



Spirit day is among Hallahan's most popular social opportunities. It brings classes together in friendly competition and strengthens the bonds of sisterhood.

“ *I am so thankful to Hallahan. Because of this school, the community, and the sisterhood, I am a better person.”*

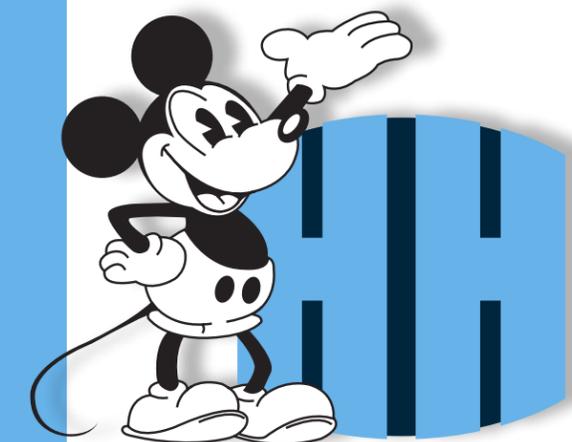
Silvia Cavalieri '18



Rich with history and culture, the city of Philadelphia provides the perfect backdrop for Hallahan. Moore College of Art, The Franklin Institute, and The Philadelphia Museum of Art are just a few of the nearby institutions that are part of the classroom experience at Hallahan.

Fun Fact

Did you know that Hallahan's mascot is none other than Mickey Mouse? In 1937 we received a letter from Walt Disney, himself, giving us permission to adopt Mickey as a mascot for the school.



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