

# ADMISSIONS

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## DECEMBER

Our application is online! In December, our website will have a link to the application. Watch your USPS mailbox for a brochure detailing this process. The envelope will be easily identified with, "Become a Saint. Apply Now."

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## JANUARY 15 DEADLINE

The online application must be submitted by this date and include the following:

- Completed Online Application with documentation
  - Copy of Birth Certificate
  - \$125.00 fee, applied to total tuition and fees
  - Current grades
  - If applicable: ISP/IEP, ICEP, School Service Plan, 504/CAP, ILP, Custody Agreement
- Selection of a FACTS Payment Plan

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## EARLY FEBRUARY

Students will be notified of their acceptance, conditional, or waitlist status based on the number of applicants and available openings. Applications for all grades are subject to available space in the class.

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## FEBRUARY 20

**Course Scheduling Night:** A week prior, emails will be sent with preliminary schedules.

The email will include links to finalize the schedule yourself online or to make an appointment for administrative assistance. These appointments will be limited.

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## MAY 4 & 11

**Placement Exams:** Together with the junior high teacher recommendations, and standardized test scores, these exams will be used to determine the rigor of class in which a student will be enrolled. These exams will be in the areas of Mathematics, Spanish and English. Placement in other courses such as Biology, will be determined by the student's English score.

Bishop Dwenger  
CLASS OF

2028

## FINANCIAL HELPS



It is our goal at Bishop Dwenger to make high school Catholic education affordable for ALL families and ALL situations. Thanks to our annual Saints Alive! Dinner and Auction and the many donations made to the school throughout the year, we have a wealth of financial helps available. Below are the various options available to all:

1. **Indiana Choice Scholarship:** Based upon family size and household income, a family may qualify for a Choice Scholarship with the state, otherwise known as a voucher. Applications are completed annually through the BD Business Office and the limits vary each year. You can learn more about this option on the IDOE website.
2. **Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO):** Applied through FACTS, eligible families may be able to receive an SGO, following the Choice income and household size guidelines.
3. **BD Scholarships:** Thanks to many benefactors, we have a wide variety of scholarships available each year to students in grades 9-12. Applications are done electronically and due each year on April 15.
4. **BD Tuition Assistance:** Applied through FACTS, the Principal and Business Manager will review each application individually and give assistance based upon need.

### Financial Assistance Night Meeting

**December 5, 2023 @ 6:30pm in the BD Library ~ Enter at door #1**



## PILLAR SPOTLIGHT: SERVICE

*“Whoever serves and gives, seems like a failure in the eyes of the world. In reality, it is exactly in giving their life that they find it.” A life that “takes possession of itself, losing itself in love, imitates Christ” in defeating death and giving life to the world. “Whoever serves, saves.” Pope Francis, November 3, 2018*

Each semester, our Saints put their Catholic Faith into action through various acts of service to the community. Because service is one of the four pillars of our school, it becomes obvious that we place a high priority on it. As part of the BD Theology courses, our students complete 10 hours of community service per semester to a wide variety of organizations, with many students going well beyond the 20 required hours. Ten hours of service are “flex hours” to any community or population. The other 10 hours are to the poor, indigent, and needy listed among over 60 organizations. This list is provided to students from which to select their site. (For an up to date list, visit [www.bishopdwenger.com](http://www.bishopdwenger.com) and go to the “Spirituality” tab.)

After some quick calculations, 20 hours per student multiplied by approximately 920 students totals over 18,400 hours given to the community annually! What an impact our students have!

As noted by Pope Francis’ quote, service is essential to the spiritual growth and health of an individual. Yet, we see academic benefits as well. Ted Sanders of the Education Commission of the United States says that more than 80% of the schools with a service-learning program report that by participating in such a program, the students’ GPAs improve. Our students apply what they have learned in the classroom and previous life experiences to share time and talent with others. In turn, they utilize critical thinking, learn about others, learn about themselves and gain insight as to what they may want to pursue in higher education or as a career choice.



## BISHOP DWENGER MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



This exam is offered to any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in competing for an academic scholarship applied toward Bishop Dwenger tuition. Typically, 4-8 scholarships are awarded each year, determined solely on merit, not financial need.

**Date** Saturday, **December 2, 2023** (No alternative date)

**Start Time** Arrival @8:45 am at **door 4 and 5**  
Testing begins @9:00 am

**End Time** 11:45 am test concludes  
12:00 pm students picked up

**Registration** \$30.00 with form; Deadline Nov. 17

To access a registration form, go to BishopDwenger.com > Admissions > Important Dates

**Bring** Two #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)

**Walk-Ins** Limited number of walk-in spots available. Filled on a first come-first served basis. \$35.00.



## Tuffy Says...



### Stay Connected with Bishop Dwenger!



Facebook.com/BishopDwenger



Instagram.com/BishopDwenger



Twitter.com/BishopDwenger HS



YouTube.com/BishopDwengerHS

**Sign up to receive emails about upcoming events and activities through our Halo newsletter. Sign up by going to the bottom portion of [www.bishopdwenger.com](http://www.bishopdwenger.com) and sign up today!**



**For the latest Athletics Calendar, check out the calendar section on [www.bishopdwenger.com/calendar](http://www.bishopdwenger.com/calendar)**

# #weareBD

*Bishop Dwenger promotes an open enrollment policy accepting students without regard to color, race, gender, or national origin, and uses its best efforts to accommodate the disabled in its educational programs. The school is an equal opportunity provided.*



## CO-CURRICULARS

How will you get involved as a  
Bishop Dwenger Saint?

### IHSAA Sports

Cross Country (B & G)  
Football  
Golf (B & G)  
Soccer (B & G)  
Tennis (B & G)  
Volleyball (G)  
Basketball (B & G)  
Swimming/Diving  
Gymnastics  
Track (B & G)  
Baseball  
Softball

### Club Sports

Bowling (B & G)  
Rugby (B)  
Rifle (B & G)  
Lacrosse (B)

### Fine Arts

Art Club  
Pep Band  
Fall Play  
Spring Musical

### Social Justice

Saints for All  
Catholic Relief Service  
(CRS) Club

### Competitive

**Ensembles**  
Jazz Combo  
Marching Band  
Show Choir & Band  
Winter Color Guard  
Winter Drum Line

### Spirituality

Liturgical Ministry,  
Choir, Ensemble  
St. Gemma Club  
St. Joseph Club  
Decade Club  
Rosary Club  
Saints for Life  
St. Mother Teresa  
Club

### School Spirit

Cheerleading  
Spirit Club  
Tuffettes (Dance)

### Language Clubs

French Club  
Latin Club  
Spanish Club

### Leadership

National Honor  
Society  
Student Council  
Future Business  
Leaders of America

### Academic Teams

Academic Super Bowl  
Speech/Debate Team  
Spell Bowl

### Service Organizations

BD Ambassadors  
Euell Wilson Tutors  
Keys Club  
Philomena's Friends  
SADD  
Saints Alive! Volunteers  
Environmental Club

### Other Clubs

Table Tennis Club  
Game Clubs  
Baking Saints  
Medical Club  
Robotics  
PAWS



November 2023

# Discover Dwenger

## News for Future Saints

BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL, A DIOCESAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
FOUNDED IN THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST,  
PROVIDES A FAITH-CENTERED COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO **ACADEMIC** EXCELLENCE,  
GROWTH IN THE **SPIRITUAL** LIFE, A **CHRIST-CENTERED ACTIVE** LIFE OUTSIDE OF CLASS, AND A **CHRISTIAN**  
LIFE OF **SERVICE** TO THE COMMUNITY.

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As you experience your 8th grade year and prepare for life after middle school, I trust that the Holy Spirit is with you and your family in all your endeavors. During this time of looking toward the future and the next four years, I hope you give prayerful consideration to choosing a Catholic high school for continuing your education.

Regardless of where you are currently enrolled, attending a Catholic high school can be a positive instrument in your continued Faith formation and a gift that keeps on giving long after the high school years are completed. Our Catholic schools, like Bishop Dwenger High School, focus on developing the whole student, spiritually and academically, in a life centered around service and healthy, meaningful activities that build up the whole person.

As Pope Saint Paul VI stated below, it is my hope that you find Bishop Dwenger High School to be a school community where there is a "special atmosphere animated by the Gospel", just as I have. This school is a place for you to grow and help mold you into a "Citizen of Two Worlds" through the rigorous curriculum and wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family during this time of thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Kevin C. Rhoades*

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades

*"The Catholic school's proper function is to create for the school community a special atmosphere animated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity, to help youth grow according to the new creatures they were made through Baptism as they develop their own personalities, and finally to order the whole of human culture to the news of salvation so that the knowledge the students gradually acquire of the world, life and man is illumined by faith."*

*~ His Holiness Pope Saint Paul VI, October 28, 1965*