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"You are the light of the world.... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." *Matthew 5:14-16*

VISION

Bishop Luers High School will vibrantly show the face of Christ in the actions and ministry of all students, families, teachers and staff. Bishop Luers High School will ensure that Catholic secondary education is available, accessible and affordable for all who wish to attend.

WE BELIEVE

We believe Bishop Luers High School is a Catholic high school built on a strong foundation of Gospel values empowering all to live faith-filled lives. We believe in academic excellence where both students and teachers are actively engaged in the learning process. We believe that every student has the opportunity to achieve his or her God-given potential. We believe in a safe school environment nurtured by mutual respect and personal responsibility. We believe cultural, economic, and racial diversity enriches our school.

WELCOME TO BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL, HOME OF THE KNIGHTS!

Bishop Luers is a Catholic high school with a strong tradition of excellence in student achievements within academics, athletics, and fine arts. Our students receive a well-rounded education including an emphasis on the teachings of the Catholic faith and the importance of service to others. An education from Bishop Luers High School builds a strong foundation encompassing spiritual, intellectual, and social growth. Our diverse student body comes from twelve Catholic elementary schools and numerous public schools. Bishop Luers High School is accredited by Lumen and continues to excel in academic excellence. Our students are proud of being a "Knight" and we welcome you to become a part of our Luers family.

SETH COFFING

PRINCIPAL



Luers Spirit and the traditions which fill our halls and classrooms, athletic fields and performance stages become our school pride that each graduate takes with them after 4 years. Our "Luers Spirit" and traditions are the bonds which unite us, turning a diverse community of students and alumni into a tight-knit family. It is the level of excellence toward which we strive in academics, athletics, and the arts. It is a force of deep respect we hold for our Catholic faith and educational excellence. It forms the intellectual curiosity which inspires our students to continue learning, growing, aiming high, and moving forward.

CONTACT BISHOP LUERS TODAY TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN BECOME PART OF THE LUERS FAMILY!

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FACTS TO KNOW

538 *TOTAL STUDENTS*

100%

Graduation Rate

84%

College Bound

28%

Recieve Honors
Diploma

16

Average Class Size



14:1

Student to faculty ratio



40

Teachers

53%

Caucasian

29%

Hispanic

11%

Black

6%

Multi-Racial

1%

Asian

80%

Catholic

72%

Involved in
athletics

100%

Involved in
servant leadership
programs

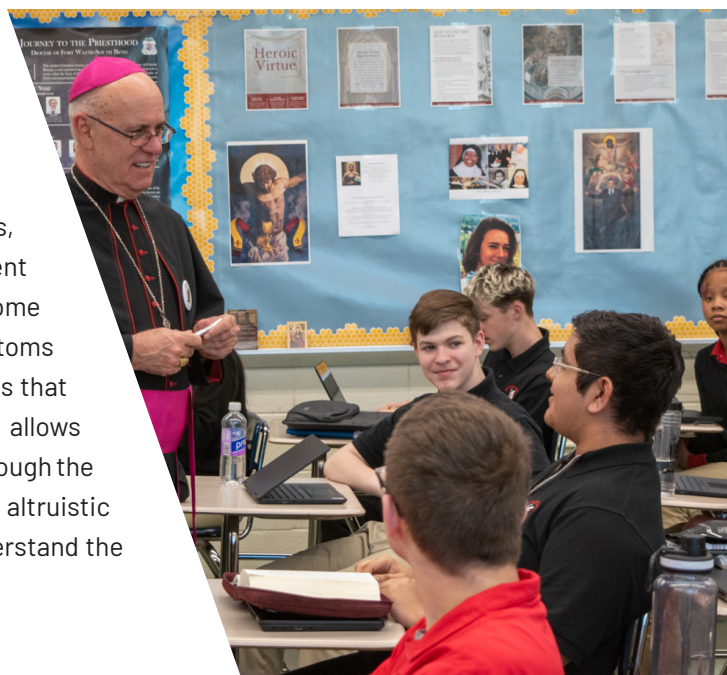
40%

Involved in
performing arts



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Bishop Luers High School has a tradition rooted in Catholic faith. All students are provided the opportunity to grow in their faith and their relationship with Jesus Christ. Spiritual formation revolves around the presence of Christ in the sacraments, as well as living one's faith through works and deeds. The faculty and staff are dedicated to helping students grow as disciples. Mass, penance services, class retreats, prayer services and community service are integral parts of the student experience at Bishop Luers High School. Bishop Luers students become aware of and learn to live the beauty of the beliefs, traditions, and customs of the Catholic Church through their theology classes and the activities that are offered. Bishop Luers High School fosters an environment which allows students to practice their faith openly, enthusiastically and proudly. Through the integration of our Roman Catholic faith coupled with the academic and altruistic learning experiences as a school, Bishop Luers students come to understand the importance of service and charity to their local and global community



HISTORY OF BISHOP LUERS

Bishop Luers Catholic High School is located on the south side of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Bishop Luers is owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Founded in 1958 by the Franciscan Fathers of Saint John the Baptist Province in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Sisters of Saint Francis Province in Mishawaka, Indiana, Bishop Luers was named after the first Bishop of the Diocese, John Henry Luers.

John Henry Luers was born on September 29, 1819 in Luthe, Germany. He was ordained a priest on November 11, 1846 in Cincinnati, OH. He was then ordained the Bishop of Fort Wayne on January 10, 1958. The building of the school was in progress during the Diocesan Centennial, so the high school was named after Bishop John Henry Luers. His service to the diocese in the first years of its history was memorialized in this worthy fashion.

ACADEMICS



Academic life at Bishop Luers is designed to inspire a lifetime of learning. High academic standards are the focal point at Bishop Luers. Students learn critical thinking and problem solving skills within an inclusive, nurturing environment. The benefits of our small class sizes, outstanding student-to-teacher ratio (14-1), and personal, caring attention attract students to become a "Knight". Bishop Luers believes young adults deserve the necessary educational support for success. We are prepared to address and guide the special needs of our student body so each student reaches his or her full potential. Bishop Luers provides each student with a laptop computer for their 4 years of study. Our curriculum is challenging, our teachers are educated and our "Spirit" is strong.



- **CORE 40, CORE 40 WITH ACADEMIC HONORS, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS**
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNSHIPS AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN VARIOUS TRADE FIELDS ARE AVAILABLE**
- **FINE ARTS PROGRAM, 22 AVAILABLE COURSES**
- **SPANISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS WITH TRAVEL AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES**

ATHLETICS



Some of the greatest memories of high school are formed around athletics. Participation in athletics is important in the formation of a well-rounded student. Along with improving physical skills, athletics help build character, develop a sense of teamwork, and encourage all students to set and attain individual and team goals. A rich tradition of athletic excellence and numerous team and individual accomplishments have made BLHS athletic teams well respected opponents in state-wide athletic competitions. As a member of IHSA, Bishop Luers students compete in eighteen varsity sports. In 2024-25 the Bishop Luers Football team was the Class 3A Runner-up, Boys Basketball was the 3A Sectional Champion and we had one State Qualifier in Track and Field.

Opportunities for athletic participation are varied and many students participate in multiple sports in addition to other co-curricular activities. Bishop Luers student athletes understand the importance of Christian character, conduct, athletic achievement, leadership, academic leadership and respect for teammates and opponents. Teachers and staff are committed to helping students grow mind, body, and spirit, ensuring the success and well-being of all students.



SPORTS OFFERED

**BASEBALL • BASKETBALL • CHEERLEADING • CROSS COUNTRY • FOOTBALL • GOLF • SOCCER •
SOFTBALL • SWIM/DIVE • TENNIS • TRACK & FIELD • VOLLEYBALL • WRESTLING**

ACTIVITIES

Every student at Bishop Luers has the opportunity to be part of a wide variety of extracurricular activities. In fact, 80% of students are involved with two or more activities each year. From championship sports programs, to award-winning music and arts programs, students have opportunities to develop critical team and social skills that help strengthen their high school experience.

Bishop Luers High School is proud of hosting the first ever Show Choir competition in the nation in 1975 and continues that tradition to date. Bishop Luers has won numerous state championships in a wide variety of athletics and has claimed several awards in Academic Super Bowl competitions and music and arts programs. Filled with a rich tradition of extra-curricular involvement, Bishop Luers students have a variety of choices beyond the classroom which builds upon critical team participation and leadership development skills.



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES OFFERED

**ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL • BOWLING • CHESS CLUB • DRAMA CLUB • FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA • KEY CLUB
KNIGHTS FOR LIFE • SPELL BOWL • WORLD CULTURE CLUB • NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY • SHOW CHOIR
PEP AND CONCERT BAND • NEWSPAPER • HEATHER'S CLOSET/LOCKER ROOM LEADERS
CATHOLICS RELIEF SERVICES CLUB • STUDENT GOVERNMENT • UKULELE SOCIETY**



ARTS



The Fine Arts Department at Bishop Luers High School is founded upon the rich artistic traditions of the Catholic Church. Our nationally recognized art programs prepare students with technical and performance skills, foster creativity, encourage cooperation, build confidence, and develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts. Theater productions, musicals, speech and art competitions, choir, band, and music appreciation curriculum allow our students an avenue of expression and a broader understanding and appreciation for the arts.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

- **THREE THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS PER YEAR**
- **NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD RECIPIENTS**
- **LONGEST RUNNING SHOW CHOIR INVITATIONAL IN THE NATION**



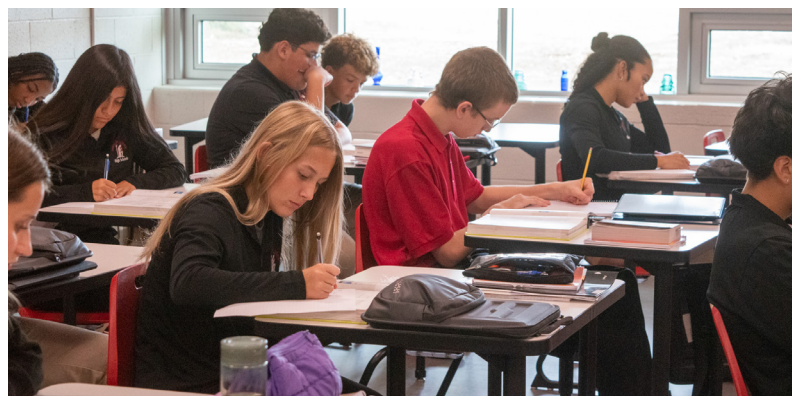
TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

An education at Bishop Luers is a financial investment in the future of all of our students and we understand the sacrifice it takes to provide for that investment. We also know that like any great investment, students at Bishop Luers attain great returns during their 4 years and far beyond. Are you a Knight in need? Bishop Luers offers options to help make your investment more affordable; the Indiana Choice Scholarship, financial aid, over 15 scholarships and the Adopt-A-Knight program, all of which are independently/privately funded by friends & alumni. We want all families to know that the cornerstone of our financial aid program is to offer personalized support to help make a Bishop Luers education affordable for all families.



SPECIAL SERVICES

Bishop Luers believes that students of all abilities can succeed with the right support systems, guidance and faith. Bishop Luers offers a comprehensive special education program specifically designed for exceptional students that is inclusive and adaptive to the needs of the individual student. The faculty works closely with the student, the family as well as other students and faculty to insure integration and growth for every student at Bishop Luers regardless of ability.



ALUMNI

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT AT BISHOP LUERS WITH ALUMNI SUPPORT

Our alumni and friends continue to show their "Luers Spirit" by providing ongoing support for our student body and our school. Donations from our alumni who have walked the halls are what keep Bishop Luers moving forward. We are blessed to have alumni across the country that continue to believe in the mission and values of secondary Catholic education at Bishop Luers. With the support of our alumni, we will continue to improve our almost 70-year-old building to meet the needs of our student body and continue to provide a positive learning environment.

SYMONE SMITH CLASS OF '13

Registered Nurse at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati



Graduating from Bishop Luers has been one of the best decisions I've made when it came to my academics. Throughout my journey at Luers, I've learned how to use every resource I had to help me succeed academically where it has helped me to save lives as registered nurse today! I graduated from IU Indy in 2019 with a Bachelor's in Psychology; where I was also a mentor/orientation leader for freshman students and a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. I took a big leap of faith to go back to school and move to Cincinnati to start my new chapter in the Accelerated Nursing Program at Xavier University. I graduated from Xavier University in 2023 with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. After graduating, I was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. In my current position, I continue to strive to save lives and be an advocate for my patients! I am forever grateful for all of the help and encouragement I've received throughout my journey at Luers which has helped me to keep reaching for the stars!

EDGAR ALARCON CLASS OF '15

Associate at the American Bar Association - Commission on Immigration



The faculty and staff really helped me feel a part of the Luers community and ensured that I would meet the academic rigor in order to succeed in life after high school. The courses at Luers were challenging yet much needed in order to prepare for college and I am thankful for that. I also kept my faith in God the entire time as I made huge decisions and realized that my hard work would eventually pay off. As a first-generation Latino, it is often not easy to overcome the obstacles in life. However, the support I received from Luers along with my faith in God and in myself, I now am happy with what I am doing - helping underrepresented communities.

KARA AND MIKE KELLEY CLASS OF '96 AND '97

President/CEO of Asher Agency (Kara) and Kelley Automotive Group (Mike)



Kara and Mike Kelley, both Bishop Luers High School graduates, married in 2014 and now hold significant professional positions in Fort Wayne. Mike Kelley works in the family business, Kelley Automotive. Kara Kelley is the President and CEO of Asher Agency, located in downtown Fort Wayne. Reflecting on her time at Bishop Luers High School, Kara stated that it prepared her for work because of the family environment and the opportunities available, giving examples of swimming, playing tennis, Key Club, and performing arts. She also mentioned the collaborative environment, people looked out for each other at Bishop Luers High School. Kara said, "My college friends were all so in awe of the relationships that I had from high school." Kara's advice to students; "Be brave, try things that might be out of your comfort zone. Believe in yourself."



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