



**BISHOP WARD HIGHLIGHTS**  
**2022-2023 Academic Year**

- I. Academics:
  - a. 55 KC Scholars in Senior Class of 2023
    - 1. Details: <http://theleaven.org/believing-and-investing-in-students-pays-off-at-bishop-ward/>
    - 2. BWHS has the best college and career guidance program in the city, according to the Hispanic Development Foundation (HDF)
  - b. Academy of Finance
    - 1. The only National Academy Foundation (NAF) sponsored Academy of Finance in the State of Kansas
    - 2. Provides specialized training for our students in how to run and understand business; not available anywhere else
    - 3. Includes internships in local businesses to make contacts and explore career opportunities
  - c. Heritage Spanish
    - 1. In partnership with UMKC
    - 2. Students can graduate with certification they are not just bilingual but bi-literate in English and Spanish, meaning they can read and write fluently in both languages
  - d. College dual-credit classes
    - 1. Many BWHS students graduate with many hours of college credit
    - 2. Partnerships with Donnelly College and KCK Community College
    - 3. Some college classes taught here in our classrooms
    - 4. DeBruce Foundation pays tuition for some seniors to take courses at Donnelly College
- II. Spiritual Life & Catholic Identity
  - a. Class of 2022 valedictorian Juan Vazquez is now a seminarian for the Archdiocese
  - b. Student-created *Jesus & Java* Friday morning prayer group now in its 2nd year
  - c. Full busloads of students who volunteer to attend March for Life; Bishop Ward students led the march to the state capitol in Topeka on January 24, 2023
- III. Sports
  - a. Football: 7-3 season in 2022, first home playoff game and playoff win since 2006
  - b. Basketball: 2022, first boys conference title in 30 years
  - c. Baseball: 2022, third place in state
  - d. Softball: 16-5 record in 2022
  - e. Soccer: boys finish season 12-5-1, made state quarterfinals
  - f. E-sports: new and growing club has had regional and even national success
  - g. Student involvement up across the board, including theatre, student government, yearbook, and more