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SACRED HEART ACADEMY

BRYN MAWR

School Profile 2019-2020

MISSION

Sacred Heart Academy educates college-bound women by cultivating their self-confidence, guiding them to realize their personal and scholastic potential and their responsibility to others, and by preparing them to meet life's challenges — all within an academic and religiously diverse community that focuses on spiritual values and the individual student.

As a member of the International Network of Sacred Heart Schools, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr commits itself to educate to:

- A personal and active faith in God;
- A deep respect for intellectual values;
- A social awareness which impels to action;
- The building of community as a Christian value; and
- A personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1865, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr is an independent Catholic, college preparatory school for girls, K-12. It is located on the Main Line approximately 12 miles from the center of Philadelphia.

For more than 150 years in Philadelphia, the goals of Sacred Heart's educational program have remained the same: to produce self-confident women, to provide a challenging intellectual education, to develop a love of God, and to create a desire to help others. The school provides an education which is rooted in critical thinking, creative and expository writing, mathematical and analytical reasoning, collaboration, world language, scientific analysis, and self-expression.

A holistic and progressive approach to learning seeks to respond to the academic, athletic, creative, spiritual, social and emotional needs of each student with a curriculum that is well-grounded in rigorous and innovative courses.

ACCREDITATION AND ASSOCIATIONS

Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools (MSACS); Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS); National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS); and the Network of Sacred Heart Schools.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Theology	4 Years
English	4 Years
Social Studies	3 Years
Laboratory Science	3 Years
Mathematics	3 Years
World Languages	3 Years
Physical Activity	4 Semesters or 4 Seasons
Arts	2 Semesters
Electives	2 Semesters
Wellness	2 Semesters

2019-2020 ENROLLMENT

Upper School	141
Class of 2020	38
Class of 2021	33
Class of 2022	36
Class of 2023	34

Student to faculty ratio 6:1

SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart Academy implemented a rotating schedule with longer class meeting times in 2018-2019. Students are required to take five courses, and are limited to six courses per semester.

GPA/COURSE WEIGHT/RANK POLICY

The school year is divided into two semesters. A cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of every academic year. Final grades calculated in a student's GPA include Sacred Heart Academy and SophieConnect courses exclusively.

AP and Diocesan Scholar Courses are weighted with .5 increase in GPA.

Honors Courses are weighted with .25 increase in GPA.

Sacred Heart Academy does not rank. Sacred Heart schools commit to educating the whole child in accordance with the Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria.

GRADING SCALE

A+	100-97	4.33
A	96-93	4.00
A-	92-90	3.67
B+	89-87	3.33
B	86-83	3.00
B-	82-80	2.67
C+	79-77	2.33
C	76-73	2.00
C-	72-70	1.67
D	69-65	1.00
F	64 and below	0.00

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

Students are admitted to Honors and AP courses through application and teacher approval. The total number of Honors and AP courses taken by a student may be restricted due to scheduling constraints. Sacred Heart Academy limits sophomores to one AP class, juniors to two AP classes, and seniors to three AP classes during their respective academic year.

Subject	#Student Tested	%3, 4, 5
Biology	7	100%
Calculus AB	9	67%
Comparative Government and Politics	10	80%
English Language and Composition	15	93%
English Literature and Composition	16	88%
European History	12	58%
United States History	11	64%

MIDDLE 50% STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES, CLASS OF 2019*

*Class of 2020 is still in the process of testing.

ACT	SAT
Composite	Total
English	EBRW
Math	Math
Reading	
Science	

SOPHIECONNECT

This unique collaborative program offers demanding online courses to all students of the Sacred Heart Network. Courses are taught by Sacred Heart Network faculty members. Online instruction time is designated within a student's daily class schedule. Eligible students must demonstrate academic maturity and independence to be approved by faculty and administration. Courses for the 2019-2020 school year include General Psychology, Financial Literacy, Nutrition & Wellness, AP Psychology, and AP Music Theory.

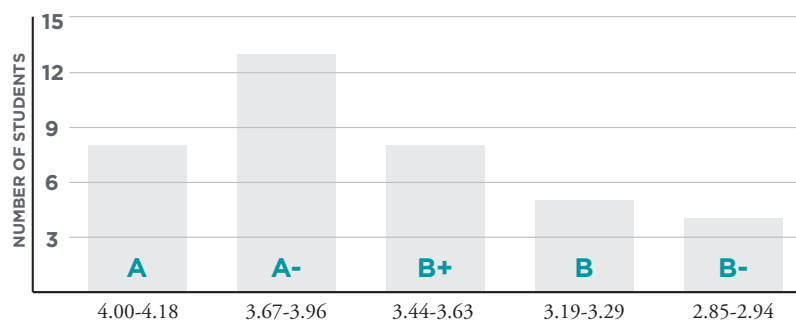
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Academy students are eligible for induction into the National Honor Society based on GPA and commitment to service. Students are recommended based on the four pillars of NHS: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. In the Class of 2020, 21 students are members of NHS.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sacred Heart Academy is committed to encouraging a social awareness which impels to action. Upper School students are required to complete 25 hours of service each year. All students and faculty dedicate two days per academic year to volunteer in the local community.

CLASS OF 2020 CUM GPA DISTRIBUTION



CLASS OF 2020 JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NAME	+	A	-	+	B	-	+	C	-	+	D	-	F
ENGLISH														
	American Literature			2	9	7	2	2	1					
	AP English Language and Composition			3	7	3	2							
WORLD LANGUAGES														
	French III			3		3	2							
	French III Honors		3	2	2		1							
	Latin III	1		1		2								
	Spanish III			3	1			2						
	Spanish III Honors		2	5	1	2								
MATHEMATICS														
	Algebra II/Trigonometry		4	3	1					1				
	Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors	1	3	4	3	2	1	1	1					
	Precalculus Honors	3	5	3		2								
SCIENCE														
	Physics		6	4	3	5	5	2						
	Physics Honors		3	4	2	2		1						
SOCIAL STUDIES														
	American History		1	7	7	8	2	1						
	AP US History		1	3	5	2	1							
THEOLOGY														
	Morality	37		1										
	World Religions	17	15	5		1								
SOPHIECONNECT														
	AP Human Geography		1											
ELECTIVES														
	Digital Moviemaking				1									
	Digital Photography		2	2										
	Intro to Computer Science and Coding	4												
	Business of Speaking		4	2										
	Visual Arts III: Composition and Reproduction	7												

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR CLASS OF 2020

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
ENGLISH	Honors Literary Genres Literary Genres	Honors British Literature British Literature	AP English Language American Literature	AP English Literature and Composition Creative Writing Crime and Media Studies Criminology Journalism Literature and Film Modern Short Story
SOCIAL STUDIES	Honors World History World History	AP European History European History	AP U.S. History American History	AP Comparative Government Global Affairs U.S. Government U.S. Politics
WORLD LANGUAGES	French I Latin I Spanish I	Honors French II French II Latin II Honors Spanish II Spanish II	Honors French III French III Latin III Honors Spanish III Spanish III	Honors French IV Honors Spanish IV
MATHEMATICS	Honors Geometry Advanced Algebra Algebra I	Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry Advanced Geometry Geometry	Honors PreCalculus Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry Algebra II/ Trigonometry	AP Calculus AB Honors Calculus Honors PreCalculus PreCalculus Honors Statistics Statistics
THEOLOGY	Sacred Scripture	Church History	Morality World Religions	Discovering Women of Faith Social Justice
SCIENCE	Honors Biology Biology	Honors Chemistry Chemistry	Honors Physics Physics	AP Biology Honors Organic Chemistry and Nanotechnology Environmental Science
TECHNOLOGY	iPad Introduction Microsoft IT Academy Word Technology and information literacy	Microsoft IT Academy Excel		
ELECTIVES			Business of Speaking Digital Moviemaking Digital Photography Introduction to Computer Science and Coding Visual Arts III: Composition and Reproduction	AP Studio Art Advanced Visual Arts III: Portfolio Development Visual Arts III: Composition and Reproduction Computer Science and Coding I, II Advanced Digital Media Digital Moviemaking Digital Photography Fundamentals of Music Theory Graphic Design Guitar Ensemble Yearbook
OTHERS/ SOPHIE CONNECT	Art Health Physical Education	Art Physical Education	AP Human Geography	AP Music Theory AP Psychology General Psychology Financial Literacy Nutrition & Wellness