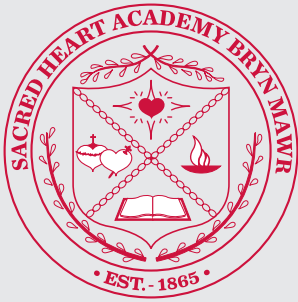


School Profile 2020-2021



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SACRED HEART ACADEMY

— BRYN MAWR —

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.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Guided by the *Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Education* and rooted in Catholic faith, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr commits to foster a community that acts in the interests of equity and justice for each student. We strive to form a welcoming environment that recognizes and affirms the individual experience of each student.

We support diversity at Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr through curricular and co-curricular opportunities. Our school believes that an inclusive learning community is integral to achieving academic success and individual growth. In our diverse world, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr prepares and inspires students to be active, informed, and responsible citizens at local, national, and global levels.

We aspire to nurture students to embrace their inherent value as a human being created in the image and likeness of God.

ACCREDITATION AND ASSOCIATIONS

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 Language	3 Years
Arts	2 Semesters
Academic Electives	6 Semesters
Non-Academic Electives	2 Semesters
Wellness	2 Semesters

2020-2021 ENROLLMENT

Upper School	128
Class of 2021	32
Class of 2022	34
Class of 2023	27
Class of 2024	35
Student to faculty ratio	5:1

SCHEDULE AND COVID IMPACT

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.

On March 15, 2020, SHA transitioned to a virtual academic learning platform due to campus closure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Faculty and students maintained academic rigor and integrity throughout virtual learning until the end of the academic year. During an end-of-year survey, 100% of faculty said they were able to authentically adhere to their curriculum. All courses progressed in both synchronous and asynchronous teaching formats, and we continued to assess students' progress using our traditional grading scale.

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.

NEW GRADING SCALE

effective 2018-2019 academic year

A+	100.00-96.50	4.33
A	96.49-92.50	4.00
A-	92.49-89.50	3.67
B+	89.49-86.50	3.33
B	86.49-82.50	3.00
B-	82.49-79.50	2.67
C+	79.49-76.50	2.33
C	76.49-72.50	2.00
C-	72.49-69.50	1.67
D	69.49-64.50	1.00
F	64.49 and below	0.00

PREVIOUS GRADING SCALE

previous to 2018

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 FOR 2019-2020

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	9	88.9%
Calculus AB	6	50.0%
Comparative Government and Politics	7	57.1%
English Language and Composition	10	80.0%
English Literature and Composition	10	69.2%
European History	12	75.0%
Music Theory	1	100.0%
Psychology	8	75.0%
United States History	13	64.0%

MEAN STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES FOR 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR*

*Class of 2021 is still in the process of testing.

ACT		SAT	
Composite	23.8	Total	1156
English	25.6	EBRW	604
Math	21.4	Math	552
Reading	25.3		
Science	22.7		

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 2020-2021 school year include General Psychology, Financial Literacy, Intro to Neuroscience, AP Psychology, and AP Music Theory.

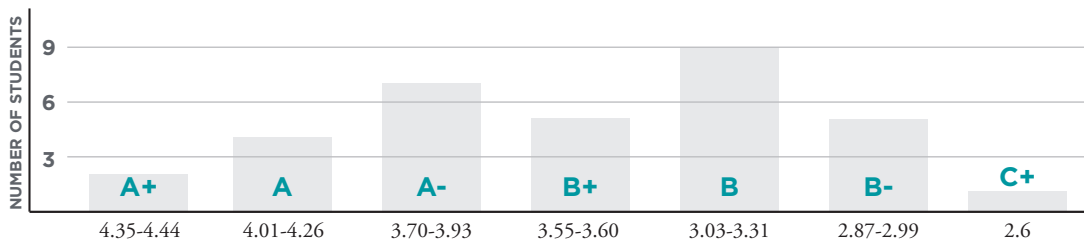
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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 2021, 13 of 33 students are members of NHS.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sacred Heart Academy is committed to encouraging a social awareness which impels to action. Through various service and advocacy events, students complete 25 hours of service annually. Students are encouraged to find meaningful ways to build authentic relationships within the communities they serve.

CLASS OF 2021 CUM GPA DISTRIBUTION



CLASS OF 2021 JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NAME	+	A	-	+	B	-	+	C	-	+	D	-	F
THEOLOGY														
	Morality	16	7	6	1	2	1							
	World Religions	11	13	3	1	3	2							
ENGLISH														
	AP English Language		2	2	2	5								
	American Literature			4	5	6	3	3	1					
SOCIAL STUDIES														
	AP US History	2	4	2	5									
	American History		5	5	3	3	4							
LABORATORY SCIENCE														
	Honors Physics		4	1	4	3								
	Physics			2	3	7	4	1	3	1				
	Chemistry						1							
MATHEMATICS														
	Honors Pre Calculus	3	3	4	3									
	Honors Analytical Geometry		2											
	Analytical Geometry	1	7	5	3	1								
	Algebra II/Trigonometry						1							
WORLD LANGUAGE														
	Honors French III		2	1		1								
	French III				4	2	2							
	Honors Spanish III	2	3	2										
	Spanish III		1	1		4	1							
	Honors Latin III	1												
	Latin III		1	1										
ELECTIVES														
	Computer Science & Coding I	4	1											
	CPR & First Aid (Independent Study)	6												
	Digital Moviemaking	2												
	Digital Photography (Independent Study)	2												
	Fundamentals of Music Theory	1												
	Graphic Design	1	1											
	Visual Arts III		1											
	Advanced Visual Arts III	3												
	Yearbook (Independent Study)	4												
SOPHIECONNECT														
	General Psychology			1										
	Nutrition and Wellness		1											

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR CLASS OF 2021

* Indicates Semester Course
 ** Indicates Independent Study

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
THEOLOGY	Sacred Scripture	Church History	Morality* World Religions*	Catholic Social Justice* Discovering Women of Faith*
ENGLISH	Honors Literary Genres Literary Genres	Honors British Literature British Literature	AP English Language and Composition American Literature	AP English Literature and Composition Creative Writing* Crime Stories* Literature and Film*
SOCIAL STUDIES	Honors World History World History	AP European History European History	AP U.S. History American History	AP Comparative Government Civil Rights Seminar* Art History Seminar* Global Affairs* U.S. Civics and Politics*
LABORATORY SCIENCE	Honors Biology Biology	Honors Chemistry Chemistry	Honors Physics Physics Chemistry	AP Biology Anatomy and Physiology Environmental Science
MATHEMATICS	Honors 9th grade Geometry Adv. Algebra I Algebra I	Honors Pre Calculus Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry Algebra II/ Trigonometry	Honors Pre Calculus Honors Analytical Geometry, Probability, and Statistics Analytical Geometry, Probability, and Statistics Algebra II/ Trigonometry	AP Calculus AB Honors Calculus Honors Pre Calculus Pre Calculus Honors Statistics Statistics
WORLD LANGUAGE	French I Spanish I Latin I	French II Spanish II Latin II	Honors French III French III Honors Spanish III Spanish III Latin III Honors Latin III	Honors French IV Honors Spanish IV
TECHNOLOGY	iPad Introduction Microsoft IT Academy Word Technology and Information Literacy			
ELECTIVES			Computer Science and Coding I* CPR and First Aid** Digital Moviemaking* Digital Photography I** Fundamentals of Music Theory* Graphic Design* Visual Arts III* Adv. Visual Arts III* Yearbook**	AP Studio Art Computer Science and Coding I*, II* Digital Photography* Digital Moviemaking* Fundamentals of Music Theory* Visual Arts III* Adv. Visual Arts III* Yearbook Design and Publication*
OTHERS/ SOPHIE CONNECT	9th grade Art 9th grade Health 9th grade Physical Education	Visual Arts II* Wellness*	Sophie Connect: General Psychology* Nutrition & Wellness*	College Counseling* Sophie Connect: AP Music Theory AP Psychology Financial Literacy* General Psychology* Intro to Neuroscience* Latin IV