



## School of the Sacred Heart

2022-2023 School Profile | CEEB Code: 260670

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### Student Body

Class of 2023 | 40 students  
Grades 9-12 | 189 students  
PK-12 Total | 471

### Faculty

37 Full-time Faculty (upper school)  
74% Faculty with advanced degrees  
7:1 Student/Teacher Ratio

### At-A-Glance

Students from 56 zip codes  
25% of Villa families receive Family  
Individualized Tuition (FIT)

### Grade Distribution

GPA	# of students
4.3 or above	3
4.0 - 4.29	14
3.6 - 3.99	5
3.33 - 3.59	10
3.32 or below	8

(Class of 2023 through May 2022)

### Our Mission

Villa Duchesne is a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school located on a 60-acre wooded campus in Frontenac, MO, a suburb of St. Louis. Founded in 1929 by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Villa offers a co-ed pre-kindergarten through sixth grade and an all-girls seventh through twelfth grade education in the Sacred Heart tradition. We are dedicated to the mission articulated 200 years ago by the foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart, Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat. Sacred Heart educators commit to educating students 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 | Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

These five goals serve as the foundation of Villa Duchesne. As a part of a worldwide network of more than 120 Sacred Heart schools in over 40 countries, our students embrace a global view, demonstrate social awareness, and share a hopeful vision for an unfolding future. This international character of Sacred Heart education provides a means for mutual support and development among the schools through the sharing of intellectual, spiritual, and other resources. Through our service learning program, each Villa graduate fulfills a rigorous service requirement. Opportunities for direct service in our local community are provided frequently throughout the year.

### Course Offerings

Villa offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum with a broad emphasis in the liberal arts. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are offered in all core disciplines. A minimum of 26 credit hours are required for graduation, and most students exceed this requirement. All students are encouraged to participate in national and international exchange and service opportunities in conjunction with the Network of Sacred Heart Schools.

### Covid-19 Impact

In spring of 2020, final exams were not given at Villa. In-person learning resumed in the fall of 2020. Network service and exchange opportunities were temporarily suspended during this time.

### Accreditations & Affiliations

Association of College Counselors of Independent Schools, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Independent Schools of St. Louis, Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling, National Association for College Counseling, National Association of Independent Schools, National Catholic Educational Association, International Coalition of Girls' Schools, Sacred Heart Commission on Goals.



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## Matriculation List

Classes of 2019 – 2022

252 Students attending 91 Institutions

### AP & Honors courses

(years required)

#### English (4 years)

AP English Literature\*  
AP English Language \*  
Honors Foundations of Literature &  
Composition  
Honors Themes in World Literature

#### Math (4 years)

AP Calculus BC  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Statistics  
Honors Geometry  
Honors Algebra II / Trigonometry  
Honors Precalculus

#### Science (3 years)

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
Honors Chemistry

#### Social Studies (3 years)

AP Psychology  
AP US Government & Politics  
AP US History

#### World Language (2 years)

AP French Language \*  
AP Spanish Language \*  
Honors French IV \*  
Honors Spanish IV \*

#### Fine/Performing Arts (2 years)

Honors Fine Art  
Honors Painting & Drawing III

#### Theology (4 years)

#### Physical Education (2 years)

#### Community Service (4 years)

10 hours in 9th & 10th  
15 hours in 11th  
20 hours in 12th

\* Indicates dual enrollment option  
with Saint Louis University

The University of Alabama (4)  
The American University of Paris  
Arizona State University Tempe  
University of Arkansas (5)  
Baylor University  
Bellarmino University (2)  
Belmont University (4)  
Boston College  
Butler University (3)  
College of Charleston  
Clemson University  
Colgate University  
University of Colorado Boulder (2)  
Creighton University (5)  
University of Dayton (12)  
Denison University (2)  
University of Denver (5)  
DePaul University  
Depauw University (2)  
Drury University  
Eckerd College (2)  
Fisk University  
University of Florida (3)  
Fontbonne University  
Fordham University  
University of Georgia (4)  
Grinnell College  
Howard University  
University of Illinois – Chicago  
Indiana University – Bloomington (9)  
University of Kansas (5)  
University of Kentucky (2)  
Knox College  
Lawrence University  
Lindenwood University  
Long Island University – Post  
Loyola Marymount University (2)  
Loyola University Chicago (5)  
Loyola University New Orleans (4)  
Lynn University (3)  
Marquette University (7)  
Maryville University of St. Louis (2)  
Miami University Oxford (16)  
University of Miami  
Michigan State University  
University of Mississippi (5)

University of Missouri Columbia (29)  
University of Missouri Kansas City  
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (3)  
Northwestern University  
University of Notre Dame (3)  
Pace University  
Paul Mitchell The School  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Regis University (2)  
Rhodes College (2)  
University of Rochester  
Rockhurst University  
Roger Williams University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Louis University (18)  
San Diego State University  
University of San Diego (2)  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Scripps College  
University of South Carolina – Columbia  
University of Southern California (3)  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville(2)  
Southern Methodist University (7)  
St. Louis Community College  
St. Olaf College  
University of St. Thomas  
Syracuse University  
The University of Tampa  
Texas Christian University (8)  
The New School  
Truman State University  
University of Tulsa  
University of Dundee  
University of St. Andrews  
Villanova University (2)  
University of Virginia  
Wake Forest University  
Washington College  
Washington University in St. Louis (4)  
Whittier College  
Williams College  
Xavier University  
Xavier University of Louisiana