

# Student Success Team

As a college preparatory, independent school, Sacred Heart Greenwich is committed to providing a robust Student Success Initiative and dynamic academic program that fosters curiosity, deepens understanding, and challenges students to reach their full potential. Whether it's Post-AP Linear Algebra, advanced electives in Media Studies and the Arts, or Independent Science Research, our students are already engaging in college-level work. Enrichment and support opportunities are available across all grade levels, through curricular experts and teachers in the classroom as well as with the Student Success Team in intentionally designed, centrally located learning spaces, accessible to all learners.

## LOWER SCHOOL

(Barat Center - Grade 4)

In the Lower School, academic enrichment and student support begins with differentiated instruction in every class. Teachers use formative assessments to create small, flexible groups in reading, math, and other coursework.

### ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Flexible Groupings in Homeroom:** Small groups allow students to dive deeper into reading and math, with opportunities for extension.
- **Specialist-Led Enrichment:** Learning and Math Specialists work in small groups to deliver targeted instruction that meets each student's unique learning profile and academic goals.
- **Early-Morning Math Groups:** Optional sessions for students who love math, focusing on advanced concepts, problem-solving, and exploration.

### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Collaborative Child Study Team (CST):** Weekly meetings with the Head of Lower School, Assistant Head of Lower School, Specialists, and School Psychologist, to identify and respond to individual student needs—academic, social, and emotional.
- **One-on-One & Small-Group Instruction:** Personalized learning experiences that build foundational skills and nurture academic confidence.
- **Executive Function Class (Grade 4):** Prepares students for success with direct instruction in time management, organization, and goal setting—essential skills for all learners.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Grades 5-8)

In Middle School, academic enrichment continues to evolve with opportunities designed to challenge students and deepen their learning. Through a combination of advanced coursework and specialized programs, students are encouraged to think critically, explore new ideas, and develop skills to take ownership of their learning.

### ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Advanced Courses:** Accelerated math and world language options in Grades 7 and 8.
- **Curricular Enrichment:** Classroom activities designed to deepen understanding and extend learning across core subjects.
- **Math Support:** Opportunities with Math Challenge and MathCounts to build advanced problem-solving skills.
- **Capstone & Science Research Projects:** Signature 8th-grade experiences that promote innovation, independent thinking, and presentation skills.

### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Academic Help:** A vibrant academic hub to conduct student support classes by our learning specialists.
- **Morning Flex Period:** Time built into the schedule for extra help, enrichment, or quiet work.
- **Study Skills Courses:** Mini-courses and the CogX learning strategies program help students build metacognitive awareness and academic confidence.
- **Executive Function Groups:** Small-group support focused on organization, time management, and academic planning.

## UPPER SCHOOL

(Grades 9-12)

In Upper School, students learn to think critically, explore deeply, and lead confidently. Through a combination of advanced coursework and self-directed learning, students are challenged to engage with complex ideas, develop independent research skills, and pursue areas of personal passion.

### ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Advanced Coursework:** A wide range of AP and post-AP courses that build college-level skills and knowledge.
- **Capstone & Independent Research:** Opportunities to explore individual interests and develop advanced research and presentation skills.
- **Elective Variety:** A broad selection of academic electives allowing students to pursue passions and meet diverse academic challenges in fields such as Computer Science, Journalism, Media Studies, Science Research, Visual and Performing Arts, World Languages, and more.
- **Differentiated Learning:** Courses and projects tailored to meet students at their level and challenge them appropriately.

### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Drop-In Academic Help:** Time with Learning Specialists and educators for personalized assistance.
- **Writing and Math Centers:** Dedicated spaces with support from educators and peer tutors.
- **Executive Function Groups:** Small-group sessions focused on planning, organization, and academic skills development.