



## OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1889, Sacred Heart Academy has provided the opportunity for both spiritual and academic growth for 135 years. Sacred Heart Academy is a Catholic school in the state of Michigan with over 200 students in grades 7-12. The Academy also includes KP-6 education in a separate building on the Sacred Heart Campus located in downtown Mount Pleasant. As a member of the Diocese of Saginaw and the Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Sacred Heart Academy is accredited by the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS). Drawing students from more than five different counties, Sacred Heart Academy represents one of the few remaining Catholic high schools in northern lower Michigan. In addition to our rigorous, college preparatory curriculum, students participate in daily prayer and theology classes, frequently assist in community outreach initiatives, and attend weekly Masses, while also fulfilling a graduation requirement of performing 100 community service hours.

## OUR COMMUNITY

Located 155 miles northwest of Detroit at the heart of Michigan's lower peninsula, Mount Pleasant is a community of approximately 25,000 residents. Mount Pleasant is an increasingly diversifying area with an economy significantly based around Central Michigan University and the McLaren and Mid-Michigan Medical facilities. With the opening of CMU's medical school, there has been a further increase in health science professionals populating the Mount Pleasant area. In general, Isabella and Gratiot, the two counties where the majority of Sacred Heart Academy students reside, are rural communities with a strong emphasis on agriculture, natural resources, and various trade programs.

## OUR STUDENTS

The student body at SHA is made up of students from diverse backgrounds who are looking to develop the skills needed to reach their college and career goals within a learning environment based on Christian morals. SHA is welcoming of students of all faiths (1/3 of our students are not Catholic) and those with specific learning needs. Approximately 15% of Sacred Heart students receive financial aid, as our goal is to make a high-quality Catholic education affordable and available for as many students as possible. The ethnic/racial makeup of our student population is similar to that of Mt. Pleasant public schools: 2% Black/African American, 2% Hispanic/Latino, 2% Asian, 87% Caucasian, 1% American Indian, and 6% are two or more races.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart Academy, a Catholic school founded in 1889, guided by the Holy Spirit, is committed to the mission of Jesus Christ. With our families and faith community, nourished by the Eucharist, we provide a balanced curriculum to strengthen mind, body, and spirit, so each student fulfills God's purpose.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT-By the Numbers

Sacred Heart Academy students continue to excel academically, athletically, and through the arts.

- **1041:** SHA SAT Mean
- **92:** Percentage of 2024 Graduates enrolled in college
- **4:** Percentage of 2024 Graduates directly entering the workforce
- **4:** Percentage of 2024 Graduates joining the Disc Golf Pro Tour
- **48:** Percentage of 2024 Graduates who completed at least one college course while in high school
- **39:** Percentage of 2024 Graduates who complete a class at the GI-TEC Center
- **3:** 2024 Graduates received honors at the Michigan Art Education Association state level art show
- **8:** State championships since 2014
- **4:** AP Classes taught at SHA

## SCHOOL CODES

- CEEB/ACT School Code: 232690
- Michigan School Code: 03319
- Michigan District Code: 37010

## **ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS**

- Shubha Vedula (Class of 2013) Top 20 Finalist for American Idol
- Katherine Janes (Class of 2014) Clerk for Justice Ketanji Brown at the U.S. Supreme Court during the 2024 term
- Isabella Kostrzewa (Class of 2018) Top 4 Finalist for Project Runway Junior

## **CLASS RANK & GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

GPA's are calculated on a weighted 4.5 scale. Students receive additional GPA weighting for AP course grades as of the 2020-21 school year. Individual class rank is not reported. Valedictorian and Salutatorian is determined by a calculation of cumulative GPA and SAT score.

## **ACADEMICS**

- College Preparatory Curriculum
- 7 Period/Day Semester Schedule
- Additional online and dual enrollment courses may be taken outside of school hours
- 12:1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio
- AP courses taught yearly
  - Excellent AP Exam Pass Rate
- 65-70% of high school students dual enroll
  - Central Michigan University
  - Mid-Michigan College
- Theology class required each semester
- Career and Technical Education available junior and senior year

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Religion	4 Credits
English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
World Language	2 Credits
Phys. Ed/Health	1 Credit
Visual/Performing Arts	1 Credit
Communications	0.5 Credit
Personal Finance	0.5 Credit
Statistics	0.5 Credit
Online Experience	0.5 Credit
Total for Graduation	24 Credits

## **ADVANCED COURSES**

Anatomy & Physiology	Pre-Calculus
Physics	Calculus
AP Computer Science	AP US History
AP Literature	AP Language
Human Genetics	

## **COLLEGE ENROLLMENT-CLASS of 2024**

- 91% to 4-year institutions
- 91% In-State Institutions
  - Central Michigan University, Delta College, Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, Mid-Michigan College, Northwood University, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University

## **ATHLETICS**

Baseball (B)	8-Man Football (B)
Basketball (B, G)	Golf (B, G)
Sideline Cheer (G)	Softball (G)
Cross Country (B, G)	Track/Field (B, G)
Soccer (G)	

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

Choir	Model UN
Close Up	National Honor Society
Concert Band	Science Olympiad
Film Club	Quiz Bowl
Forensics	Student Senate
Key Club	Science Olympiad
Language Arts	E-Sports

## **POINTS OF PRIDE: CLASS OF 2024**

- National Merit Finalist
- National Merit Commended Student
- Boys Basketball State Runner-Up
- Girls Volleyball State Champions
- Girls Softball State Semi Finalists
- One graduate competing on Disc Golf Pro Tour

## **OUR ADMINISTRATION**

Principal	<i>Mary Kay Yonker</i>
Asst. Principal/Academic Advisor	<i>Kay Hauck</i>
Elementary Asst. Principal	<i>Karon Latham</i>
Athletic Director/Dean of Students	<i>Andy Latham</i>
Admissions Director	<i>Lisa Roach</i>