OUR SCHOOL

Established in 1889, Sacred Heart Academy has provided the opportunity for both spiritual and academic growth for 130 years. SHA is a Catholic school in the state of Michigan with approximately 175 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, SHA 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, 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 SHA 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 20% of Sacred Heart families 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 make up of our student population is similar to that of Mount Pleasant: 2% African American, 2% Latino/Latina, 2% Asian, 89% Caucasian, and 5% two or more races.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT—By the Numbers

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

- **1145**: SHA SAT Mean
  - **985**: State SAT Mean
- **4**: Consecutive National Merit Semi-Finalists
  - **3**: National Merit Finalists
  - **1**: Commended Student
- **100**: Percentage of 2020 Graduates enrolled in college
- **78**: Percentage of 2020 Graduates who completed at least one college course while in high school
- **4**: Consecutive Girls Cross Country State Championships
- **20**: Shubha Vedula (Class of 2013) Top 20 Finalist for American Idol
- **4**: Isabella Kostrewa (Class of 2018) Top 4 Finalist for Project Runway Junior
- **7**: AP and Dual Enrollment Classes taught at SHA

SCHOOL CODES

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

OUR MISSION

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

One Community, One Spirit, One Heart
CLASS RANK & GRADE POINT AVERAGE

GPAs are calculated on a 4-point scale. Students receive additional GPA weighting for AP course grades as of the 2020 school year. Individual class rank is reported. Class rank is based on the cumulative GPA and Valedictorian and Salutatorian is determined by a calculation of cumulative GPA and SAT score.

ACADEMICS

- College Preparatory Curriculum
- 7-Block Semester Schedule
- Additional online and dual enrollment courses may be taken outside of school hours
- 10:1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio
- AP courses newly offered in 2019 & 2020
  - Excellent AP Exam Pass Rate
- 70-75% of high school students dual enroll
  - Central Michigan University
  - Mid Michigan College
- Religion class required each semester
- Career and Technical Education available junior and senior year

ADVANCED COURSES

Anatomy & Physiology | Pre-Calculus
Physics | Calculus
AP Computer Science | Law & Ethics
AP Literature | Botany/Zoology
Human Genetics | AP US History

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
Financial Algebra | 0.5 Credit
Statistics (Class of 2022) | 0.5 Credit
Online Experience | 0.5 Credit
Total for Graduation | 24 Credits

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT-CLASS of 2019

- 88% to 4-year institutions
- 12% to 2-year institutions
- 90% In-State institutions
  - University of Michigan, Michigan State, Grand Valley State, Central Michigan, Ferris State, Michigan Tech, Western Michigan, Alma College, Mid Michigan College, Montcalm CC, Madonna, and Cornerstone
- 10% Out-of-State institutions
  - Case Western Reserve, DePaul University, and Nova Southeastern University (FL)

ATHLETICS

Baseball (B) | 8-Player Football (B/G)
Basketball (B, G) | Golf (B, G)
Cheerleading (G) | Softball (G)
Cross Country (B, G) | Track/Field (B, G)
Dance (G) | Volleyball (G)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Choir | Model UN
Close Up | National Honor Society
Concert Band | Pre-Med Club
Concert Band | Quiz Bowl
Forensics | Robotics
Key Club | Science Olympiad
Language Arts | Student Senate

POINTS OF PRIDE: CLASS OF 2020

- 1-Perfect Score (36) on ACT
- 2-Centraлиз Gold Recipients (Full-tuition Central Michigan University)
- 3-Attending the University of Michigan (including one accepted into the Ross School of Business)

OUR ADMINISTRATION

Principal | Mary Kay Yonker
Assistant Principal/Academic Advisor | Marie Richards
Elementary Assistant Principal | Julie George
Athletic Director | Dan Haggart