SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027 | CEEB CODE: 444950

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Founded in 1890

MISSION

Sacred Heart Catholic School is a community in which all members (parents, teachers, students and clergy) assume responsibility for living and imparting a life of faith, service and integrity. Our mission is to create faithful servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who will serve as spiritual, moral and intellectual leaders in our community and the wider world.

ADMINISTRATION

Fr. Austin Hoodenpyle
- Pastor

Ignacio Aguilera
- Interim Principal

Dale Schilling
- Dean of Students

Jaime Taylor
- Academic Advisor

Brady Endres
- Athletic Director

Summer Thibodaux
- Secretary

OVERVIEW

Sacred Heart is a coeducational, open admission Catholic school and ministry of the parish of Sacred Heart in the Diocese of Fort Worth. SHCS provides a well-rounded Catholic education to students representing diverse academic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Our educational programs include Montessori (PreK3-Kindergarten), Elementary (Grades 1-5), Junior High (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12). SHCS is located in Muenster, TX, a quaint German Catholic community just 1.5 hours north of DFW. Transportation is offered for out-of-town students via a daily bus route from Denton.

ACCREDIDATION

Recognized by the Texas Education Agency through accreditation by the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department.

ENROLLMENT

- 180 students in grades PreK3-12 for 2026-27 school year
- The SHCS Graduating Class of 2026 had 19 students
- All students' tuition is reduced by the SH Trust Fund and fundraising efforts of our dedicated Alumni organization. Additionally, 21% of students receive other forms of financial aide.

FACULTY

- There are 2 administrators, 19 full-time teachers, 4 part-time teachers, 2 teacher aides and a part-time certified school nurse. 26% of our teachers hold advanced degrees.
- 48% of our teachers hold multiple certificates through the state of Texas.
- The average teaching experience is an impressive16.9 years.
- The student to teacher ratio for each level: Montessori 8:1, Elem 11:1, JH 10:1, HS 18:1

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Theology	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Sciences & Labs	4 credits
World History/Geography	2 credits
United States History	1 credit
Government/Economics	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Foreign Language	3 credits
Health/Speech	1 credit
Electives	4 credits
Total:	**30 credits**

CLASS OF 2026 STATISTICS

- $1,072,200 in scholarship offerings
- 100% of students leave SHCS with a plan to attend college, seminary, tech school, military, etc.
- 3,430 Christian Ministry service hours completed
- Past SHCS students were Hunt, Terry, McKnight and Chancellor Scholars.

GRADING SCALE

A:	94 - 100
B:	86 - 93
C:	76 - 85
D:	70 - 75
F:	Below 70

CLASS RANKING

Sacred Heart does not rank students past Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

HONORS CLASSES

SHCS offers Geometry Honors and Algebra II Honors with 27% of the HS population enrolled in these courses for 2026-27.

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

SHCS has a dual credit partnership with North Central Texas College. Currently, 42% of our high school students are enrolled in at least one dual credit online course. For GPA calculation purposes, students receive a 6 point bonus for all dual credit courses in which a grade of 85 or higher is earned.

TESTING PROFILE

SH students routinely score well above the average state and national standardized tests, including the Iowa/CogAT Basic Skills achievement tests for grades 3-8, and the ACT and SAT for high school students. Additionally, 34% of Sophomores & Juniors met National Merit Eligibility on the PSAT in Fall 2025.

FAITH FORMATION

The faith at Sacred Heart is unwavering.

MASS

- Students in grades 1-12 attend Mass three times a week, with over 90 Masses attended per school year
- Students participate in Mass regularly as altar servers, cantors, and readers

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASS

- Religious formation classes are attended by all students on a daily basis, with students receiving over 6,600 minutes of religious instruction per school year. Additionally, Senior Religion is taught by Fr. Hoodenpyle.

ADORATION & CONFESSION

- Students attend Adoration weekly, with 1,500 minutes spent in Adoration per year. Confession is also offered regularly.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Students are encouraged to perform works of service and mercy through school-sponsored mission trips, vocation trips, community service opportunities, weekly mission collections and outreach
- High school students are required to complete 25 hours of Christian Ministry service hours per school year

SPECIAL RESOURCES

Students with learning disabilities, physical impairments or behavioral challenges are diagnosed through a partnering educational services department. Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are developed for students and modifications implemented in the classroom. SHCS has a dedicated special resources instructor for elementary students and offers the Scottish Rite *Take Flight* and BUILD programs for students at risk or diagnosed with developmental dyslexia. Speech services for students are also available through a licensed Speech Language Pathologist.

SAFETY & SECURITY

SHCS operates a closed and fully locked campus, secured by video cameras. All individuals involved in any capacity with SHCS including staff, volunteers and students must have Safe Environment training.

#EXCELLENCE SINCE 1890

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- Alabama
- Austin College
- Baylor University
- Benedictine College
- Hardin Simmons University
- Midwestern State University
- Oklahoma State University
- Ole Miss
- Southern Methodist University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas A&M School of Law
- Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
- Texas Christian University
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- Texas Tech Health Sciences Center & School of Health Professions
- Texas Woman's University
- Universidad del Sagrado Corazon, Puerto Rico
- University of Dallas
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Texas
- University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio Dental School
- University of Texas Dell Medical School
- University of the Incarnate Word
- Villanova University
- West Texas A&M University
- William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine

RECENT COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Accounting, BS, MS
- Architecture
- Aerospace Engineering, BS
- Biology, BS, MS
- Biomedical Engineering, BS
- Biotechnology, MS
- Business, BA
- Cancer Immunology, MS
- Civil Engineering, BS
- Communication Sciences, MS
- Computer Engineering, BS
- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Economics, BA
- Education, BA
- Finance BS, MS
- History, MA
- MBA
- Mechanical Engineering, BS
- Medical Doctor (MD)
- Nuclear Engineering, BS
- Nuclear Medicine, BS
- Nursing, BS
- Petroleum Engineering, BS
- Psychology, BS
- Radiology, BS
- Speech-Language Pathology, BS

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Baseball
Basketball
Cheer
Cross Country
Drill Team
Football
Golf
National Honor Society
National Jr. Honor Society
Student Council
Track
TAPPS Academics
TAPPS Fine Art
Volleyball

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Journalism
One Act Play
Robotics
Shop Class
Studio Art
Technology Applications

JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Basketball
Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Golf
National Junior Honor Society
Student Council
Track
Volleyball



ATHLETICS

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

- 97.2% of Sacred Heart high school students participate in one or more sports
- 65 total TAPPS State Championship titles since founding of TAPPS in 1978