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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**  
 • Pastoral Administrator

**Andrew Folsom**  
 • Principal

**Dale Schilling**  
 • Vice Principal

**Peggy DeMoss**  
 • Vice Principal & Staff Developer

**Jaime Taylor**  
 • Academic Advisor

**Cody Wilson**  
 • Athletic Director

**Summer Thibodaux**  
 • Secretary

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026 | CEEB CODE: 444950

## 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.

### ACCREDITATION

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

### ENROLLMENT

- 180 students in grades PK3 - 12 for 2025-26 school year
- The SHCS Graduating Class of 2025 had 16 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 3 administrators, 17 full-time teachers, 5 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 impressive 16.9 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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>30 credits</b>

### 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 25% of the HS population enrolled in either of these courses for 2025-26.

### DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

SHCS has a dual credit partnership with North Central Texas College. Currently, 33% 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.

### CLASS OF 2025 STATISTICS

- \$2.2 million in scholarship offerings
- 100% of students leave SHCS with a plan to attend college, seminary, tech school, military, etc.
- 12.5% of students offered a full paid college tuition
- Past SHCS students were Hunt, Terry, McKnight and Chancellor Scholars.

### 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, 22.8% of Sophomores & Juniors met National Merit Eligibility on the PSAT in Fall 2024.

## 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

- Students in grades 1-12 attend Adoration on a weekly basis, with approximately 1,500 minutes spent in Adoration per year

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

### 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



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### **About Our School...**

Sacred Heart Catholic School is a parochial school located in the small north Texas community of Muenster. The community was established in 1889 by Emil and August Flusche, brothers who previously established communities in Iowa and Kansas. On January 1, 1890, a meeting of the town's settlers was held. The attendees made plans to first build a school followed by a rectory and church for their nascent parish. By the spring a 14 x 24 wooden structure was erected, and Sacred Heart Catholic School was born. By the late 1930s, parents and students advocated for the addition of high school classes. The high school moved into its new home for the 1938-39 school year, which also marked the year that Sacred Heart conducted its first high school graduation, granting diplomas to three students. A new twenty-five thousand square foot facility became the home of the high school for the 1954-55 school year. That facility continues to be used for high school classes, with the addition of an athletic complex in 2013. In 1982 a Montessori program was established. With the addition of the Montessori program, Sacred Heart offers a Catholic education to students as young as three years. Since then, SHCS has grown and now the graduating class size is around 20 students each year.

### **Accreditation**

Sacred Heart Catholic School is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department and is a Catholic School in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

**Courses offered at the high school level are:**

**Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology

**Math:** Algebra I, Algebra II, Algebra II Honors, Geometry, Geometry Honors, PreCalculus/Trigonometry

**English:** English I, English II, English III, English IV

**Language:** Latin I, Latin II, Latin III

**Religion:** Religion I, Religion II, Religion III, Religion IV

**History/Social Studies:** World Geography, World History, US History, Government/Economics

**Electives:** Journalism, Studio Art, Technology, One Act Play, Robotics, Shop

**Dual Credit:** We have a partnership with North Central Texas College to offer Dual Credit courses and opportunities to our students, allowing them to earn college credit while in high school. Students may begin taking dual credit courses as a Sophomore.

**Grades**

A	94 - 100
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F	Below 70

**Student Rank**

Due to our smaller class sizes, we only rank positions 1 and 2, our Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

**GPA and Graduation**

The diploma plan offered at Sacred Heart Catholic School specifies 30 credit hours to be earned by each student for successful completion of the Distinguished High School Program. For compelling reasons, students with diagnosed learning disabilities may be allowed to graduate on the minimum, foundational, or recommended programs.

**Graduation Honors**

Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors)

98.000 grade point average or higher

No semester grade below a 70

Magna Cum Laude (High Honors)

96.000 - 97.999 grade point average

No semester grade below a 70

Cum Laude (Honors)

94.000 - 95.999 grade point average

No semester grade below a 70

**Graduating Class Statistics**

100% of the students who graduate from SHCS leave with a plan- whether it is a community college, trade school, military service, work force, or a major college/university. On average 90% of our graduating students plan to attend a college or university, and roughly 10% attend a trade school, enter the military service, or enter the workforce based on the last 10 years of data.

**Student Honor Organizations**

National Honor Society- Sedes Sapientiae Chapter- Grades 10 - 12

National Junior Honor Society- Grades 7 - 9

Student Council- Grades 9 - 12

**Extracurricular Activities**

Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Track, Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Cheer, Drill Team