

Discover Unparalleled Values

~The Whole-Child Emphasis



It takes a special place to prepare the children of today for success tomorrow. A place where quality teachers and a remarkable curriculum make a difference. A place where students form lasting friendships. A place where praying is as important as playing. A place like St. Mary's School.

St. Mary's is known for its traditional yet unique programs that encourage the highest degree of academic excellence and spiritual formation.

Full of Life



It is a place where education is inspired by a supernatural vision that forms the whole child – spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically.

Our mission is founded on a Christian anthropology that fosters a love for wisdom and truth while integrating the four Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service. Through a solid moral formation and a classical approach to learning, St. Mary's provides a well-rounded experience in an environment that prepares children for the future.

Discover a Unique Heritage

~A Tradition of Excellence

The school is owned and operated by St. Mary's Parish and supported by both parents and parishioners. St. Mary's became the first parochial elementary school in the Diocese of Memphis to receive the accreditation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

1878



Founding of St. Mary's

SMS began to teach children in an atmosphere of faith and has been the only elementary school to provide a Catholic parochial education for more than 143 years in the Diocese of Memphis.

1900



St. Cecilia Administration

The Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation in Nashville began administering and staffing the school.

1920



St. Joseph School was established

A companion school to St. Mary's, St. Joseph served the African-American Catholics of Jackson in a parish established by the Josephite Fathers.

1960 - 1970



Merge and relocation

St. Mary's and St. Joseph schools merged in 1960 and ten years later opened new facilities at its present site.

1983 - 1990



Activities center, gym and additional grades

Growth in the early 1980's prompted several additions and in 1983 the Parish added an activities center and a gym to the school. By 1990, grades 7 and 8 were added. Continued growth necessitated a major expansion as the doubling of each grade occurred over the next 8 years.

Today



Over 143 years of enduring excellence

St. Mary's School continues to provide West Tennessee with a school that stems from a tradition of excellence for a future of growth. Families of all faiths are welcome to discover the St. Mary's difference.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.
(Matthew 7:25)

Discover the Wonder of Learning

~Inspiring Our Children to Grow



Religion

Daily Religion class is taught at all grade levels. The Catholic faith is taught through our religion texts, a weekly school Rosary and Mass twice a week. Students are immersed in daily prayer, Sacred Scripture, and in developing their life as followers of Jesus Christ.



Language

Latin is taught each day in Grades 2-8 with an emphasis on Latin grammar. These grammatical skills are used across most subject areas and help students to master English grammar while building a foundation for other foreign languages.



Reading and Literature

Our students study meaningful classical literature throughout all grade levels. Students read, analyze and enjoy a variety of selections throughout the year. Grades 3-8 spend more time on in-depth studies of selected books that help build comprehension, vocabulary and questioning skills. Each novel is intended to inspire and nurture our students so that they become vigorous readers.



Phonics and Spelling

Phonics and Spelling are taught on a daily basis in our primary grades. Our approach is based on a mastery of letter recognition and sounds. Daily practice is provided for our students to help them develop word recognition and reading skills.

English and Composition

Grammar and Composition are taught in grades 3-8. Students learn how to examine and discuss literature and poetry and express themselves with accuracy, transparency and distinctiveness through their own writing. Our program teaches students the art of communication in a logical, organized approach as they learn to refine and master their writing skills.



Handwriting

Penmanship is taught on a daily basis in our lower grades. Cursive begins in first grade and is taught systematically through grade five.



Math

The math program provides instruction that is responsive to individual student needs and engages them with relevant challenges and provides pathways to deeper understanding. It enables students to advance quickly once they master a skill which builds confidence and leads to engagement in the classroom. Real-world problems are presented which helps students understand the “why” behind the “how”. Teachers are able to monitor the students’ progress and help them prepare for standardized assessments and beyond.

Science

We offer a hands-on science program with daily investigations, group work, detailed lab notebooks and an outdoor component with each unit of study. Our students study each topic in depth and are expected to use their math and writing skills with each inquiry.

Social Studies and Geography

Our social studies curriculum includes a comprehensive study of the United States, the origins of world cultures and the influence of Christianity on Western Civilization. Our map skills and geography studies are expansive as each region is explored in its historical context.

Technology • Preschool • Fine Arts



Technology

Technology will play an increasingly important role in your child's life and education. At St. Mary's, we are continually integrating technology into our curriculum and classroom instruction. The Students in grades K-8 have computer classes in the newly renovated lab. They also have access to laptops for use in the classrooms.

Preschool (2 years old, 3K & 4K)

Children learn primarily through play and meaningful experiences; therefore, St. Mary's Preschool combines structured activities with free exploration of learning centers, throughout the room. Daily whole group instruction includes phonics, math, religion, handwriting & literature. Enrichment classes include Music, Library, art and P.E. Preschool classes are offered 5 or 3 days a week



Fine Arts

The Fine Arts program at St. Mary's School excels with music and art classes. Students in all grades participate in music and art classes and have opportunities to highlight their creativity in fun and exciting ways.



Discover our Competitive Advantage

~Athletic Leaders and Examples of Christ

Our athletic programs at St. Mary's School seek to instill a positive school spirit, a development of personal talents, and an enthusiastic respect for life. The core of each sports program strives to guide the individual to function as a member of a team - working to achieve a common goal. Opportunities are created for each participant to develop physical, spiritual, and social needs as young athletes. At the end of each season, these athletes find a confidence rooted in discipline and perseverance.



■ Basketball

- The basketball mantra is C-city [Christ, Character, Integrity, Team, You]
- Our teams regularly place in the regional and district championships
- Players are named to the "All Conference Team" on a consistent basis
- A developmental program is offered for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders

■ Soccer

- Our boys and girls teams consistently win conference and district championships
- Many players are voted as "All Conference Players"

■ Tennis

- Both boys and girls teams compete against schools in Madison County and West TN
- Our teams have won the Madison County Middle School championships

■ Cross Country

- Both boys and girls teams compete in the meets in Jackson, Memphis, and Bolivar
- The girls team has won several district championships

■ Volleyball

- The primary focus of the volleyball program is to prepare each player for the ability to play at the high school level
- The team has won multiple district title championships

■ Cheerleading

- Cheerleading is offered to girls in grades K - 8
- Girls can cheer for both football and basketball seasons



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
(2 Timothy 4:7)

Authentically Catholic in the Dominican Tradition

~A Tradition of Excellence



Prayer



Study



Community



Service



Religion, Reason, and Loving Kindness



Sacred Heart of Jesus High School was established in 2004 as a private, Catholic, college preparatory high school and is part of the nearly 140 year Catholic school heritage of Jackson. The foundation for the school was the conviction that the truth can be known, and that Christ is the truth from whom all other truths flow. The school is fully accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the National Catholic Educational Association and the National Association of Private Catholic Independent Schools.

By opening to them the treasury of human knowledge, teachers strive to inspire students with an ardent love of truth. By teaching students to think not only critically but classically, and to integrate that thought into their own actions, a Sacred Heart of Jesus education prepares students to face the concrete conditions of the world and to embrace Christian truths.

“From the student art work and photographs that line the hallways to the interactions among the teachers and students in classrooms, the genuine concern for the well-being of the total child is evident and directly reflective of the school’s mission and vision” (SACS External Review Report, 2014).



SHJHS has a vibrant Catholic atmosphere faithful to the Church’s Magisterium and a rigorous curriculum where students learn:

- Classical and Ecclesiastical Latin
- Spanish
- Chemistry, Biology and Anatomy and Physiology
- Classical and Modern Literature
- English Composition
- Research Methods
- Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus and Physics
- Catholic Theology
- Ancient, Medieval, European and American history
- Technology through research, writing integration and multi-media design
- Rhetoric, Logic and Critical thinking
- Virtues and good sportsmanship



The Sacred Heart of Jesus curriculum is designed to provide an outstanding foundation in the critical academic disciplines of math, science, history, literature, composition and language, crowned by regular study of and growth in the Faith. The school’s approach to learning includes in-depth study of the great works of the western world and of Christendom.

Sacred Heart student consistently score 20 percent higher on the ACT Test than the average composite score for all students in Tennessee. In addition, Sacred Heart of Jesus High School has recently been ranked in the top 20 private high schools in the state of Tennessee by an independent national review.

Advanced Placement Courses:

These courses are structured by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB). Teachers and students operate in these classes on the assumption that many juniors and seniors can complete college level coursework in high school.

Dual Enrollment Courses:

Dual Enrollment classes meet on the Sacred Heart campus and is taught by college professors. An agreement is entered into with an accredited 4 year University based on student needs.

"The proper and immediate end of Christian education is to cooperate with divine grace in forming the true and perfect Christian. Christian education takes in the whole aggregate of human life: physical, spiritual, intellectual, and moral, individual, domestic, and social, not with a view in reducing those in any way, but in order to elevate, regulate, and perfect them in accordance with the example and teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Pope Pius XI

Fine Arts, Electives and Extracurricular Activities:

In addition to the school's core curriculum, the following course electives and extracurricular activities are offered to broaden each student's academic experience:

- Psychology
- Film History
- Forensics
- Art Classes
- Multimedia Design
- Beta Club
- National Honor Society
- Student Government
- Drama
- Theatre
- Music
- Voice
- Photography
- Videography
- Chess Club
- Culinary Arts
- Aviation
- Band





Athletics

The athletic department at SHJHS is committed to providing students with an athletic experience that builds character in accordance with the principles of the Faith. The aim of athletic education is to establish a foundation in forming personality and character.

Students learn respect for authority, take responsibility for their actions and display self-discipline at a level which promotes growth by developing loyalty, pride, integrity and commitment.

SHJHS is a member of TSSAA and MTAC and offers the following athletic programs:

FALL SEASON

- Football
- Cheerleading
- Soccer (Womens)
- Golf (co-ed)
- Cross Country (co-ed)

WINTER SEASON

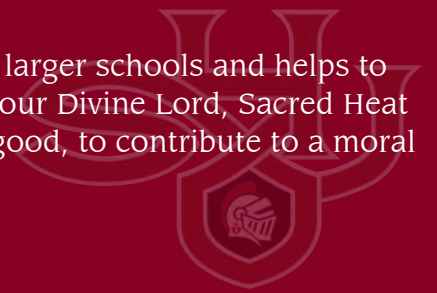
- Cheerleading
- Basketball (boys & girls)

SPRING SEASON

- Tennis
- Baseball
- Soccer (Mens)
- Softball



Close interaction between teachers and students provides a bond not found in larger schools and helps to ensure that no student is neglected or overlooked. Inspired by the teachings of our Divine Lord, Sacred Heart of Jesus High School prepares young men and women to recognize and choose good, to contribute to a moral society and to be future leaders.



Religious Life

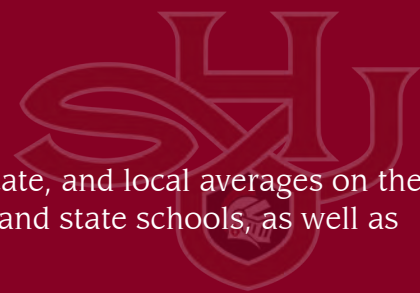


The intellectual tradition and moral teachings of the Catholic Church infuse the whole life of Sacred Heart of Jesus High School, illuminating all learning as well as the community within which learning takes place. The curriculum is ordered toward theology — that is, the knowledge of God — and the school strives in all things to remain faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

At SHJHS, students learn the Faith both inside the classroom and out. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is held twice each week in the school chapel and students have the opportunity to frequent the sacrament of confession twice each month. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, student retreats and service days are regular occurrences. Every school event, whether a dance or a basketball game, is planned with an eye toward deepening the faith and nurturing virtue. Each activity, as with each class, begins with a prayer.



College Planning



SHJHS students have a 100% college acceptance rate and exceed the national, state, and local averages on the ACT. Students have been admitted to a wide range of colleges, including local and state schools, as well as nationally ranked universities.

The college advising process is weaved throughout the curriculum. Students apply their skills from the classroom to build their resumes and enrich their essays. Individual meetings, small group meetings and senior seminars are used to offer guidance in the application process.

Students have been accepted into the following Universities and have been awarded millions of dollars in scholarships:

- ☐ Arkansas State
- ☐ Art Institute of Los Angeles
- ☐ Auburn
- ☐ Austin Peay
- ☐ Berry
- ☐ Bethel
- ☐ Brown College
- ☐ Butler University
- ☐ Carson
- ☐ Christian Brothers University
- ☐ Clemson
- ☐ Columbia University
- ☐ Earlham
- ☐ East Tennessee State University
- ☐ Georgia Tech
- ☐ Greenville College
- ☐ Lipscomb University
- ☐ Marquette University
- ☐ Martin Methodist
- ☐ Mercer University
- ☐ Middle Tennessee University
- ☐ Mississippi State University
- ☐ Missouri Science & Technology
- ☐ Morehouse College
- ☐ Murray State University
- ☐ N.D.
- ☐ Newman
- ☐ Northwestern
- ☐ Ohio State
- ☐ Pepperdine University
- ☐ Princeton
- ☐ Purdue
- ☐ Rhodes College
- ☐ Rose Hulman Institute of Technology
- ☐ Saint Clara
- ☐ Saint Joseph's Seminary
- ☐ Saint Louis University
- ☐ Savannah College of Art and Design
- ☐ Sewanee University of the South
- ☐ Southeast Missouri
- ☐ Southern Miss University
- ☐ Spring Hill College
- ☐ Tennessee State University
- ☐ Tennessee Technology University
- ☐ Texas A & M
- ☐ The Catholic University of America
- ☐ Trevecca
- ☐ UCLA
- ☐ Union University
- ☐ University of Miami
- ☐ University of Alabama
- ☐ University of Dallas
- ☐ University of Dayton
- ☐ University of Denver
- ☐ University of Georgia
- ☐ University of Memphis
- ☐ University of Mississippi
- ☐ University of Missouri
- ☐ University of San Diego
- ☐ University of Texas at Austin
- ☐ UT Chattanooga
- ☐ UT Knoxville
- ☐ UT Martin
- ☐ Vanderbilt University
- ☐ Walter's State
- ☐ Washington University in St. Louis
- ☐ Xavier University

