




**SACRED  
HEART**  
THE ACADEMY  
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Sacred Heart is a Catholic, independent PK-8 school that warmly welcomes children of all faiths. We offer a values-based education and single gender classrooms on a coed campus.

# AT A GLANCE

**Enrollment:** 700 students, PK-8 (Preschool opening Fall 2019)

**Student/Teacher Ratio:** 9:1

**Class Size:** 16 in Kindergarten; 20 in Grades 1-8

**Faculty & Staff:** 147, 70% with advanced degrees

**Academic Features:** Spanish, French, art, vocal and instrumental music, physical education, religion; 1:1 Chromebook program for Middle School

**Extracurriculars:** 40 special interest clubs, academic and enrichment programs; robust sports program including cross country, track, basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf, softball and baseball; band, glee club and theatre

**Faith:** 70% of students are Catholic; 30% are from a wide variety of faith traditions, both Christian and non-Christian. Sacramental preparation is available for Catholic students

**Diversity:** 27% students of color

**Internationality:** SHS is enriched by families from 30 different countries; 20 different languages are spoken in our students' homes

**Neighborhoods Served:** Students live in more than 30 zip codes across the city and suburbs. About 45% of students live in Lincoln Park and Lakeview

**High School Admission:** Students and families are supported throughout their high school search by a dedicated counselor. About 95% of our students are accepted at their first-choice school, including selective enrollment schools (Jones, Northside, Payton, Whitney Young); Catholic schools (Ignatius, Loyola, Woodlands Academy); and independent schools (Lab, Latin, Francis Parker)

**2018-19 Tuition:** \$20,904, plus \$720 activity fee (K-8)

**Free After School Care:** Until 6 pm all days that school is in session

**Financial Aid:** \$2.2 million in need-based aid is awarded to 20% of students

**Year Established:** 1876

**Founding Order:** The Society of the Sacred Heart

**Accreditations & Affiliations:** The Network of Sacred Heart Schools, National Association of Independent Schools, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Lake Michigan Association of Independent Schools

## Application Deadlines

### Apply by December 10

Senior Kdg 2020-21, Early Decision;  
Senior Kdg 2019-20, Regular Decision;  
Preschool and Junior Kdg 2019-20

### Rolling Admission

Grades 1-7, 2019-20



We provide the academic breadth and rigor characteristic of the best independent schools, while celebrating our tradition as a Catholic school for children of all faiths.

## WHAT SETS SACRED HEART APART?

### A Chicago tradition

Sacred Heart is Chicago's oldest independent school, serving the city's children since 1876. We have been located on our historic Sheridan Road campus overlooking Lake Michigan since 1929.

### Single Gender Education on a Coed Campus

Parents often call our approach the "best of both worlds"—a thoughtful blend of single-gender study and coed interaction that encourages student engagement, discourages stereotypes and builds confidence on a daily basis.

### The Initiatives for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Through this ambitious program, inspired teaching, personalized learning and a supportive community combine to ensure our students thrive academically.

### The Five Goals—Our Promise to You

The Five Goals of Sacred Heart Education are guiding principles that make a real difference in the lives of our students. We educate each child to:

- A personal and active faith in God
- A deep respect for intellectual values
- A social awareness which impels to action
- The building of community as a Christian value
- Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

## PRESCHOOL OPENING FALL 2019

Sacred Heart Schools has announced the opening of a preschool. This new early childhood program will offer both half- and full-day Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten options to 3- and 4-year-old children. Located on the grounds of Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church at 5649 N. Sheridan Rd., the preschool is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2019. Visit [www.shschicago.org/preschool](http://www.shschicago.org/preschool) for more information.

### Join us for an Admissions Coffee or school tour!

Admissions Coffees are offered throughout the school year on select mornings from 9:15-11 am and fill up quickly! Reserve your space or schedule a private school tour by contacting us at 773.681.8418 or [admissions@shschicago.org](mailto:admissions@shschicago.org).

October 12

October 24

November 15

November 30

December 12

February 13

March 22

May 1