



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?

All applications are completed online through TADS. A link can be found on our website.
<https://sacredheartschooldc.org/application-and-registration>

Is there financial aid available?

Yes. Families may apply for Tuition Assistance through the Archdiocese of Washington via the TADS website (tads.com) or they may apply for the Opportunity Scholarship (OSP). To apply for the OSP scholarship you can apply online <http://servingourchildrencdc.org/> or apply in their office located 1615 L St. NW Suite 750 NW, Washington DC, 20036.

What are the school hours?

School is in session from 7:50-3:15. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 and must be picked up by 3:30. Before care is available for an additional fee and begins at 7:00am. Aftercare is available for an additional fee (Aftercare hours 3:30-6pm).

Do students wear a uniform?

Yes. Our uniforms are provided by Flynn & O'Hara. You may shop online (link available on SHS Website) or you may visit the store in Rockville, MD.

Do you offer extracurricular activities?

Due to the small nature of our school, we are unable to offer the vast number of extracurricular activities that some schools offer. However, at various times during the year, we do offer soccer, tennis, baseball, running/jogging club (Girls on the Run), theater club, piano lessons, and Science Explorers.

What curriculum do you follow?

Our students follow the Archdiocese of Washington Curriculum Standards. We offer 6 core classes (Math, Language Arts, Spanish Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Religion) as well as 4 enrichment classes (PE, Technology, Art, and Music).

Do your teachers receive professional development?

Yes, all teachers must be certified either through DC, MD, or VA and must uphold their licensure by completing the required amount of professional development. In addition, the school provides professional development through Project Zero, a research group at Harvard University dedicated to researching critical thinking, and TWIN, the Two-Way Immersion Network out of Boston College, and Responsive Classroom. We also participate in Archdiocese of Washington sponsored Collaboration Days.



Is there a parent committee?

Yes, our HSA actively meets once a month and fundraises for school improvement projects, such as buying new iPads, new Spanish resources, or playground improvements.

Are students required to take standardized tests?

Yes, we believe standardized tests provide valuable information to teachers who are planning to meet the needs of each individual child. Students in PreK4-3rd grade take PALS in both English and Spanish to assess their literacy levels. Students in Grades 1-8 take the Performance Series adaptive test 3 times a year (beginning, middle, and end) as well as the Faith Knowledge test. More information, including Parent Guides to the tests, may be found on our website.

How can I stay informed of updates?

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