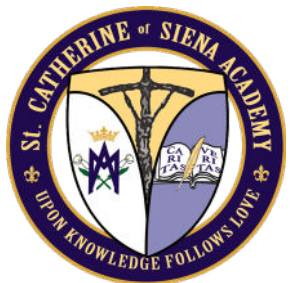


To educate young women to develop their *feminine genius* – their unique dignity, identity, and gifts as women created in the image of God.

St. Catherine of Siena Academy

Tuesday, February 27, 2023

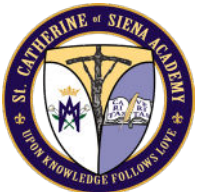


St. Catherine of Siena Prayer

Heavenly Father, your glory is in your saints. We praise your glory in the life of the admirable St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of your Church.

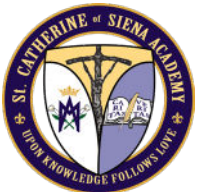
Her whole life was a noble sacrifice inspired by an ardent love of your Son, Jesus. She strenuously upheld the teaching of your Church and promoted the education of your young people. Please, Father, hear our prayers for the success of St. Catherine of Siena Academy.

May our school become steps on your stairway to Heaven; steps for her staff, students, and their families, and for her friends and benefactors.



Message from the President

- Field Development Consultants
 - Solicited Feedback
 - Poise St. Catherine of Siena Academy for future
 - Growth
 - Learning Commons
 - Wellness Center
 - Outdoor Sports Complex
 - Curriculum
 - Develop Strategic Plan
- We are a College Prep and Life Preparatory Academy



Current Curriculum Model

- Provides a solid college-preparatory
- Students fulfill state graduation requirements
- Fulfills St. Catherine requirements (Theology and Philosophy)





Collegiate 4x4 Block Schedule for 2023-24

Curriculum Enhancements



Collegiate 4x4 Block Schedule

4x4 Block Schedule

(8) credit hours each academic year.

Students focus on (4) courses per semester

1 credit courses are semester long (August – December & January – May)

0.5 credit elective courses are for 9 weeks



Why Change?

- 8 credits allow for broader opportunities and growth opportunities
- Room for additional State required courses
 - Personal Finance (0.5) -State requirement of personal finance for beginning Class of 2027
- Room for additional SCA required courses
 - Social Science/History (1.0)
 - Fine and Performing (1.0)
- Increase elective opportunities
 - Increase from 28 to 32 credits
 - Current Model our students typically can't pursue electives until Junior year



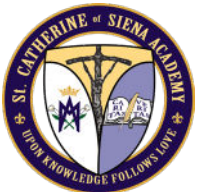
Advantages

- Deeper learning
 - Variety of “activities” during class
 - Direct instruction / Increased instruction time
 - Student Projects
 - Collaborative work/cooperative learning
 - Discussions
 - 1:1 dialogue/tutoring
 - More meaningful learning activities
 - Alternative teaching methods (Differentiated Instruction at its best)



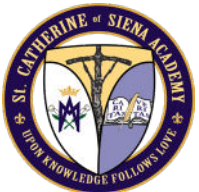
Advantages, continued

- Fewer Courses = Focus-driven approach
 - Teachers have fewer preps
 - Timely grading
 - More relevant feedback
 - Better organized lessons
 - Higher quality lessons
 - Students have fewer classes for which to prepare
 - less homework to manage
 - Reduced assessment load
 - Relationships with teachers and peers improve, more meaningful time



Advantages, continued

- Flexibility to take more classes (electives)
- Fewer interruptions (bell, changing classes)
- Easier access to dual-enrollment courses
 - Local universities (ie Schoolcraft)
 - UDM, LTU
- Increased internship opportunities
- More manageable student-teacher ratio



Challenges

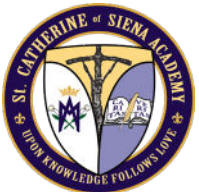
- If a student has extended absences, may have a harder time catching up
- Scheduling AP Classes
- Transfer Students
- Music classes difficult to schedule
- Perception of loss of content retention
 - During school year, brain is engaged; review will be necessary
- Teacher effectiveness
 - Teachers must change how they teach
 - Training and support will be given

4 x 4 Model

Example	
Period 1 (80 minutes)	
Period 2 (80 minutes)	
Mass (30 minutes)	
Lunch (30 minutes)	
Seminar(30 minutes)	
Period 3 (80 minutes)	
Period 4 (80 minutes)	

Structured Flexible Time for Students

- Additional Help
- Review Opportunities
- AP Review
- Peer to Peer Tutoring
- Free time (structured)
- Test Make Up
- *Not to be used for Extracurricular (Club Meeting)*



Block Schedule (10th grade example)

What will that look like next year?

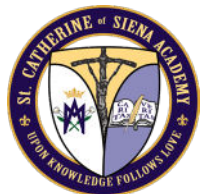
10 th Grade	Semester 1 (1 cr)	Semester 2 (1 cr)	
Period 1	Math	Science	
Period 2	English	Social Studies	
Mass	Mass	Mass	
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Seminar	Seminar	Seminar	
Period 3	Latin I/II	Theology 10	
Period 4	PE/ Health or Art	Elective 1	Elective 2



Block Schedule (11th Gr Example)

What will that look like next year?

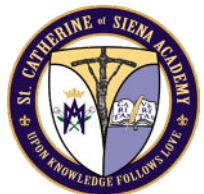
11 th Grade	Semester 1 (1 cr)		Semester 2 (1 cr)	
Period 1	Math		Science	
Period 2	Social Studies		English	
Mass	Mass		Mass	
Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	
Seminar	Seminar		Seminar	
Period 3	Maybe Latin III/Elective		Theology 11	
Period 4	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective



Block Schedule (12th grade)

What will that look like next year?

12 th Grade	Semester 1 (1 cr)		Semester 2 (1 cr)	
Period 1	Science		Math	
Period 2	English		Social Science Electives	
Mass	Mass		Mass	
Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	
Seminar	Seminar		Seminar	
Period 3	Maybe Latin IV/Elective		Theology 12	
Period 4	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective



Added courses

- History/Social Science
 - Modern World History (College Prep and AP Levels)
 - Grade 10
- Art
 - Move from 1 credit required to 2 credits required
- Personal Finance
 - Beginning with the Class of 2027, in the junior or senior year, a half credit of Personal Finance is required by the State



Final Thoughts ~ Questions

