Freshmen Parent Information Night
St. Catherine of Siena Academy

Thursday, March 2, 2023 | 7:00 PM
Agenda

- Prayer
- Introductions
- Welcome from the President
- Overview (Mission/Vision)
- Cornerstones and Christian Community
- Preparing for Freshman Year
- Scheduling Process
- Summer Skills
- Enrollment
- Athletics
- Next Steps
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.
Who we are.

So nice to meet you!

- Lia Johnston, President
- Judy Hehs, Principal
- Dan Bumpus, Dean of Students,
- Tiffany Tatman, Director of Admissions
- Carlos Calderon, Director of Athletics
- Kathy Isgro, Business Manager
- Julie Rzepka, Learning Specialist
- Counselors
  - Claudia Sitto (Last name A – H)
  - Hutham Tankersley (Last name I – Z)
Our Mission
To educate young women to develop their feminine genius; their unique dignity, identity and gifts as women created in the image of God.

Our Vision
Transform the culture by equipping young women to be leaders as bold witnesses of the Gospel, rooted in the love of God and formed by faith and reason.
Welcome to the Learning Commons
Enjoy the new Fitness & Wellness Center
Faith, Reason, Leadership, Sisterhood

Reflection | Rooted in our faith, our students discover their authentic selves.

Academics | Rooted in excellence, our students are prepared for college and beyond.

Student Life | Rooted in leadership, our students are prepared to better the world.

Sisterhood | Rooted in love, our students find belonging, friendship, and fun.
Creating a Christian Community

Sacramental Life
Class Retreats
Sisterhood Bonding Events
Service Projects
Our curriculum is college-preparatory and aligned to rigorous standards above and beyond the Common Core. Our Theology Program aligns to the standards of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. Within each curricular area, teachers work to incorporate the art of rhetoric, critical thinking, and real-world application. Students are taught using lecture, Socratic Method, project-based learning, and technology.

St. Catherine of Siena Academy will follow a collegiate block schedule for the 2023-24 school year. Students will be enrolled in four 80-minute classes each day Semester I, followed by four 80-minute classes Semester II. This provides students the opportunity to complete eight (8) credit hours each academic year.

At SCA all students are required to complete academic credits and service hours to graduate.
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

- 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 with the 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
4 x 4 Model Example

Example

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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)*
Meet your counselors.

Threading the Catholic identity into their guidance programs, our counselors distinguish what they do as a ministry rather than a job. The counseling department provides students with class, college, career, and individual counseling throughout their time at SCA.

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Block Schedule (9th grade example) What will that look like next year?

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College Preparatory Graduation Requirements

Students need to earn 31 credits in these areas

- 4.0 credits English
- *4.5 credits Math
- 4.0 credits Social Studies
- 3.0 credits Science
- 2.0 credits Latin/Spanish
- 4.0 credits Theology
- 1.0 credit Philosophy
- 1.0 credit Health & Physical Education
- 2.0 credit Applied/Visual/Performing Arts
- 5.5 credits in electives

* 4.5 credits will be required beginning with the Class of 2027 to include Personal Finance (junior or senior year)
Academically Advanced Electives

**AP Courses**
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Chemistry
- English Language
- English Literature
- Government
- Physics C
- Studio Art
- US History
- Modern World History
- Michigan Virtual Online

**Honors Courses**
- English: 9 and 10 grade
- Math: Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus
- Science: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- Social Studies: Ancient World History
- Language: Latin III and Latin IV

**Other opportunities**
- Medical internship at Providence Park
- Dual Enrollment with Lawrence Technological University & Schoolcraft (Junior/Senior Status)
- SCOIR: college and career planning tool, designed to help students make informed decisions about college opportunities and career choices
Educational Development Plan (EDP)

- EDP lists the courses students will take over four years in high school
- An EDP will be completed each year
- The choices for elective classes may change over the four years
- Counselors will meet with parent(s) and student to select courses
- Freshmen Scheduling Dates & Times
  - **Monday, March 20:** In-Person Meeting at SCA from 8AM – 12PM
  - **Thursday, March 23:** In-Person Meeting at SCA from 3:00PM – 7:00PM
  - **Wednesday, March 29:** In-Person Meeting at SCA from 11AM – 2PM
St. Catherine of Siena Academy
Educational Development Plan
2023-2024

Graduation Requirements
- 4.0 credits English
- 4.5 credits Math
- 4.0 credits Social Studies
- 3.0 credits Science
- 4.0 credits Catholic Theology
- 2.0 credits Spanish/Latin (minimum of 2 consecutive years must be taken at SCA)

31.0 credits to graduate

Philosophy (required in 11th or 12th grade)
*Personal Finance (required in 11th or 12th grade for Class of 2027)

Physical Ed
- PE (0.5 Cr. required)
- Health (0.5 Cr. required)

Art
- Visual/Perf/Applied Art (2.0 Cr. required for the Class of 2027)

Career Pathways:
1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________

Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12
---|---|---|---
**First Semester** | **Second Semester** | **First Semester** | **Second Semester** | **First Semester** | **Second Semester** | **First Semester** | **Second Semester**
- English 9: Composition & Literature | - English 10: American Literature | - AP English Language and Composition | - AP Literature and Composition
- Honors English 9: Composition & Literature | - Honors American Literature | - British Literature | - British Literature
- Algebra I | - Algebra II | - Geometry | - Geometry
- Honors Algebra II | - Geometry | - Honors | - Honors
- Biology | - Chemistry | - Physics | - Physics
- Honors Biology | - Honors Chemistry | - Honors | - Honors
- Environmental Science | - AP | - AP | - AP
- Ancient World History | - Modern World History | - AP History | - AP History
- Elective | - Elective | - Elective | - Elective
- Jesus Christ: True God and True Man | - Church History | - Moral Theology | - Select Two
- Language | - Language | - Elective | - Elective
- Art Elective | - Elective | - Elective | - Elective
- PE/Health | - Elective | - Elective | - Elective

**Earned Per Year:**
- Freshmen: 25 hours
- Sophomores: 30 hours
- Juniors: 35 hours
- Seniors: 40 hours

**Graduation Year:** 2027
Freshman Year
Required Classes

English
- Comp. & Literature 9
- Honors Comp. & Literature 9

Math*
- Algebra I
- Honors Algebra II

Social Studies
- Ancient World History
- Honors Ancient World History

Science
- Biology
- Honors Biology

Theology 9
- Jesus Christ: True God and True Man

*Placement in Honors Algebra II will be based on HSPT
Freshman Year
Electives

- Although 2.0 credits of Latin/Spanish is a graduation requirement, Freshmen can elect to begin their language sequence Sophomore year.
- 2 credits of Art
- *Spanish II (upon passing SCA’s Spanish placement test)
Placement into High School Courses

- HSPT Standardized Test Scores
- 7th and 8th Grade Report Cards
- Middle School Standardized Test Scores
- Freshman Courses Profile Sheet
- Educational Development Plan (EDP)
- SCA Math and/or English Placement Test
General placement using the HSPT

General placement decisions are made using the HSPT National Percentile Rank.

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| H. English 9  
| H. Ancient World History  
| H. Algebra II  
| H. Biology  |

Students are prepared to take honors level courses.

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| Biology  |

Students may still be able to take honors level courses via SCA’s Math Placement and/or English Placement exam.

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| Ancient World History  
| Algebra I  
| Biology  |

Summer Skills are recommended. Students may opt to take the SCA Math Placement or English Placement exam to place out of Summer Skills, and to better be prepared for Algebra I.
**Sample HSPT**

### Performance Profile

**STS HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST**

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**Performance Ratings**

- Low: Below Average
- Average
- Above Average
- High

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### SCHOLASTIC TESTING SERVICE

Run Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (STS1773-1)
Scheduling Process

Step 1: Course Selection
• Student and Parents should complete the Freshman Courses Profile Sheet. Choose electives, think about honors.

Step 2: Schedule a meeting w/ Counselor
• Sign-up Genius link will be emailed to parent(s)
• Meeting Dates: March 20, 23, 29

Step 3: Meet with Counselor
• Bring the Freshman Courses Profile Sheet (completed) along with the EDP
Summer Skills

Summer Skills in Math and/or English are offered to all our incoming Freshmen. We want our STARS to be set up for success at St. Catherine of Siena Academy.

Summer of 2023

- Week 1: June 20 – June 23, 2023
- Week 2: June 26 – June 29, 2023
- Week 3: July 10 – 13, 2023

English: 8:30-10:00 A.M.
Math: 10:15-11:45 A.M.

**Counselors will discuss summer skills recommendations during the scheduling meeting.**
Extracurricular –

HOSA

Robotics

Drama

- HOSA meets Sept through mid-March
- Robotics competition season begins in January
- Drama has a Fall Production and a Spring Production (Musical)
Clubs

- VAAC
- Empowerment Project
- CASA
- Latin Club
- Environmental Science Club
- Gianna Molla, Pro-life
- Mental Health Awareness
- Needles and Hooks
- Young Intellectuals Club
We serve.

Students have many opportunities to earn service hours during Epoch Week, Gala, Sacristans, office help, Open Houses, after-school activities and outside community requests with local parishes, schools…etc.
SCA Culinary Services provide our STARS with a variety of delicious and healthy food choices at an affordable price.

During a typical school year, the lunch menu for the month will be published and posted to the school website and on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall.

St. Cate’s Café is located adjacent to the lounge area in the athletic atrium. The atrium provides a relaxed area to socialize, study, and eat. Food will be offered from 3:00pm to 3:30pm for those students who are staying after school for various reasons. The Café offers sandwiches, healthy snacks, treats, smoothies and assorted drinks.
A day in the life of a STAR!

Doors open at 7 AM
Classes begin 7:45 AM

- 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

3:00 PM Dismissal M, T, Th, F

Noteworthy

- Early Dismissal on Wednesday (currently 2:10 PM)
- Half-days release (currently 12:00 noon)
- Delayed Start Schedule (currently 9:15 AM)
Next Steps…

Information for next steps will be communicated via email as well as posted on the MY SCA page of the website.

Finish any **open enrollment** items

- Contract, FACTS, Emergency Contacts And Health Form, Permissions and Directory Form
- Health Appraisal and Immunization Records/Waivers **please submit by June 30, 2023.** (not a Sports Physical)

- Uniforms
- Summer Homework
- Technology Requirements
- Summer Sports Conditioning
- SCA emails
- PowerSchool Accounts
SCA Athletics

2022-23 SPORTS OFFER

- **FALL**
  Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Pom-Pon, Swim (Co-Op), Volleyball

- **WINTER**
  Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Ice Hockey (Co-Op), Pom-Pon, Skiing (Co-Op)

- **SPRING**
  Lacrosse (Co-Op), Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Track & Field

MORE INFORMATION

- Athletic Website [scaстars.com](http://scaстars.com)
- Summer conditioning/Open Gyms will be posted on athletic website mid to late May
- Register for interested sports on FinalForms any time after July 1, 2023
- All tryout dates are found in the 2023-24 MHSAA Calendar (in your folder)
Why register?

- If your daughter is interested in playing *any sport* at St. Catherine, you should register on FinalForms.
- Registering for a sport will notify the coach so that you receive information regarding that sport (try-out dates, conditioning…etc)

When can I register?

- July 1, 2023

How do I register?

- Go to the SCA athletic website scastars.com
- Under the MORE tab, click on FinalForms
- Helpful instructions (on how to register and upload a sports physical in FinalForms) as well as the MHSAA calendar are found in your folder tonight!
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  Business Manager
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