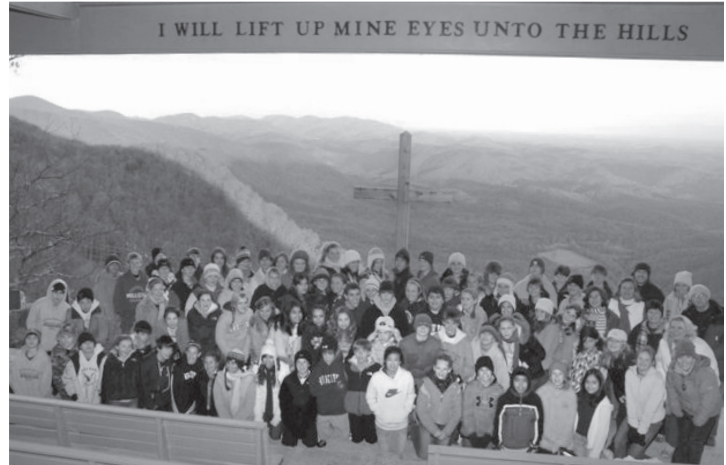




## Curriculum

Our rigorous curriculum promotes the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and cognitive development of every child. Through a child-centered approach, our developmentally appropriate and challenging content provides a strong academic foundation for all future educational pursuits. The kindergarten through grade eight curriculum adheres to the national standards and Tennessee State Department of Education curriculum standards while the Diocese transitions to the Common Core Standards. The instructional program consists of Art, Christian Doctrine/Religion, English, Health, Language Arts/Literature, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Spanish and Writing. Technology and faith formation is integrated throughout the program.



Recognizing that children develop within a complex set of interrelated systems that includes the family, the school, the church, the broader community and the world, our school fosters interrelationships between and among these systems. Experiential learning and service learning are integral components.

## Experiential Learning

Capitalizing on children's natural curiosity and exuberance, SHCS provides many experiences both on and off campus for our students to have a myriad of opportunities for cultural, artistic and social enrichment. These experiences include excursions to musical concerts, plays, museums, and dance performances.

Our in-depth hands-on ecology curriculum makes students aware of the environment and mankind's responsibility for it. Utilizing the natural resources of the Appalachian Mountains in our region, field experiences include overnight trips to Wesley Woods in grade 3 and Camp Greenville in grade 7.

Astronomy and Aerospace science and technology are further enhanced by overnight travel to the Huntsville Space Center in grade 5 and a Challenger Mission trip in Chattanooga in grade 6.

American History and state government become alive through excursions to our state capital, Nashville in grade 7 and Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia in grade 8.

## Faith Formation and Service Learning

SHCS strives to foster a life-long commitment to prayer, service and ministry. In addition to daily lessons in Christian Doctrine, faith formation is fully integrated throughout the student's daily experience. Our students attend Mass twice weekly except for kindergarten who only attends one time per week. The students utilize their gifts to serve in all aspects of liturgical ministry, such as lectors, cantors, and altar servers. School-wide service or mission projects are conducted monthly and correlate to the corporal works of mercy.

## Program Evaluation

To gain a longitudinal picture of a student's academic ability and to assess the effectiveness of implementation of our instructional program, SHCS utilizes a comprehensive assessment program including curriculum based and nationally standardized assessments. Kindergarten readiness is assessed by the Dial-4. Kindergarten progress is monitored through curriculum based assessment and the Scholastic Test of Readiness for first grade. Students in grades 1-8 are administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, a nationally standardized test of achievement. Students in grades 3, 5, 7 are also administered the Cognitive Test of Abilities in the areas of verbal, non-verbal and quantitative. The TCAP Writing Assessment is administered in grades 5 and 8, as well as, the Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE). The algebra test of proficiency is administered to eighth grade algebra students.

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## Technology

Sacred Heart Cathedral School places great emphasis on utilizing modern technology to enhance the learning process. As part of the most recent strategic plan, Sacred Heart launched an ambitious initiative in technology. Kindergarten students work on Smart Table Learning Centers and every classroom is now equipped with Smart Boards. Elementary students enjoy mobile iPad labs and our middle school is outfitted with mobile computer labs (32 laptops). In addition to the new mobile labs, SHCS has a 30 station computer lab classroom. The school's library houses 12 desktop PC computers, three Macintosh computers and Kindles for student use. Each classroom is also furnished with 5 student use computers.

It is often said that we should not be so concerned about learning to use technology as about using technology to learn, so in addition to our new computers and notebooks, SHCS has upgraded the math, reading, and language software and added AIMSweb, teacher support software to identify areas of focus. Our teachers utilize technology to enhance lessons, and to offer students new ways to learn skills and explain concepts.

At Sacred Heart School we consistently seek to integrate technology in challenging ways into every area of the curriculum, with consideration given to what is developmentally appropriate for the child. We believe that educators must embrace cutting edge technology to enable them to be more productive and connected to today's learner and to the rise of global expansion throughout the digital world. Our teachers are aware of the changing needs of today's student and the learning environment necessary for optimal effectiveness.



## Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Cathedral School, in union with parents and the parish community, is dedicated to living and teaching Gospel values. As a Catholic school, we strive to prepare our students for service, worship, and ministry so that these values will become their way of life. We aspire to excellence through a curriculum which promotes spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical well-being.

## Vision Statement

Sacred Heart Cathedral School will foster disciples through prayer, academic integrity, and service to others.

## Motto

We will live our faith, love God's family and learn for the future.

## Honor Code

Each student is asked to sign and abide by the following honor code:

### HONOR CODE

I promise to be honest and respectful to all adults and my fellow peers by interacting with them in a truthful, loving and Christ-like manner. I promise to exhibit behaviors that show honesty, academic integrity, and faithful discipleship.

## Philosophy

In light of our stated mission, Sacred Heart Cathedral School in conjunction with the parents and students is dedicated to the following principles:

### Promoting Personal Growth by

- Developing in each child a positive self-image
- Developing in each child a sense of responsibility, courtesy, and respect
- Encouraging the discovery and cultivation of unique, God given gifts and talents of each child
- Motivating each child to pursue their highest potential
- Developing in each child a sense of responsibility as a member of the community.

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It is important to note that Catholic schools' academic endeavors flow from our mission of teaching the Gospel through our Catholic faith and tradition. This is what distinguishes the Catholic school from other schools. We are first a faith community, intent on bringing students to Jesus. All other activities flow from this reality.

### Teaching Gospel Values by

- Developing in each child a knowledge and love of God and the Catholic Church
- Developing in each child the ability to translate faith into action
- Integrating religious truths and values into the entire instructional program
- Instilling in each child the ability to recognize the dignity in all human life
- Instilling in each child a sense of belonging to the larger body of Christ

### Providing a Catholic Education by

- Fostering an understanding of the liturgy through active participation
  - Teaching a specific sequenced curriculum rooted in the message of Jesus that meets or exceeds established standards for both the Diocese of Knoxville and the State of Tennessee
  - Developing the capacity for critical thinking consistent with high academic standards
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## Admissions Procedures

In the Catholic Diocese of Knoxville, no Catholic child may be denied admission to a Catholic school because of the parents' inability to pay tuition. Sacred Heart Cathedral School admits students in consideration of the above and in accordance with the following criteria: Admission priority, classes size and make-up, age requirement, pre-existing concerns and proper documentation.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

Sacred Heart Cathedral School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Sacred Heart Cathedral School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic or other school-administered programs.

## Admission Priority

Effective August 1, 1996, Catholic students will be admitted to Sacred Heart Cathedral School in the following order:

1. Members of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
2. Members of Knoxville area parishes without schools
3. Members of Knoxville area parishes with schools

After parish status has been determined, the following criteria will be followed:

1. Students currently enrolled and in good standing, who register and submit their retainer fee for the upcoming school year are automatically counted in the class rolls for Grades K-8, including non-parish students and non-Catholic students;
2. Catholic siblings of SHCS students who are members of families wherein one or more of its school-age children are in Catholic schools (Grades K-12);
3. Eldest or only Catholic student entering SHCS Kindergarten or Grade one;
4. Catholic siblings of SHCS students who are members of families wherein one or more of its school-age children attend a non-Catholic school (Grades K-12);
5. Catholic students transferring from other Catholic schools;
6. Catholic Students transferring from public schools;
7. Siblings of non-Catholic students currently enrolled;
8. Non-Catholic students.

Transition Class (Kindergarten): Any child who attended SHCS Kindergarten and was recommended to attend a transition class and then after one year applies to SHCS for Grade One will have the same priority as a currently enrolled student. This policy also applies to students who previously attended SHCS, have moved away from the area and wish to enroll upon returning to the area.

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## Class Size

Sacred Heart Cathedral School will comply with the State of Tennessee regulations regarding class size.

## Age Requirements

According to the laws of the State of Tennessee, a child must be five (5) years old by September 30 of the year entering Kindergarten; a child must be six (6) years old by September 30 of the year entering Grade One, unless transferring from an accredited school in another state whose age requirements differ.

## Class Make-Up

Special Needs: In order to maintain proper balance and to facilitate service for all children, the number of “special needs” students in a grade and/or room will be monitored and limited. “Special needs” include learning disabilities, emotional/behavior disorders, attention deficits and most physical handicaps. “Special needs” does not include “gifted” students.

## Pre-Existing Concerns

(Other possible reasons for non-acceptance)

To insure that SHCS can best serve all its students, the following criteria will be considered regarding students transferring into SHCS: academic deficiencies, conduct/deportment, and/or expulsion from another school. Each applicant’s history and situation will be carefully evaluated on an individual basis.

## Required Documentation for Admission

In order to process a student’s application, the following documents must be provided:

- Completed Application, with accompanying \$50 non-refundable fee
- One Recent photograph of the applicants
- Parish Membership Certification for Catholic Applicants
- Parent Observation Form (Grades K-8)
- Teacher Recommendation Forms
- Authorization for Release of Student Records
- Copy of baptismal certificate for Catholic applicants
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of social security card

Individual readiness screening for Kindergarten is required. Screening appointments will be scheduled February 6-10, 2012. You will be notified of your child’s appointment time approximately 14 days prior to screening sessions. **Only applicants with completed applications of file with the Admissions Office will be scheduled for screening.**

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# AFTER SCHOOL CARE, UNIFORMS AND CAFETERIA

## Young Folks After School Program

The Young Folks After School Program provides a fun, safe, positive, environment for students needing care after the school day. Activities available include, games, arts and crafts, creative play, outdoor play and an opportunity for students to complete homework with supervision. Students are served a snack daily.

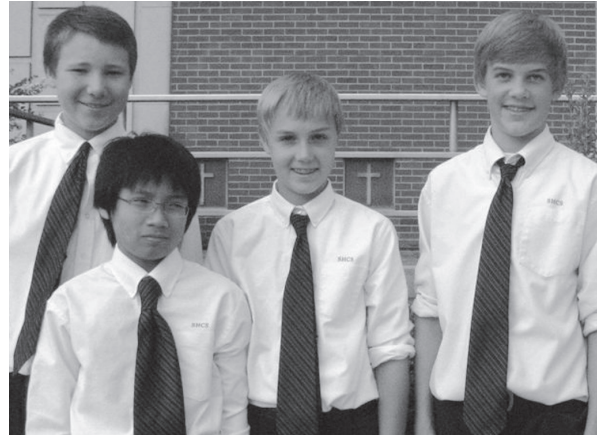
Sacred Heart's Young Folks program includes:

- Before school care 7:00 a.m.
- After school care until 6:00 p.m.
- Full summer camp program

Enrollment plans range from drop-in only to before and after school care up to 5 days per week, and the fees vary according to the plan selected.

Young Folks also offers a full summer camp program. Summer camp is available Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. Part time plans are also available. Campers will enjoy arts and crafts, outdoor play, games and field trips (roller skating, bowling, putt-putt, movies, swimming, etc. )

For more information about the Sacred Heart Young Folks Program contact Chris Gilliand at 865-584-8882 or at [cgilliand@shcknox.org](mailto:cgilliand@shcknox.org).



## School Uniforms

The SHCS uniform is a visible reminder of our identity as a Catholic community with cherished traditions and values. Wearing the SHCS uniform emphasizes an atmosphere of respect, courtesy and responsibility. It establishes a feeling of community and equality within the school, minimizes distraction in the classroom, promotes self-discipline, and encourages high personal standards.

Students are expected to adhere to the uniform code everyday throughout the entire school year. It is the parent's responsibility to see that the student follows the uniform code. Parents may be called upon to correct the problem if a student arrives at the school out of uniform.

Uniforms may only be purchased from the SHCS approved supplier or from the Eagle Swap & Shop Uniform Closet.

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## Cafeteria

Sacred Heart School is pleased to offer a food service program that strives to serve students a well-balanced meal each day by offering a hot lunch, salad bar, and numerous a la carte items. Our cafeteria team prepares fresh foods from scratch each day without preservatives. A registered nutritionist works in conjunction with our staff to ensure high nutritional value. Students may pay cash for their lunches, or deposit money into a prepay lunch account. To view a current menu, please visit the school website at [www.shcshool.org](http://www.shcshool.org).

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## On the Arts:

The arts provide a natural vehicle through which students can explore and express themselves and through which they can discover and interpret the world around them. Participation in the arts contributes in important ways to students' lives and learning – it involves intense engagement, development of motivation and confidence, and the use of creative and dynamic ways of thinking and knowing. It is well documented that the intellectual and emotional development of children is enhanced through the study of the arts. The Arts program at Sacred Heart provides students unique opportunities to engage in imaginative and innovative thought and action and to develop the ability to communicate and represent their thoughts, feelings, and ideas in numerous ways.

Sacred Heart Cathedral students are offered a myriad experiences within the visual and performing arts. Performances include music concerts twice per year, the annual talent show, plus fall and spring drama productions. Students may also participate on the Tech Team – the stage crew for all performances at school. Middle school also offers Band, Piano, and Celebration Choir. Lower school offers students the opportunity to participate in Sacred Heart Singers and Sacred Heart Strummers.

The Sacred Heart Art Department is awarded annually in the nation-wide Scholastic Art Awards competition with sculptures, paintings and drawings.

## About Athletics:

Sacred Heart is a proud member of the Knoxville Interscholastic Sports League (KISL). We offer nineteen athletic teams that cover ten sports. The athletic program is open to 6-8 graders, with 5th graders (JV only), eligible to participate beginning in fall 2012. Lifetime sports such as cross country, golf and tennis are available to 3rd grade and up.

The Eagles have experienced recent success highlighted by our boys varsity basketball team (2010 T-N-T State tournament runners up), varsity volleyball team (2010 KISL runner up), girls varsity basketball (2008 T-N-T State Champions) and our cheerleaders (1st place dance, 2nd place cheer and home pom routines at the University of Tennessee cheer camp 2011).

The coaching staff of Sacred Heart features coaches with high school and college coaching experience who are committed to providing a competitive program aligned with our school mission.

For more information about Eagle Athletics visit our website, [www.sacredheartsports.org](http://www.sacredheartsports.org) or call Scott Barron, Director of Athletics.



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## Sacred Heart Cathedral School 2011-2012 Tuition & Fee Information

### Parishioner Tuition Rates

Parish Assisted Tuition Schedule for **families with students at SHCS**

	Total Catholic Tuition	Standard Parish Contribution	Net Catholic Tuition	Single Yearly* Payment	Monthly Payment
1 Child	\$ 6,090	\$ 200	\$ 5,890	\$ 5,772.20	\$ 589.00
2 Children	\$12,180	\$1,100	\$11,080	\$ 10,858.40	\$1,108.00
3 Children	\$18,270	\$3,300	\$14,970	\$ 14,670.60	\$1,497.00
4 Children	\$23,360	\$6,000	\$18,360	\$ 17,992.80	\$1,836.00

\*Yearly Payment reflects a 2% discount on total Net Catholic Tuition

### Non-Catholic Tuition Rates

	Total Parent Tuition	Single Yearly* Payment	Monthly Payment
1 Child	\$ 7,840	\$ 7,683.20	\$ 784.00
2 Children	\$14,896	\$14,598.08	\$1,489.60
3 Children	\$21,952	\$21,512.96	\$2,195.20
4 Children	\$29,008	\$28,427.84	\$2,900.80

\*Yearly Payment reflects a 2% discount on Total Parent Tuition



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## Supplemental Tuition Assistance for Catholic Families

Families who believe they cannot afford to pay the Net Catholic Tuition should request supplemental tuition assistance. Catholic Charities processes all requests for supplemental tuition assistance. Families that currently have children attending SHCS must have their completed supplemental tuition assistance request packets to Catholic Charities by **February 24th**. Families new to SHCS who are planning to request supplemental tuition assistance should forward their completed packets to Catholic Charities immediately. The forms necessary to request supplemental tuition assistance are available in the School Business Office.

## Other Fees

These are fees that will be billed at the beginning of the school year to each family.

\*Book Fee (per student)

Kindergarten	\$115.00
Grades 1-8	\$185.00

\*Miscellaneous Fee (per student) \$ 41.00

Diocesan Assessment \$31.00

Student Insurance \$10.00

\*Technology Fee (per student) \$ 50.00

\*Home & School Fee (per family) \$ 20.00

**A retainer fee of \$250.00** per family is required when the registration packet is returned. This payment is applied to student fees. The retainer fee is non-refundable unless SHCS, for any reason, is unable to accept a student or if a family relocates out of town.

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## SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

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Knoxville, Tennessee 37919-7593  
Admissions Office, 558-4136  
FAX (865) 558-4139

[www.shcschool.org](http://www.shcschool.org)

Office Hours - Monday- Friday 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A Catholic, parochial school accredited through the Tennessee State Department of Education, operated under the auspices of the Schools Office of the Catholic Diocese of Knoxville.  
A National School of Excellence – 1992  
Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools



### General Information

Located in west Knoxville, ten minutes from downtown and just off I-40 and Papermill Road, Sacred Heart Cathedral School (SHCS) enrolls students in Kindergarten through Grade Eight. Class sizes comply with state regulations. A highly dedicated and fully certified faculty includes specialists in Music, Art, Physical Education, Foreign Language, Technology and Special Education.

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## Facilities

The physical plant includes 37 air conditioned classrooms, a cafeteria, a freestanding gymnasium with stage, separate music and art rooms, two science labs. The SHCS Library-Media Center boasts over 15,000 titles of young people's literature, audio-visual materials, including portable Smartboards, periodicals and a teachers' professional collection. Its automated system, ATHENA, provides easy access to the SHCS collection. Via the internet, library users have access to the Knox County Public Library system, the University of Tennessee Library collection and many of the world's other libraries. CD-ROMs provide a vast array of current research information.

## Faculty

Sacred Heart employs 48 teachers (including 17 specialists in Art, Band, Computer, Drama, Foreign Language, Guidance, Library Science, Liturgy, Music, Physical Education, Special Education and Technology) and 7 full-time instructional assistants.

## School Times

Kindergarten	7:55 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Grades 1-4	7:55 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
Grades 5-8	7:55 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

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