



SACRED HEART-GRIFFIN HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Excellence in a Community of Faith

OVERVIEW

SHG is a coeducational, Catholic college preparatory institution sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois. SHG is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Illinois State Board of Education. While we are a Catholic institution, students of other faiths represent 7% of our population. SHG welcomes a diverse student population to pursue academic excellence in a community of faith. Over 28% of our students receive financial aid. SHG offers over thirty extracurricular clubs and activities and nineteen men's and women's athletic teams. Total enrollment for the school year 2007-2008 is 858 students.

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RECOGNITION

SHG was recently highlighted in the ACT's new research report "Rigor at Risk: Reaffirming Quality in the High School Core Curriculum" as one of 382 schools in the United States for proving "that core courses can be made rigorous and that rigorous content can be effectively taught to students." Jon Erickson, ACT's Vice President of Educational Service said, " (SHG) is clearly a leader in preparing all high school students for post-secondary education and workforce training programs.

CLASS OF 2007

- 181 graduates
- 1 National Merit Finalist
- 13 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 1 Special National Merit Scholar (UPS Sponsored)
- 182 students took 275 AP exams
- 6 Advanced Placement with Distinction
- 2 Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors
- 16 Advanced Placement Scholars
- 37 Illinois State Scholars
- 123 IHSA Scholar Athletes (includes sophomores and juniors on varsity teams)
- 94 Members of the National Honor Society (47 in class of 2007)
- 98% College Bound (84% Four Year / 14% Two Year)
- SHG's football team has captured two consecutive state championships in the 5A division (2005 and 2006).

CURRICULUM

SHG has a strong academic program including 8 Advanced Placement and 24 Honors courses. (A complete listing of courses and descriptions can be found at www.shg.org/services/guidance/curriculum/cguide.html.) The curriculum is designed to meet the various needs, demonstrated skills and intellectual maturity of its students. Students are initially placed into courses freshman year based on their standardized test scores, grades and teacher recommendations. This creates a flexible placement system which allows the student to be placed in the level commensurate with his/her ability. We take pride in the fact that over 98% of our graduates pursue their post-secondary education.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-four units of credit are required for graduation as well as 60 hours of community service. One unit of credit is given for a class meeting daily throughout the year, one-half unit of credit is given for a course meeting one semester. Minimum requirements are listed below:

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4.0 Credits - Theology | 2.5 Credits - Social Sciences | .5 Credit - Health |
| 3.0 Credits - Mathematics | 2.0 Credits- Science | .5 Credit - Fine Arts |
| 4.0 Credits- English | 1.0 Credit - Physical Education | .5 Credits- Consumer Economics |
| | | .25 Credit - Computer Literacy |

In order to satisfy college entrance standards, it is recommended that SHG students complete at 2-4 credits in world language, 3-4 credits in lab sciences, 3-4 credits in mathematics, and 3-4 credits in social studies.

GRADING SCALE

SHG utilizes a 4.0 grading scale. Honors classes are weighted A=5.0 and AP classes are weighted A=6.0. Value of grades are as follows:

| Grade | Percentage | Value | | | |
|-------|------------|-------|----|----------|-----|
| A+ | 99-100 | 4.4 | C+ | 83-84 | 2.4 |
| A | 95-98 | 4.0 | C | 79-82 | 2.0 |
| A- | 93-94 | 3.6 | C- | 77-78 | 1.6 |
| B+ | 91-92 | 3.4 | D+ | 75-76 | 1.4 |
| B | 87-90 | 3.0 | D | 71-74 | 1.0 |
| B- | 85-86 | 2.6 | D- | 69-70 | 0.6 |
| | | | F | Below 69 | |

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Decile Ranges Sixth Semester-Class of 2008
220 Students

| Decile | Low GPA | High GPA |
|--------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 4.32 | 5.02 |
| 2 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| 3 | 3.81 | 4.08 |
| 4 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| 5 | 3.24 | 3.48 |
| 6 | 2.99 | 3.23 |
| 7 | 2.8 | 2.98 |
| 8 | 2.51 | 2.78 |
| 9 | 2.13 | 2.49 |
| 10 | 1.07 | 2.09 |

2006-2007 ACT SCORES

91% of SHG seniors took the ACT

| | English | Math | Reading | Science | Composite |
|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|-----------|
| SHG | 24.7 | 24.4 | 25.2 | 24.0 | 24.7 |
| State | 20.2 | 20.4 | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.5 |

2006-2007 SAT SCORES

19% of SHG seniors took the SAT

| | Critical Reading | Math | Writing |
|----------|------------------|------|---------|
| SHG | 593 | 639 | 600 |
| National | 502 | 515 | 494 |

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2004-2007

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| American University | Arizona State University | Augustana College |
| Ball State University | Belmont University | Blackburn College |
| Blinn College | Boston College | Bradley University |
| Butler University | California Baptist College | Calvin College |
| Colorado State University | Columbia College | Cornell College |
| Creighton University | Culver-Stockton College | Denison University |
| DePaul University | DePauw University | Eastern Illinois University |
| Georgetown University | George Washington University | Holy Cross College |
| Illinois College | Illinois Institute of Art | Illinois State University |
| Illinois Wesleyan University | Indiana University | Lehigh University |
| Lewis University | Lincoln Land Community College | Louisiana State University |
| Loyola University-IL | MacMurray College | McKendree College |
| Millikin University | Marquette University | Monmouth College |
| Murray State University | Newberry College | New York University |
| North Central College | Northern Illinois University | Northwestern University |
| Parkland Community College | Pennsylvania State University | Principia College |
| Purdue University | Quincy University | Ripon College |
| Rockhurst University | St. Louis College of Pharmacy | St. Louis University |
| St. Mary's - Notre Dame | Salisbury University | Savannah College of Art and Design |
| South Dakota State University | Southern Illinois University-Carbondale | Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville |
| Springfield College in Illinois | Truman State University | Tulane University |
| United States Naval Academy | University of Alabama | University of Chicago |
| University of Colorado | University of Dayton | University of Evansville |
| University of Illinois- Champaign | University of Illinois-Chicago | University of Illinois-Springfield |
| University of Iowa | University of Kansas | University of Miami |
| University of Michigan | University of Mississippi | University of Missouri-Columbia |
| University of Missouri-Rolla | University of Notre Dame | University of Tennessee |
| University of Wisconsin-Madison | Vanderbilt University | Washington University |
| Webster University | West Point Military Academy | Western Illinois University |
| Xavier University | Youngstown State University | |