



THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Description The Preparatory School of the Academy accommodates grades five through eight and has an enrollment of about 100 students. Prep students move from classroom to classroom to receive instruction from a variety of faculty members for both basic and enrichment disciplines. Each grade level in the Prep School has faculty moderators who assist with class meetings, service projects, field trips, peer issues, and special events.

Accreditation and Membership The Academy is accredited by the following organizations:

- Network of Sacred Heart Schools
- Independent Schools Association of the Southwest
- Louisiana State Department of Education

Administration Ms. Mary Burns, Headmistress
 Sr. Marueen Little, RSCJ - Head of the Elementary School
 Mrs. Cindy Leger, Preparatory School Coordinator

Curriculum Preparatory students at the Academy receive instruction in the following disciplines:

Religion	Algebra I (8)	Science	P.E.
English	Social Studies (5)	French	Guidance
Reading (5,6)	Global Studies (6)	French I (8)	Art
Literature (7,8)	Humanities (7,8)	Spanish I (8)	Music
Mathematics (5,6)		Internet/Applied	
Pre-Algebra (7,8)		Technology	

Private piano and English riding lessons also are available.

Co-curricular activities

- Liturgy

Catholic faith and practice are a rich, inherent part of the Academy. The entire school celebrates Mass together once a month. For the remainder of the month, the Elementary School celebrates a weekly Liturgy in the chapel. Students are encouraged to participate in the celebration by singing in the chorus, helping to plan the liturgy and its theme, reading, bringing up gifts in the offertory procession, or playing a musical instrument.

- Field Trips

Each class in the Preparatory School participates in field trips that supplement the academic program. These experiences foster the building of both academic and interpersonal skills.

- School Garden

The Elementary School garden, located behind the gymnasium on a half-acre of property, offers the girls the opportunity for experiential learning. As a counterpart to the science curriculum, the girls take on many responsibilities, such as planting, caretaking, and harvesting.

- Athletics

Organized athletic teams begin at the Preparatory School level. These include an equestrian program, volleyball, basketball, soccer, tennis, track and field, and cross-country. The students compete with teams from area public and private schools. The athletic program promotes cooperation among team members, as well as sportsmanship and physical fitness.

- Clubs and Organizations

Chorus	4-H	School Garden
Computer/Internet	Student Council	Campus Ministry
Fitness	Service Group	Environment
		National Jr. Honor Society

Entrance Testing

Testing for Preparatory applicants is done on an individual basis. The testing process lasts approximately two and one half hours.

Appointments for testing may be scheduled through the Office of Admission.

Tours and Visitation Days

The Academy welcomes families who are interested in learning more about Sacred Heart education. Individual tours are available by appointment. Applicants are encouraged to spend a day with their prospective class; limited bus transportation for visiting students is available. Visitation days must be scheduled in advance through the Office of Admission.