

# Why Sacred Heart Catholic School?

**Christ-centered education:** Our education addresses the moral, emotional, physical, spiritual, and intellectual development of each child, and is founded on the time honored principles of Catholic education.

**Accredited school:** Sacred Heart is accredited under SACS, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, under the umbrella of the Diocese of Birmingham. We are held to the same state education standards as well as higher Diocesan standards.

**ITBS excellence:** Our students consistently score above National averages in ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) standardized testing. This is the required standardized test taken by all schools in the Diocese of Birmingham.

**Dedicated professional certified teachers:** Our highly qualified educators pledge to provide a safe, Christ-centered, academically challenging, and nurturing environment to help each child reach his or her full potential in Christ. They are dedicated to educate the whole child.

**Spiritual life:** We develop close personal relationships with God through worship, service, and lived Gospel values. Students at Sacred Heart learn Christian doctrine and Catholic values. They are taught traditional prayers of the Catholic Church. Weekly Mass, monthly opportunities for confession, prayer services, parable plays, and community outreach are a frequent part of the religious curriculum. Students attend the Atrium Program once a week, which is taught by the LIHM Sisters.

**State of the art technology:** Interactive white boards (SMART boards) and document cameras in every classroom along with our 25-unit advanced computer lab give students interactive experiences with our curriculum. Classrooms also have iPad devices and computers for student use.

**Extracurricular activities:** We have activities for all talents and interests including choir, basketball, cheerleading, archery, Student Council, National Elementary and Jr. Beta Club, and Drama.

**Diversity:** Students from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds, united in their faith, come together in charity; to learn not just with, but from each other, as one body in Christ.

**Community:** Our school community is a united family of faculty, staff, student population, and parents all working together to provide a special balance between worship, academics, arts, and service – in an environment where trust and support are paramount.

**Active Parent Teacher Association:** Sacred Heart School parents take an active part in their child's education, and you'll likely find them worshipping alongside of their children at liturgies, assisting with school events, chaperoning field trips, helping with art projects, and even being guest speakers in the classrooms. Many SHS parents volunteer countless hours in our classrooms, in the cafeteria, at school events, at our fundraisers, and as coaches of our sports teams.

**Programs that fit your schedule:** Our full day Pre-K, Kindergarten, After School Care, and Breakfast Program keep students engaged and learning from as early as 7:00-5:30.

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