

2021-2022 School Profile

MISSION

Bethlehem Academy, a Catholic school in the Sinsinawa Dominican Tradition, strives to empower its students and staff to achieve personal, spiritual and academic excellence. We challenge ourselves to love as Jesus Christ loved, to lead, to serve, to inspire and to seek the truth: Veritas.

OVERVIEW

Bethlehem Academy, located in Faribault, Minnesota, is a co-educational, Catholic school serving students in grades 6-12. Founded in 1865, Bethlehem Academy offers a faith-enriched educational program that demands self-discipline, fosters respect for others, encourages the search for truth, and recognizes the unique abilities and God-given talents of each student. Guided by its Sinsinawa Dominican tradition, the Bethlehem Academy community follows the four Dominican Pillars of prayer, study, community, and service, offering faith experiences, high academic standards, and service learning. With a technology-enhanced educational experience delivered to a diverse student body of committed young men and women, Bethlehem Academy scholars thrive. The curriculum is college preparatory, with a modified modular system of class scheduling that allows flexibility and promotion of independent learning. Enrollment is open to students regardless of educational or religious background.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Bethlehem Academy uses a semester grade reporting system. Semester courses are worth 0.5 credit; year-long courses are worth 1.0 credit. Details about our course offerings can be found in our curriculum guide at www.bacards.org under Academics.

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| English: 4.0 credits | Social Studies: 3.5 credits | Fine Arts: 1.0 credit |
| Mathematics: 3.0 credits | Theology: 4.0 credits | Electives: 7.0 credits |
| Science: 3.0 credits | Physical Ed/Health: 1.0 credit | |

GRADING SYSTEM

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| A+/A 4.0 | B 3.0 | C 2.0 | D 1.0 | Under the weighted system, all AP and CIS course grades are weighted an additional 25% in G.P.A. points as follows: |
| A- 3.67 | B- 2.67 | C- 1.67 | D- 0.83 | |
| B+ 3.33 | C+ 2.33 | D+ 1.33 | F 0 | |
| | | | A 5.0 B 3.75 C 2.50 | |

Advanced Placement Courses

AP English Literature & Composition
AP English Language & Composition
AP Statistics
AP European History

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities College in the Schools Courses

Calculus I (4 credits)
Human Physiology, Technology and Medical Devices (4 credits)
U.S. History-1865 to present (3 credits)

AP Classes: 68% of seniors and 21% of juniors are enrolled in one or more AP courses.

In a year defined by COVID school disruptions, 54% of BA's AP students scored a 3 or above on the May 2021 AP exam.

U of MN College in the Schools (CIS) Classes: 28% of seniors and 55% of juniors are enrolled in one or more CIS courses.

Cost of all 3 courses at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: \$5725.50; cost to Bethlehem Academy students: \$435.

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROGRAM

Grade 11: Pre-ACT, PSAT Grades 9-10: ACT ASPIRE Grades 6-8: NWEA MAP

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Clubs/Activities: 14, including NHS, SAAD, Knowledge Bowl, band, choir, theater, and student council
Boys/Girls Sports: 23, in conjunction with a cooperative sports agreement through Faribault High School

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bethlehem Academy has had a 1-to-1 MacBook Air laptop program since 2005.

Bethlehem Academy offers PSEO and Independent Study opportunities along with AP and CIS classes.

Bethlehem Academy is the only Catholic high school in Minnesota to offer an FFA chapter and an Agricultural Science Program.

Student mission trips to Guatemala and to Rome.

2021-2022 STATISTICS

Students: 235
High School: 148 Middle School: 87
Students of color: 20%
Catholic Students: 76%
High School Average Class Size: 15
Class of 2022: 37
Professional Staff/Student Ratio: 1 to 10
Counselor/Student Ratio: 1 to 234
(State of Minnesota Average: 1 to 743)
Faculty Qualifications: 54% have earned a Master's degree or higher
Students receiving financial assistance: 55%
Total financial assistance provided: \$293,199
Average award: \$2,273
Accreditation: MNSAA
(Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association)

CLASS OF 2021 PROFILE

Average ACT Composite Score: 26

Average GPA: 3.50

National Average ACT Composite Score: 20.7

Sample Size: 10 (COVID/Admissions test optional)

2021 Graduates: 31

Four-Year College: 71% Two-Year College: 23% Work: 6%

College Scholarships/Grants Awarded: \$1,224,780

Average Award/College-Bound Graduate (29): \$42,234

University of Minnesota College Credits Earned (CIS): 111; AP Classes taken: 37

BETHLEHEM ACADEMY GRADUATES POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (2018-2021)

Four Year Colleges and Universities

Arizona State University
Bethel University
Bemidji State University
Bethany Lutheran College
Bridgewater College
Buena Vista University
California College of the Arts, San Francisco
Central Washington University
College of Saint Benedict
Colorado Mesa University
Concordia College, Moorhead
Concordia University, St. Paul
Dakota State University
DePaul University
Gettysburg College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Iowa State University
Macalester College
Minnesota State University, Mankato
North Dakota State University
Purdue University
Saint Cloud State University
Saint John's University, Collegeville
Saint John Vianney Seminary
Saint Mary's University, Minnesota
Saint Olaf College
South Dakota State University
Texas Tech University
University of Arizona
University of Mary
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Saint Thomas
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wisconsin, River Falls
University of Wisconsin, Stout
Winona State University

Two-Year Colleges and Technical Schools:

Dakota County Technical College
Golden West College
Inver Hills Community College
Johnson County Community College
Lake Superior College
Riverland Community College
Rochester Community and Technical
College
South Central College, Faribault
South Central College, Mankato
St. Cloud Technical & Community
College
Vermillion Community College

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CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION

Arizona State University

Augsburg University

Baylor University

Bethel University

Carleton College

College of Saint Benedict

College of Saint Mary

College of the Holy Cross

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Concordia University, Saint Paul

Dakota County Technical College

Dakota State University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Florida Gulf Coast University

Gustavus Adolphus College

Hamline University

Iowa State University

Luther College

Macalester College

Mayville State University

Miami University

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Purdue University

Riverland Community College

Rochester Community and Technical College

Saint Cloud State University

Saint John's University

Saint Louis University

Saint Mary's University, Minnesota

South Central College, Faribault

South Dakota State University

St Catherine University

Texas Tech University

University of Kansas

University of Mary, North Dakota

University of Minnesota, Duluth

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