

Shrine Catholic Academy – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What time can I drop off and pick up my student?

The school building will open at 6:45am. While there is no direct supervision of students at that time, there are teachers and staff around the building who can assist students. Classes start at 7:52am. School ends at 3:05pm. It is recommended that if you have a student at the Academy and a student(s) at the Grade School that in the morning you drop off your Academy student first and in the afternoon, pick up your Grade School student(s) first.

2. What is a typical day like in the Academy for 7th graders?

All students will have 8 classes per day. Our classes are labeled with letters (Period A, B, C...). Seventh graders will have their six core elective classes during Periods A, B, C, D, G & H. These core classes are: English, Literature, History, Science, Religion and Math. During Periods E & F, students will have their elective classes. These electives include classes such as Physical Education, Tech Media, Design & Modeling, Introduction to Spanish, Introduction to Chinese, Music Appreciation, Drama and Art.

3. How can I keep updated on my student's grades?

Academy teachers will regularly post grades into our Plus Portals system (www.plusportals.com/shrinecatholic). Students and parents are encouraged to check this frequently for the most up to date information about grades and homework assignments. Parents and students can continue to use the same Plus Portals login from the Grade School. Families new to Shrine Schools will receive an email in August with login information.

4. What is the grade scale for Shrine Academy?

Shrine Academy follows the Archdiocese of Detroit Grading Scale. This scale does not include pluses (+) or minuses (-).

A = 93-100

B = 83-92

C = 72-82

D = 60-71

F = 59 or below

Students will also receive quarterly "Conduct" grades using the following scale:

1=Excellent Behavior

2=Acceptable Behavior

3=Needs Improvement

4=Unacceptable Behavior

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5. Who should I contact if my student has a concern about a grade?

At the middle school level, we encourage Academy students to speak directly to their teacher if they have a question or concern about a grade or a particular class. Shrine teachers are very accessible to students via email and are available before or after school or during lunch for extra help or to answer student questions. You may also contact your student's teachers. All teacher email addresses are the teacher's last name @shrineschools.com. Additionally, our Academy counselor, Mrs. Darin (darin@shrineschools.com) can help you and your students navigate Academic concerns.

6. What type of supplies does my student need for 7th grade?

Included in this folder is the supply list for the Academy. With the exception of novels for Literature, Shrine Academy provides textbooks for students. Some items on the supply list will need to be purchased directly from Shrine so on the first day of school, please send your student with a check made out to "Shrine Academy" to purchase those items. Other items will need to be purchased by families on their own prior to the first day of school.

7. What is the Dress Code and where can I purchase uniforms?

The Shrine Academy Dress Code is included in this folder. Parents may purchase uniforms from either Dennis Uniform Company (<https://www.dennisuniform.com/> - School Code "HSR") or Lands' End (www.landsend.com). Dennis Uniform company has a dedicated page for Shrine Academy items and has more selection than Lands' End, but families may choose to use either provider.

8. Are there different uniforms for different days?

The Shrine Academy uniform may be worn any day, except for Mass Days. Mass Uniform must be worn on Mass Days (typically Wednesdays). Academy students may also wear the modified summer uniform until October 1st and after May 1st.

9. Does my student need a gym uniform?

No, but students who are in gym (students will have gym class one quarter per year), will need to bring shorts, a T-Shirt and tennis shoes to school to participate in class. While there is no set uniform, gym clothes should be school appropriate.

10. What is the Shrine Academy policy on cell phones?

Shrine Academy students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. Students will need to leave cell phones in their lockers from 7:30-3:05 pm each day. If you need to contact your student for any reason during the school day, please call Mrs. Gleeson (248-549-2925 x2360) in the Academy Office and she will get the message to your student.

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11. We loved volunteering at our student's grade school, how can we as parents stay involved in our student's education?

Wonderful! Shrine Academy encourages parents to participate by joining the Mom's or Dad's Clubs and volunteering to help at events like the Halloween Dance, the Seventh Grade Retreat and Vocations Day.