

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.

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

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 European History
 AP Music Theory AP Statistics

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

College in the Schools Courses

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

AP Classes: 40% of seniors and 46% of juniors are enrolled in one or more AP courses.

In the May 2023 AP exams, 71% of BA's AP students earned a score of 3 or above.

U of MN College in the Schools (CIS) Classes: 40% of seniors and 46% of juniors are enrolled in one or more CIS courses.

Percentage of junior and seniors taking college level classes (AP, CIS, PSEO): 67%

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROGRAM

Grade 11: PSAT Grades 9-10: Pre-ACT Grades 6-8: NWEA Spanish: AVANT (Terminal Level & Native Speakers)

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Clubs/Activities: 12, including NHS, SADD, Knowledge Bowl, band, choir, theater, and student council
 Boys/Girls Sports: 24, in conjunction with a cooperative sports agreement with 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 U of Minnesota CIS classes.

Bethlehem Academy is the only Catholic high school in Minnesota to offer intarsia, Agricultural Science, and FFA programs.

Student trips include mission trips to Guatemala and Rome; Close Up trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City.

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2023-2024 STATISTICS

Students: 236

High School: 140 Middle School: 96

Students of color: 18%

International Students: 4%

Catholic Students: 70%

High School Average Class Size: 15

Class of 2024: 43 students

Professional Staff/Student Ratio: 1 to 8

Counselor/Student Ratio: 1 to 118
 (State of Minnesota Average: 1 to 570)

Faculty Qualifications: 50% have earned a Master's degree or higher

Students receiving tuition assistance: 77%

Total tuition assistance provided: \$320,698
 Average award: \$1,762

Accreditation: MNSAA
 (Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association)

CLASS OF 2023 PROFILE

2023 Graduates: 31

Four-Year College: 78% Two-Year College: 19% Work: 3%

College Scholarships/Grants Awarded: \$977,904

Average Award/College-Bound Graduate (30): \$32,597

University of Minnesota College Credits Earned (CIS): 106; AP Classes taken: 27

BETHLEHEM ACADEMY GRADUATES POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (2020-2023)

Four Year Colleges and Universities

Arizona State University
Augsburg University
Ave Maria University
Bethel University
Central State University
College of Saint Benedict
Concordia University, St. Paul
Dakota State University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Grand Canyon University
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Iowa State University
Loyola University Chicago
Luther College
Macalester College
Minnesota State University Mankato
Purdue University
Saint Cloud State University
Saint John's University, Collegeville
South Dakota State University
Texas Tech University
University of Mary
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Minnesota, Rochester
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Saint Thomas
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
University of Wisconsin, River Falls
University of Wisconsin, Stout
Utah State University
Wartburg College
Winona State University

Two-Year Colleges and Technical Schools:

Dakota County Technical College
Inver Hills Community College
Riverland Community College
South Central College, Faribault
South Central College, Mankato
St. Cloud Technical & Community College
Vermillion Community College

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