

A C A D E M Y O F HOLY ★ ANGELS

It's only four years, but they last forever.

At Holy Angels You'll Find –

- ★ Average of 22 students per classroom, 180 students per grade
- ★ College-Prep focus, 97% go directly to college
- ★ 98% of the Class of 2010 took the ACT, the average score was 24.9
- ★ 92% of students are involved in at least one of our 68 co-curriculars
- ★ Project Laptop, a one-to-one program that enhances learning



Please Join Us!

We invite all families to join us for an Admissions Open House in November, January and April.



ACADEMY OF
HOLY ★ ANGELS

Confident. Prepared. Connected. In Faith.



"Our daughter attended public school and was an excellent student. We decided to investigate AHA because although she was doing well academically, she was rarely recognized for it and was getting lost in the 'crowd' of such a large school. Her self esteem was slipping and she was missing the important connections of good friends with common interests.

"The minute we stepped through the front doors of AHA we noticed a difference, from the friendly students that looked us in the eye, smiled, and said 'hi', to our discussion with AHA staff during which they talked of AHA's goal in supporting the students to grow as Christians by living their Catholic faith.

"This is one of the best decisions we ever made for our daughter, and she has thrived in the positive, friendly, and academically challenging environment at AHA."
Mary, AHA Parent



★ Academy of Holy Angels ★

The Academy of Holy Angels is a Catholic, faith-filled community that welcomes students of all faiths. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet established the Academy as a girls school in 1877. The school moved from Minneapolis to its current Richfield location in 1931. It became co-educational in 1972. Today, the Academy serves 725 students in grades 9-12, from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. There are 185 students in the class of 2014, the average class size is 22 students.

2008 Quality Award Winner & Blue Ribbon School

AHA was the only school named a 2008 Minnesota Quality Award winner, offering outstanding programs such as the first national, copyrighted Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) program. AHA's Theater School was developed in 1989. It is a four-year academic program embedded in the general curriculum.

★ AHA Students ★

Holy Angels students are curious, outgoing, smart, funny, grounded, spiritual, and goal-oriented. They come from 10 different countries, 20 cities in the metro and over 50 different grade schools. 20% of our students come from public middle schools. 36% of students receive need-based financial aid. AHA welcomes students from diverse economic, ethnic and religious backgrounds. 98% of the Class of 2010 took the ACT and had an average score of 24.9. In short, our students are outstanding teenagers who, in the course of four years, become exceptionally well-prepared for the future.



"...I am always impressed that the AHA staff know each student by name. My kids are not just another face in the hallway. At AHA there is something for everyone.

"Academy of Holy Angels is the place to get a wonderful education. Sending my kids to AHA has been a great investment but I know they'll benefit from the experience for years to come." Kim, AHA Parent

★ Faith & Service ★

The Academy of Holy Angels' Catholic community welcomes all students and inspires them to excel academically, develop leadership skills, explore their God-given potential and live their faith. AHA students take a theology class each day.

Students at AHA can earn a letter in service by helping others on and off campus and serve as leaders in Campus Ministry Team. They may also incorporate faith and values into their co-curricular activities through the Faith in Action Program. AHA students embrace the development of faith, building of community and the importance of service.

Average class size is 22 • 92% are involved in AHA Activities



★ College Prep ★

The Academy of Holy Angels offers challenging curriculum for all ability levels that prepares students for college and life in the real world. Our rigorous courses challenge students' abilities and build skills like collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, the ability to access, evaluate, and use information from many sources, and moral responsibility – all 21st century skills. The Advanced Placement Program at AHA gives students the opportunity to take college-level studies and to receive advanced placement and credit upon entering college.

{ *"It makes a world of difference that there are only **21** other students in my daughter's class."* Jane, AHA Parent }

★ College & Career Center ★

The Academy of Holy Angels is known to have one of the top College and Career Programs in the state. We have two full-time college counselors.

- ★ Four year College Counseling program
- ★ Counselor/student ratio of 1 to 150; Minnesota average is 1 to 750
- ★ 100% time dedicated to college counseling

Freshman & Sophomore Year

The College and Career Counselors meet individually with each 9th grade student and their family first trimester to explain the college planning process. Sophomore year they meet in a classroom setting to discuss and administer a personality assessment titled, *Do What You Are*. This program matches students with college majors and career options

Junior & Senior Year

Families meet individually with their college counselor in the junior year to discuss postsecondary planning. Juniors also participate in events such as College Planning Night, Financial Aid Night, and AHA's college fair. Students are required to complete a college planning portfolio that includes their college essay, resume of activities, college search and job shadow. Counselors also help coordinate the application process.

★ Financial Aid at AHA ★

For 78 years the Academy of Holy Angels has provided tuition assistance to students from across the metro. During the 2010-11 school year, AHA allocated nearly one million in need-based financial aid and scholarships to approximately 35% of our students.

Tuition for 2011-12 is \$11,875 and the laptop fee is approximately \$500. The average financial aid package however is \$3,500. Families may make tuition payments on a 12-month, 10-month or quarterly payment plan.

Student Success

The Academy of Holy Angels prepares students for success in post-secondary education; among the 185 graduates in the class, 97% are enrolled in college. 92% of AHA graduates went to a four-year college.

The following is a sample of schools where recent AHA graduates are enrolled.

Boston College
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Bucknell University
 Carleton College
 Colgate University
 College of Saint Benedict
 College of St. Catherine
 College of the Holy Cross
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Duke University
 Fordham University
 Harvard University
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 New York University
 Northwestern University
 Stanford University
 Santa Clara University
 St. Johns University
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of St. Thomas
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Vanderbilt University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Xavier University

AHA Test Scores

Composite ACT

Average Score: 24.9
 Sample: 176 (180 in class)

SAT

Average Score: 1212
 Critical Reading: 617, Math: 598
 Sample: 12



Over 50% of upperclassmen take AP • 97% directly to college



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AHA Activities

In 2010-11, 92% of AHA students were involved in at least one of our 68 co-curricular activities

Athletics

Alpine Ski for boys
 Cross-Country
 Tennis
 Soccer
 Basketball
 Hockey
 Lacrosse
 Track
 Golf

Music

Concert Band
 Concert Choir
 Academy Singers
 Praise Group
 Academy Jazz Band
 Pep Band
 Bag Pipes

Plus volleyball, softball, cheerleading, swimming and danceline for girls; and football and baseball for boys.

Clubs / Intramurals

Computer Club
 Debate
 Diversity Committee
 Hackey Sack
 History Club
 Math Team
 National Honor Society
 Knowledge Bowl
 S.A.D.D.
 Students Assisting Students
 Student Government
 School Newspaper
 Literary Magazine
 Spanish Club
 Karate Club
 Academic Lettering
 Two Student Book Clubs
 Equestrian Club
 Theater
 Bowling
 Cheerleading / Competition
 Cheerleading / Spirit
 Strength and Conditioning
 Volunteer / Service
 Fall Dance Performance Season

We also offer intramurals in touch football, Chicago-style softball, soccer, badminton and ultimate frisbee.



★ Project Laptop at AHA ★

Project Laptop puts a laptop in the hands of AHA students and prepares them to grow and succeed academically. AHA teachers are trained to use technology in teaching the skills young people need in a digitally connected, fast-paced world. AHA students are mastering the technology skills that top colleges expect of incoming freshmen.

AHA students:

- ★ Use their laptops to collect and study scientific data
- ★ Learn to create art, video, and animations electronically
- ★ Use laptops to work together on projects – from different locations
- ★ Become experts at finding, evaluating, using, and communicating information from all over the world
- ★ Master organizational strategies

“Project laptop has enhanced my entire high school experience. I feel so much more organized because I have my assignments, tests, textbooks, grades and planner right in front of me. The programs and websites we use in class are awesome, and communication with teachers and classmates has become much easier! Best of all, Project Laptop has better prepared me for what I’ll face in college!” Kayla, Grade 11

Project Laptop is just one part of a larger commitment by AHA to ensure that all its students have the best educational tools and resources available to them as they prepare themselves for life after high school.

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