

## OUR MISSION

The Mission of Sacred Heart School is to provide a community-based Christian education, one that prepares an individual's heart, mind, body and spirit for this world and the next.

- We shall aim to generate a confident climate that is instilled with God's presence in all our academic pursuits and in our co-curricular activities.
- We shall guide each student in such a way that his/her personality development goes "hand-in-hand" with the development of the "New Creature" brought about by the Sacrament of Baptism.
- We shall teach students the virtues of dedication, service, self-discipline and responsibility so that each may develop into a complete human being, one who reflects God's truth and love by living the Good News of Salvation.
- We shall require a willing involvement from each and every parent to ensure a cohesive family and school community.

• Falls City Sacred Heart does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, age, genetic information, citizenship status or economic status in its programs, activities and employment.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION EXPLORE THE DIFFERENCE



*"O Lord Jesus Christ, keep these young people in your love. Let them hear your voice and believe what you say, for you alone have the words of life. Teach them how to profess their faith, bestow their love, and impart their hope to others. Make them convincing witnesses to your Gospel in a world so much in need of your saving grace."*

Pope John Paul II  
Homily—World Youth Day

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## FALLS CITY SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1891-2020



**A Family Educating Heart,  
Mind, Body, and Spirit  
for this Life  
and the Next**



*"The purpose of a Catholic education is to address in a positive way the important questions of life."*

Pope John Paul II

## OUR SCHOOL

Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School is located at 1820 Fulton Street in Falls City, Nebraska. The school is supported by five parishes: Sts. Peter & Paul in Falls City (adjacent to the school); Immaculate Conception in Rulo; St. Mary's in Dawson; St. Mary's in Arago; and St. Anne's in Shubert. Additional support is generated from the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund, Annual Fund, private gifts, fundraisers and student tuition.

190 students are currently enrolled in K-12, with an additional 19 children entered in our preschool. Twenty-two percent of our students are non-Catholic. Title and speech therapy programs are available on-site for our students through the public school. Sacred Heart has a Guided Learning program for elementary grade struggling readers and a Title teacher, three full days a week. Students may enroll in specialized vocational courses at Falls City Public School. Bus transportation is provided by the Falls City Public Schools for students living in the Falls City School District. Students are expected to abide by school policies, as described in the student handbook; this includes a uniform dress-code. Sacred Heart has a "closed-campus" in which all students eat in the school cafeteria, located in the newly built Roh Activity Center on the north side of the school building.



In 1891, devout Catholic pioneers founded Sacred Heart School. For 129 years, the school has served the parishioners of Southeast Nebraska and surrounding states. Today, the two-block campus includes the church and school buildings, the Roh Activity Center, the historic Tiehen Gymnasium, the athletic field and an equipped playground. The renovated Tiehen Gymnasium houses the preschool, the music and drama departments, and is used as an athletic facility. Indoor varsity sports are played in the Roh Activity Center as well as Falls City's Prichard Auditorium.

Sacred Heart School is accredited by Cognia and is in compliance with the state curriculum standards. The staff includes two administrators, three teacher-priests, fifteen full-time and three part-time lay teachers and four teacher aides. All teachers are fully certified and hold BA/BS or MA college degrees.

Tuition for the 2020-21 school year is \$2300 per high school student and \$2000 per elementary student. The diocesan Good Shepherd Tuition Assistance Fund and the local Guardian Angel Tuition Fund assists families in need of financial help. Income-based scholarships of up to \$1900.00 are available per student.

## THE CURRICULUM



Sacred Heart is a fully accredited college-preparatory school, with 98% of graduates pursuing post-secondary instruction. The school is committed to academic excellence, and our qualified teachers are committed to the task. Our standardized tests include NWEA Map Growth, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Predict,

PSAT, Asvab and the ACT, for which preparatory classes are provided.

Our goal is to provide an educational foundation that prepares students for further study. We emphasize seeking and knowing truth, the importance of self-discipline, critical thinking, organization, written and oral expression and a solid work ethic. All students are required to take a course of study that will prepare them for post-secondary education. After the requirements are met, ample electives are available and students have opportunity to take online college courses through SCC and Peru State College and have unlimited access to the school's computers and iPads which are fully networked. Students may take specialized and vocational classes available at Falls City High School.



At the high school and junior high level, core-classes are provided in English, math, science, social studies, and Spanish. Also offered are art, drama, speech, business, journalism, vocal and instrumental music, robotics, and physical education. Religion classes are provided with grades 7-12 taught by Catholic priests. Holy Mass is celebrated at least once a week, with other opportunities for daily prayer and seasonal devotions.

Our grade school program is a traditional educational philosophy which guides the curriculum. It includes phonics, basic reading skills, writing and oral expression, basic math facts and problem solving skills and an individualized one-on-one remedial program for the earliest grades. We take pride in our elementary art, music, physical education, and library activities. And be sure to inquire about our preschool that makes Jesus a living part of their school day in preparation for kindergarten.



## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students at Sacred Heart School are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities. The purpose of our activities program is to teach self-discipline, leadership, teamwork, respect and duty. It is a philosophy based on developing the balanced and total Christian student. Long-lasting friendships are made between students, parents, teachers and coaches.



The school is dedicated to competition and is a member of the Nebraska Schools Activities Association, the Nebraska Pioneer Conference, and the MUDECAS Association. Students participate in the following NSAA-sponsored activities: football, volleyball, boys/girls basketball, boys/girls track, drama, speech,

journalism, vocal/instrumental music and cheerleading. Our teams regularly compete at the state level of competition.

Sacred Heart students participate in events such as math days, quiz bowls, history & geography days, County Government Day, essay, poetry and art competitions. A variety of clubs are available for interested students. Among these are: National Honor Society, Student Council and the Helping Hands Community Service Club.



Sacred Heart also sponsors junior high programs for boys and girls in football, volleyball, basketball, track and music as well as after school clubs. They enter several competitions such as quiz bowls, art, speech, and vocal/instrumental music.



All co-curricular activities at Sacred Heart are sponsored by a very active Booster Club, that provides for all of Sacred Heart's co-curricular programs.