

Tri-Level Program

Saint Bede offers classes in a tri-level program. The program consists of an Honors level, College Prep, and Academic level. Under our guidance, students and parents are allowed to choose the level that best fits the needs of the individual student.

- **Honors**
The most challenging of levels. Courses at this level are weighted, allowing a student to earn up to a 5.0 GPA.
- **College Preparatory**
Most St. Bede Students find themselves in the college preparatory level. This level challenges the students and prepares them for post secondary education.
- **Academic Level**
The academic level offers more supportive learning environment. These classes meet graduation requirements, along with meeting the needs of the more challenged student.

Grading Scale

A: 93-100, B: 85-92, C: 77-84, D: 69-76, F: Below 68

Grading System

A weighted grade system allows the student to attain a G.P.A. higher than the standard 4.0 scale. The scale is as follows: A - 4, B - 3, C - 2, D - 1, F - 0. Additional weighting is given to the Honors and Advanced Placement level courses: A - 5, B - 4, C - 3, D - 2, F - 0.

Course Offerings

Business & Computers

Accounting
Intro to Computer Science College Prep
Computer Science Principles College Prep

English

English I*, English II*: American Literature & Writing,
English III*: British Literature and Writing
English IV*: Literature & Essay
English IV Dual Prep
Speech I, Study Skills

Fine Arts

Band (4 years); Chorus (4 years)
Introduction to Art
Art II, Advanced Art
Photography

Graduates

98% attend a post-secondary college or university. Colleges and universities attended include:

Arizona State University	Hawaii Pacific University	Northwestern University	University of Evansville
Art Institute of Chicago	Illinois Institute of Technology	Olivet-Nazarene University	University of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana
Augustana College	Illinois Institute of Art	Princeton University	University of Illinois - Chicago
Beloit University	Illinois State University	Purdue University	University of Indiana
Benedictine University	Illinois Valley Community College	Quincy College	University of Iowa
Blackhawk Community College	Illinois Wesleyan	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Kansas
Boston University	Indiana University	Sauk Valley C.C.	University of Kentucky
Boston College	Iowa State University	Southern Illinois University	University of Michigan
Bradley University	Johns Hopkins University	St. Ambrose College	University of Missouri
Butler University	Kishwaukee Community College	St. John's University	University of Nebraska
Carroll College	Knox College	St. Joseph's College	University of Notre Dame
Colgate University	Loras College	St. Louis University	University of Pennsylvania
College of William & Mary	Loyola University	St. Mary's of Notre Dame	University of Pittsburgh
Columbia College	Marquette University	St. Mary's University	University of St. Francis
Cornell College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	St. Michael's College	University of San Diego
Creighton University	Miami University of Ohio	Temple University	University of Tampa
DePaul University	Michigan Tech University	Trinity College	University of Washington-Seattle
Dominican College	Millikin University	Truman State	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Drake University	Mount Mercy University	Tulane University	Vanderbilt University
Eastern Illinois University	New York University	University of Arizona	Villanova University
Elmhurst College	North Central College	University of Buffalo, SUNY	Western Illinois University
Eureka College	North Dakota State	University of Chicago	Wyoming Technical Institute
Fontbonne University	Northern Colorado University	University of Colorado	
Harvard University	Northern Illinois University	University of Dayton	

*Graduation Requirements

Total credits required for graduation are 25 credits. The following is a list of required courses for GRADUATION:
English 4.0 Math 3.0 Economics 0.5,
Fine Arts 1.0 Religion 4.0 Health 0.5,
Driver Education 0.5 Science 2.5 Social Studies 2.0
Physical Education 0.5 Electives 6.0 Civics 0.5

Vocational

During the senior year, a student may enroll in vocational courses at the LaSalle-Peru Area Career Center.

Honors Classes

A single asterisk(*) indicates courses available at the Honors level.

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

To be offered during the 2017-2018 academic year. Calculus, Chemistry, European History, Physics & U.S. History Statistics & Computer Science Principles.

Subject offerings may possibly increase for the 2017-2018 school year.

Early Entry College (E2C) - offered through IVVC and taught on campus at Saint Bede

Psychology, Intro to Sociology
Music Appreciation, Speech

Dual Credit Courses

Currently Advanced Art (3) English IV (3 or 6) is offered as a Dual Credit Course. Meaning it can be taken for high school and college credit. It is a 3-credit class that is transferrable to most universities.

Optimization of a class schedule could allow a student to earn up to **49 hours** of transcribed college credit.

Mathematics

Algebra I*, Geometry*
Algebra II*, Applied Math, Pre-Calculus*
Statistics & Calculus Advanced Placement*
Advanced Placement Statistics*

Foreign Language

Mandarin Chinese* (4 years)
Spanish * (4 years)

Physical Education

Physical Education, Health Education

Religion

Religion I: Revelation of Jesus Christ
Religion II: Mission of Jesus Christ
Religion III: Life & Sacraments
Religion IV: Vocations

Science

Chemistry*, Biology*
Advanced Placement Chemistry*
Advanced Placement Physics*
Biology II*, Physics
Environmental Science
Anatomy & Physiology*

Social Studies

U.S. History*
World History
Sociology,
Economics*
20th Century History*
Advanced Placement European History*
Civics
Advanced Placement US History*

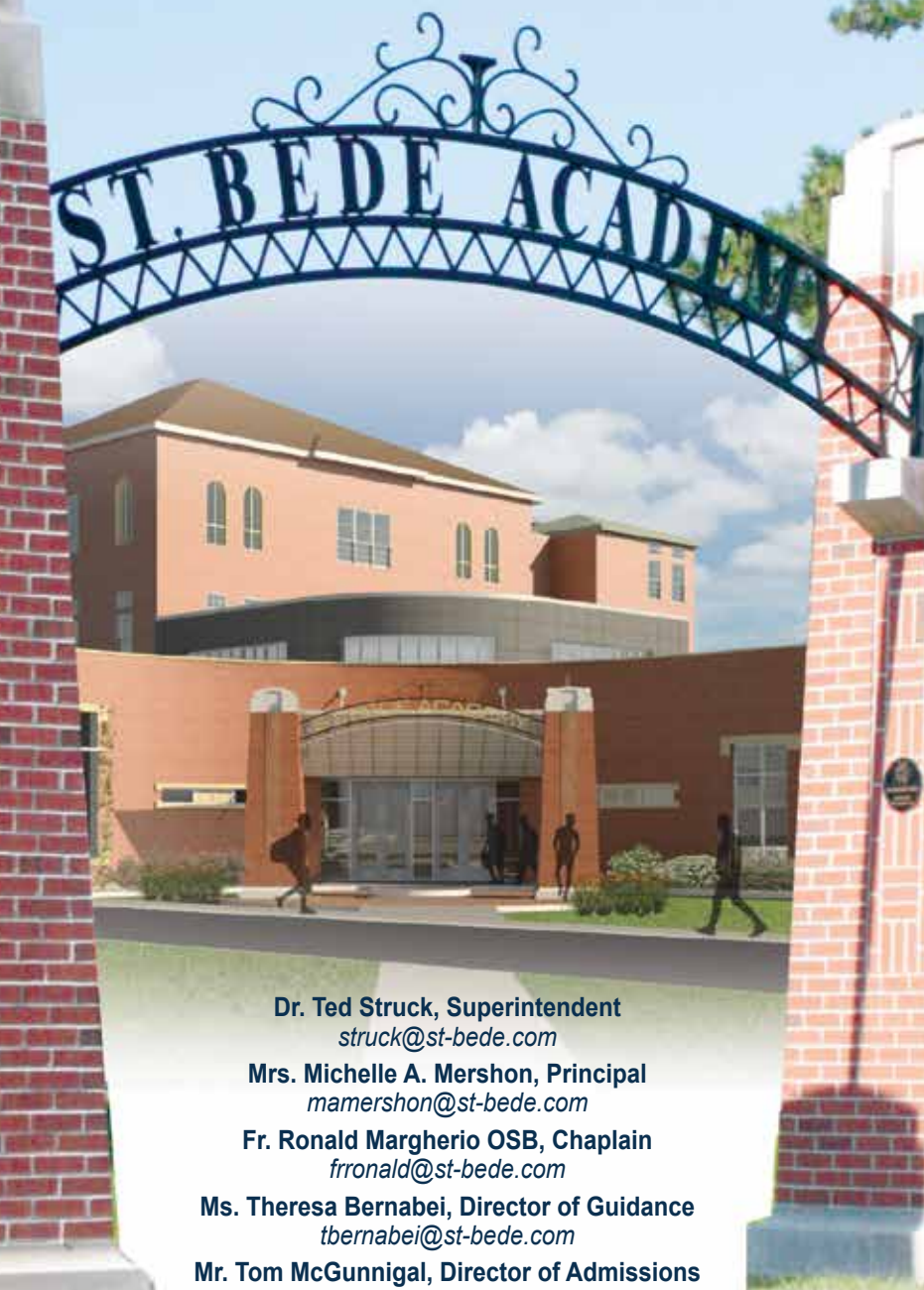
SAINT BEDE ACADEMY

2017-2018



PROFILE

*May the Rule of St. Benedict be our guide...
may the Spirit of St. Bede stay with us forever.*



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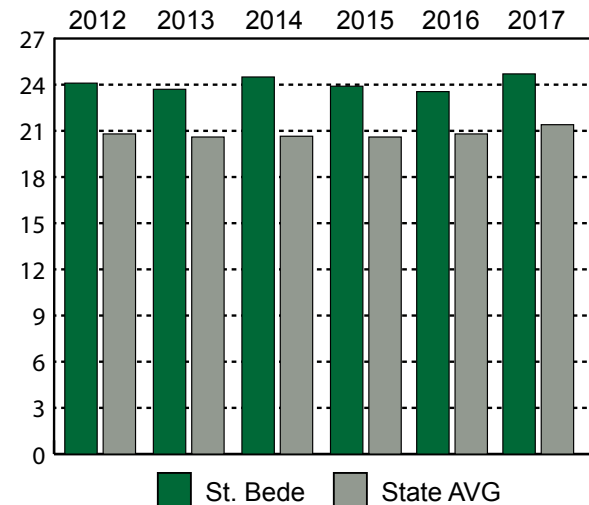
BUILDING CHARACTER...

...among High School Students for 125 years.

Saint Bede Academy has been providing a quality Catholic education in North Central Illinois for over 125 years. While we pride ourselves in our rich history and tradition, we understand the ever changing needs of students today. Our goal is to provide them with an education that will not only develop their minds, but also strengthen their character while preparing them for life's challenges.

Currently, 98% of our students attend some type of post-secondary schooling. Traditionally, our ACT scores rank #1 in the surrounding area and many of our Top Ten students graduate with a GPA above a 4.0. An amazing 97% of Saint Bede students participate in extra-curricular activities. Our objective is to get and keep students involved. The more they do, the more they learn. Every experience is a life lesson. The academic environment at Saint Bede encourages students to excel, both in and out of the classroom. We commit to having graduates leave the academy both spiritually and academically prepared for life in the real world.

ACT COMPOSITE SCORE COMPARISON





SERVICE

Through parish, school and community projects, students experience a rich diversity of opportunities, develop a broader sense of citizenship and gain knowledge regarding potential career paths. Graduation requirement consists of 100 total hours of service work.



VALUES

Faith, Character, Academic Excellence, Community, Stewardship and Justice.



MISSION

Saint Bede Academy is a Catholic high school in the Benedictine tradition which endeavors to prepare students for college and for life by welcoming them into a community of learning permeated by Christian values.

WHY SAINT BEDE?

Upon graduation, Saint Bede students will have begun to develop a lifelong commitment to learning. They will have a firm grounding in Christian doctrine and Catholic teaching, and will have learned how to use gospel values to evaluate social, moral, and political situations. (They will have demonstrated the ability to listen attentively, ready critically, write and speak clearly, and think analytically.) They will have determined some of their personal strengths and weaknesses, developed the ability to work with others, and have been expected to take responsibility for their own actions. Above all, they will have begun to see true humility, understanding that this demands and acceptance of their dependent relationship to God.

Academic Recognition Received

National Merit finalists from 2000-2017:	3
National Merit commended students from 2000-2017:	13
Illinois State Scholars from 2000-2017:	192
President's Award for Academic Excellence:	292

ACADEMICS

We are dedicated to developing well-rounded, well-prepared citizens who leave Saint Bede not only ready to pursue post-secondary studies, but with a lifelong commitment to learning. Our graduation requirements ensure that students will have passed the core English, mathematics and science courses critical to success at the post-secondary level and will have completed studies in a variety of other areas including foreign languages and the arts. Through our tri-level academic program, all students are continually challenged to extend their skills and perform to the peak of their abilities. Peer-tutoring, guidance, counseling, and other professional services support students in their efforts.

272

TOTAL STUDENTS



GRADE SCHOOLS

19

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

13:1

97%

EXTRA CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT



139 BOYS 133 GIRLS



17.6

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

2016-2017 Academic Highlights

- Our top three students in the Class of 2017 were members of the *News Tribune* All-Academic Team. Valedictorian, Annie Needs of Peru (Calvin College, MI), Elisha Li of Peru (University of Illinois), and Andrew Kim of LaSalle (University of Illinois). Michael Manning of Ladd (University of Illinois) received Honorable Mention recognition.
- 74 student-athletes were named to the Three Rivers Athletic Conference All-Academic team by maintaining a cumulative GPA above 3.0 for the 2016-2017 school year
- Varsity sports teams earning recognition from the IHSA with the Team Academic Achievement Award include: Girls' Volleyball (3.02); Girls' Golf (3.38); Boys' Cross Country (3.16); Girls' Tennis (3.30); Girls' Basketball (3.37); Boys' Basketball (3.02); Girls' Bowling (3.12).
- Senior Annie Needs received the Illinois High School Association's top award given to a graduating senior by being named to the 2017 Academic All-State team.

Organizations

Abbey Mass Servers, Ambassadors, Band, Bass Fishing, *Caedmon* Literary Magazine, Chorus, Eucharistic Ministers, Homecoming Variety Show, Last Supper Club, Lectio Devina, Lectors, Musical, Peer Tutors, Pep Club, Photography, Prom Committee, Retreat Leaders, Rocket Club, Scholastic Bowl, Spanish Club, Stage Crew, Student Government, Science Club, Yearbook Staff, Technology Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Genesis Project, Interact Club, and Venturing Group.

ATHLETICS

The goal of the Saint Bede athletic program is for students to enjoy and benefit from the high school experience. Our program stresses the need for balance in the life of the student-athlete between classroom and gym or playing field, teamwork and leadership, Christ-like behavior and the thrill of competition and victory. We offer team and individual sports at a variety of levels and strive to provide an activity to meet the interests and abilities of every student. We emphasize participation with good sportsmanship while continually motivating our athletes to improve their skills and level of performance. We want every student-athlete to truly believe that, It's GREAT to be a Bruin!

2016-2017 Athletic Highlights

- The Bruin football team returned to the state playoffs after a one year hiatus. The team defeated Westchester St. Joe before falling to Newman Central. Three players were named Class 2A Academic All-State: Brady Booker, Sean Kinsella, and Michael Manning.
- Senior Girls golfer Aiko Mendoza was named Player of the Year for both the *News Tribune* and the *Bureau County Republican*. Aiko, Peyton Pyszka, and John Potthoff all advanced to the sectional round of the IHSA Golf tournament for girls and boys.
- Bret Dannis is the Class 2A State Champion for the 110-meter hurdles defending his 1A championship from 2016. He went on to finish second in the 300-meter hurdles setting new school records in both races. Bret also competed in the U.S. Junior Olympic races and is currently ranked 4th in the nation.
- The largest class to-date was honored with the Fr. Kevin Gorman Award as 12 new members went in. Stephanie Boehm, Xavier Braboy, Julia Browning, Courtney Cook, Emily Edwall, Evan Knoblauch, Adam Lenkaitis, Michael Manning, Joe Marena, Thea Mauck, Josh Sapp, and Braidy Shipp entered for the Class of 2017.

Sports

Baseball, Basketball (Boys / Girls), Bowling (Boys / Girls), Football, Golf (Boys / Girls), Tennis (Boys / Girls), Track (Boys / Girls), Weightlifting (Boys / Girls), Wrestling, Cheerleading, Softball, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Cross Country (Boys / Girls), Swimming (Boys / Girls)