

We're Not Like All The Others





We Are More Than a School, We Are a Family

Anyone here will tell you that when you join Sacred Heart, you become part of an extended family. And like any family, the bond — Sacred Heart — that joins us together can't be broken. Whether as a teacher, student, parent, grandparent, alum, or past parent, we all feel connected to our heritage, our community, and one another. Building community is ingrained in everything we do, and a key part of our fourth goal: *"The building of community as a Christian value."* When you enroll here, you can have faith that you're part of something bigger; one that exists in over 40 countries around the world. And once a child of the Sacred Heart, always a child of the Sacred Heart.





Our Education is Tailored

Faithful to the spirit of teaching the whole child, our education is not pre-packaged or prescriptive; it is child-specific. We work with our students to make sure they are on the path that's right for them, whether it's as a doctor, artist, architect, engineer, video-game developer, or mathematician. We do that by gender, because we know boys and girls think, learn, develop, process, and manage things differently; by aptitude, because some students excel in different subjects and at different times; by interest, because there's something for everyone; and by dream, because whether it's big, small, or in development, every child has a passion in life that we can help them pursue.

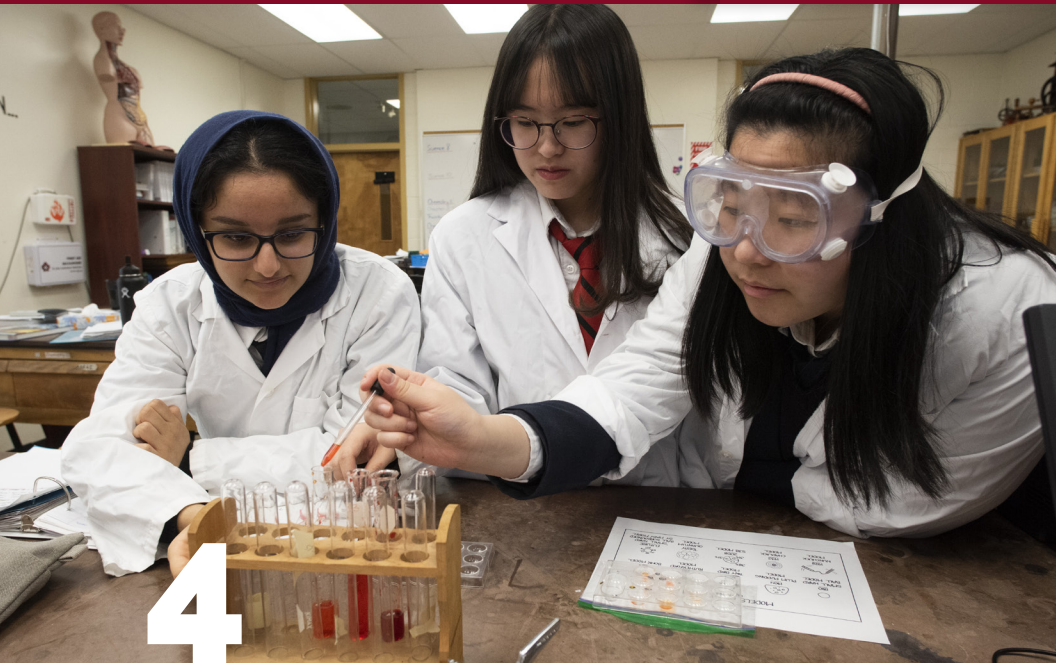




Faith, Hope, and Love

Our mission is crystal clear and easily articulated thanks to the educational and spiritual philosophy of our Founder St. Madeleine Sophie Barat who founded the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (RSCJ) in 1800. That philosophy, articulated in our [Five Goals](#), gives us purpose and direction and sets the tone for our School. As part of that philosophy, we shower our children with love and expect them to love one another. We help them understand there is always hope even when there are challenges or when the world seems dark. And, we encourage them to discover, question, and mature in the faith that guides them.





Advanced Placement (AP)

In our Senior School we eschew prescriptive programs, which is why we use the Advanced Placement (AP) Program which offers rigorous, university-credit courses honoured around the globe. The beauty of the AP program is that it allows students to pick and choose ONLY those subjects they excel in and want to concentrate on, they don't have to take a year-long program of all advanced courses. With a score of four or five on an exam, a student will then have a first-year university credit(s) before they even enter university — an excellent head start. And, since we are the only high school in Atlantic Canada offering the AP designation, our students are distinguished from other local students who take the standardized International Baccalaureate (IB) program.





Unique Heritage and Traditions

As part of a global family, we are fortunate to share a rich heritage that dates back to 1800. Our heritage also provides us with ceremonies and traditions unique to us, like Congé, Primes, and the Links of Love and Pinning Ceremonies. And in every nook and cranny of our School, which dates back to 1849, you can find rich architectural details, noteworthy artwork, elaborate formal spaces, and the spirit of many remarkable educators, leaders, and students who have walked our halls. All of this history, spirituality, and heritage infuse our School with a unique character; one that gives definition to what it means to be a student here.





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