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## 2011-2012 PROFILE

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St. Cecilia Academy was founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. The all-girls, college-preparatory, Catholic school provides a rigorous academic program in a faith-filled environment. St. Cecilia Academy is located on 83 acres in the heart of west Nashville alongside Aquinas College. It is the oldest private high school in Nashville and has been five times recognized by the Acton Institute as one of the Top 50 Catholic high schools in the nation.

St. Cecilia Academy uses as its guiding principle the infinite value and dignity of each person. That difference creates a distinctive school which:

- Provides a teaching approach that is rooted in faith and rich in excellence.
- Teaches young women to seek truth with a passion, a path that leads to thinking critically and ethically.
- Runs an athletic program that models an integrity of being.
- Nurtures the feminine genius by encouraging young women to reach their potential as scholars and leaders.
- Provides a fine arts program that seeks to develop a love of beauty.
- Fosters the cultivation of joy as girls create lifelong friendships.

## ACCREDITATION

St. Cecilia Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and holds memberships in The College Board, Independent Schools of the Nashville Area, National Catholic Education Association, Tennessee Association of Independent Schools and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. St. Cecilia is also a member of the National Association of College Admission Counselors.

## ADMISSION

Acceptance is based on a combination of previous school performance, entrance examination scores, interview, and personal characteristics and qualities of the applicant.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 credits of religion
- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of math
- 3 credits of science
- 3 credits of history
- 3 credits of world language
- 1 credit of fine arts
- 1 credit of physical education
- 0.5 credit of computer technology
- 4.5 credits of electives

28 credits are required for graduation

## 2011-12 ENROLLMENT

Class of 2012	67
Class of 2013	66
Class of 2014	57
Class of 2015	68
Total Students:	258

Approximately 45 percent of the student body receives need-based financial aid. Virtually 100 percent of each year's graduating class attends a four-year college or university.

## FACULTY

Sixty-four percent of the St. Cecilia faculty have earned an advanced degree; 15 percent of the faculty have earned a doctoral degree.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students are required to carry a minimum of seven courses within an eight-course schedule. Classes are taken on a traditional scheduling system. Block scheduling is not used. Average class size is 14; student to teacher ratio is 9:1.

All academic classes are considered rigorous college-preparatory courses. SCA also offers Advanced Placement, Honors and, for the first time in 2011-12, advanced math classes through the Online School for Girls, a national consortium of 45 schools for young women. AP Biology students can receive eight college credits through a dual-enrollment program with Aquinas College.



## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students are required to volunteer 60 hours of service, 20 hours each year beginning in the sophomore year. Service work ranges from tutoring children and working at homeless shelters to field work on various service trips.

### FINE ARTS

St. Cecilia is the patron saint of the arts, and SCA takes pride in its extensive offerings. All freshmen are required to take a full-year introductory survey course, Visual and Performing Arts (VAP), which includes dance, theater, speech and visual arts. Advanced speech and theater classes are offered on three levels (intermediate, advanced and masters), while art classes include both 35mm and digital photography, advanced and AP-level studio classes, and AP Art History. Intermediate dance and intermediate tap are also offered. SCA's highly regarded music program includes both beginning and advanced chorus, chamber ensemble, and AP Music Theory. Private music lessons are available in piano, clarinet, violin, voice and guitar.

### ATHLETICS

More than 50 percent of the student body participates in at least one sport. SCA also provides fitness training for non-athletes as well as athletes. Sports include volleyball, cross-country, soccer, basketball, swimming, track & field, softball, golf, lacrosse, bowling and tennis.

### WINTER INTERIM

Each January, all SCA students participate in an Interim program offering non-traditional learning through travel, internships or special on-campus classes. Students who remain on campus explore such subjects as creative writing, opera, graphics and design, or personal finance. Those who intern shadow community leaders and professionals; in recent years, students also have had the opportunity to intern in Washington, D.C., on Capitol Hill. Travel destinations have included France, Italy and Costa Rica — as well as service opportunities in New Orleans.

## SCA COURSE OFFERINGS

*(Weighted Honors and AP courses are marked in bold-face type; classes not offered during the 2011-2012 school year are italicized.)*

### English

English 9  
English Grammar & Composition  
English Literature & Composition  
English 10  
American Literature  
**American Literature Honors**  
English 11  
English Language & Composition  
**AP English Language & Composition**  
English 12  
British Literature  
**AP English Literature & Composition**  
Journalism 1 & 2 (semester classes)  
Yearbook 1 & 2 (semester classes)

### Mathematics

Algebra 1  
**Algebra 1 Honors**  
Geometry  
**Geometry Honors**  
Algebra 2  
**Algebra 2 Honors**  
College Algebra  
Pre-Calculus  
**Pre-Calculus Honors**  
Introduction to Calculus (semester class)  
Statistics (semester class)  
**AP Calculus AB**  
**AP Calculus BC**  
AP Statistics  
Multivariable Calculus  
Differential Equations

### World Languages

French 1, 2, 3  
**French Pre-AP**  
French Culture & Conversation  
**AP French Language**  
Spanish 1, 2, 3  
**Spanish Pre-AP**  
Spanish Culture & Conversation  
**AP Spanish Language**  
German Culture & Conversation  
**AP German Language**  
Latin 1, 2, 3, 4

### Religion

Religion 9 (Doctrine & Morality)  
Religion 10 (Sacred Scripture)  
Religion 11 (Church History & Ecclesiology)  
Religion 12 (Moral & Spiritual Theology)  
*Faith & Culture Seminar*

### Science

Physics  
**Physics Honors**  
Chemistry  
**Chemistry Honors**  
Biology  
**AP Biology**  
Environmental Science (semester class)  
Anatomy & Physiology 1 & 2 (semester classes)  
**AP Physics**  
**AP Chemistry**  
**Scientific Research**  
Note: For the Class of 2012, the required science sequence was: Physics 1/Chemistry 1, Physics 2/Physics 2, and Biology or AP Biology.

### History & Social Studies

World History  
European History  
**AP European History**  
U.S. History  
**AP U.S. History**  
Government (semester class)  
**AP Psychology**  
*Asian Studies (semester class)*  
*Current Global Issues (semester class)*

### Fine Arts

VAP (Visual and Performing Arts)  
Visual Arts  
(Intermediate, Advanced & Masters)  
Portfolio Studio Arts  
35mm Photography (semester class)  
Digital Photography (semester class)  
**AP Art History**  
**AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio**  
**AP Studio Art: 2D Design Portfolio**  
Intro. to Choral Music (semester or year)  
Advanced Chorus (semester or year)  
Chamber Ensemble (semester or year)  
**AP Music Theory**  
Speech & Drama  
(Intermediate, Advanced & Masters)  
Intermediate Dance A & B (semester classes)  
*Intermediate Tap A & B (semester classes)*

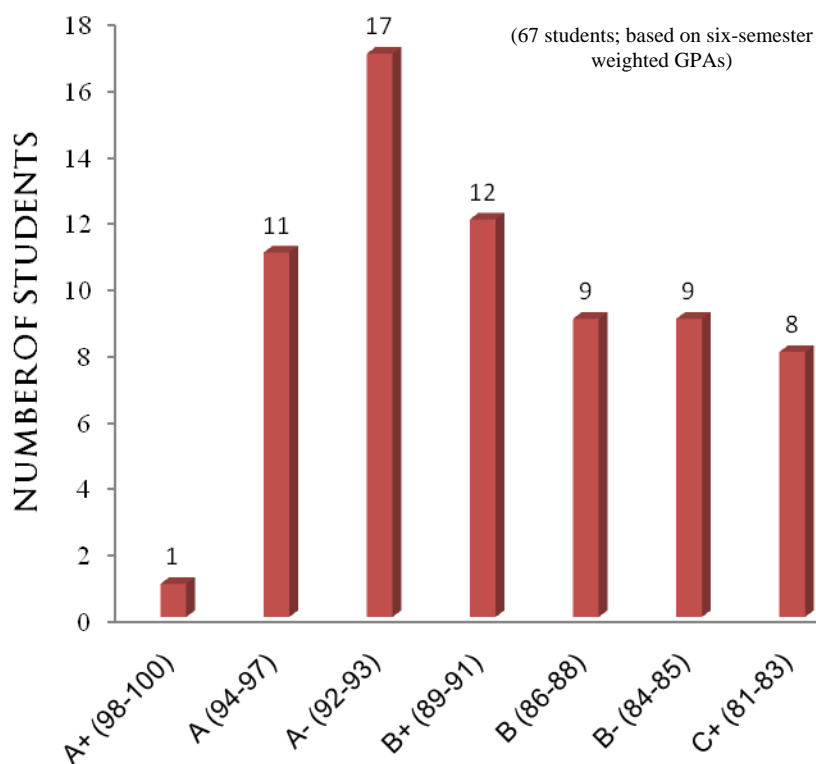
### Computer

(all semester classes)  
Academic Applications  
Layout & Design  
*Business Applications*

### Physical Education\*

Healthy Living (semester class)  
*Weight Training/Conditioning (semester)*  
\*Dance and Tap can be used for PE or Fine Arts credit. Varsity sports also count as PE credit.

## CLASS OF 2012 ACADEMIC STANDING



### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Test results are for the class of 2011 and are current as of August 2011.

#### SAT RESULTS

SUBJECT	MEAN	MID-50% RANGE
SAT Critical Reading	570-690	629
SAT Math	510-640	576
SAT Writing	580-680	633

#### ACT RESULTS

SUBJECT	MID-50% RANGE	MEAN
<b>ACT Composite</b>	<b>23-29</b>	<b>26.3</b>
ACT English	25-33	28.7
ACT Math	21-27	24.7
ACT Reading	25-32	28.6

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

*Classes of 2008-2011*

Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalist	<b>1</b>
National Merit Finalists	<b>5</b>
National Merit Commended Scholars	<b>8</b>
National Merit Achievement Scholar	<b>1</b>
National Hispanic Scholar	<b>1</b>

#### MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2011

The 56 students of the class of 2011 are attending 41 different colleges in 19 states and were offered \$7.3 million in scholarships.

Nearly 100% of the class will attend four-year institutions immediately after graduation. One student is taking a gap year to study and travel abroad.

### GRADING SCALE

SCA does not use letter grades. Instead exact number grades are used throughout. The school's passing mark is 70. SCA does not rank.

92 — 100 **A**

84 — 91 **B**

75 — 83 **C**

70 — 74 **D**

### WEIGHTED GRADES

Semester grades that appear on the official school transcript are not weighted. Weighted grades are used only when determining the cumulative weighted GPA. An additional 2 points are added to each AP semester grade; honors classes are given 1 additional point each semester. All coursework taken at SCA is included in the GPA computation; grades in online classes are not included at this time.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Eighteen (18) AP courses are offered according to student interest, as well as 10 honors-level courses. All students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the exam. Students are limited in the number of AP courses permitted; each student's schedule is evaluated individually by the school's Academic Committee. With few exceptions, the maximum number of AP courses permitted per year is three.

Eighty-two percent of the class of 2011 took at least one AP class during high school. In 2011, 95 SCA students took 170 AP examinations in 13 different subjects with an 83% pass rate (scores of 3 or higher.) Forty-five percent of the exams taken received scores of 4 or 5.

### DISCLOSURE POLICY

School policy prevents the computing of class rank. Disciplinary actions reported on the Common Application Secondary School Report and other school report forms are limited to out-of-school suspensions and expulsion. If further disciplinary disclosure is mandatory for consideration, please contact our college counselor.

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2009-2011

College matriculations for the class of 2011 are indicated in bold-face type.

Agnes Scott College	Dickinson College	Loyola University Maryland	<b>University of San Diego</b>
<b>The University of Alabama</b>	Dillard University	Loyola University New Orleans	Santa Clara University
<b>Aquinas College</b>	Drake University	Manhattanville College	Scripps College
Arizona State University	Drexel University	Marquette University	<b>Swansea: The University of the South</b>
Arkansas State University	<b>East Tennessee State University</b>	Maryville College	University of South Carolina
University of Arkansas	Eckerd College	The University of Memphis	University of Southern California
<b>Auburn University</b>	Elon University	<b>Miami University, Oxford</b>	Southern Methodist University
Augustana College	Emory University	<b>Middle Tennessee State University</b>	<b>Spelman College</b>
<b>Baldwin-Wallace College</b>	University of Evansville	Millsaps College	Spring Hill College
Bard College	Flagler College	Mississippi State University	Syracuse University
<b>Baylor University</b>	Fontbonne University	University of Mississippi	The University of Tampa
<b>Bellarmino University</b>	Fordham University	Missouri State University	Tennessee State University
<b>Belmont Abbey College</b>	Franciscan University of Steubenville	University of Missouri	<b>Tennessee Technological University</b>
Belmont University	<b>Furman University</b>	Mount Olive College	<b>University of Tennessee, Chattanooga</b>
<b>Beloit College</b>	George Mason University	Muhlenberg College	<b>University of Tennessee, Knoxville</b>
Benedictine College	The George Washington University	<b>Murray State University</b>	University of Tennessee, Martin
Berry College	<b>Georgetown University</b>	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	Texas A&M University
Birmingham-Southern College	Georgia Southern University	New College of Florida	<b>Texas Christian University</b>
Boston College	<b>University of Georgia</b>	University of New Orleans	Thomas More College
Boston University	Gettysburg College	<b>New York University</b>	Trinity University
Bradley University	Guilford College	<b>University of North Carolina at Asheville</b>	Tulane University
Brescia University	Hampton University	University of North Florida	Tusculum College
Briar Cliff University	Hanover College	Northwestern University	Unity College
Butler University	University of Hartford	University of Notre Dame	Ursinus College
Carleton College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Oglethorpe University	Valparaiso University
Carson-Newman College	Hendrix College	Ohio Wesleyan University	<b>Vanderbilt University</b>
Case Western Reserve University	High Point University	University of Oregon	Vassar College
The Catholic University of America	Hollins University	Oxford College of Emory University	<b>Villanova University</b>
Centre College	College of the Holy Cross	Providence College	University of Virginia
College of Charleston	Hope College	Purdue University	<b>Wake Forest University</b>
University of Chicago	Howard University	Queens University of Charlotte	Warren Wilson College
<b>Christendom College</b>	University of Illinois at Chicago	Quinnipiac University	Washington and Lee University
Christian Brothers University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Randolph College	<b>University of Washington</b>
Claremont McKenna College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Reed College	Wells College
<b>Clemson University</b>	Ithaca College	<b>Rhodes College</b>	West Virginia University
Colorado College	Jacksonville University	University of Richmond	<b>Western Kentucky University</b>
Colorado State University	John Carroll University	Roanoke College	Wheaton College MA
Concordia College	<b>University of Kentucky</b>	Rockhurst University	College of William and Mary
University of Dallas	King College	Rollins College	Williams College
Davidson College	Lambuth University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Wittenberg University
<b>University of Dayton</b>	Lasell College	<b>Saint Anselm College</b>	<b>Wofford College</b>
Denison University	Lipscomb University	Saint Leo University	The College of Wooster
University of Denver	Louisiana State University	<b>Saint Louis University</b>	Xavier University
DePaul University	University of Louisville	<b>Saint Mary's College</b>	Xavier University of Louisiana
DePauw University	Loyola University Chicago	<b>Samford University</b>	Yale University