

## Diploma Requirements

Students are to meet the following requirements for graduation:

- 4 Years Theology
- 4 Years English
- 3 Years Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II required)
- 3 Years Science (must include Biology)
- 3 Years Social Studies (U.S. History and American Government required)
- 2 Years Foreign Language (the same)
- 1 Semester Health
- 7 Semesters Electives (minimum)
- Pass a comprehensive examination on the History and Constitution of the State of Illinois and of the United States.

In addition to the academic diploma requirements, students are required to complete 25 service hours and write a reflection paper in each of the freshman, sophomore, and junior years. While these are the requirements, most students exceed these expectations.

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## Class of 2008

- 95% of Graduates Currently Enrolled in College
- \$7.1 million in merit-based scholarships  
    ▷ 167 Scholarships Awarded
- 56 Members of the National Honor Society
- 23 Illinois State Scholars
- 9 Illinois Merit Recognition Scholarships
- 31 Presidential Education Awards

St. Rita Graduates are currently enrolled in prestigious universities across the country, including: University of Notre Dame, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Cornell University, Yale University, University of Southern California, Villanova University, University of Virginia, U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and U.S. Military Academy at West Point, among many other fine institutions.

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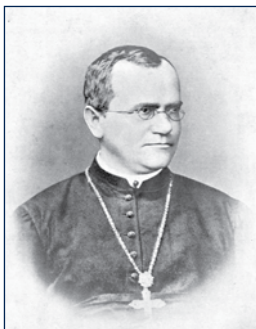
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**MENDEL ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

## GREGOR MENDEL



Gregor Mendel (1822 – 1884) was an Austrian Augustinian priest and scientist, and is called the father of genetics for his study of the inheritance of traits in pea plants.

Mendel spent his life teaching natural science to high school students, and was not a renowned scientist of his day. It was only later that his contribution to the field of science was recognized, as he was the first person to trace the characteristics of successive generations of a living thing. The three laws of genetics he discovered are now known as the Mendelian laws.

## Enrollment

### ENROLLMENT IN THE MENDEL ACADEMIC PROGRAM IS BASED ON...

- ENTRANCE EXAM SCORE
- 7TH AND 8TH GRADE REPORTS
- DISCUSSION WITH 8TH GRADE TEACHERS
- PARENTAL INPUT

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## Freshman Program

- Theology I
- Foreign Language I
- English I
- Algebra I
- Biology
- Computer Applications / Physical Education

## Sophomore Program

- Theology II
- Foreign Language II
- English II
- Geometry
- Chemistry *or* Chemistry in the Community
- World History



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## Junior Program

- Theology III / Health
- English III
- Algebra II
- U.S. History
- Physics *or* Anatomy *or* Earth Science
- Choose one (1) elective  
\*Electives are chosen based on individual interests and abilities

## Senior Program

- Theology IV / Physical Education
- English IV
- 20th Century US History / U.S. Government
- Choose three (3) electives  
\*Electives are chosen based on individual interests and abilities

