



Sacred Heart Academic Exchange Program (SHAEP)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

At Stuart, we believe that exchange programs have life-changing potential. To further our commitment to building personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom and to advance the global Sacred Heart mission, Stuart faculty have designed the Sacred Heart Academic Exchange Program (SHAEP) as part of the sophomore curricula. SHAEP is a unique academic immersion program. Stuart sophomores will attend classes for two weeks at other schools in the Sacred Heart Network both in the United States and abroad. They live with another Sacred Heart family or board at a Sacred Heart boarding school and have the opportunity to host a visiting Sacred Heart exchange student from the other school. Since it is a reciprocal exchange, costs are minimal. We hope that this program inspires students to become increasingly active, informed, and responsible members of our international community.

WHAT IS SHAEP?

The Sacred Heart Academic Exchange Program is a program of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, NJ, which offers each of our approximately 40 sophomore students the opportunity to participate in a two-week reciprocal exchange program with another Sacred Heart school anywhere in the world.

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE PROGRAM?

Students will be on exchange, away from Stuart, from March 2 to March 13, 2020.

During these two weeks, there will be no new course work at Stuart for sophomores to allow the girls on exchange to fully focus on the experience at another Sacred Heart School. There may be a few students who will go on exchange in the summer. Students who plan to visit Stuart during the year may come any time during our academic calendar year, which is from September through May. The specific dates will be set up with host families, sending families, and Stuart working together.

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT FROM HOST FAMILIES?

(Both Stuart and receiving schools.)

Host families will be responsible for transportation to and from the airport or train station, room and board (including lunch), transportation to and from school, and for offering a home for the students with the same expectations for behavior and schedules they have for their own daughters. The host family will not be expected to make the trip a tourist adventure, and is, in

fact, discouraged to do so, as the whole point of the exchange is to offer the students the opportunity to be immersed in the academic life of another Sacred Heart school.

WHAT ABOUT EXPENSES? (Both Stuart and receiving schools.)

Students and their families are responsible for paying for transportation to and from the location of the exchange and for any spending money for incidentals and gifts. Host schools will cover the cost of attending the school, and host families will be responsible for room and board.

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT FROM HOST SCHOOLS?

(Both Stuart and receiving schools.)

We intend that the program will be reciprocal, if possible, so that all participating students will have an opportunity to both travel on exchange and host a student at another time. We ask that host schools connect visiting students from Princeton with host families, provide for an academic schedule for Stuart students, and arrange for the host student to visit us in Princeton, if possible. Students would need to have a schedule that matches as much as possible their academic schedule at Stuart. Stuart would provide the same services to those students who visit us on exchange. Students are asked to comply with the school's routines and regulations, and they must attend the classes offered at the year level in which they are enrolling. They may, under no circumstances, cut class or distract other students from their studies.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM STUDENTS VISITING ON EXCHANGE?

For students sent to schools from Stuart, we expect they will attend classes, live with a host family, and generally learn about Sacred Heart education in a different part of the world. Stuart Students will be required to complete a reflective report on their experiences.

WHAT IF MY DAUGHTER CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM?

Students who are unable to participate in the exchange program will be part of a two-week Project Based Learning program (PBL) designed just for them.

WHO DO WE CONTACT IF WE HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact Anne Hoppenot, SHAEP Coordinator, at ahoppenot@stuartschool.org.

A student's participation in this program is at the discretion of the Stuart administration.