



St. Mary's School

1865 A Heritage of Purposeful Learning

Our Mission: St. Mary's School provides a community in which intellectual curiosity and academic excellence combine with Catholic and democratic values to inspire and prepare responsible local, national, and global citizens.

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School Facts

Programs Offered: Grades 6 – 12

Student Enrollment: 430

Upper School students: 280

Middle School students: 150

Typical Class Size: 18

Student to Teacher Ratio: 11:1

School Hours:

Upper School: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Middle School: 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Attire: Students are not required to wear uniforms. All students are expected to wear neat, clean, modest and appropriate clothing.

Library: The Callaway Library welcomes students for quiet reading, research, computer use, and studying from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Summer Programs: The school offers special-interest courses on topics ranging from SAT preparation to athletics. Programs are subject to enrollment. Inquiries about this program should be directed to the school office.

Accreditation: St. Mary's School is registered with the Oregon Department of Education and accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools. In addition, the school is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the National Catholic Education Association, and other professional organizations.

College Admissions Test Scores: The average College Board SAT scores of St. Mary's seniors traditionally exceed state and national averages.

St. Mary's Class of 2009

	Verbal	Math	Writ.
Mean	598	586	597
Top 10%	755	753	750
Top 20%	729	723	725
Top 30%	708	705	704
Top 60%	662	662	661
National	501	515	493
Oregon	502	515	594

National Merit and AP Scholars: The College Board has recognized one St. Mary's student at the Semi-finalist level and five at the Commended level in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition. In 2009, 31 students were recognized as Advanced Placement Scholars at the national and state level.

ISA Testing: In February, sophomores complete the International Schools' Assessment (ISA) which offers schools a form of international benchmarking. Our sophomores' mean score was higher than the mean scores from all 40 of the other nations.

College Placement: 97% of the Class of 2009 will attend institutions of higher education. Students of the Class of 2009 were accepted at the following institutions (bold denotes college of matriculation): American University, Barnard College, Bishop's University, Boise State University, **Boston College**, Brandeis University, California Lutheran University, California Polytechnic State University: San Luis Obispo, **Carleton College**, **Chapman University**, **Claremont McKenna College**, **Colorado College**, Corban College, Dominican University of California, Duke University, Emory University, **Evergreen State College**, Fordham University, **George Fox University**, George Washington University, Gonzaga University, Hampshire College, Harvard University, Hofstra University, **Humboldt State University**, Idaho State University, Lane Community College,

Lewis & Clark College, Loyola Marymount University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mercer University, Montana State University: Bozeman, New Mexico State University, North Carolina State University, Northern Arizona University, Northwestern University, Occidental College, Oregon State University, Pacific Lutheran University, Pennsylvania State University: Harrisburg, Pepperdine University, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Portland State University, Providence College, Purdue University, Reed College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey, Saint Joseph's University, Saint Mary's College, Santa Clara University, Scripps College, Seattle University, Smith College, Southern Oregon University, St. John's University, State University of New York at Buffalo, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Temple University, The American University of Rome, Tufts University, Tulane University, U of O: Robert D. Clark Honors College, United States Navy: Naval Intelligence Training Center, University of Arizona, University of California: Irvine, University of California: Santa Barbara, University of California: Davis, University of California: Los Angeles, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Missouri: Columbia, University of Nevada: Las Vegas, University of Notre Dame, University of Oklahoma, University of Oregon, University of Oregon: Robert D. Clark Honors College, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, University of Portland, University of Puget Sound, University of Redlands, University of Rochester, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco, University of Southern California, University of the District of Columbia, University of Washington, Villanova University, Walla Walla University, Washington and Lee University, Washington State University, Wesleyan University, Western Oregon University, Whitman College, Willamette University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Yale University.

We surveyed our graduates from the classes of 1989 through 2002 inclusive. Over 95% of St. Mary's graduates from these years went on to college. Of these graduates, 86% have gone on to earn college degrees within five years of entry.

Upper School Program

Students entering St. Mary's School plan their program for the period of four years in order to ensure that they meet all requirements for graduation and college entrance. All students at St. Mary's are required to take 28 credits of coursework prior to graduation: 4 years English, 3 years social science, 4 years religion, 4 years mathematics, 3 years science, 1 year physical education, 2 years foreign language, 1 year fine arts, and 6 electives.

During their four years at St. Mary's, students work closely with their advisors, teachers, and school administrators on academic preparation and college planning. Within the context of course content, students gain the necessary skills required for the aptitude and achievement tests required by most institutions of higher education (PSAT, SAT Reasoning & SAT Subject, and Advanced Placement).

St. Mary's offers 17 Advanced Placement courses:

U.S. History	U.S. Government
Art History	Macro Economics
Micro Economics	European History
Biology	Chemistry
English Literature	Spanish Language
German Language	Latin Vergil
Calculus	Statistics
Physics: Mechanics	Studio Art
Chinese	

Advanced Placement exams are given in May.

All courses within the curriculum are planned with an overall scope and sequence in mind so that each course builds on the materials covered in previous courses. Additionally, individualized help and programs are available for students who have missed some portion of the program or who are working toward mastery at their own pace.

Community Service: As part of the School's mission to prepare students for leadership positions within their community, every Upper School student is required to complete a minimum of one hundred hours of meaningful service to the greater community. The Community Service Committee will help students locate service opportunities that are both interesting and relevant to future career choices.

Junior Project: A twelve to twenty page, thesis-driven, multi-disciplinary research paper is required as a capstone to the junior year. Teachers serve as mentors and guides in this process throughout the year.

Senior Project: In the second semester, all members of the senior class research, write, and present a paper (seven to ten pages) concerning an issue related to their community service experiences. There are both written and oral components to this project.

Upper School Athletics: St. Mary's School is a member of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and competes at the class AA level in the following:

Fall: Football (Boys) • Soccer (Boys/Girls) • Cross Country (Boys/Girls) • Volleyball (Girls) • Dance (Boys/Girls)

Winter: Basketball (Boys/Girls) • Dance (Boys/Girls)

Spring: Track & Field (Boys/Girls) • Golf (Boys/Girls) • Softball (Girls) • Baseball (Boys) • Tennis (Boys/Girls)

In addition, students may participate in interscholastic ski and snowboard programs

Confucius Classroom

Hanban, the Office of Chinese Language Council International of The People's Republic of China has named St. Mary's School the first Confucius Classroom at a secondary school in North or South America. This award gives southern Oregon students and community members unprecedented access to Chinese language and cultural studies, travel to China, and friendship-building opportunities with

Chinese students, teachers, and professors. Confucius Classroom status is part of an initiative by the Chinese Ministry of Education to make Chinese language instruction and Chinese cultural studies available to high school and college students around the globe.

While there are almost 300 universities in the program worldwide participating at the Confucius Institute level, including over 50 major universities in the USA, just twelve secondary schools in the world have been so honored by the Chinese government. St. Mary's is the first secondary school to receive this distinction in the Americas.

The program provides funding for St. Mary's Mandarin teachers, community classes in Mandarin, textbooks, and an exchange program with a sister school in central China, and a wealth of other opportunities.

Campus Activities

Campus activities include: Community Service Committee, Mock Trial, Brain Bowl, educational travel programs, student government, National Honor Society, National Junior Classical League, after-school ski program, outdoor club, environmental club, fellowship of Christian athletes, math team, Chinese club, Spanish club, drama club, game club, film club, Interact, spirit club, anime club, vegetarian club, intramural sports, astronomy club, choir, jazz band, chamber ensemble, orchestra, and drama programs.

Middle School Program

The focus in the Middle School is on providing a student-centered, developmentally appropriate, and intellectually challenging curriculum for grades 6-8. Daily advisor group meetings, small classes, and dedicated teachers who understand the cognitive, social, and emotional needs of young adolescents help to ensure that every student is challenged and supported. We strive to create an environment that encourages academic growth and curiosity, promotes skill development and critical thinking, and fosters a love of learning.

Middle School Athletics

Fall: Football (Boys) • Volleyball (Girls) • Cross Country (Boys/Girls)
Winter: Basketball (Boys/Girls)
Spring: Track & Field (Boys/Girls)

Admissions

Applications for admission are due on February 15. The application for admission contains three forms, including one for parents, students, and a request for copies of the student's grades. The final step is an interview with the prospective family. The goal of the Admissions Committee is to review each applicant and select students on the basis of academic effort, ability, and citizenship.

Financial Aid: St. Mary's is committed to making a St. Mary's education affordable for anyone who truly desires it. The School uses FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) in determining demonstrated family need. Please contact the Admission Office for more information.

Open House Events: The Admissions Office hosts a number of Open House evenings during the course of the school year to acquaint prospective families with the school. The dates and times are subject to change; please contact the school prior to attending.

2009-2010 Open House Dates:

November 18, 2009 6:30pm
January 20, 2010 6:30pm
April 28, 2010 6:30pm

For more information please contact the Office of Admission at 541.773.7877 or visit our web site at www.smschool.us or email us at admissions@smschool.us.