

ST. MARY AT A GLANCE | 2023-2024



DEMOGRAPHICS

Current enrollment	257 Students
Curriculum	Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Co-ed
Gender	131 Girls, 126 Boys
Tuition	\$6,284 \$8,048 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each K student)
Governance	Principal, Pastor Delegate and BLJ
Faculty/Student Ratio	23:1

OUR MISSION

St. Mary Interparochial School challenges its diverse student body to grow morally, academically and socially, into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century.

OUR IDENTITY

As St. Mary has grown and developed, we have looked both inward and outward to define new directions for our future. Our identity as an integral part of the community is a key element of who we are. St. Mary is a close-knit, caring family that grows together in spiritual and academic pursuits.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Catholic Children: 88% of the student body
(Children enter from 29 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden)

Ethnicity: 6% African-American; 2% Hispanic; 3% Asian; 78% Caucasian; 11% Two or more races

Economics: Title One School

After School Enrichment Programs: 50% of the student body
(participate in our afterschool programs)

Financial Aid: St. Mary students who qualify for tuition assistance will received over \$350,000 in EITC/OSTC funding through BLOCS, Foundation for Catholic Education, and the Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia organizations; St. Mary Interparochial Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program also awards students in need.

Achievements: Class of 2024 received tuition assistance or scholarships to high school, totaling over \$1,255,000, including two Xavier Scholarships to St. Joseph's Preparatory School, and Academic Merit Scholarships.

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2021-2025

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

GOAL: To create an expansive faith formation program that will engage all members of the school community and empower students and graduates to live out their Baptismal promises and to serve one another.

ADVANCEMENT

GOAL: To fully develop the St. Mary Advancement Office and implement a comprehensive advancement plan.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

GOAL: Address the needs of our physical plant, such that it can support our outstanding educational program.

FINANCE

GOAL: Mitigate income risk by increasing revenue through alternate forms of revenue generation.

GOVERNANCE

GOAL: Create structures and ongoing processes to ensure that the St. Mary Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) operates as a high-performing governance Board.

ACADEMIC

GOAL: To develop and implement an engaging, innovative, and rigorous curriculum that inspires faculty, staff, and students to attain exemplary outcomes that reflect global demands for the 21st century.



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016 National Blue Ribbon School - Exemplary High Performing School
 - 2023 Archdiocesan School of Distinction for Growth and Potential
 - Named the #1 school in the City of Philadelphia by greatphillyschoools.org. (All schools are ranked by their academic performance, school safety, and student attendance. St. Mary School attained a 10/10)
 - Top standardized test scores among Philadelphia schools
 - Fiscally Independent Elementary School of the Archdiocese
 - Accredited by Middle States Association
 - Excellent Record of Achievement
 - St. Mary School Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program offered to qualified families
 - Board of Limited Jurisdiction
 - Comprehensive Strategic Planning for Sustainability
 - STREAM Innovation Hub within the State of Pennsylvania
- Programming Highlights**
- Three Grade Level STREAM carts affording students hands-on opportunities to work with robotics, electronics, programming
 - Next generation smart board in every classroom and a 1 to 1 student device ratio
 - Comprehensive blended learning initiative with the use of iPads and Chromebooks
 - Google G Suite for Education School
 - Students use 3D printers, laser engravers, silhouette/cricut in classrooms
 - Art Awareness Program: Tying our historical location and surrounding cultural landmarks fluidly within our academic program
 - Spanish, Art, Music, STREAM, and Physical Education instruction in all grades
 - Honors Math in Grades 5-8
 - National Junior Honor Society for eligible students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 who have excelled in academics and service
 - 2nd and 7th BioEYES Science Education Program in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania
 - 5th Grade Ballroom Dancing Classes and Competition in partnership with Dancing Classrooms Philadelphia
 - 6th Grade Junior Model UN
 - 7th Grade Artist-In-Residence Program;
 - 7th Grade Year Unsung Hero Project in partnership with the Milken Family Foundation
 - Grade 8 Servant Leadership Entrepreneurship Program in partnership with 901 Education
 - Students consistently place in local and state academic competitions
- Student Activities Highlights**
- St. Mary STORM Athletic Program: Competitive athletic teams for grades 5,6,7, and 8 are organized in volleyball, basketball and softball. Cross country, track and field and baseball for grades K-8. Soccer for grades K-4.
 - "Singing Saints": The choral program is composed of second through eighth-grade students. Throughout the school year, students learn a variety of vocal and choral styles.
- After School Programming**
- *Grades K-4: CARES after school enrichment program is offered to students providing students with a safe environment in which they can participate in both academic and recreational activities after school hours*
 - *Grades 5-8: STEAM-related activities, offered to students at no cost to our families thanks to educational partner PE&T Charter High School and 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.*

PARTNERSHIPS

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education
- Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation
- Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Arden Theatre
- Arthur Ross Gallery
- Athenaeum of Philadelphia
- Barnes Foundation
- Catapult Learning
- Connelly Foundation
- Cora Services
- Dancing Classrooms Philadelphia
- Free Library of Philadelphia
- Girls On the Run
- Global Philadelphia
- Greener Partners
- Milken Family Foundation
- Musicopia Philadelphia
- National Constitution Center
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Park Service and Independence National Historical Park
- Old Saint Joseph's Church

- Old Saint Mary's Church
- Opera Philadelphia
- Philadelphia Outward Bound School
- Pennsylvania Ballet
- Philadelphia Bar Association (Read Aloud Day)
- Philadelphia Electrical & Technical Charter High School
- Quiver Farms
- Ronald McDonald House
- Roots2Rise
- Saint John's Hospice
- SEPTA
- Shin Karate
- South Philadelphia Music Academy
- The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia
- The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement
- Vetri Community Partnership
- WHY?
- World Affairs Council of Philadelphia (The Student Diplomat - Jr. Model United Nations Program)
- 901 Education

COLLEGIATE PARTNERSHIPS

- Drexel University
- Holy Family University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- University of Pennsylvania

