



## OUR MISSION

*Saint Mary Interparochial School challenges its diverse student body to grow morally, academically and socially, into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders.*

## OUR IDENTITY

*As Saint 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. Saint Mary is a close-knit, caring family that grows together in spiritual and academic pursuits.*

## DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>Current enrollment</b>	260 Students
<b>Curriculum</b>	Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Co-ed
<b>Gender</b>	127 Girls, 133 Boys
<b>Tuition</b>	\$7,040 Grades First through Eighth \$9,010 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each K student)
<b>Governance</b>	Principal, Assistant Principal, Pastor Delegate and BLJ
<b>Faculty/Student Ratio</b>	15:1

## ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

<b>Catholic Children:</b>	89.3% of the student body <i>(Children enter from 29 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden)</i>
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	3.3% African-American; 6.9% Hispanic; 3.7% Asian; 77.8% Caucasian; 0.8% American Indian/Native Alaskan, 1.4% Two or more races
<b>Economics:</b>	Title One School
<b>After School Enrichment Programs:</b>	60% of the student body <i>(participate in our afterschool programs)</i>
<b>STORM Athletics Program:</b>	67% of the student body
<b>Financial Aid:</b>	Saint Mary students who qualify for tuition assistance receive over \$500,000 in EITC/OSTC funding through BLOCS, Foundation for Catholic Education, and the Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia and Saint Mary Interparochial Tuition Assistance Program and family based scholarship programs.
<b>Achievements:</b>	The Class of 2025 received impressive high school scholarships and/or financial assistance awards totaling over \$940,000, including the prestigious Ignatian Scholarship from Saint Joseph's Preparatory School and several academic merit awards.

## LOCATION

Situated in Independence National Historical Park, Saint Mary is within walking distance to several key sites pivotal to our nation's founding, including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Carpenter's Hall, the First Bank and Washington Square, the location of the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.

## 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 and 2023 National Blue Ribbon School - Exemplary High Performing School
  - 2024 and 2023 Archdiocesan School of Distinction for Growth and Potential
  - Top standardized test scores among Philadelphia schools
  - Fiscally Independent Elementary School of the Archdiocese
  - Accredited by Middle States Association
  - Excellent Record of Achievement
  - Saint 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**
- K-8 STREAM Learning Program expanding problem-solving, critical-thinking, and collaborative learning skills among students through project-based design thinking and empathetic learning approaches while maintaining a strong Catholic identity steeped in Christ-centered values
  - 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 4-8
  - National Junior Honor Society for eligible students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 who have excelled in academics and service
  - 1st - Egg Hatching Program through Quiver Farms Projects and AG Seedlings through Penn State CSTATS
  - 2nd and 7th BioEYES Science Education Program in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania
  - 3rd Grade Mock Trial partnered with the Rendell Civics Center
  - 4th Grade multiweek clay sculpting through ClayMobile
  - 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
- Field Trips within our historical neighborhood and beyond
- Catholic Formation**
- Prepare students to receive the sacraments of Initiation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation receiving these sacraments at their home parishes in the loving environment of their worshiping community.
  - Participate in monthly masses, prayer services, and student retreats
  - School-wide service projects planned for each trimester
- Student Activities Highlights**
- Saint Mary STORM Athletic Program: CYO competitive athletic teams are organized in Cross-country, volleyball, basketball, softball, and track and field. Additional athletic offerings include baseball for grades K-8, and soccer for grades K-4.
  - "Singing Saints": The choral program is composed of 2-8 grade students. Throughout the school year, students learn a variety of vocal and choral styles.
  - Musical Theater
- 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

- 901 Education
- 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
- Cathedral Kitchen
- Connelly Foundation
- Cora Service
- 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
- Old Saint Paul's Church
- Opera Philadelphia
- Philadelphia Outward Bound School
- Pennsylvania Ballet
- Philadelphia Bar Association (Read Aloud Day)
- Philadelphia Electrical & Technical Charter High School
- Quiver Farms Projects
- Ronald McDonald House
- Roots2Rise
- Saint John's Hospice
- SEPTA
- Shin Karate
- South Philadelphia Music Academy
- The National Shine 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)

### COLLEGIATE PARTNERSHIPS

- Drexel University
- Holy Family University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Penn State University
- Temple University
- University of Pennsylvania

