



Saint Mary at a Glance

2026-2027

Preparing Christ-centered leaders rooted in God's love since 1782

OUR MISSION

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

OUR IDENTITY

As Saint Mary has grown and evolved, we have looked both inward and outward to discern new directions for our future. Our connection to the community is central to who we are. Saint Mary is a close-knit, caring school family committed to growing together in spiritual and academic pursuits.

OUR 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.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Current Enrollment 262 students

Curriculum Kindergarten - Grade 8; Co-ed

Gender 132 girls, 130 boys

Cost to Educate \$10,300

Tuition \$8,025 Grades 1-8
\$10,300 Kindergarten
(includes iPad for each student)

Governance Principal, Executive Director, Pastor Delegate, & Board of Limited Jurisdiction

Student/Faculty Ratio 15:1

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Religion 87% Catholic (children enter from 24 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia)

Ethnicity 79% White; 14% Two or more races; 5% Asian; 2% Black

Economics Title One School

After-School Enrichment Programs 60% of the student body participates in our after-school programs

STORM Athletics Program 67% of the student body participates in one or more athletic program offerings

Financial Aid Over \$500,000 (2026-2027) in EITC/OSTC funding through BLOCS, Foundation for Catholic Education, and the Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia, and the SMIS Tuition Assistance Program and family-based scholarship programs

Scholarships Class of 2026 received over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to 14 Catholic high schools, including the Connelly Achievement Award and academic scholarships

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2025-2030

Governance

Goal: To ensure strong, mission-aligned governance by supporting staff leadership and cultivating an effective, diverse, and strategically focused Board and committee structure.

Mission & Education

Goal: To form students who achieve scholastically, spiritually, and socially by fostering academic excellence and lifelong learning within a Christ-centered community.

Advancement

Goal: To strategically propel the school toward enduring growth by unifying advancement efforts, cultivating community engagement, and securing necessary resources.

Building & Grounds

Goal: To maintain and enhance the physical campus as a safe, welcoming, and mission-aligned environment that supports excellence in Catholic education.

Finance

Goal: To ensure long-term financial health and sustainability, enabling consistent delivery of mission-aligned academic excellence.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2016 and 2023 National Blue Ribbon School - Exemplary High Performing School
- 2025, 2024, and 2023 Archdiocesan School of Distinguished Instruction
- 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 SmartBoard in every classroom and a 1:1 student/device ratio
- Comprehensive blended learning initiative with the use of iPads and Chromebooks
- Google G Suite for Education School

- Use of 3D printers, laser engravers, silhouette/Cricut in classrooms
- Art Awareness Program: tying our historical location and surrounding cultural landmarks fluidly within our academic programs
- Spanish, Art, Music, STREAM, Library, 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
- Students consistently place in local and state academic competitions
- Field trips within our historical neighborhood and beyond
- **Grade 1:** Boot Up Philly
- **Grades 2 & 7:** BioEYES Science Education Program in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania
- **Grade 3:** Mock Trial partnered with the Rendell Civics Center
- **Grade 4:** Cultural Dancing Residence
- **Grade 5:** Ballroom dancing classes and competitions in partnership with Musicopia Dance
- **Grade 6:** Junior Model UN through the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
- **Grade 7:** Artist-In-Residence Program
- **Grade 8:** Servant Leadership Entrepreneurship Program in partnership with 901 Education

Catholic Formation:

- Prepare students to receive two Sacraments of Initiation: Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Students then receive these sacraments at their home parishes in the loving environment of their worshipping community
- Participate in monthly masses, prayer services, and student retreats
- School-wide service projects planned for each trimester
- Campus Ministry Club
- Cantoring & altar serving opportunities for Grades 5-8

Student Activities Highlights

- **STORM Athletic Program:** CYO cross-country, volleyball, basketball, softball, and track and field. Additional offerings include baseball for Grades K-6 and soccer for Grades K-4 through SEYAA
- **"Singing Saints":** Choral program of students from Grades 2-7
- **Musical Theater:** full-school play, Christmas Extravaganza, and Spring performance

After School Programming

- **Grades K-4:** CARES after school enrichment program providing students with a safe environment in which they can participate in both academic and recreational activities during 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
- Athenaeum of Philadelphia
- Barnes Foundation
- Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS)
- Catapult Learning
- Cathedral Kitchen
- Catholic Church of Philadelphia
- Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia (CSFP)
- Connelly Foundation
- CORA Service
- Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE)
- Free Library of Philadelphia

- Friends of Education
- Global Philadelphia
- Musicopia Dance
- Museum of the American Revolution
- 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
- Pennsylvania Ballet
- Philadelphia Bar Association (Read Aloud Day)
- Philadelphia Electrical & Technical Charter High School
- Ronald McDonald House
- Saint John's Hospice
- SEPTA
- Young Audiences

- South Philadelphia Music Academy
- Saint Paul's Church
- The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia
- The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement
- Vetri Community Partnership
- WHYY
- World Affairs Council of Philadelphia (The Student Diplomat- Junior Model United Nations Program)

Collegiate Partnerships

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