Excellence

FAITH • ACADEMICS • SERVICE

St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-12
A MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM
SMCS PRESIDENT HELEN ENGLEBERT

Welcome to St. Mary Catholic Schools! The energy and excitement in our classrooms, halls, and playgrounds is joyful and truly heartwarming, and confirms that our quest to carry out our mission for Catholic school education is vibrant and alive! With Servant Leadership as our theme for the school year, we are focusing on nurturing servants’ hearts in our community, sharing our treasures and serving others.

Our board of trustees continues with the implementation of our three-year strategic plan, which focuses on five strategic initiatives for our system to:

• Advance Catholic education by developing dynamic Catholic disciples
• Grow enrollment through recruitment and retention strategies
• Establish a financially stable business model
• Deliver academic excellence
• Deliver an exceptional student experience

Thanks to our generous and engaged community, qualified educators, and dedicated staff, St. Mary Catholic Schools is known for its academic excellence and overall student success. We are committed to providing innovative and effective student learning experiences, and cultivating strong family, parish, and community partnerships to foster even greater student success in the future.

As we move through the school year with great anticipation and enthusiasm, I extend best wishes and God’s blessings to you as you explore how our schools can offer your child challenges, opportunity and growth in academics, faith and service!

Early registration begins October 18, 2016. Register online at smcatholicschools.org!
WHAT MAKES SMCS SPECIAL?

St. Mary Catholic Schools educators are committed to differentiated instruction to help every student reach his or her highest potential. This focus helps teachers provide extra assistance to those who need it and, just as importantly, to challenge those who are capable and ready to move at a faster pace.

At SMCS, our dedicated administrators and teachers strive to incorporate technology while remaining committed to a solid college-prep academic program, enhancing learning for all students. Every campus is equipped with integrated technology, and St. Mary Catholic Middle School is a model of 21st-century educational design. The middle and high schools play a leading role in the Fox Cities with a one-to-one laptop program where every student receives his or her own laptop. And, every student will benefit from the computer science curriculum being implemented in our schools beginning this year through the STEM-based Project The Lead The Way.

From early childhood on, SMCS students participate in a variety of faith opportunities and service projects, and are encouraged to show their love and concern for the community. At SMCS, sharing the love of Christ by helping others is integral to nurturing our community’s future leaders in a foundation of humility and service.

SMCS is very proud of the co-curricular activities, clubs and opportunities that allow students to explore many areas of interest. An important aspect of this commitment to personal development is that students are encouraged to try new things and to participate in several activities at the same time. For example, it is not uncommon for a high school student to letter in several sports during the school year while still participating in band, robotics and theater. We are especially proud of our STEM Club robotics team that successfully competes at national and international levels and our state champion baseball team.

The Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center provides SMCS students in grades K-12 a spectacular venue for school concerts, band and choral festivals, forensics, liturgies, awards ceremonies, drama and musicals. Throughout the school year and the summer, the facility is brimming with activity as students and their families enjoy and celebrate their talents. The venue is open to the community as well for fundraisers, concerts, ceremonies and performances.
St. Mary Catholic Schools’ early childhood programs provide a nurturing Catholic environment that fosters positive values and attitudes. Our caring teachers support the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical development of each young child. Every child is a gift from God. Our early childhood teachers nurture each one’s natural curiosity for learning and encourage self-motivation, exploration and independence.

Our early childhood programs provide children ages three through five with the foundation to build important early literacy and math skills. It is designed to equip each child with the critical foundation for a lifetime of learning. Early childhood students at St. Mary Catholic Schools receive the attention that they need, the creative learning experiences they enjoy, and the academic opportunities they deserve. With experienced teachers leading the way, our students are exposed to a wide variety of enriching activities that are fun and engaging, as well as intellectually challenging. The flexibility of our early childhood program affords families the opportunity to provide their children with quality, faith-filled care in a family-like environment from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., based on the needs of each individual family.

We believe that communication and cooperation with parents and families builds a positive foundation for school and learning. Our teachers promote strong communication between school and home. Parent/teacher conferences are offered mid fall and early spring, and parents may request a conference with teachers at any time throughout the year.

Our early childhood programs are housed at the St. Mary Catholic Schools elementary campuses. Students have access to outdoor playgrounds, school libraries, updated technology, school gyms, older-student role models and a secure environment.

Want more information? Visit smcatholicschools.org!
ACADEMICS
We offer more than just playtime. Our students are immersed in music, art, literacy and math on a daily basis. Children have library access, and engage in indoor and outdoor physical activities designed to build large motor skills. In addition to our proven curriculum, SMCS students have the opportunity to partake in our elementary enrichment program.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Our exciting enrichment program boasts opportunities such as karate, dance, and art for preschoolers. Our enrichment program cultivates an environment in which young people flourish: one that challenges their minds, expands their social awareness, reinforces their moral growth and promotes an active life style. Additional fees are required for these activities and a current list of classes offered can be found on our website.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS
• Nurture faith development by modeling Catholic values
• Foster self esteem and feelings of inclusion and self worth by building class cooperation and respect
• Develop physical coordination and control through large- and small-motor activities
• Promote reading readiness and the related skills of speaking and writing by integrating them daily
• Nurture mathematics readiness by promoting observation, discovery activities, concrete experiences and playful creativity
• Offer field trips to expand the curriculum beyond the school walls
• Incorporate social skills, cooperation, manners and respect for others in the classroom environment and beyond
• Provide respectful, loving guidance that will enable the child to develop self-control
• Foster creativity and caring through imaginative play, problem-solving, music and art activities

FLEXIBILITY
Because every family has different needs, we offer a wide variety of choices designed to accommodate busy schedules. In addition to our five-day-a-week Pre-K class, we also offer a three-day-a-week option. Preschool options include two or three days a week. All SMCS early childhood classes run from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and include before-school care (beginning at 7:30 a.m.) free of charge.

WRAP-AROUND CARE
SMCS offers after-school care, and is the only system in the area to offer extended learning. Our extended learning program, which is offered from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., is very competitively priced, and is also incredibly flexible, giving families the ability to tailor the program to their specific needs. Whether your child attends daily or occasionally, you only pay for what you use. Students involved in extended learning are exposed to a diverse array of learning activities and benefit from additional academic experiences. With our healthy hot lunch options and additional after-school care available at a low rate, you can be assured that your children are well cared for and thriving at SMCS.

SAFETY
The emotional and physical well being of every student is a primary concern at SMCS. Each building is securely locked, with entrance permitted only by office personnel. Teachers promote age-appropriate knowledge about personal safety and well being. Every school performs fire, tornado and intruder alert drills to ensure preparedness in case of an emergency. Every administrator, teacher and staff member, as well as every parent volunteer, coach and chaperone has been screened and trained in child protection awareness by successfully completing the Green Bay Diocese’s VIRTUS® - Protecting God’s Children program.
EARLY CHILDHOOD OPTIONS

An SMCS education is more affordable than you might think! Additionally, SMCS has the most generous Scrip program in the area, with 80% of the proceeds returned to our families in the form of tuition credit! You can reduce your tuition cost by participating in the Scrip tuition reduction program as soon as you register.

THREE-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL/PRE-3
This program is intended for three-year-old children who are toilet trained, and is offered from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

EXTENDED-DAY
This program is available at every campus for families who would like additional educational opportunities after regular classes.

This program is available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the school year and follows the school calendar. Lunch is available through the food service program for an additional charge.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN
This program is intended for four- and five-year-old children who will be going into kindergarten the following year, and is offered from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE
This elementary program is available at every elementary campus to families who would like additional childcare when the elementary school is dismissed until approximately 5:30 p.m. This program is available to preschoolers at the discretion of the building principal.

PROGRAMS OFFERED BY CAMPUS

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- Children are admitted to the Pre-3 program if they have turned three years old by September 1 of the year admitted. Pre-K students must be four by September 1 of the year they are admitted.
- All programs require a minimum of eight students registered by August 1.
- Enrollment is open year round until maximum number of students is reached.

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ST. GABRIEL, ST. MARGARET MARY AND ST. MARY CAMPUSES

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Each St. Mary Catholic elementary campus offers a quality education for children through fifth grade in a creative, positive learning environment. The heart of the St. Mary Catholic Elementary Schools experience is the relationship between supportive and caring teachers, engaged parents and talented, eager students. The strong partnership between school, students, parents, parish and community fosters a close-knit “family feel” that is often missing in larger school systems.

Our teachers, working collaboratively to inspire a love of learning in their students, recognize children as gifts from God, and value each one’s natural desire to learn. Our strong curriculum challenges students intellectually and nurtures student growth—spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. This is coupled with a commitment to inspire students and embrace innovation. In addition to our dedicated classroom teachers, we have specialists who offer instruction in technology, art, physical education, vocal music, band, library, guidance, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. Our renowned Move to the Groove program promotes physical activity and music, and all students have the opportunity to perform at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center at least twice each year.

At St. Mary Catholic Schools, we believe that every child is blessed with unique talents, and our task is to help grow and develop those talents so that each child can reach his or her unique calling in life and flourish as an integral member of the community.
FAITH
Weekly liturgies are planned and led by students with parish pastors who are actively involved in the faith development of students. Because students not only attend, but also participate in ministry roles, they gain a deeper appreciation of our faith. The religion programs further students’ knowledge and practice of their faith through the celebration of liturgy, sacraments, service and prayer. On a broader level, this teaches students to be responsible and caring, both in the school and outside as members of our community and world.

ACADEMICS
St. Mary Catholic Schools uses the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests to track the scholastic progress of all SMCS students in grades 1-7. MAP is a computer-based assessment program that uses questions of increasing difficulty in the areas of reading, mathematics and language. MAP tests are administered in the fall and spring of each school year. The averages shown below reflect the spring 2016 evaluation period. MAP data helps educators gain an understanding of each child’s current academic level and assist instructors in preparing differentiated lesson plans for individual students. The information can also be used to compare class- or grade-level performance to that of the 5.1 million students who took the tests nationwide. SMCS MAP scores reflect the educational value the school system offers.

PUPIL SERVICES
Students come to school with a variety of academic, personal and social needs that can affect their learning, but students who experience difficulties in basic areas of learning and behavior may thrive with the assistance of a learning support program. To address the needs of struggling students, St. Mary Catholic Schools developed a collaborative K-12 pupil services system to offer learning support. At the elementary level, our SMCS Learning Support Team includes learning specialists, a reading teacher and a counselor.

Through this program, learning specialist professionals work as a team in partnership with teachers, administrators, parents and families to meet the needs of each identified student in the areas of reading/literacy, math, language and behavior. Students do not need a formal disability diagnosis to access support through this program. The goals of SMCS Collaborative Pupil Services include increasing academic achievement; helping students become confident, caring, and contributing citizens; and providing comprehensive, coordinated, integrated and customized assistance in a timely manner.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY
Beginning in 2016-17, SMCS is implementing a three-year plan to integrate the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-based Project Lead The Way program into the K-12 curriculum. In the fall of 2016, students in grades 3-5 will experience Project Lead The Way’s Launch module in computer science.

TECHNOLOGY
At SMCS, dedicated administrators and teachers strive to address the education and technology needs of our students, while remaining committed to a solid academic program. We recognize and take seriously the fact that, during elementary school years, students develop skills and behaviors that serve as a foundation for future learning. SMCS elementary students use computer applications for age-appropriate tasks, and each campus has interactive whiteboards, wireless capabilities, automated response systems, audio/visual enhancements and integrated curriculum. Our dedicated technology teacher instructs students on keyboarding skills, Microsoft Office® software, ethical computer use and how to acquire and evaluate information on the internet.
COMPREHENSIVE COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE
St. Mary Catholic Schools believes in nurturing the emotional and psychological health of every student. At the elementary level, our professional school counselor makes regular visits to each elementary school, providing classroom guidance as well as curriculum and individual sessions for students and families. Anti-bullying, personal safety and self-esteem programs are an important part of the counselor’s presence. Through SMCS’s K-12 comprehensive counseling program, counselors meet annually with all students in grade 5 along with their families to focus on academic and personal development, as well as age-appropriate career planning.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
After-school programs are offered with the flexibility to fit individual family needs. Each day, the school buildings are open by 7:30 a.m. for child drop off. Teachers and staff supervise the students until classes begin. SMCS after-school programs are available to families who would like additional childcare when the elementary school is dismissed until approximately 5:30 p.m.

CO-CURRICULARS
Our elementary campuses offer a variety of co-curricular opportunities to create a balanced educational program for body and mind, heart and soul. Activities included in our athletic co-curricular program are designed to promote physical fitness and instill knowledge and understanding of rules, concepts, and strategies. Students learn to work both as individuals and in a variety of competitive group sports. The program actively incorporates traits such as respect, teamwork, persistence, responsibility, patience and tolerance. Elementary students have the opportunity to participate in co-curricular basketball, volleyball, soccer and football.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Our exciting enrichment program boasts opportunities such as karate, dance, chess, golf, yoga, and tennis. With a thriving FIRST Lego League, and STEM- (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) based classes and camps such as Club Invention, our enrichment program cultivates an environment in which young people flourish: one that challenges their minds, expands their social awareness, reinforces their moral growth and promotes an active life style. Additional fees are required for these activities and current list of classes offered for our program can be found on our website.

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FOOD SERVICE
SMCS Food Service participates in the National School Lunch Program, and all menus meet nutrition standards established by the USDA. As such, we provide healthy, quality school meals, and aim to offer a variety of options that are both nutritious and appealing to students. SMCS has a dedicated garden that is used in the lunch program throughout the entire system.

SUMMER CHILDCARE PROGRAM AND SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES
St. Mary Catholic Schools’ summer childcare program is a faith-based day camp for children five-to 12-years old. A variety of scheduling options are offered to allow families the flexibility to meet their individual needs. Children participate in field trips, arts and crafts, drama, music, sports, picnics, world language and many more activities linked to age-appropriate faith development. Enthusiastic teachers lead the children in a variety of activities and explorations. Athletic summer camps are offered at the high school for various grade levels. Other summer opportunities include enrichment, academics and fine arts.

SMCS elementary students benefit from modern playground equipment that inspires energetic and creative playtime.
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Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the same exceptional academic and co-curricular middle school program was relocated to our brand new, state-of-the-art educational facility.

St. Mary Catholic Middle School is the only middle school in the area that offers…

- An adjacent three-acre nature area with a dedicated garden that is used in a lunch program throughout the system
- A one-to-one laptop program
- A building constructed with green features and state-of-the-art environmental controls
- On-site football, tennis, baseball and soccer fields and a two-stage basketball and volleyball gym
- The Student Teacher Advisory (S.T.A.R.) mentoring program two times a day
- The opportunity to attend for-credit high school classes on the same campus
- Architectural design that promotes collaborative learning
- A fine arts education center on the same campus
- An annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C.

St. Mary Catholic Middle School benefits from its location on the grounds of St. Mary Catholic High School, but stands alone in its 21st-century layout that is designed to accommodate collaborative learning, interactivity, technology and nurture our Catholic faith. To create a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, the middle school layout incorporates many aspects of contemporary design. The design includes flexible grade-level communities, or “pods”, each containing 3-4 large core classrooms, adjacent collaborative and independent learning areas, group study/project rooms and student lockers. The collaborative learning spaces include flexible furniture and technology to accommodate multiple instructional needs with visual transparency between classrooms. Special features of the building include a beautiful chapel, band and choir rooms, art room, science lab, spacious commons area and two-stage gymnasium. Busing to the SMCMS campus from many surrounding communities is offered.

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**FAITH**

St. Mary Catholic Middle School (SMCMS) helps students to learn about and grow in their Catholic faith by offering daily faith formation classes and prayer, weekly prayer services or liturgies, service projects and more. Students take turns planning liturgies and participate as readers, musicians and speakers, gaining a deeper appreciation and understanding of our faith and how we celebrate it. SMCMS’s faith formation program helps students grow spiritually, reinforces their moral growth and teaches them to reach out beyond themselves to address needs and realities outside of their everyday lives.

**ACADEMICS**

Our caring and dedicated teachers and staff work for and with students and their families to meet each student’s educational needs. Individualized attention ensures that each student, whether high-performing or struggling, is able to reach his or her full potential. SMCMS has teaching and learning teams, so that the curriculum is shared and reinforced by all teachers across the grade levels. The curriculum is challenging, hands-on, and exploratory.

Two science and language arts classes are offered at each level -- language arts and science 6, 7, 8 or intensive language arts and intensive science 6, 7, 8. Intensive language arts and science classes offer students who have demonstrated mastery of current grade level math, language arts, and reading an opportunity to challenge themselves with more difficult material. Coursework is differentiated in all classes so that all students are appropriately challenged or accommodated.

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Two math classes are offered at each level, including options for pre-algebra and algebra for students that have mastered basic math facts prior to sixth grade.

All students take music, art, health, physical education and computer classes all year long. Additionally, SMCMS is excited to offer three world languages—Mandarin Chinese, German and Spanish in every grade, with for-high school credit options available for eighth graders.

SMCMS runs a modified schedule that is consistent with our high school’s start and end times. An extension of our differentiated learning, this allows our middle school students who meet certain requirements to attend selected high school level courses.

**PUPIL SERVICES**

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Through this program, our learning specialist professional works in partnership with teachers, administrators, parents and families to meet the needs of each identified student in the areas of reading/literacy, math, language and behavior. Students do not need a formal disability diagnosis to access support through this program. The goals of the SMCS Collaborative Pupil Services include increasing academic achievement; helping students become confident, caring, and contributing citizens; and providing comprehensive, coordinated, integrated and customized assistance in a timely manner.

**MAP TESTING**

Academics is the center of SMCMS’s well-rounded educational offerings, and it is reflected in our students’ test taking. SMCMS students consistently score well above average on MAP tests. Our middle school’s average MAP results were above national norm averages in all disciplines, and among the highest in the area.

**TECHNOLOGY**

SMCMS students benefit from a one-to-one laptop program that uses computer software and applications that enhance the curriculum and promote higher-order thinking through problem solving. Seventh and eighth grade students are assigned a laptop for use during school and at home. The laptops are used in classroom lessons, for group projects and for homework assignments. Each sixth grader is assigned a small laptop that he or she uses every day during school hours for classwork and in-school group projects. In addition, each core area (“pod”) is equipped with several SMART boards, digital projectors and SMART response systems. The system is fully supported by the SMCS technology department, with strong filtering programs. A dedicated technology teacher expands on the foundation students learned in elementary school with emphasis placed on Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations,
Publisher templates, internet research and safety, Windows Live Movie Maker and Google Docs. A nominal fee is required for each student’s laptop.

**COMPREHENSIVE COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE**

The SMCMS comprehensive counseling program includes age-appropriate education for students in personal safety and wellbeing. Through SMCS’s K-12 comprehensive counseling program, the counselor meets annually with all eighth grade students and their families to focus on academic and personal development, as well as age-appropriate career planning. Through the school’s STAR mentoring program, character education is reinforced in a small-group setting, and each student is assigned an advisory teacher who acts as his/her advisor and mentor. The dynamics of a middle school are unique and require a special staff and strong leadership. Our faculty and staff at St. Mary Catholic Middle School are faith-filled, dedicated, knowledgeable and competent in their professions, and strive to meet the individual needs of students. Every adult in the building knows every student by name, each student’s learning styles and his/her social and emotional needs. Discipline issues are rare because students are engaged, involved, known and appreciated.

**CO-CURRICULARS**

SMCMS’s activities, athletic teams and clubs are supported by the SMCS Booster Club and work hand-in-hand with the school’s academic program to educate each student as a whole person. These activities are integral to the well-rounded spiritual, intellectual, physical and psychological development fostered in every student at St. Mary Catholic Middle School. SMCMS offers:

**ATHLETIC CO-CURRICULARS**
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

**NON-ATHLETIC CO-CURRICULARS**
- Book Club
- FIRST Lego League/Robotics
- Forensics
- Jazz Band
- Junior Optimists
- Math Counts
- Musical Theater
- Show Choir
- Student Council

Because middle school athletes are at very different stages of development in their skills, SMCMS believes in and enforces a “no cuts, everyone plays” policy. Parents of participating students are expected to help at home games in the concession stand, at the gate, and/or at the scoring table. SMCMS has a thriving robotics team that regularly advances to the state level of competition. SMCMS performs a musical each spring at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center where students take on acting, directing, producing and stage crew roles. More than 75% of SMCMS students participate in the instrumental and choral programs. Summer camps are also offered at the high school for various grade levels, as well as summer childcare for children up to age 12. With the success of our elementary enrichment program, we are expanding various enrichment offerings to the middle school.

**ONLINE PARENT PORTAL**

SMCMS uses an online parent portal to provide an easy way for parents to keep up to date with their students’ classes and activities. This internet-accessed program facilitates the flow of information between parents, students and teachers, and is a powerful tool for managing grades. Students and parents are given access to the program by using secure, privacy-protecting passwords.

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As a Catholic institution, SMCHS has the privilege of making faith the cornerstone of everything we have to offer. SMCHS instills Christian values and welcomes students of all religious beliefs. The varied socio-economic backgrounds of SMCHS students foster a balance of values and attitudes within the school community. We draw students from the Neenah-Menasha area and surrounding parishes, and the 2016-17 freshman class is comprised of students from eight different middle schools. Busing to the SMCHS campus from many surrounding communities is offered.

The school’s innovative one-to-one laptop program integrates technology into a strong, college-prep curriculum. We offer a wide variety of classes, including numerous AP and CAPP courses and an unlimited array of classes through the state-of-the-art distance learning lab. Low teacher-to-student ratios promote individualized instruction.

For more than 85 years, SMCHS has been providing our students with opportunities to enrich their education through participation in co-curriculars, and an impressive 98% of students participate in co-curricular activities. Our small-by-choice school size allows SMCHS the flexibility to foster students’ individual interests.

When graduating from St. Mary Catholic High School, students move on to become part of our vibrant and vital alumni community. The strength of the relationship between SMCHS and its alumni family is truly a testament to the school’s commitment to and success in fulfilling its mission.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
A St. Mary Catholic High School student will be awarded a diploma when 27.5 credits have been earned. Of these 27.5 credits, 20.0 are required courses and 7.5 are electives. The guidance department recommends that students take additional college preparatory courses to reach the recommended credit levels.

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TOTAL REQUIRED COURSE CREDITS

- Elective course credits: 20.0
- Total graduation credits: 7.5

27.5

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered in the areas of mathematics, science, social studies and English. Honors courses are offered in English and Math. SMCHS also offers CAPP courses.

ELECTIVE CREDITS
Elective courses have been carefully evaluated and selected to provide students with the opportunity to prepare for further education and to explore various fields or occupations. A well-rounded background of general education is paramount to future success in any career. Students should explore as many areas as possible. Students will secure the most value from their high school education if, as freshmen, they plan tentative four-year programs of electives based upon their future occupational and educational interests.

AP COURSES
Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available in many subjects. At the conclusion of the course, students can opt to take an evaluation exam which, if passed, qualifies them for college credits. In 2015-16, 18 SMCHS students earned designation as AP Honor Scholars.

CAPP COURSES
Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) offers university-level courses that award dual credit for college and high school. CAPP courses are taught in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The course selection guide lists CAPP courses that are available at SMCHS.

ACT SCORES
SMCHS scores are consistently above the local, state and national average models. 96% of the 2016 graduating class took the ACT, and averaged a score of 24.9. This is 4.4 points higher than the state’s average of 20.5, and second highest among Fox Valley schools.

SMCHS LAUDE RECOGNITION
SMCHS has a laude program to recognize the accomplishments of high-achieving graduates. Our grading is scale based on a 95% for an “A,” which is the most difficult scale among high schools in the Fox Cities.

In 2016, five graduates matriculated Summa Cum Laude with a cumulative GPA of 3.9-4.0; six graduated Magna Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.75-3.89 and eleven graduated Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.5-3.74.
CONFUCIUS CLASSROOM
St. Mary Catholic High School is the only school in northeastern Wisconsin to be designated a Confucius Classroom campus. The Mandarin Chinese language and culture program is housed in a dedicated area reminiscent of an ancient Chinese classroom. This old-style environment is enhanced with a Smart board, Chinese educational materials and an interactive multimedia station. Special funding supports field trips to experience Chinese culture and enrichment.

SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS
It is a graduation requirement for all SMCHS students to perform a total of sixty (60) hours of service with a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per year.

SMCHS recognizes (with a blue cord) students who more than double the 60-hour cumulative requirement for community service. 27 graduates, or 55% of the Class of 2016 completed and recorded more than 120 service hours during their four years at SMCHS.

Traditionally, SMCHS offers a summer mission trip to a needy area in the United States or abroad. Students may participate for service hours and experience, or may complete additional reading and coursework for elective credit.

Busing is available to the St. Mary Catholic High School campus from many area communities. Call 722-7796 for details.
TECHNOLOGY

To be competitive in the 21st century, today's students require an engaging and progressive learning environment. SMCHS's investment in technology affirms our commitment to our mission of providing a quality education in a rapidly changing world. We are pleased to be at the forefront of the 21st-century learning movement.

ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM

Technology and use of the laptop are integral to SMCHS’s strong curriculum, and the laptops are an essential tool for teachers and students. Instructors deliver technology-integrated instruction, collaborating with students as they use their laptops for research and work throughout the school day. Students then take the computers home to continue with homework and projects. Laptops are not intended to be a replacement for the curriculum, but a tool to support it, and instructors undergo extensive training in hardware, software and curriculum integration.

SMCHS's technology program requires families to lease a laptop computer for each of their children. The fee covers laptop rental, insurance and technology support. The computer may be purchased at the end of a full four-year lease for $1.00, and several payment options are available.

St. Mary Catholic High School utilizes a web based software program called DyKnow. DyKnow monitors laptop activity and quickly addresses off task behavior by using management features during class time. DyKnow can block or allow specified content and set which websites students can access.

With a newly expanded home for the SMCS STEM Club, this co-curricular activity is able to offer a wider array of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-based activities for students. In addition to our very active and internationally competitive robotics teams, SMCS STEM Club is now offering clubs in electronics, electrical engineering and aeronautics. Not simply a hobby club, all STEM Club activities include a strong educational component.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOMS

The distance-learning classroom provides access to AP, CAPP, specialized and accelerated classes from schools across the state; educational networks via direct connections to real-world professionals in hundreds of fields; and new opportunities to build vital skills through live interactive seminars, lab simulations and virtual fieldtrips.

The forensic/presentation lab is equipped with tools to help students enhance their interpersonal communication skills and to craft quality presentations.

The business marketing and graphic (BMG) design lab provides an environment for students to create high-quality digital and print projects. This lab enables students to become proficient with tools that are commonly used in a wide range of creative industries to produce real-world presentations and graphic designs.

The Innovation, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (I-STEM) Lab provides students with the high-tech resources needed to apply math and science knowledge using engineering technologies including computer-aided design (CAD) software.
**SUPPORT**

Our goal at SMCHS is to work together in a Christian atmosphere to provide each student with a positive high school experience. SMCHS works with students, parents, families and teachers to maintain open lines of communication throughout the school year in order to achieve this goal.

**COMPREHENSIVE COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE**

Encouraging each student to understand his/her unique abilities is the focus of the St. Mary Catholic High School Counseling program. As part of the K-12 comprehensive school counseling program, school counseling fosters the growth of the individual – educationally, socially and personally, and assists each student in formulating and reaching educational and career goals. The school counselor works collaboratively with administration, teachers, staff, parents and students to support student success.

A particular focus of the high school department is preparing students to make well-informed choices regarding their life after graduation. Whether preparing for a four-year university, technical college, trade school, the military or the workforce, the school counselor assists students with academic and career planning. The department provides support for the admissions and scholarship application process, test interpretation, course planning for high school and dual credit options and the resources to explore interests, talents and opportunities.

**ONLINE PARENT PORTAL**

SMCHS uses an online parent portal to provide an easy way for parents to keep up to date with their students’ classes and activities. This internet-accessed program facilitates the flow of information between parents, students and teachers, and is a powerful tool for managing assignments. Students and parents are given access to the program by using secure, privacy-protecting passwords.

**PUPIL SERVICES**

Students come to school with a variety of academic, personal and social needs that can affect their learning, but students who experience difficulties in basic areas of learning and behavior may thrive with the assistance of a learning support program. To address the needs of struggling students, St. Mary Catholic Schools developed a collaborative K-12 pupil services system to offer learning support. At the high school we have a resource specialist who is available within the regular classroom, study halls and during non-instructional time before and after school.

Through this program, learning specialist professionals work as a team in partnership with teachers, administrators, parents and families to meet the needs of each identified student in the areas of reading/literacy, math, language and behavior. Students do not need a formal disability diagnosis to access support through this program. The goals of the SMCS Collaborative Pupil Services include increasing academic achievement; helping students become confident, caring, and contributing citizens; and providing comprehensive, coordinated, integrated and customized assistance in a timely manner.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Campus ministry is integral to student life at St. Mary Catholic High School. We have the opportunity to worship as a faith community in many different ways: daily prayer, group prayer services, all-school liturgies, Reconciliation services, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the rosary and annual retreats. In addition, a monthly Mass is offered. Every student is given the opportunity to take a leadership role in faith development through these prayer and worship experiences.

**SMCS FOOD SERVICE**

SMCS Food Service participates in the National School Lunch Program, and all menus meet nutrition standards established by the USDA. As such, we provide healthy, quality school meals, and aim to offer a variety of options that are both nutritious and appealing to students. SMCS has a dedicated garden that is used in the lunch program throughout the entire system.
CO-CURRICULARS

SMCHS’s activities, athletic teams and clubs work hand-in-hand with the school’s academic program to educate the student as a whole person. These activities are a foundation of the well-rounded spiritual, intellectual, physical and psychological development fostered in every student at St. Mary Catholic High School. SMCHS offers:

ATHLETIC CO-CURRICULARS
Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Equestrian Club
Football
Golf
Hockey (co-op)
Powerlifting
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Wrestling (co-op)

NON-ATHLETIC CO-CURRICULARS
Art Club/Photography
Best Friends Mentors
Dance Team
EARTH Club
Forensics
Jazz Ensemble
Key Club
Liturgical Choir
Marching Band
Math Team
Mock Trial
National Honor Society
Senior Leaders
Show Choir
Ski and Snowboard Club
STEM Club (Robotics, aeronautics, electronics)
Student Activities Leadership Team (SALT)
Student Ambassadors
Student Council
Teens for Life
Vocal Ensembles
Zephyr Players Drama and Musical Theater

St. Mary Catholic High School students benefit from the small size of the school because it allows them to experience a variety of academic and co-curricular opportunities throughout their high school careers. Rather than having to limit themselves to one or two interests, SMCHS students are encouraged by their peers, advisors and coaches to participate in multiple activities, and often play a vital role in the groups’ successes.

SMCHS’s competitive teams perform very well across the spectrum of athletic and academic competitions. Two teams that have established themselves as extraordinary are the baseball and robotics teams. In 2016, the undefeated Zephyrs baseball team reigned as the conference and WIAA state champions! For twelve consecutive years, the SMCS STEM Club’s Robotics Teams have competed in state, national and world championships. The team is renowned throughout the high school robotics competition community for excellence and sportsmanship. A large percentage of the SMCHS student population belongs to the robotics teams.
EXCELLENT FUTURES

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: CLASS OF 2016
100% of St. Mary Catholic High School’s 49 graduates applied to and were accepted at institutions of higher learning. Of these students, 92% enrolled in 24 four-year institutions and 8% enrolled in two 2-year institutions. 82% will attend colleges in-state; 18% will attend colleges out of state.

SMCHS CLASS OF 2016 MEMBERS WERE ACCEPTED AT THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Adelphi University
Arizona State University
Ball State University
Binghamton University - SUNY
Bradley University
Butler University
Carthage College
Edgewood College
Florida State University
Fox Valley Technical College
Hamline University
Iowa State University
Lawrence University
Loras College
Marian University
Marquette University
Michigan Technological University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Montana State University
North Central University - Minnesota
North Park University - Chicago
Northern Illinois University
Northern Michigan University
Notre Dame University
Ripon College
St. Cloud State University
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
University of New South Wales - Australia
University of St. Thomas
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University at Buffalo - SUNY
University of Denver
University of Iowa
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
University of Oklahoma
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of St. Thomas
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley
University of Wisconsin - Green Bay
University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
University of Wisconsin - Madison
University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh
University of Wisconsin - Platteville
University of Wisconsin - River Falls
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin - Stout
University of Wisconsin - Superior
University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
Valparaiso University
Winona State University
Xavier University
TUITION AFFORDABILITY

TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS
St. Mary Catholic Schools is committed to providing a quality Catholic education for all students regardless of their financial situation. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available and handled in complete confidentiality. We will do all that we can to help you meet your financial commitment towards this faith-based education.

SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). This is an excellent opportunity for families who may have believed that an outstanding, faith-based Catholic education was beyond their reach. WPCP provides the chance for students whose families meet the income requirements and who are selected, to attend SMCS at no charge. The application process takes place in the spring of the year for the following school year. Visit www.sms.dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-statewide for details.

Families are responsible for making arrangements to either pay tuition in full in August or to enroll in the monthly payment plan.

SMCS has designated fundraisers that families can participate in to earn credit towards their tuition. Fundraising income is important to both SMCS and our families who rely on the credits to assist with their tuition fees.
CONGRATULATIONS to the 2016 WIAA Division 3 State Baseball Champions who completed an undefeated season at 26-0, the first state title earned under the WIAA. Congratulations to all of our players that made this dream a reality!

For more information on our sports offerings, contact Adam Bates, Director of Athletics & Activities at abates@smcatholicschools.org.
JOIN US

Mark your calendars and plan to attend these 2016-17 school events.

**September 16**
Meet Me in the Middle - Middle School Fundraiser

**October 6**
8th Grade Visit Day

**October 18**
SMCS Open Houses and Information Nights

**October 21**
Brewfest - St. Gabriel Elementary Fundraiser

**November 3**
5th Grade Visit Day
7th Grade Visit Day

**November 11**
Jumbo Gumbo - SMCS Fundraiser

**November 16**
SMCS STEM Club Open House

**November 7, 8, 14, 16**
Middle and High School Shadow Days

**January 24**
SMCHS Zephyr Basketball Club Night

**January 28**
SMCS Clubhouse Puppet Show

**February 11**
Wines Around the World - St. Margaret Mary Elementary Fundraiser

**March 4**
Winter Escape - St. Mary Elementary Fundraiser

**April 14**
SMCS Clubhouse Egg-stravaganza

**April 8**
Zephyrfest - SMCS Fundraiser

**IMPORTANT DATES**
October 18 – January 31
Early Registration

For additional information or to schedule a personal tour, contact:

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