

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## ACADEMICS

In our small-by-choice school community, St. Mary Catholic High School is able to help each student reach his or her highest potential. Our robust variety of classes are taught by caring professionals who truly value a faith-based education as well as each student's growth and educational experience.

## SMCHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A St. Mary Catholic High School student is awarded a diploma when 27 credits have been earned. Of these 27 credits, 20 are required courses and seven are elective.

Business & Information Technology 0.5

English 4.0

Fine Arts 0.5

Health 0.5

Mathematics 3.0

Physical Education 1.5

Science 3.0

Social Studies 3.0

Theological Studies 4.0

Total Required Course Credits 20.0

Elective Course Credits +7.0

**Total Graduation Credits 27.0**

## ACT SCORES

SMCHS scores are consistently well above the state and national averages, and among the highest in the Fox Valley area when compared to other parochial and public schools. SMCHS's average score over the past five years is 23.94, and 96% of the Class of 2017 took the ACT.

## GRADING SCALE AND LAUDE RECOGNITION

Our grading scale is based on a 94% for an "A," which is one of the most difficult scales among high schools in the Fox Cities. SMCHS has a laude program to recognize the accomplishments of high-achieving graduates.

In 2018, seven graduates matriculated Summa Cum Laude with a cumulative GPA of 3.9-4.0; nine graduated Magna Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.75-3.89 and fifteen graduated Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.5-3.74.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Over the past nine years, SMCHS has had nine students earn designation as National Merit Scholars and four as Commended Scholars.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: CLASS OF 2017

96% of St. Mary Catholic High School's 72 graduates applied to and were accepted at institutions of higher learning. Of these students, 86% enrolled in 19 four-year institutions and 10% enrolled in two-year institutions; 4% chose other paths including military service and trade programs. 86% will attend in-state colleges and 14% will attend schools elsewhere.

## SPECIAL COURSES AND OFFERINGS

### Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses are available in many subjects. At the conclusion of the course, students may opt to take an evaluation exam, which, if passed, qualifies them for college credits. *In 2018, 20 SMCHS students earned designation as AP Honor Scholars.*

### CAPP

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, and the credits are recognized throughout the UW system and at many other institutions.

### Distance Learning

SMCHS has the capability to both broadcast and receive courses in real-time. This allows us to provide a wider variety of courses.

### Independent Study

In order to meet the educational needs of all SMCHS students, we offer opportunities in the form of off-site and/or independent, faculty-sponsored courses of study for students who receive approval to do so.

## 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. The use of laptop computers is integral to SMCHS's strong curriculum, and they are an essential tool for teachers and students.

### One-to-One Program

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.

### Technology Classrooms

Specially equipped classrooms provide technology to enhance education.

- A distance-learning classroom provides real-time remote access to specialized classes
- The forensics/presentation room is equipped to help students enhance their communication skills and craft quality presentations
- The business marketing and graphic design lab is where students learn to create high-quality digital and print projects and become proficient with tools commonly used in creative industries.
- The STEM lab provides the high-tech resources needed to apply math and science knowledge using engineering technologies such as computer-aided design (CAD) software.



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## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

SMCHS's activities, athletic teams and clubs work hand-in-hand with the school's academic program to educate each 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.\*

### SPORTS OFFERINGS

Baseball

Basketball

Cross Country

Equestrian Club

Football

Golf

Hockey (Co-op)

Powerlifting

Soccer

Softball

Tennis

Track & Field

Volleyball

Wrestling (Co-op)

### CO-CURRICULARS

Art/Photography Club

Best Friends Mentors

Dance Team

EARTH Club

Forensics

Jazz Ensemble

Key Club

Liturgical Choir

Marching Band

Math Team

Middle School Retreat Team

Mock Trial

National Honor Society

Senior Leaders

Ski & Snowboard Club

Soul Tones Vocal Ensemble

STEM Club (robotics, aeronautics, electronics)

Student Activities Leadership Team (SALT)

Student Ambassadors

Student Council

Teens 4 Life

Zephyrs Players Drama and Musical Theater

\*96% of SMCHS students participate in two or more co-curricular activities

## BUSING

Busing is available to the SMCHS campus from many area communities! Call 722-7796 for details.

## AN INDIVIDUALIZED EXPERIENCE

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

### Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance

Encouraging each student to understand his/her unique abilities and preparing for future success is the focus of the St. Mary Catholic High School counseling program. A particular focus 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.

A mental health counselor is on staff to provide emotional support, guidance and referrals to students and their families when most needed.

### Edmodo

A secure learning network used by all SMCHS teachers and students, Edmodo is used to share educational content, access homework, participate in discussions and manage deadlines.

### Naviance

A comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness platform, Naviance enables students to explore their interests and strengths and work with our counselor to develop a course of study that matches long-term goals with an actionable plan. It also provides parent access, and is instrumental in managing each student's unique post-high school search and application process.

### Power School

An online portal that facilitates the flow of information between school and home, Power School makes it easy for parents and students to keep up to date with assignments and grades.

### Pupil Services

SMCHS has a learning specialist who is available within the regular classroom, study halls and during non-instructional time before and after school to assist with a variety of academic, personal and social needs that affect learning. The learning specialist works in partnership with teachers, administrators 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 collaborative pupil services program include increasing academic achievement, helping students become more confident, caring, and contributing citizens and providing coordinated, comprehensive assistance in a timely manner.

## WORLD LANGUAGES

SMCHS is proud to offer three world languages—German, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish, from levels one through five. Mandarin is housed in one of only a few Confucius Classrooms in the state; German offers a college-credit option through the CAPP program, and Spanish students can participate in a service-learning trip to a Spanish-speaking country each summer.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO FAITH

“Let it be known to all who enter that Christ is the reason for this school” greets students, staff and guests who enter St. Mary Catholic High School. Faith and service are vital to the mission of the school.

Most students far exceed the 15-hours per year service requirement. They do so through group service projects, school-sponsored programs such as Best Friends and Key Club, independent volunteerism with parishes and civic organizations or a weeklong mission trip offered each summer.

## COURSES OFFERED AT SMCHS

### BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Accounting  
Business  
Marketing  
Personal finance  
Career exploration and experience software

### ENGLISH

Standard and honors courses in Oral And Written Composition and American Literature  
Contemporary Literature, World Literature, Creative Writing, Greco-Roman Mythology  
AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition  
CAPP Speech

### FINE ARTS

Introduction to Art  
Band and Concert Band  
Chamber Orchestra  
Choir: Jazz/Madrigal Ensemble, Mens Choir, St. Mary Singers, Womens Choir

Drama  
Drawing and Painting I - III  
Graphic Design  
Music Theory  
Photography  
Pop Music through the Decades  
Sculpture I - III  
Yearbook

### MATHEMATICS

Advanced Math  
Pre-Algebra, Algebra I & II, Honors Algebra II  
Pre-Calculus, Calculus I & II  
AP Calculus AB & AP Calculus BC  
Geometry and Honors Geometry  
Trigonometry

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

CAPP 105 The Active Lifestyle  
Health  
Life Sports I & II  
Physical Fitness  
Strength & Conditioning

### SCIENCE

Anatomy/Physiology

Biology & AP Biology  
Earth Science  
Chemistry & AP Chemistry  
Principles of Chemistry & Physics  
Meteorology  
National Parks  
Plant Biology  
Physics  
Zoology

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Ancient Civilization  
Chinese Culture: Past, Present, Future  
AP Comparative Government  
Economics  
Global Studies  
Government  
Human Geography  
Introduction to Law  
Modern European History  
Psychology & AP Psychology  
AP United States Government and Politics  
United States History

### THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

*(diocesan-required progression)*  
Jesus and the Scriptures  
Jesus and His Mission  
Jesus and the Church  
Sacraments  
Morality – Life in Christ  
Social Justice – Living as a Disciple  
Ecumenical and Religious Issues  
Vocations - Creative Discipleship:  
An Adventure in Holiness  
(Basic Christianity)  
(Christian Discipleship)

### WORLD LANGUAGES

German I – IV/V  
CAPP German  
Mandarin Chinese I – IV/V  
Spanish I – IV/V

### DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

American Sign Language I & II  
Architecture  
College 101  
Criminal Justice Systems  
Medical Terminology  
Introduction to Sociology