

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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*Preparing and inspiring students to lead meaningful lives,  
rooted in the teachings of Christ in our Catholic tradition.*

## ACADEMICS

In our small-by-choice school community, St. Mary Catholic High School (SMCHS) 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.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A SMCHS 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 2019 average score was 24.4, more than four points higher than the state average.

## GRADING SCALE AND LAUDE RECOGNITION

SMCHS has a laude program to recognize the accomplishments of high-achieving graduates.

In 2019, 29% of our graduates matriculated Summa Cum Laude with a cumulative GPA of 3.9-4.0; 17% graduated Magna Cum Laude with a GPA of 3.75-3.89 and 12% 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 2019

96% of our 58 graduates applied to and were accepted at institutions of higher learning. Of these students, 96% enrolled in four-year institutions and 4% enrolled in two-year institutions.

## 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. *33% of the SMCHS Class of 2019 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.

## Blended Education Courses

Blended education courses allow students to take additional courses independently. Students also have the option to receive three college credits through Creighton University for select courses. Beyond challenging course content, a blended education experience fosters important life skills, and provides opportunities to learn with students from Catholic schools across North America. Blended education courses help students develop time management skills, discipline, self-advocacy and more.

## 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.

## 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.

SMCHS has been approved for the State of Wisconsin Global Education Achievement Certificate Program. This program ensures that students and staff are engaged in learning and supporting meaningful development of global competence. It promotes international learning, global awareness and cross-cultural connections.

## TECHNOLOGY

Our one-to-one laptop program is integral to SMCHS's strong curriculum. Instructors deliver technology-integrated instruction, collaborating with students as they use their laptops for research and work throughout the day. The STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) Center provides students with the high-tech resources needed to apply math and science knowledge using engineering technologies, including computer-aided design (CAD) software.



## CO-CURRICULARS

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

## ATHLETICS

Baseball

Basketball

Cross Country

Equestrian Club

Football

Golf

Hockey (Co-op)

Powerlifting

Soccer

Softball

Tennis

Track & Field

Volleyball

Wrestling (Co-op)

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Art/Photography Club

Best Friends Mentors

Dance Team

EARTH Club

Forensics

Jazz Ensemble

Key Club

Math Team

Mock Trial

National Honor Society

Retreats for Grade & Middle Schools

Science Bowl

Senior Leaders

Ski and Snowboard Club

Student Activities Leadership Team (SALT)

Student Ambassadors

Student Council

Teens for Life

Technology and Engineering Club (TEC) /

VEX Robotics

Vocal Ensembles

Zephyrs Players

## BUSING

**Busing is available to the SMCHS campus from many area communities!  
Call 920-727-0279 for details.**

## 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, independent volunteerism with parishes and civic organizations and mission trips.

## 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

Encouraging each student to understand his/her unique abilities and preparing for future success is the core of our counseling program. A particular focus is preparing students to make well-informed choices regarding their life

after graduation. Our two school counselors assist students with academic and career planning, admissions and scholarship application process, test interpretation, course planning for high school, and the resources to explore interests, talents and opportunities. Additionally, they provide emotional support and referrals to students and their families.

## 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 counselors 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.

## PowerSchool

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

## Pupil Services

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. Our learning specialist works in partnership with teachers, administrators and families to meet the needs of each identified student.

## COURSES OFFERED AT SMCHS

### BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Accounting  
Introduction to Business  
Software Applications  
Introduction to Marketing  
Personal Finance  
Career Exploration  
Career Experience

### ENGLISH

Transitional English  
English 9  
Honors English 9  
Oral and Written Composition 10  
Honors Oral and Written Composition 10  
American Literature  
Honors American Literature  
AP Language and Composition  
AP Literature and Composition  
CAPP Speech  
World Literature  
Creative Writing  
Greco-Roman Mythology

### FINE ARTS – MUSIC

Introduction to Band  
Chamber Orchestra  
Concert Band  
Drama  
Men's Choir  
Music Production  
Music Theory  
Pop Music Through the Decades  
St. Mary Singers  
Vocal Ensemble  
Women's Choir

### FINE ARTS – VISUAL ART

Introduction to Art  
Drawing and Painting I  
Drawing and Painting II  
Drawing and Painting III  
Fundamentals of Art  
Sculpture I  
Sculpture II  
Sculpture III  
Photography

Yearbook  
Graphic Design

### MATHEMATICS

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

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health  
Physical Fitness 9/10  
Individual Sports  
Team Sports  
CAPP 105 Active Lifestyle  
Strength & Conditioning

### EARTH SCIENCE

Biology  
Principles of Chemistry & Physics  
Chemistry  
Anatomy/Physiology  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
Physics  
Plant Biology  
PLTW – Introduction to Engineering Design  
PLTW – Principles of Engineering  
Zoology

### SOCIAL STUDIES

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

Economics  
AP Psychology  
Psychology  
AP United States Government and Politics

### THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Apologetics  
Basic Christianity  
Jesus and the Church  
Liturgy & Music  
Morality  
Sacraments  
Scriptures  
Suffering and Death  
The Kerygma and Life in the Spirit  
The Letters of St. Paul  
Theology of the Body  
Christian Discipleship

### WORLD LANGUAGES

German I  
German II  
German III  
German IV  
AP German V/CAPP 204 German  
Mandarin I  
Mandarin II  
Mandarin III  
Mandarin IV/V  
Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Spanish III  
Spanish IV  
Spanish V

### BLENDED EDUCATION COURSES

AP Art History  
AP Computer Science  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Music Theory  
AP Spanish Literature and Culture  
AP Statistics  
AP World History  
Italian Level 1  
Italian Level 2  
Latin Level 1  
Latin Level 2  
Linear Algebra

Multivariable Calculus  
AP Microeconomics  
Bioethics: Navigating the Ethical Dilemmas of our Future  
C++ Programming  
Model United Nations/International Relations (MUNIR)  
AP Macroeconomics  
Astronomy: An Introduction  
Bioethics: Navigating the Ethical Dilemmas of our Future  
Computer Game Development  
Computer Science Principles  
Database Development for Real World Problems  
Genocide and the Holocaust  
Statistical Reasoning in Sports  
Today's Latin America

### DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

American Sign Language I  
American Sign Language II  
Architecture 100  
Architecture 103  
Business Principles  
Child Development  
College 101  
Courts/Jurisdiction  
Criminal Justice Systems  
Culture of Healthcare  
Customer Service  
Developmental Psychology  
Digital Literacy for Healthcare  
Foundations of Early Childhood Education  
Introduction to Ethics: Theory & Application  
Introduction to Psychology  
Introduction to Sociology  
IT/Web/Database Development  
Marketing Principles  
Medical Terminology  
Paralegal Intro/Legal Ethics  
Principles of Sustainability  
Website Coding

### FVTC DUAL ENROLLMENT

FVTC Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair Program