



# ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-2012

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St. Mary's Academy, a Catholic high school for young women, provides a challenging college-preparatory education in a vibrant learning environment. As our mission dictates, St. Mary's educates the whole person by nurturing spirituality, encouraging creativity, promoting justice, and inspiring a sense of global interdependence to prepare students for service and leadership.

Founded in 1859 by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, St. Mary's Academy is Oregon's oldest continuously operating secondary school with over 10,000 alumnae. The only school in Oregon to have received three U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools Program Awards, St. Mary's is located in downtown Portland, attracting students from over 125 diverse middle schools across five counties.

The entire student body, faculty and staff participate in the school's community service program, providing direct service to the poor and disadvantaged. Eighty-six percent of the student body is involved in non-mandatory community service.

St. Mary's Academy has won 18 OSAA state championships in five different sports and two Oregon Girls' Lacrosse Association State Titles. The Blues also have won four academic state titles, twice winning the OSAA/POWERade Scholar Athlete award with the highest percentage of senior student athletes with a 3.50 GPA and above.

Our students participate in over 40 clubs and organizations including Science Olympiad (five-time state winners), International Thespian Society and National Art Honors Society. St. Mary's offers two unique mentoring programs: Teaching, Integrating and Exploring Science (TIES), which pairs St. Mary's Academy students with fifth-grade girls from local parochial schools, and the Alumna-Student Mentorship Program, where sophomore and junior students are paired with St. Mary's alumnae.

**At a Glance:** Total Enrollment: 625  
Students enrolling in college: 99%  
Students receiving financial aid: 40%  
Faculty holding advanced degrees: 84%  
Catholic families: 48%  
Students of Color: 30%  
Accreditation: NWAC

### Graduation Requirements

Subject	Units	Subject	Units
English	4	Religion	4
Mathematics	3	Speech	.5
Science	3	Information Science	.5
History	3.5	Health	1
Foreign Language	2	Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1		

Students generally take seven courses each semester. Classes meet three times per week, once for a 45-minute period and twice for an 85-minute period.

### Honors and AP Courses

Honors Geometry	AP English Literature
Honors Advanced Algebra	AP U.S. History
Honors Pre-Calculus	AP U.S. Government and Politics
Honors English I0	AP French Language
Honors English II	AP Spanish Language
Honors World History	AP Latin -Vergil
Honors Chemistry	AP Studio Art
Honors Biology	PSU: Modern European History
AP Calculus AB	PSU: Calculus 2

### College Admission Tests for the Class of 2011

#### 95% took the SAT

Mid 50% Critical Reading	560-700
Mid 50% Math	540-630
Mid 50% Writing	560-590

#### 52% took the ACT

Mid 50% Composite	24-29
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#### National Merit

II Commended
I National Black American Scholar
5 Semi-finalists
5 Finalists

Eighty-two percent of students earned a 3 or better on AP exams, with 24% of students earning the highest score of a 5.

### Grading Scale

A+	4.33	C+	2.33
A	4.00	C	2.00
A-	3.67	C-	1.67
B+	3.33	D+	1.33
B	3.00	D	1.00
B-	2.67	D-	0.67
		F	0.00

Honors and Advanced Placement courses receive one additional point in our GPA calculation. Passing grade: D-

### Grade Distribution - Class of 2012

(End of 6th Semester)

Quintile	GPA's
1	4.03-4.42
2	3.79-4.02
3	3.52-3.78
4	3.15-3.51
5	1.90-3.14

ACT AND CEEB NUMBER: 380920

*Today's Young Woman. Tomorrow's Leader.*

College Acceptances - Class of 2011

University of Alabama	Eugene Lang College The New	New York University	Savannah College of Art and
Allen University	School for Liberal Arts	Northern Arizona University	Design
American University	Fordham University	Northwestern University	School of Visual Arts
Arizona State University	Franciscan University	Occidental College	Seattle Pacific University
University of Arizona	George Fox University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Seattle University
University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff	The George Washington	University of Oklahoma	Simmons College
Baldwin-Wallace College	University	Olin College of Engineering	Skidmore College
Beloit College	Georgetown University	Oregon State University	Smith College
Bethune-Cookman University	Georgia State University	University of Oregon	Southern Oregon University
Boston University	Gettysburg College	Oxford College of Emory	Southern University and A&M
Brigham Young University (Idaho)	Gonzaga University	University	College
University of British Columbia	Goucher College	Pace University (New York)	Spring Hill College
Brown University	Grambling State University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of St. Andrews
University of California, Berkeley	Grinnell College	Pacific University	(Scotland)
University of California, Davis	Guilford College	University of the Pacific	St. Edwards University
California College of the Arts	Hampshire College	Parsons The New School for	St. Olaf College
California Lutheran University	Haverford College	Design	State University of New York at
California Polytechnic State	University of Hawaii	Pepperdine University	New Paltz
University, San Luis Obispo	Hobart and William Smith	Pomona College	State University of New York at
California State University, Fresno	Colleges	Portland Community College	Fredonia
Carleton College	Hofstra University	Portland State University	Stern College for Women
Carroll College (Montana)	Holy Names University	University of Portland	Swarthmore College
Case Western Reserve University	Howard University	Pratt Institute	Syracuse University
Chaminade University	University of Idaho	University of Puget Sound	Temple University
Chapman University	Jacksonville University	Purdue University	Texas Christian University
Clark Atlanta University	Kalamazoo College	Quest University, Canada	The University of Texas, Dallas
Clark University (Massachusetts)	Kenyon College	Quinnipiac University	Tulane University
Clemson University	Lake Forest College	University of Redlands	Tuskegee University
Colgate University	Lawrence University	Regis University	University of Vermont
University of Colorado Boulder	Lesley University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Victoria
Colorado State University	Lewis & Clark College	Rhode Island School of Design	Villanova University
Columbia College	University of Louisville	University of Rhode Island	Washington State University
Concordia University (Oregon)	Loyola Marymount University	Rice University	University of Washington
Cornell College	Loyola University Chicago	Rochester Institute of Technology	Wellesley College
Denison University	Loyola University (New Orleans)	University of Rochester	Western Oregon University
University of Denver	Macalester College	Rutgers, The State University of	Western State College of Colorado
DePaul University	Marist College	New Jersey	Western Washington University
Dickinson College	Marquette University	College of Saint Benedict	Westminster College
Dominican University of	Michigan State University	Saint Louis University	Whitman College
California	University of Michigan	Saint Martin's University	Whittier College
Drexel University	University of Mississippi	Saint Mary's College of California	Whitworth University
Eastern Oregon University	Mount Holyoke College	University of San Diego	Willamette University
Elon University	Nazareth College (New York)	University of San Francisco	University of Wisconsin
Emerson College	University of Nevada, Reno	Santa Clara University	The College of Wooster