



MOUNT ST. MARY

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AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL

Mount St. Mary Academy is a private, college-preparatory Catholic high school for girls sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. The school was founded in 1851 and has been in continuous operation for more than 160 years. The school is located in the Hillcrest neighborhood of Little Rock. It serves families of all faiths in the greater Little Rock community as well as surrounding towns.

ACCREDITATION

The school is accredited by the Mercy Secondary School Association and the Arkansas Non-Public School Accrediting Association (ANSAA). It holds the longest continuous accreditation (previously NCASSC) in the state of Arkansas. Mount St. Mary is also a member of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, the Southern Association for College Admissions Counseling, the International Baccalaureate Organization, and the College Board.

STUDENT BODY

Mount St. Mary Academy currently enrolls approximately 535 students from a broad spectrum of ability levels, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds in grades 9-12. Although Mount St. Mary is a Catholic school, applications from students of all faiths are welcomed. The school is committed to serving all families who wish their daughters to receive an excellent academic, values-based education. Mount St. Mary fosters growth in mind, body, and spirit.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

Mount St. Mary is proud to be the first International Baccalaureate School in the state of Arkansas. This is a comprehensive two year program of study for highly motivated juniors and seniors. The IB curriculum is based on international standards of excellence and includes a variety of extracurricular and service requirements. This program has been in existence since 1968 and is in 125 countries. The program has an emphasis on integration of knowledge, the application of that knowledge, and the education of the whole person. Students may take IB courses without being in the full Diploma program. Students who participate in the full Diploma program have completed the most rigorous course of study available at Mount St. Mary Academy.

SCHOOL YEAR

The year is divided into two semesters with four grading periods of nine weeks. Mount St. Mary has been on a rotating block schedule since 1993. The blocks consist of 90 minute classes every other day.

Founded in 1851, and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Mount St. Mary Academy is a premier all-girls' school dedicated to building a strong moral and intellectual foundation for our students in order to fully prepare them to meet the challenges of the future as women of wisdom, compassion and integrity. –MSM Mission

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credit requirements are:

Economics.....	.5
English.....	4
Fine Arts.....	.5
Health Education.....	.5
Physical Education.....	.5
International Language.....	2
Mathematics.....	4
Science.....	3
Speech.....	.5
Social Studies.....	3
Theology.....	4
Electives.....	5.5
Total.....	28

Other requirements are:

- All credits attempted must be completed before a student can advance to the next grade level.
- All courses taken must be passed for a student to graduate.
- All seniors must complete at least 30 hours of community service.
- All seniors must take the ACT or SAT.

GRADING SYSTEM

Students earn grades and credits based on work completed during each grading period. Semester grades appear on the transcript and are determined as follows:

A+ 100-98	B+ 89-87	C+ 79-77	D+ 69-67
A 97-94	B 86-83	C 76-73	D 66-63
A- 93-90	B- 82-80	C- 72-70	D- 62-60

Grade Point Average is figured by dividing the number of subjects taken into the total number of quality points earned. Quality points are determined as follows for the classes:

Grade	College Prep	Honors	Highest Level IB
A	4.0	4.5	5
B	3.0	3.5	4
C	2.0	2.5	3
D	1.0	1.5	2

Class rank is based on the GPA at semesters. This rank is cumulative over eight semesters and printed on the final transcript.

COLLEGE TESTING

ACT MEAN 5 YEAR AVERAGE

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
MSM	26.3	22.5	25.2	23.1	24.4
Arkansas	19.9	19.9	20.5	20.1	20.2
National	20.4	21.0	21.3	20.8	21.2

TECHNOLOGY

Mercy In Technology (MIT) is a teaching and educational initiative that enhances learning, prepares students for the technologies in which they will need to be proficient upon graduation, and builds leaders who are equipped to tackle future challenges in college and in their careers. Advanced technology integrated into all classrooms, including a one-to-one laptop program for grades 9-12, enables students to become lifelong learners and encourages critical thinking, creativity and innovation.

TUITION

Tuition for the 2014 - 2015 academic year is \$6,586 for Catholics and \$7,544 for others. Annual fees include \$550 for registration/curriculum fee, \$550 for a facility improvement fee, a student laptop fee (\$400-\$500/yr lease-to-own plan) and \$50 for FACTS payment plan registration fee. Books (approximately \$450) and uniforms are additional.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is the philosophy of the Sisters of Mercy and Mount St. Mary Academy to work with parents/guardians to make quality Catholic education available to all young women who desire the unique opportunities the Mount offers. Tuition aid is given according to a sliding scale, based on information received from the FACTS Grant & Aid Application. For more information on the various need-based and merit-based scholarships and grants available, please contact the MSM finance office.

ATHLETICS

A member of the Arkansas Activities Association, MSM competes in the highest classification in the state of Arkansas in these sports:

Basketball	Diving	Softball
Track	Bowling	Golf
Swimming	Volleyball	Tennis
Cross Country	Soccer	Cheerleading
		Rockettes

CLUBS

Students are able to join the following clubs:

Art Club
International Language Clubs
Odyssey of the Mind
Green Club
SADD Club
Investment Club

FCCLA
Diversity Club
Book Club
Catalyst Team
Belle Raisers
Interact

ORGANIZATIONS

Students may try out for or qualify for the following:

Liturgy Team
Model UN
Beta Club
Mu AlphaTheta
Math Honor Society
Mercy Ambassadors
National Honor Society

Mountie Messengers
Student Government
Newspaper
Yearbook
Quiz Bowl
Forensic Team

COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses marked with ** are the highest level courses offered in that subject area.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Guided Study Skills
Study Skills
IB Theory of Knowledge

BUSINESS

Computer Lab Tech
Human Relations
**IB Information Technology
in a Global Society****
Economics
Multimedia and Broadcasting
Multimedia in the 21st Century

ENGLISH

English 9
Honors English 9
English 10
Honors English 10
English 11
IB English 11
English 12
IB English 12**

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

Family & Consumer Science
Foods and Nutrition
Child Development
Fashion Design/Clothing
& Textiles
Culinary Arts

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Intro to Guitar
Intro to Piano
Women's Chorus
MSM Concert Belles
Class Voice I and II
Drama
Advanced Drama/Theatre Arts
Speech Communications
IB Theatre Arts**
Studio Art I, II, III, IV
IB Studio Art III
IB Studio Art IV**
Forensics: Speech Performance

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I
Honors French II
Honors French III
IB French IV**
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V
Honors Spanish II
Honors Spanish III
IB Spanish IV**
Latin I
Honors Latin II
Honors Latin III
IB Latin IV**

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Honors Math I
Honors Math II
Geometry
Accelerated Geometry
Concepts of Geometry
Algebra II/Trigonometry
Transition to College Algebra
Pre-Calculus
IB Math Studies**
IB Math Standard Level I
IB Math Standard Level II**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

Physical Education
Health Education
Basketball 9/Health Education
Contemporary Health Issues
Recreation for Life
MCJROTC

SCIENCE

Physical Science
Biology
Honors Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Anatomy and Physiology
IB Biology II
IB Biology III**
IB Chemistry II
IB Chemistry III**
Honors Physics

SOCIAL STUDIES

Civics
Global Regions
American History
Honors American History
World History
Street Law
Psychology
Sociology
International Relations
IB Psychology**
IB European History
IB 20th Century Topics**

THEOLOGY

Theology I
Theology II
Theology III
Theology IV

Mount St. Mary 2014 graduates were accepted into the following colleges and universities:

Arkansas State University	Louisiana State University	The College of Wooster
Arkansas Tech University	Loyola University-Chicago	Transylvania University
Auburn University	Loyola University-Maryland	Truman State University
Baptist Health Schools	Loyola University-New Orleans	Tulane University
Bard College	Lyon College	Union University
Baylor University	Michigan State University	University of Alabama
Belmont University	Mississippi College	University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Benedictine College	Mississippi State University	University of Arkansas-Little Rock
Binghamton University	Missouri Valley College	University of California-Los Angeles
Boston College	Morehead State University	University of Central Arkansas
Boston University	New York University	University of Chicago
Bradley University	North Carolina State University	University of Dallas
Brown University	Northwestern University	University of Dayton
Butler University	Oklahoma State University	University of Georgia
California State University-Los Angeles	Ottawa University	University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
Centre College	Ouachita Baptist University	University of Kansas
Christian Brothers University	Pepperdine University	University of Kentucky
Claremont McKenna College	Pitzer College	University of Memphis
Clemson University	Pomona College	University of Minnesota
College of Charleston	Pulaski Technical College	University of Mississippi
College of William and Mary	Reed College	University of Missouri-Columbia
Davidson College	Rhodes College	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
DePauw University	Rice University	University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Duke University	St. Louis University	University of Notre Dame
East Carolina University	Samford University	University of the Ozarks
Eckerd College	Santa Monica College	University of Richmond
Elmhurst College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Southern California
Elon University	Skidmore College	University of Texas-Austin
Emory University	Southern Arkansas University	University of Tulsa
Florida Southern College	Southern Methodist University	University of Virginia
Fordham University	Southern Union State	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Furman University	Community College	Vanderbilt University
Harvard University	Southwestern University	Wake Forest University
Henderson State University	Stony Brook University	Washington University-St. Louis
Hendrix College	Swarthmore College	Wells College
Johns Hopkins University	Texas Christian University	Wesleyan University
Kenyon College	The Art Institute of California-Hollywood	Westminster College-Missouri
Lawrence University	The Art Institute of California	Westminster College-Utah
Lewis and Clark University	-Los Angeles	William Woods University

The Senior Class of 2014 contributed 4,625 hours of service to the Greater Little Rock community and received over \$9.5 million in scholarship offerings.

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