



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 AdvancEd, 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 admits approximately 500 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 studies 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:	
Economics5
English.....	4
Fine Arts5
Health Education5
Physical Education5
International Language	2
Mathematics.....	4
Science	3
Speech5
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	25.7	22.4	24.6	22.6	24
National	20.6	21	21.3	20.9	21.1

SAT MEAN 5 YEAR AVERAGE

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
MSM	572	557	564
National	502	516	494

TUITION

Tuition for the 2011 - 2012 academic year is \$6,056 for Catholics and \$6,674 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	

ACTIVITIES

Students are able to join the following activities:

Art Club
International Language Clubs
Odyssey of the Mind
Green Club
Mercy Summer Corp.
Chess Club
SADD

FCCLA
Diversity Club
Book Club
Fire Marshals
Catalyst Team
Science Club

ORGANIZATIONS

Students may try out for or qualify for the following :

Liturgy Team
Broadcasting
Rockettes Dance Team
Student Government
Mu AlphaTheta
Math Honor Society
Mercy Ambassadors
National Honor Society

Mountie Messengers
Cheerleading
Model UN
Beta Club
Newspaper
Yearbook
Quiz Bowl
Spirit Council

COURSE OFFERINGS

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

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Guided Study
Study Skills
IB Theory of Knowledge

BUSINESS

Computer Lab Tech
Human Relations
**IB Information Technology
in a Global Society****
Economics
Marketing
Multimedia I
Multimedia II/Web Design

ENGLISH

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

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

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

FINE ARTS

Meet the Beatles
Beginning Guitar I and II
Woman's Chorus
Drama/Theatre Arts
IB Theatre Arts**
Studio Art I, II, III, IV
IB Studio Art III
IB Studio Art IV**

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
Algebra II/Trigonometry
Algebra III/Trigonometry
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

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
International Relations
IB Psychology**
IB European History
IB 20th Century Topics**

THEOLOGY

Theology I
Theology II
Theology III
Theology IV

Mount St. Mary graduates have been accepted into the following colleges and universities:

American University	Eckerd College	Monmouth University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Arizona State University	Elon University	Montclair State University	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Mary Washington
Arkansas State University	Emory University	New York Film Academy	School of Visual Arts	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Arkansas Tech University	Fordham University	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Memphis
Art Institute of Boston	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Northeastern University	Southeast Missouri State University	University of Miami
Art Institute of Dallas	Furman University	Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Southern Methodist University	University of Michigan
Auburn University	Goucher College	Oklahoma City University	Spring Hill College	University of Mississippi
Austin College	Guilford College	Oklahoma State University	Stevenson University	University of Missouri, Columbia
Austin Community College	Harding University	Otterbein University	SUNY College at Potsdam	University of Missouri, Kansas City
Avila University	Henderson State University	Ouachita Baptist University	Swarthmore College	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Baker College of Muskegon	Hendrix College	Pace University, New York City	Syracuse University	University of Notre Dame
Baldwin-Wallace College	Immaculata University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Tarleton State University	University of Oklahoma
Ball State University	Johns Hopkins University	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	Texas Christian University	University of the Ozarks
Baptist Health School, Little Rock	Johnson & Wales University	Plattsburgh State University	Trinity Valley Community College	University of Pittsburgh
Baylor University	Kansas City Art Institute	Point Park University	Tulane University	University of Puget Sound
Belhaven College	Kansas State University	Pratt Institute	University at Buffalo, The State University of New York	University of Richmond
Bellarmino University	Kentucky Wesleyan College	Presbyterian College	University of Alabama	University of St. Mary
Belmont University	Lees-McRae College	Pulaski Technical College	University of Arkansas at Fayetteville	University of South Carolina
Benedictine College	Lincoln Memorial University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Arkansas at Fort Smith	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Berry College	Lipscomb University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	University of Toledo
Birmingham-Southern College	Longwood University	Regis University	University of Arkansas at Monticello	University of Tulsa
Brescia University	Louisiana State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	University of Utah
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Loyola University, Chicago	Rhodes College	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	University of Virginia
Butler University	Loyola University, Maryland	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Arkansas at Monticello	University of Wisconsin, Madison
California State University, Los Angeles	Loyola University, New Orleans	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	United States Naval Academy
Catholic University of America	Lyon College	Rockhurst University	University of Central Arkansas	Vanderbilt University
Centenary College of Louisiana	Manhattan College	Rollins College	University of Colorado, Boulder	Vassar College
Centre College	Marquette University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Villanova University
Central Baptist College	Mars Hill College	Rosemont College	University of Dallas	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Christian Brothers University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology International University, Vietnam	University of Dayton	Wake Forest University
College of Charleston	McDaniel College	St. Gregory's University	University of Florida	Warren Wilson College
College of the Holy Cross	Memphis College of Art	St. Louis University	University of Georgia	Washington and Lee University
College of William and Mary	Meredith College	St. Mary's University of San Antonio	University of Iowa	Washington University, St. Louis
Colorado School of Mines	Metropolitan State College of Denver	San Antonio College	University of Kansas	Westminster College
Concordia University - River Forest	Michigan State University	Santa Clara University	University of Kentucky	William Woods University
Cossatot Community College	Millikin University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Louisiana	Williams Baptist College
Creighton University	Millsaps College			Wofford College
Davidson College	Mississippi State University			Xavier University, Cincinnati
Delgado Community College	Missouri Southern State University			
DePaul University	Missouri State University			
Drury University	Missouri University of Science and Technology			
Duke University				

The Senior Class of 2011 contributed 5,672 hours of service to the greater Little Rock community and received over \$7.25 million in scholarship offerings.

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