



ST. MARY AT A GLANCE | 2022-2023

Demographics

Current enrollment	260 Students
Curriculum	Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Co-ed
Gender	143 Girls, 117 Boys
Tuition	\$5,925 \$7,590 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each K student)
Governance	Principal, Pastor Delegate and BLJ
Faculty/Student Ratio	23:1

OUR MISSION

St. Mary Interparochial School challenges its diverse student body to grow morally, academically and socially, into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century.

OUR IDENTITY

As St. Mary has grown and developed, we have looked both inward and outward to define new directions for our future. Our identity as an integral part of the community is a key element of who we are. St. Mary is a close-knit, caring family that grows together in spiritual and academic pursuits.

About Our Students

Catholic Children:	82% of the student body <i>(Children enter from 29 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden)</i>
Ethnicity:	14% African-American; 5% Hispanic; 4% Asian; 65% Caucasian; 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 11% Two or more races
Economics:	Title One School
After School Enrichment Programs:	50% of the student body <i>(participate in our afterschool programs)</i>
Financial Aid:	St. Mary students who qualify for tuition assistance will receive over \$250,000 in EITC/OSTC funding through BLOCS, Foundation of Catholic Education, and the Children’s Scholarship Fund Philadelphia organizations; St. Mary Interparochial Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program also awards students in need.
Achievements:	Class of 2022 received tuition assistance or scholarships to high school, totaling over \$1.1 Million, including two Xavier Scholarships to St. Joseph’s Preparatory School, Academic Merit Scholarships, and one Josephine Connelly Award.

Goals for 2021-2025

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

GOAL: To create an expansive faith formation program that will engage all members of the school community and empower students and graduates to live out their Baptismal promises and to serve one another.

ADVANCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: To fully develop the St. Mary Advancement Office and implement a comprehensive advancement plan.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: Address the needs of our physical plant, such that it can support our outstanding educational program.

FINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: Mitigate income risk by increasing revenue through alternate forms of revenue generation.

GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: Create structures and ongoing processes to ensure that the St. Mary Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) operates as a high-performing governance Board.

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: To develop and implement an engaging, innovative, and rigorous curriculum that inspires faculty, staff, and students to attain exemplary outcomes that reflect global demands for the 21st century.



School Highlights

- 2016 National Blue Ribbon School - Exemplary High Performing School
- Named the #1 school in the City of Philadelphia by greatphillyschools.org. (All schools are ranked by their academic performance, school safety, and student attendance. St. Mary School attained a 10/10)
- Top standardized test scores among city schools
- Fiscally Independent Elementary School of the Archdiocese
- Accredited by Middle States Association
- Excellent Record of Achievement
- Three STREAM carts affording students hands-on opportunities to work with robotics, electronics, programming
- Next generation smart board in every classroom and a 1 to 1 student to device ratio
- Comprehensive blended learning initiative with the use of iPads and Chromebooks
- Google G Suite for Education School
- First Archdiocesan school to routinely use 3D printers and laser engraver in classroom
- Art Awareness Program: Tying our historical location and surrounding cultural landmarks fluidly within our academic program
- Spanish, Art, Music, STREAM, and Physical Education instruction in all grades
- Honors Math in Grades 5-8
- St. Mary School Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program offered to qualified families
- Competitive athletic teams for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are organized in basketball and volleyball. Cross country and baseball for grades K-8. Soccer for grades K-4
- STEAM after school program incorporates fitness and STEAM-related activities, offered to students in grades 5-8 at no cost to our families thanks to educational partner PE&T Charter High School and 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. Previous programs include GOTR, Yoga, Strength Training, Robotics, Debate, Theatre, Industrial Design, Academic Support, and more
- National Junior Honor Society for eligible students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 who have excelled in academics and service
- Students consistently place in local and state academic competitions
- A CARES after school enrichment program is offered to students in grades K-4, providing students with a safe environment in which they can participate in both academic and recreational activities after school hours
- 8th Grade Outward Bound Expedition, gifted through the Connelly Foundation. As students learn these skills in challenging situations, they also learn the value of teamwork, compassion for others, and the pursuit of excellence
- 6th Grade Junior Model UN
- 5th Grade Ballroom Dancing Classes and Competition in partnership with Dancing Classrooms Philadelphia
- BioEYES Science Education Program in grades 2 and 7 in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania
- Entrepreneurship Program as part of the 8th grade curriculum in partnership with 901 Education

Partnerships

CULTURAL VENUE PARTNERSHIPS

- Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Arthur Ross Gallery
- Athenaeum of Philadelphia
- Barnes Foundation
- Centro Universitario Salesiano, Don Bosco (CES DB)
- Connelly Foundation
- Dancing Classrooms Philadelphia
- Free Library of Philadelphia
- Global Philadelphia

- Greener Partners
- National Parks Service and Independence National Historical Park
- Old St. Joseph's Church
- Old St. Mary's Church
- Opera Philadelphia
- Outward Bound Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania Ballet
- Philadelphia Electrical & Technical Charter High School
- Roots2Rise
- SEPTA

COLLEGIATE PARTNERSHIPS

- Thomas Jefferson University
- Drexel University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Holy Family University

