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YOUR FUTURE AWAITS



AT ST. MARY'S RYKEN!

A CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS TRADITION

ABOUT SMR

St. Mary's Ryken (SMR) is a high school community committed to providing an affordable high school experience with a focus on individual student success, personal growth and discovery of one's own uniqueness.

The years a student spends at SMR are marked by a challenging college preparatory program, rewarding opportunities for service and shared celebrations of Catholic faith, the forming of lifelong friendships, and the camaraderie of being part of fine arts, athletics and club activities.

St. Mary's Ryken Leadership Team



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Mission Statement

St. Mary's Ryken is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory school community operated under the Xaverian Brothers' sponsorship dedicated to academic excellence and individualized student growth.



In 2019, SMR celebrated the accomplishments of 165 graduates from our 38th graduating class!

ST. MARY’S RYKEN GRADUATES ARE

compassionate, capable,
respectful and honorable
young adults.

CLASS OF 2019 STATS

165 graduates	Over \$17 million in scholarships were awarded	12 were accepted into university honors programs, including 2 into early doctorate programs
67% of graduates received scholarship offers totaling over \$17 million	54 students received scholarships totaling over \$100,000	28 students received scholarships totaling over \$200,000
Over 18,000 service hours were completed		28 graduates signed letters of intent to play sports in college
3 National Merit Commended Scholars	27 earned the Scholars Program Diploma of Distinction	Students received acceptances from 203 colleges and universities in 23 different states and in England

ACADEMICS

The SMR curriculum
prepares today's
21st century students
for college and
tomorrow's workforce.

<h1>An SMR education</h1> <p>is tailored to meet the needs and goals of each student.</p>	<h2>SMR FACULTY</h2> <p>are committed to being accessible to students and parents, and they have a genuine concern for the success of each student. This is truly one of our proudest hallmarks as a school community!</p>	<h1>22</h1> <p>average class size</p>															
<p>Three course levels:</p> <p>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</p> <p>—</p> <p>HONORS</p> <p>—</p> <p>ADVANCED PLACEMENT</p>	<h1>25</h1> <p>Advanced Placement classes</p>	<h1>70%</h1> <p>of faculty have a master's degree or higher</p>															
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<h2>THE ARTS AT SMR</h2> <div><h1>27</h1><p>fine arts courses including Graphic Design, Photography and Drum Circle</p></div> <div><p>Choral music, dance, drama/theatre, instrumental music (including orchestra and jazz band)</p></div> <div><p>Bi-annual field trips to Disney World or New York City</p></div>		<h2>Community connections</h2> <p>Internships, job shadowing and mentoring opportunities through partnerships with local industry leaders</p>															



“St. Mary’s Ryken allowed me to grow in my faith and academics throughout my four years. The teachers are all dedicated to helping you succeed, and their ultimate goal is to help make you a better person and a better thinker. If I had to choose a high school all over again, I would definitely select SMR!”

—NOAH GUADAGNOLI ’19

Noah is attending Elon University, where he is studying biochemistry.

Freshman Schedule

Freshmen take seven classes in a rotating schedule that helps prepare them for college and also benefits students who learn better at different times of the day. During the daily Xaverian hour (X-hour), students can participate in clubs, attend Mass, meet with their advisors, get extra help from teachers or attend a study hall.

AP Capstone

St. Mary’s Ryken is thrilled to participate in the College Board AP Capstone diploma program! SMR is one of approximately 1,500 schools worldwide to implement the program.

The Capstone program focuses on:

- Independent college-level research
- Collaborative teamwork
- Communication and writing skills

The program consists of two courses taken in sequence:

- AP Seminar
- AP Research

“This innovative program complements the AP courses that SMR currently offers our students, and will help to better prepare them for the expectations in college and beyond,” said Mr. Brad Chamberlain, dean of academics. “Proficiencies such as writing, research, critical thinking and presentation skills are critical to college success. AP Research and AP Seminar both help to strengthen these abilities.”

NEW! Cybersecurity Course

Cybersecurity—a yearlong course—debuts in 2019 as part of the Project Lead the Way Computer Science pathway in the Scholars Program.

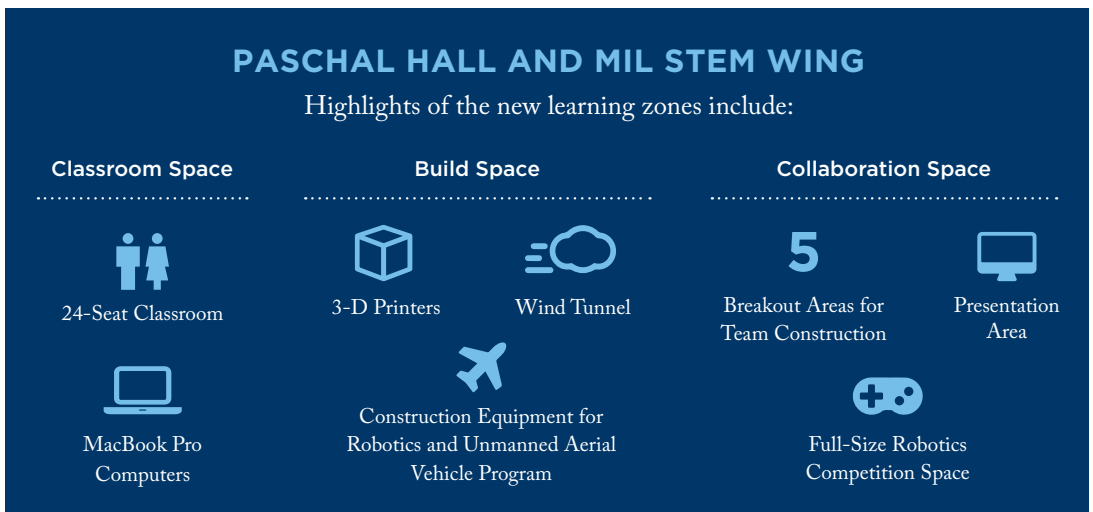
This course exposes high school students to the ever-growing and far-reaching field of cybersecurity. Students accomplish this through problem-based learning, in which students role-play as cybersecurity experts and train as cybersecurity experts do. Students are given broad exposure to the many aspects of digital and information security, while encouraging socially responsible choices and ethical behavior. The course inspires algorithmic thinking, computational thinking, and especially, “outside-the-box” thinking. Students explore the many educational and career paths available to cybersecurity experts, as well as other careers that comprise the field of information security.



For information about PLTW or the Scholars Program, please visit www.smrhs.org/ScholarsProgram or contact Mr. Brad Chamberlain, dean of academics, at brad.chamberlain@smrhs.org or 301-373-4188.

NEW IN 2019! MIL STEM Wing

Modeled after university-level STEM labs, the SMR Innovation Lab and MIL STEM Wing include a classroom, build space and collaboration space that are available to all SMR students. “The repurposing of Paschal Hall and the MIL STEM Wing intrinsically sets a dynamic marriage in place between the Scholars Program, Project Lead the Way curriculum and STEM labs,” said President Rick Wood. “Called by our mission and our Xaverian values, the commitment to this project is a testament to serving our students and supporting their future career paths.”



NEW IN 2019! The Donnie Williams Center

Bridging the upper and lower campuses, the modern, multipurpose Donnie Williams Center provides new health and wellness classes, athletic training facilities, a basketball and volleyball court, as well as a stage, indoor and outdoor gathering spaces for students, multipurpose room, gymnasium, locker rooms, concessions, campus store, outdoor patio and common areas. The facility also will be used for graduation ceremonies, all-school Mass and other gatherings, such as school dances and alumni events.

INTERNSHIPS

JOB SHADOWING

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SMR is committed to helping students prepare for and apply to college, including deciding on their major. One way we do this is to coordinate student internships and job-shadowing opportunities with local businesses.

Many internships and job-shadowing experiences are offered, including at the following local organizations:

- MedStar Health and CalvertHealth Medical Center
- Southern Maryland Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center
- C3D Imagery, a local company that specializes in making 3-D walk-throughs of buildings
- DCS Corp., a professional services firm providing engineering, programmatic and technical support services to the Department of Defense and others focused on national security
- Double T Oyster Ranch offers summer internships for students interested in marketing or aquaculture



TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

SMR utilizes a 1:1 iPad program, a student/faculty/parent portal and Wi-Fi access across the campus. Each student is required to provide his or her own iPad or purchase one through the SMR iPad Purchase Program. The iPad provides students with an educational hub for their schedule, communications with faculty, event information, course and club discussion groups and academic progress.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Students of all faiths
are welcome at
St. Mary's Ryken.
Sixty percent of students
are Catholic.

Inspired by our Xaverian charism and Catholic faith, Campus Ministry fosters the spiritual experience of the SMR community by providing opportunities for the sacraments, service and prayer, in order that all may recognize the unique purpose for which they were created by God. **Our school community upholds the Xaverian values of:**

compassion, humility, simplicity, trust and zeal.

Schoolwide Mass is celebrated once a month and on Holy Days of Obligation. Optional liturgies are celebrated daily in the Chapel of Charity. In addition, students may participate in Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The **Spiritual Direction** program helps students of all faiths become closer to God. Every week, students have the opportunity to connect with local priests on campus to expand their prayer life, strengthen their moral compass and intensify their relationship with God. Students often say this program is life-changing.

Christian service encourages all students to offer their time and talents to people or nonprofit organizations who are in need of assistance. The program urges students to accept and reach out to those who may be in need of help or are less fortunate.

Annual retreats provide students with the opportunity to take time out and evaluate the faith aspects of their lives and to renew their sense of the centrality of God in all they do. Each retreat has a theme:



FRESHMEN – “Falling in Love With the Service of God” – an overnight retreat at Camp Maria Retreat Center in Leonardtown, Maryland, which serves as an introduction to Xaverian values and service.

SOPHOMORES – An overnight retreat at Camp Maria Retreat Center in Leonardtown, Maryland, which focuses on “Myself & Others.”

JUNIORS – An overnight at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland, focusing on their “God-Given Gifts and Talents.”

SENIORS – An optional three-day overnight retreat at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland, focused on “God’s Friendship.”

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The SMR Counseling Team supports students socially, emotionally and academically throughout their four years.

CONCIERGE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SMR COUNSELING TEAM

- Small group counseling based on students' needs
- Classroom guidance lessons
- Parent-only events that cover topics such as mental health, technology addiction, course selection, making the most of summer vacation, etc.
- A college and career readiness program to aid students in identifying strengths and interests for post-secondary goals
- Robust college preparation and application process curriculum integrated into academic classes
- College night events with appropriate content for each grade level and parents
- Annual on-campus college fair with over 60 colleges represented
- SMR-sponsored college tours during the school year
- Student workshops on how to write college essays, apply for scholarships, apply to college and choose the right college or university.



SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

SMR provides assistance for students with diagnosed learning disabilities, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders, and medical conditions that can affect a student's performance in the classroom. Services include classroom and testing accommodations, and daily or weekly help from an SMR resource specialist.

SAFETY ON CAMPUS

We have very stringent safety measures in place, and the safety of your children is always of the utmost importance to us. A Maryland State Police safety resource officer is on campus every school day. All SMR students, faculty and staff wear a lanyard with a visible school identification card, and no one is permitted on our campus without checking in and proper identification.

We partner with Praesidium, a national firm that works with schools to provide safe environments for children. Our faculty, staff and coaches participate in ongoing, annual training provided by Praesidium. Student safety is also addressed and reinforced through professional development and in all of our school handbooks.

STUDENT LIFE



Focusing on the growth of our students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically, we offer extracurricular activities to promote each student’s personal growth and interests.

Member of the
Washington Catholic Athletic
Conference (WCAC)

26
varsity sports programs

Over 40 clubs

including National Honor Society,
Future Business Leaders of America,
Student Government, Student Activities Council,
Jazz Band, Stage Guild, Pep Band, intramural
sports and many service-oriented clubs

Drone, FTC and VEX robotics clubs with expert
mentors from Naval Air Station Patuxent River

Drama, musical and
fine arts showcases
on campus,
plus more performance
and competition
opportunities in the
local community
and region





FALL SPORTS

- Cheerleading
Girls JV and Varsity
- Cross Country
Boys and Girls Varsity
- Field Hockey
Girls JV and Varsity
- Football *Boys JV and Varsity*
- Sailing *Coed JV and Varsity*
- Soccer *Boys and Girls
JV and Varsity*
- Tennis *Girls Varsity*
- Volleyball *Girls JV and Varsity*

WINTER SPORTS

- Basketball *Boys and Girls
JV and Varsity*
- Cheerleading *Girls Varsity*
- Ice Hockey *Boys and Girls
JV and Varsity*
- Swimming
Coed Varsity
- Wrestling
Boys Varsity



SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball
Boys JV and Varsity
- Golf *Coed Varsity*
- Lacrosse *Boys and Girls
JV and Varsity*
- Sailing
Coed JV and Varsity
- Softball *Girls JV and Varsity*
- Tennis *Boys Varsity*
- Track & Field
Boys and Girls Varsity

AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

Over \$1.5 million
awarded annually

in need-based financial aid and merit-based scholarships

\$3,800

average aid award
per student

40%

of SMR students receive
some form of aid

flexible

payment plans

\$16,500

2019-20 tuition (\$450 due upon registration in March 2020)





Joelle, Maya '23, Raphael '19 and Rigal Civil

“A wonderful journey begins at SMR!”

“Our son Raphael had a wonderful experience at St. Mary’s Ryken. He blossomed in his four years to become a very focused, confident and mature young man. The faculty and staff of St. Mary’s Ryken were welcoming and were supportive throughout his entire experience. Even though Raphael had to commute one hour each way, it was never an issue because we knew the ride was well worth it! His four years went by very fast, and we are starting another journey with our daughter, who is now a member of the Class of 2023! We feel very confident to say that we couldn’t have picked a better high school for our children.”

—JOELLE AND RIGAL CIVIL

Raphael is attending St. John’s University in Queens, New York, where he is studying public health.



Merit Scholarships

SMR awards merit scholarships to incoming freshmen in the areas of academics, leadership, service, fine arts and more. **The SMR scholarship application window is Dec. 10, 2019 – Jan. 10, 2020.** The scholarship award process is very competitive due to the large number of applications. Please note that previous presidential academic scholarship recipients have scored near the 99th national percentile on the High School Placement Test, earned 4.0 GPAs, and received superior teacher recommendations. All SMR Scholarship Committee decisions are final and not subject to review or appeal.

Please check the SMR website for individual scholarship requirements and deadline information: www.smrhs.org/Scholarships. Individual scholarship amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year, and are guaranteed all four years as long as the student remains in good standing.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for qualifying families from both the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) and SMR. Applications for tuition assistance must be completed by using the ADW tuition assistance program (TADS). To apply for ADW and SMR assistance, parents must complete the TADS Financial Aid and Assessment form. For more information, visit: <https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance>. Parents may start the financial aid application process for the 2020-21 school year in September 2019.

Deadline for applying to TADS:

Dec. 1, 2019

This is the deadline set by the Archdiocese of Washington. *Please remember: **Applying to TADS makes you eligible for financial aid from the Archdiocese of Washington and St. Mary's Ryken.*** Financial aid applications submitted after Dec. 1 will only be considered by St. Mary's Ryken.



“St. Mary’s Ryken provided Evan an environment where he could grow spiritually, academically and athletically.”

“The faculty and coaches were pivotal in developing our son into the man he has become. We can honestly say that sending Evan to SMR is one of the best decisions we have made as a family and has confirmed that the rest of our children will be Knights!”

—JOSHUA AND LACI DOMONKOS

Evan Domonkos '19 is attending Colby College, where he is majoring in geology and playing football.



From left: Head Football Coach Aaron Brady with the Domonkos family following the WCAC Metro Division championship game in 2018



“St. Mary’s Ryken provided me opportunities to have leadership positions in the fine arts that would not have been available elsewhere (such as the Fine Arts Honors Society, the new Graphic Design and Photography classes and the Scholars Program). By taking advantage of these opportunities, I was able to become more confident in my art and where it stood, and I was able to help my community with artistic outreach.”

—SARAH WALLS ’19

Sarah is studying fashion design at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Transportation

The St. Mary’s County Government Non-Public School Transportation Division provides free bus transportation for St. Mary’s County students. For students from Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s and other counties, bus transportation is available for a fee.

For specific route questions regarding your student’s transportation needs, please contact the following:

ST. MARY’S COUNTY

Becky George, Non-Public School Transportation Supervisor
301-863-8400 ext. *1124 or becky.george@stmarysmd.com

CHARLES AND KING GEORGE COUNTIES

Compton Bus Services
301-932-0910 or sawcomptonbus@yahoo.com

ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTIES

Sharon Mattingly
301-475-7660 or sharon.mattingly@smrhs.org

Fees vary by location and bus company. The range for the transportation fee is \$2,050–\$2,700 per year. For more information, please contact the Business Office at **301-475-7660**. More information is also available on the SMR website: www.smrhs.org/Transportation.

Visit
www.smrhs.org/Apply
to apply
for admission.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Admissions Criteria

Applicants are evaluated for admission based upon the following criteria:

- Submission of the SMR application, fee and essay
- Appropriate ability as demonstrated on the Archdiocesan High School Placement Test (HSPT)
- Strong academic achievement in the seventh grade and first quarter of the eighth grade
- Demonstrated desire to attend SMR
- Recommendations from principals and/or teachers
- Satisfactory disciplinary and attendance history



Admissions Calendar
for the Class of 2024
**Public & Private
(Non-Catholic)
School Students**



9/3/19 – 12/8/19

Admissions Application Window

10/1/19 – 12/1/19

High School Placement Test (HSPT)
Registration Window
(Registration CLOSES Dec. 1)

10/1/19 – 12/31/19

Knight for a Day Visits at St. Mary's Ryken

10/27/19

SMR Open House, 1 p.m.
Visit www.smrhs.org/OpenHouse
for more information.

11/18/19 – 12/15/19

HSPT School Choice Window
(Code for SMR: 90)

12/1/19

Archdiocese of Washington Financial Aid
Deadline – TADS
Code for SMR: 51163

12/7/19

HSPT at SMR, 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

12/8/19

SMR Application Deadline

12/10/19 – 1/10/20

SMR Merit-based Scholarship
Application Window

1/10/20

SMR Admissions Application Documentation
Deadline (7th grade final and 8th grade
first-quarter transcripts, language arts and
math teacher evaluation forms. These are
completed online via the applicant portal.)

1/25/20

Scholarship Day at SMR

2/20/20

Class of 2024 Decision Letters Mailed
(Including Financial Aid and Scholarship
Awards, If Applicable)

www.smrhs.org/Admissions
admissions@smrhs.org
301-373-4183 or 301-373-4184

“There is a high degree of academic rigor at St. Mary's Ryken that prepared me for all of my future college classes. Top-notch faculty helped me put together challenging schedules every year that prepared me for a high-intensity major in college. I plan to major in mechanical and aerospace engineering, and aspire to work at NASA designing aircraft specifically for space exploration and research.”

—AMANDA LONG '19

In addition to Amanda's science acumen, she was very active in the fine arts program and was a Dance III student. Amanda is attending George Washington University.





“My leadership experiences were key to my successful high school career. Whether it was serving as an executive on the National Honor Society board, as a captain on the varsity cross-country team, or overseeing the concert and jazz bands as president, each opportunity brought along with it some of my closest friends and memorable moments.”

—SAM SILVERSTONE '19

Sam is attending the University of Maryland College Park in the living-learning Honors College, where he is studying computer science.

Admissions Calendar
for the Class of 2024

Catholic School Students



9/1/19 – 9/30/19

St. Mary's Ryken Admission Visits
to Catholic Middle Schools

9/3/19 – 12/8/19

Admissions Applications Window

9/4/19 – 11/3/19

High School Placement Test (HSPT) Online
Registration (*Registration CLOSES November 3*)

10/1/19 – 12/31/19

Knight for a Day Visits at St. Mary's Ryken

10/27/19

SMR Open House, 1 p.m.
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for more information.

11/18/19 – 12/15/19

HSPT School Choice Window
Code for SMR: 90

11/18/19

Authorization to Release Records Form
(Due to Catholic Middle Schools)

11/20/19

HSPT at Catholic Middle Schools

12/1/19

Archdiocese of Washington
Financial Aid Deadline – TADS
Code for SMR: 51163

12/8/19

SMR Application Deadline

12/10/19 – 1/10/20

SMR Merit-based Scholarship
Application Window

1/25/20

Scholarship Day at SMR

2/20/20

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ST. MARY'S RYKEN

An 87-acre, college-like campus situated on Breton Bay with 7 buildings including a new health and wellness center and MIL STEM Lab.



1. Rupert Hall, including the Chapel of Charity and Campus Ministry / 2. Fields and Facilities for Baseball, Field Hockey, Sailing, Soccer and Tennis / 3. Romuald Hall, including the Auditorium and Media Center / 4. Xavier Hall / 5. Campus Cafe / 6. Business Office / 7. Donnie Williams Center / 8. Stadium and Track / 9. Paschal Hall, including the new MIL STEM Lab / 10. Softball field

VISIT US ON CAMPUS!

The Admissions Team looks forward to meeting you and introducing your family to the St. Mary's Ryken community. Start the experience today!



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