

# ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

— For Girls. For Life. —

## 2021-2022 PROFILE

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60 Perkins Extended

Memphis, Tennessee 38117

*The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal School is to provide a superior educational experience for girls which will encourage and enable each student to reach her individual potential.*



### THE SCHOOL

St. Mary's is a college preparatory school for girls 2-years-old through 12th grade. Admission to St. Mary's is selective and is based on previous school records, personal interviews, teacher recommendations, and standardized testing. Chapel, held weekly in Lower School and daily in grades 6-12, offers a time for reflection and a focal point for community life. Girls participate within the parameters of their own faiths. The students of St. Mary's encompass a broad range of socioeconomic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. They come from all parts of the Memphis metropolitan area, including northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas, and western counties in Tennessee.

### ENROLLMENT

|                                |     |                                     |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Upper School: Grades 9-12      | 282 | Total Enrollment:                   | 822 |
| Middle School: Grades 6-8      | 168 | Students of Color (self-identified) | 31% |
| Lower School: Grades 1-5       | 210 | Students Receiving Financial Aid    | 20% |
| Early Childhood: 2 year old-SK | 162 |                                     |     |

### HISTORY

From its beginning in 1847, under the auspices of the historic Calvary Episcopal Church, St. Mary's has been dedicated to the education of girls within a nurturing and loving Christian environment. Now, 175 years later, St. Mary's teachers use innovative approaches in their classrooms, incorporating real-life learning experiences into their lesson plans. They employ teaching strategies such as collaborative learning, which have been proven more effective for girls. As one of the premier college-preparatory schools for girls, St. Mary's recognizes the need to prepare young women for a lifetime of opportunity. The life skills that St. Mary's students develop, such as decision-making and leadership skills, enable them to succeed in college and beyond.

### FACULTY

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Upper School Faculty and Administrators | 47  |
| Teachers with Master's Degrees          | 34  |
| Teachers with Doctoral Degrees          | 6   |
| Student/Faculty Ratio                   | 6:1 |

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### HONOR CODE STATEMENT

*A St. Mary's girl expresses the school's Light and Life by speaking only the truth, claiming only work produced through her own effort, and respecting others' physical and intellectual property.*

# REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS\*

St. Mary's has one graduation award, the diploma, which carries with it the school's recommendation to college. The program of study leading to graduation includes 21.5 credits distributed as follows:

| Department   | Credit |
|--|--------|
| English  | 4.0    |
| Mathematics  | 4.0    |
| Science<br><i>(Biology, Chemistry, Physics required)</i>           | 3.0    |
| Social Studies<br><i>(US History &amp; World History required)</i> | 3.0    |
| World Languages<br><i>(all in one language)</i>                    | 3.0    |
| Fine Arts  | 1.0    |
| Religious Studies  | 1.0    |
| Health/Wellness  | 1.0    |
| Electives  | 1.5    |

\*At least .5 credits of any of these requirements must be fulfilled through an online course.

## ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

St. Mary's Upper School operates on a schedule of two quarters for each of two semesters with examinations at the end of each semester. Students are scheduled in no fewer than five academic courses and as many as seven courses, on a five-day rotating schedule, with only six courses meeting on each day.

## HIRS

The Honors Independent Research Study program (HIRS) is a one semester course that offers the student an opportunity to conduct a high-level research project as part of her academic experience. The student will consider a particular problem, formulate a hypothesis, gather data and construct a conclusion. Evaluation of the student's work includes a research paper and an oral defense of her project.

## MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS

First semester grades for seniors will be sent to colleges in January.

## FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Final transcripts for seniors will be sent to colleges in mid-June.

## GPA CALCULATION

St. Mary's calculates a weighted GPA based on a 5.0 scale. Students receive a sliding value for grades (A+ is worth more than an A, which is worth more than an A-, etc.), with Honors courses receiving half a quality point (.5) and AP courses receiving a full quality point (1).

**Note:** School policy precludes ranking of any kind.

## ONE SCHOOLHOUSE

St. Mary's Episcopal School is a charter member of The Online School for Girls, which is a program made available to schools via One Schoolhouse. The School has dedicated itself to the principles of *Connection, Collaboration, Creativity, and Application*. Courses taken through One Schoolhouse are included in the St. Mary's GPA, and are indicated on the St. Mary's transcript with the notation (OSH).



## CLASS OF 2021 INFORMATION AND AWARDS

72 graduates | 97% attending a four-year college or university  
3% taking a gap year or attending a two-year college or university

### National Merit Scholarship

#### Program:

6 National Merit Finalists  
4 National Merit Commended  
14% of the class recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program

### Advanced Placement

#### Scholars:

9 National AP Scholars  
35 Scholars with Distinction  
2 Scholars with Honors  
9 AP Scholars

### ACT Testing

Composite 27-32  
English 29-35  
Mathematics 24-30  
Reading 29-35  
Science Reasoning 25-32

### SAT Testing

ERBW  
Mathematics  
Total

### Mid 50%

27-32  
29-35  
24-30  
29-35  
25-32

### Mid 50%

630-730  
580-700  
1220-1420

### Advanced Placement Testing

*Students rarely take an AP course before sophomore year and must gain approval to take more than three in any year.*

Number of tests taken by the Class of 2021 — 149 in 16 subjects

85% of scores were 3 or higher

57% of scores were 4 or 5

# UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

## English Department

English 9 (H, HA)  
English 10 (H, HA)  
British Literature I (H)\*  
British Literature II (H)\*  
English Language (AP)\*  
English Literature (AP)\*  
Creative Writing (H)\*  
American/European Poetry (H)\*  
Faith & Doubt in Literature (H)\*  
Marginalized Voices in Literature (H)\*  
Literature of the Fantastic (H)\*  
Monsters and the Monstrous (H)\*  
Women's Studies in Literature (H)\*  
Introduction to Journalism\*\*

## Math Department

Algebra I  
Geometry (S, H)  
Algebra II (S, H)  
Precalculus (H, H PreAB, H PreBC)  
Introduction to Calculus (H)\*  
Introduction to Statistics (H)  
Statistics (AP)  
Calculus (AP AB, AP BC)  
Introduction to Proof Based Math+  
Foundations in Personal Finance\*

## Science Department

Biology (S, H, AP)  
Chemistry (S, H, AP)  
Physics (H, HA)  
Physics C (AP)  
Anatomy and Physiology (H)  
Computer Science Principles (AP)  
Independent Research Study (H)\*  
Introduction to Engineering\*  
Introduction to Computer Science\*

## Social Sciences Department

World Regional Geography\*  
World History I\*  
World History II (H, AP)  
US History (H, AP)  
US Government and Politics (AP)\*  
Comparative Government and Politics (AP)\*  
Human Geography (AP)  
Global Issues I (H)\*  
Global Issues II (H)\*

## World Languages Department

French I  
French II  
French III (H)  
French IV: Aesthetics and Identity (H)\*  
French IV: History Through Film and Art (H)\*  
French Cultural Study  
Latin I  
Latin II  
Latin III (H)

Latin IV: Readings in Roman Literature and Culture (H)\*  
Latin IV (AP)  
H Latin V  
Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Spanish III (H)  
Spanish IV: Hispanic Humanities and Cultural Topics (H)\*  
Spanish IV: Hispanic Film/Literature/Culture (H)\*  
Spanish V (H, AP)

## Fine Arts Department

Art History (H, AP)\*  
Music History (H)\*  
Music Theory (AP)  
Humanities I (H)\*  
Humanities II (H)\*  
Harlem Renaissance (H)\*\*  
Power of Black Music in America (H)\*

## Religious Studies Department

Faith Foundations\*  
Facing History and Ourselves (H)\*  
Meaning of Life (H)\*  
Voices of Faithful Women (H)\*

## Health/Wellness Department

PE/Health I\*  
PE/Health II\*  
Mind and Body Wellness (Fitness)\*  
Mind and Body Wellness (Wellness)\*  
Wellness Independent Study

## Musical/Performing Arts Department

Chamber Ensemble (Audition)  
Concert Choir  
Concert Band  
Beginning Guitar  
Performance Arts\*  
Acting\*

## Visual Arts Department

Photography I\*  
Photography II\*  
Portfolio Prep I (H)\*  
Portfolio Prep II (H)\*  
Studio Art I Fall (S, H)\*  
Studio Art I Spring (S, H)\*  
Studio Art II Fall (S, H)\*  
Studio Art II Spring (S, H)\*

S – Standard  
H – Honors  
HA – Honors Accelerated  
AP – Advanced Placement

\* Half-credit course taught during the school year

\*\* Half-credit course taught during the summer

+ Receives AP quality points

**When asked, St. Mary's will report to colleges any record of academic or behavior misconduct resulting in an out-of-school suspension.**

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASSES OF 2018-2021

*Colleges listed in **bold** indicate at least one matriculated student*

Agnes Scott College  
Allegheny College  
**American University**  
Appalachian State University  
**Arizona State University**  
**Auburn University**  
Baldwin Wallace University  
Ball State University  
Bard College  
**Barnard College**  
**Bates College**  
**Baylor University**  
**Belmont University**  
Berry College  
Birmingham Southern College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bradley University  
**Brandeis University**  
**Butler University**  
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona  
California State University-Fullerton  
California State University-Long Beach  
Case Western Reserve University  
Catholic University of America  
**Centenary College of Louisiana**  
**Centre College**  
Chapman University  
**Christian Brothers University**  
Clemson University  
**Colgate University**  
**College of Charleston**  
College of the Holy Cross  
**College of William and Mary**  
Colorado College  
Colorado State University-Fort Collins  
**Columbia College Chicago**  
**Columbia State Community College**  
Columbia University in the City of New York  
**Cornell University**  
**Dartmouth College**  
Davidson College  
Denison University  
**DePaul University**  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
**Duke University**  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
**Emory University-Oxford College**  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida State University  
**Fordham University**  
**Furman University**  
George Mason University  
**George Washington University**  
**Georgetown University**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Georgia State University

Hampton University  
Harvey Mudd College  
Hendrix College  
High Point University  
**Hofstra University**  
**Hope College**  
Howard University  
**Indiana University-Bloomington**  
Ithaca College  
**Johns Hopkins University**  
**Kenyon College**  
Lehigh University  
Long Island University  
Loyola Marymount University  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
Loyola University Maryland  
Loyola University New Orleans  
**Marquette Manhattan College**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Mercer University  
Miami University-Oxford  
**Middle Tennessee State University**  
Millsaps College  
Montclair State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New College of Florida  
**New York University**  
North Carolina A & T State University  
North Carolina State University  
**Northeastern University**  
Occidental College  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio State University  
**Pace University**  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pitzer College  
Point Park University  
**Purdue University**  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
**Rhodes College**  
**Rice University**  
**Roanoke College**  
**Rollins College**  
**Rutgers University**  
**Saint Louis University**  
**Samford University**  
San Diego State University  
**Santa Clara University**  
**Sarah Lawrence College**  
**Savannah College of Art & Design**  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**  
Scripps College  
Seattle University  
**Southern Methodist University**  
Southwestern University  
**Spelman College**  
**Spring Hill College**  
St. Olaf College  
SUNY at Purchase College  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Tennessee State University  
Texas A & M University-College Station

**Texas Christian University**  
**The College of Wooster**  
The King's College  
The New School  
**The University of Alabama**  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Edinburgh  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga  
**The University of Tennessee-Knoxville**  
The University of Tennessee-Martin  
**The University of Texas at Austin**  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
The University of the Arts  
**The University of the South**  
Trinity College  
Trinity University  
**Tufts University**  
**Tulane University of Louisiana**  
Union College  
**United States Air Force Academy**  
**United States Naval Academy**  
University College Dublin  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
**University of Arkansas**  
**University of British Columbia**  
**University of California-Berkeley**  
**University of California-Davis**  
**University of California-Irvine**  
**University of California-Los Angeles**  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-San Diego  
**University of California-Santa Barbara**  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
University of Central Arkansas  
University of Cincinnati  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dayton  
**University of Denver**  
University of Evansville  
**University of Florida**  
**University of Georgia**  
**University of Illinois at Chicago**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
**University of Maryland-College Park**

**University of Memphis**  
**University of Miami**  
**University of Michigan-Ann Arbor**  
**University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**  
**University of Mississippi**  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**University of Oregon**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
**University of Richmond**  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
**University of South Carolina-Columbia**  
University of South Florida  
**University of Southern California**  
University of St Andrews  
University of Vermont  
**University of Virginia**  
University of Washington-Seattle Campus  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
**Vanderbilt University**  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**  
Viterbo University  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Washington and Lee University**  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
Webster University  
**Wellesley College**  
Western Connecticut State University  
Western Michigan University  
Westmont College  
Whitman College  
Wofford College  
Xavier University  
**Xavier University of Louisiana**  
**Yale University**

**86%** of the Class attending out-of-state colleges

**14%** attending in-state colleges

The **72 members** of the Class of 2021 earned acceptances to **134** colleges in the U.S. and abroad. They matriculated to **47** different colleges in **21** states DC, and Canada. They earned college scholarships totaling over **\$15 million.**