



SCHOOL PROFILE

2020 - 2021

THE SCHOOL

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy (PMA) is a four year co-ed high school for students in grades 9-12 owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Formerly known as the all-girl's St. Matthias High School (1998-2013) and co-ed Pius X High School (1953 - 1998), the school serves the vital mission of serving students and families with a quality Catholic education that prepares them for success in college and life. Located in Downey, California, the campus has served countless students from the surrounding neighborhoods since 1953.

MISSION

The mission of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is to provide a challenging Catholic college-preparatory education in a supportive learning community that will positively affect the lives of teenagers, by preparing them for a life that fosters: *Pride* arising from humility and service, *Virtue* shaped by faith and morals, and *Purpose* driven by goals and determination. Inspired by the values and philosophy of Catholic education, we provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ENROLLMENT

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's population represents **90%** Roman Catholic and **10%** other Christian and non-Christian families. In the 2020-21 school year, demographics and enrollment were as follow:

DEMOGRAPHICS

ENROLLMENT

Hispanic/Latino	88%	9th	127
Caucasian	3%	10th	111
African American	6%	11th	72
Asian	1%	12th	85
Native American	1%		
Other	1%		

FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

Of the **30** member teaching faculty and professional staff, **63%** hold Master's Degrees. For 2020-21 the student-to-faculty ratio was 14 to 1, the average class size was 23 students.

FINANCIAL AID

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is committed to a strong need-based financial aid program. In 2020-21 approximately **\$2,108,930** of institutional and third-party financial assistance was granted and approximately **\$643,657** in merit based aid was awarded. **Ninety six percent** of the PMA student population received some form of financial assistance.

CURRICULUM

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy provides a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum that addresses the disciplines of English, Mathematics, History/Social Science, Science, Theology (Religion), Visual & Performing Arts, and World Languages. Theology (Religion) courses are graded and receive full academic credit. Students are graded on comprehension of subject matter and not on their religious beliefs. As part of the Theology course offerings students are required on an annual basis to attend one spiritual retreat and meet the requirements of Christian Service commitment as outlines. Due to enrollment numbers, in some instances St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is not able to offer a particular course. To better meet the needs of academically strong students we have established a partnership with UC Scout to enable students to access the courses they need to be competitive for college.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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President/Principal

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Director of Athletics

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SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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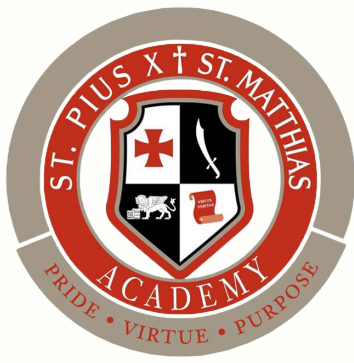
Academic Counselor (11 - 12th Grade)

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's graduation requirements fulfill the subject requirements of both the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU).

To graduate from St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, a student must earn a minimum of 240 semester credits. In keeping with the Catholic mission, a full year of Theology is required for each grade level. In addition, each student must complete a minimum of 100 hours of Christian Service during the four years at St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy.

The academic graduation requirements for the class of 2021 (unless otherwise individually modified for transfer and international students) were as follows:

Theology	40 units
English	40 units
Mathematics	40 units
History/Social Science	30 units
Laboratory Science	20 units
World Languages	20 units
Visual & Performing Arts	10 units
Physical Education/Health	10 units
Electives	30 units
Total	240 units

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) CALCULATIONS

A student's grade point average (GPA) is based on the grading scale. GPA reflect the composite of all grades earned by the end of each academic semester.

Transcripts provide weighted and unweighted GPA calculations for grades 9-12.

Letter Grade	Percentage	GPA Point
• A	90 - 100%	4 (5)
• B	80 - 89%	3 (4)
• C	70 - 79%	2 (3)
• D	60 - 69%	1 (1)
• F	59% or below	0

Note: GPA point values in parentheses reflect the GPA point value assigned to honors and AP courses.

COURSE OFFERINGS

The following courses were offered during the 2020- 2021 school year **under remote learning conditions** for the Fall and Spring semesters:

Theology (Religion):

- Theology 9 - The Revelation of Christ in Scripture/Who is Jesus Christ?
- Theology 10 - Paschal Mystery/Christ's Mission in the Church
- Theology 11 - Sacraments & Christian Morality
- Theology 12 - Christian Vocations & Church History
- Christian Stewardship

English:

- English 9 and English 9 Honors - Composition & Literature I
- English 10 and English 10 Honors - Composition & Literature II
- English 11 - American Literature & Composition
- AP English Language & Composition
- English 12 - British Literature & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition

Math:

- Algebra I & Algebra I Honors
- Geometry & Geometry Honors
- Algebra II and Algebra II Honors
- Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications
- Precalculus
- AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science A

History/Social Science:

- World History
- AP European History
- United States History
- AP United States History
- Government/Economics
- AP Government & Politics United States/Economics

Science:

- Physical Education | Health
- Biology, Biology Honors, and AP Biology
- Chemistry and Honors Chemistry
- Physics
- Physiology
- Forensic Science

World Languages:

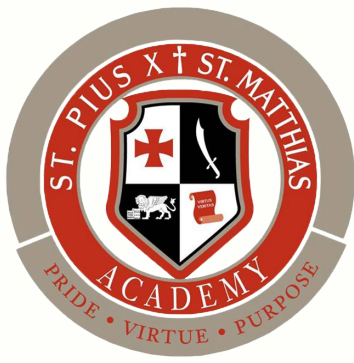
- Spanish I and Spanish I (Non - Native)
- Spanish II and Spanish II (Non - Native)
- Spanish III Honors
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture

Visual and Performing Arts

- Art I, Art II, Art III
- Drama I, Drama II
- Ceramics
- AP Art: Drawing

College Preparatory Electives:

- AP Psychology
- Business & Marketing
- Digital Media & Production
- Public Speaking/Creative Writing
- Yearbook: Student Publication & Media



ATHLETICS

The following athletic programs competed during the 2020 - 2021 school year:

Fall Season:

- Football
- Girls Cross Country
- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Volleyball

Winter Season:

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Soccer

Spring Season:

- Softball
- Baseball
- Boys Volleyball
- Track & Field

Year - Round:

- Cheer

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

The following co-curricular activities and clubs were active during the 2020- 2021 school year:

Student Leadership:

- Associated Student Body
- Ambassadors
- Campus Ministry

Chartered & Special Interest Clubs:

- Art Club
- Beach Volleyball Club
- Beyond Baking Club
- Cards 4 Kindness
- Check-Mates Club
- Cooking/Baking Club
- Culinary Club
- Dance Club
- Digital Media Club
- Film Appreciation Club
- Financial Literacy Club
- GMB Appreciation
- Minecraft Club
- Mock Trial Club
- Music Club
- On the Fly Improv
- Orphaned Earring Club
- PMA Do Something Club
- Pre - Med Club
- Robotics Club
- Sports Management Club
- Sports Medicine
- Students for Life Club
- Table Top & Card Game Club
- Warrior Safety Team

Honors Societies:

- California Scholastic Federation (CSF)
- National Art Honor Society (NAHS)
- National English Honor Society (NEHS)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH)

TEST RESULTS

CEEB Code: 051232

2021 AP Examinations (228 exams, 113 students)

Exam Score	5	4	3	2	1
Number of Exams	13	20	42	75	78
Percent Total	6	9	18	33	34

AP Scholar Awards

Year	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honors	AP Scholar with Distinction
2021	10	2	5
2020	26	3	1
2019	8	3	4
2017	2	1	0
2018	9	1	1

Class of 2021 SAT Reasoning Test:

Mean Total Score	Mean ERW Score	Mean Math Score
1098	564	534
Avg. % Met Benchmark	Avg. % Met Benchmark	Avg. % Met Benchmark
58%	77%	63%

CLASS OF 2021 AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- Alma Mater Award
- Athlete of the Year Award
- Christian Service Award
- Jeff Hansen Memorial Scholarship Award
- Frank Marchese Memorial Scholarship Award
- Principal's Leadership Award
- Salutatorian
- Scholar-Athlete Award
- Sister's of Notre Dame Award
- Spirit Award
- Valedictorian
- Warrior Award
- 40th District Congressional Awards, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

For the Class of 2021, 62% of students matriculated to a 4-year university in California, 26% matriculated to a 2-year university, and 12% matriculated to a 4-year university out of state. Names in bold indicate schools graduates matriculated to.

- **AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts**
- Arizona State University
- **Ave Maria University**
- **Azusa Pacific**
- Baylor
- Benedictine College
- Biola
- California State University, Bakersfield
- California State University, Channel Islands
- California State University, Chico
- **California State University, Dominguez Hills**
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- **California State University, Fullerton**
- California State University, Humboldt
- **California State University, Long Beach**
- **California State University, Los Angeles**
- **California State University, Northridge**
- **California State University, Pomona**
- California State University, Sacramento
- California State University, San Bernardino
- **California State University, San Francisco**
- California State University, San Jose
- California State University, San Marcos
- California State University, Sonoma
- California State University, Stanislaus
- Catholic University of America
- **Cerritos College**
- Chapman
- Cleveland Institute of Art
- Cleveland State
- **Compton College**
- CUNY John Jay
- **DePaul University**
- **Elite Permanent Makeup**
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- George Fox University
- **Grand Canyon University**
- Hawaii Pacific University
- **Irvine Valley College**
- **John Paul the Great Catholic University**
- Kansas Wesleyan
- **Long Beach City College**
- Louisiana State University
- **Loyola Marymount University**
- **Loyola University New Orleans**
- Marist College
- Marymount University
- Michigan State University
- **Mount Saint Mary's University**
- Northern Arizona University
- Occidental College
- **Otis Art Center**
- Penn State University
- Pepperdine University
- **Rio Hondo College**
- **Santa Monica College**
- **School of Visual Arts**
- **Scripps College**
- Seton Hall
- St. Louis University, Madrid
- **Texas Christian University**
- University of California Berkeley
- University of California Davis
- **University of California Irvine**
- **University of California Los Angeles**
- University of California Merced
- **University of California Riverside**
- **University of California San Diego**
- **University of California Santa Barbara**
- University of California Santa Cruz
- University of Dallas
- University of Hawaii Manoa
- University of Idaho
- **University of La Verne**
- University of Nevada Las Vegas
- University of New Mexico
- **University of Northern Colorado**
- **University of Oregon**
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Redlands
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- **University of Southern California**
- University of Utah
- University of Washington
- **Washington State**
- **West Los Angeles College**
- **Whittier College**
- Woodbury University