



Saint Monica Preparatory

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2022-2023 PROFILE

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Background and Mission

Established in 1937, St. Monica Catholic High School is a four-year, coeducational, parish high school that serves young men and women, grades 9 - 12. Current enrollment is 384 students; 102 seniors. The graduating class of 2022 had 99% four-year college acceptances, with 100% of its members going on to post-secondary education.

In the spring of 2022, the Schools Board formally announced the combination of elementary and high schools under the new name Saint Monica Preparatory. We now function as a lower and upper school model. Saint Monica provides a college preparatory curriculum for students of diverse abilities, cultures, and faiths. Guided by gospel values, our school family affirms and respects the dignity of each member of our school community.

At Saint Monica Preparatory, guided by Catholic values, our school family's mission is to encourage and develop innovative thinkers who become value-led leaders who advocate for a socially just and inclusive society.

Accreditation and Membership

Saint Monica Preparatory has been awarded the maximum six-year accreditation (extended through June 30, 2028) by the Western Catholic Education Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

School Community

The Saint Monica student body is enhanced and enriched by its ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic diversity:

Hispanic/Latino	34.19 %
White/Caucasian	24.16 %
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.25 %
Black/African-American	10.80 %
Other/Not Reported	21.60 %

Percentage of students identifying as Catholic	61.4 %
Percentage of International students	2 %
Percentage of students receiving financial aid	34.8 %

Academics

Saint Monica Preparatory follows a six-period, 85-minute block schedule. Students take six semester classes and are afforded the opportunity to take a seventh period or non-graded elective. The following 260 credits are requirements for graduation for the Class of 2023:

Theology	8 semesters	40 credits
English	8 semesters	40 credits
Social Studies	6 semesters	30 credits
Mathematics	6 semesters	30 credits
Science	6 semesters	30 credits
World Languages	4 semesters	20 credits
Visual & Performing Arts	2 semesters	10 credits
Advanced Study/Electives	8 semesters	40 credits
Christian Service	8 semesters	20 credits

Grading System

The following percentage scale is used to determine the semester grade for a course:

A	100 - 93	Superior
A-	92 - 90	
B+	89 - 87	
B	86 - 83	Above Average
B-	82 - 80	
C+	79 - 77	
C	76 - 73	Average
C-	72 - 70	
D+	69 - 67	
D	66 - 63	Passing
D-	62 - 60	
F	Below 60	Fail

Academic GPA is computed using the following scale. Plus/Minus are not calculated in the school GPA. Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment courses receive an extra GPA point.

A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0

AP, Honors, & Dual Enrollment - Offered 2022-2023

Social Studies

Honors Economics
AP World History
AP United States History
AP U.S. Government
AP Psychology

English

Honors English 9
Honors English 10 British Literature
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

Mathematics

Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra II
Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Computer Science A
AP Statistics

Dual Enrollment - Santa Monica College

Biology 2
Math 7

Visual and Performing Arts

AP Drawing
Independent Film Making Honors
Honors Art Portfolio

Laboratory Science

Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Environmental Science

World Languages

Honors American Sign Language III, & IV
Honors Japanese III, & IV
Honors Spanish I, II, & III
AP French Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture

Capstone Program

AP Seminar
AP Research

Weighted Grade Distribution Class of 2022

Quintile	Range
1	4.26 - 4.68
2	3.91 - 4.24
3	3.53 - 3.86
4	3.26 - 3.52
5	Below 3.26

Rank in Class

Exact rank in class is calculated at the end of each semester and reported on the counselor report.

Christian Service

One hundred hours of Christian Service is the minimum graduation requirement, with 2.5 credits being granted each semester. The majority of Saint Monica students exceed this requirement. Transfer students are responsible for 260 credits; however they are not required to make up Christian Service for the years they were not at Saint Monica.

Additional Note

Students in ASB Leadership and Campus Ministry are required to take that course as part of their academic schedule.

College Entrance Examinations 2022

SAT and ACT

Most graduates applied to universities utilizing the test optional method and less than half of the class sat for an SAT or ACT exam. As such, test scores for the Class of 2022 are not reported on the school profile.

COVID-19 Adjustments

March 2020 to April 2021 instruction was provided remotely with 60 minutes of synchronous instruction and 25 minutes of asynchronous work during which time teachers checked in with students individually. Students continued to earn letter grades; students were not permitted to take academic courses credit/no credit. Teachers adjusted their syllabi with a higher emphasis on the grade weight associated with participation.

Students were given the opportunity to opt out of final exams with no penalty to their grade; if a student elected to sit for a course final, the assessment result would not result in a lower grade than which they entered the exam.

Students were provided the opportunity to return to on campus learning in April 2021. 55% of the students chose this option with the remainder continuing with synchronous remote instruction.

Since the fall of 2021, the school has returned to its normal pre-pandemic instructional practices and rigorous school model, with no adjustments to instruction.

Matriculation of students over the past four years

(Class of 2022 matriculation in bold)

University of California

Berkeley
Davis
Irvine
Los Angeles
Merced
Riverside
San Diego
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz

California State University

Channel Islands
Chico
Dominguez Hills
Fullerton
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Monterey Bay
Northridge
Pomona
Sacramento
San Marcos
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose
San Luis Obispo

Private Colleges in California

California Baptist University
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
Chapman University
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
Los Angeles
La Sierra University
Loyola Marymount University
Marymount California University
Menlo College
Mount Saint Mary's University
Otis College of Art and Design

Pepperdine University
Saint Mary's College of California
University of La Verne
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
Woodbury University

Out of State/International

Arizona State University
Babson College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Bucknell University
Colorado State University
Creighton University
DePaul University
Drake University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fordham University
Grand Canyon University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hiram College
Holy Cross College
Howard University
Indiana University Bloomington
Ithaca College
Jackson State University
Marquette University
McGill University
Miami University, Oxford
New York University
New York University (Tisch School of the Arts)
Northern Arizona University
Ottawa University - Phoenix
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University

Rhode Island School of Design
Saint Louis University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southern Methodist University
Saint Francis Xavier University
St. John's University-New York
Syracuse University
The George Washington University
The University of Arizona
United States Military Academy West Point
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
University of Colorado - Denver
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Maine at Presque Isle
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
University of Nevada Las Vegas
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of Washington
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin - Madison
University of Wisconsin - Platteville
Xavier University of Louisiana

Community Colleges

El Camino College
Irvine Valley College
Long Beach City College
Nashville State Community College
Santa Monica College
Santa Barbara City College
San Diego Mesa College
West Los Angeles College