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2023-2024 School Profile

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2023

- Accumulated 336 College acceptances
- Offered over 16 million in scholarships
- Garnered 15 Cape Atlantic League 1st Team All Star Awards
- 5 Division Championships
- 1 South Jersey Team Championship
- 1 State Championship

At A Glance

- Catholic, accredited, college preparatory high school for young women
- Founded in 1962 by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.
- Students represent more than 45 zip codes.
- 45% of students receive financial aid.

Community

We are located in a rural area of Southern New Jersey. Students come from many different areas including Jersey shore towns, small cities, rural communities and New Jersey suburbs of Philadelphia.

Motto

Women Leading a World of Change

Mission

Our Lady of Mercy Academy empowers young women to achieve their full potential as individuals, scholars, athletes, leaders, and in service to others.

Rooted in the Catholic faith and guided by the spirit of Saint Mary Joseph Rossello, our school community thrives on:

- A sisterhood that celebrates our differences and the unique gifts God has given us
- Pride, passion, and purpose in all we think, say, and do
- A caring environment of unconditional acceptance, support, and achievement

OLMA is accredited by Middle States Association of Secondary Schools & Colleges and is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the National Coalition for Girls' Schools, and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools.

GRADING

Letter Grade	Range	College Prep	Honors	AP
A+	97-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A	93-96	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	65-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	Below 65	0	0	0

HONORS:

Head of School Honors | 4.0 GPA;
 No grade below an A-

First Honors | 4.0 GPA;
 No grade below a B-

Second Honors | 3.5 GPA;
 No grade below a B-

OLMA does not rank.

REPORTED BY 2023 GRADUATES:

4 year College/University	94%
Military Academy	
2 year College/Trade School	6%

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Admission to the Academy is competitive and students are evaluated based upon five areas: application with essay; letters of recommendation; transcript; entrance exam; and interview. Our Lady of Mercy Academy offers college prep, honors and AP courses. **Students have option to enroll in AP courses starting junior year.** Dual credit is also available through various community colleges.

Students take seven academic courses per year including:

Theology: 4 years (19)	English: 4 years (20)	Mathematics: 4 years (20)
History: 3 years (15)	Science (with lab): 3 years (15)	Foreign Language: 2 years (10)
Mini-Mester: 3 years (4.5)	iBlock: 4 years (6)	Electives (up to 25)

Leadership I & II: Leadership I & II are required freshman and sophomore year courses, respectively, designed to support positive leadership growth and development and provide a dedicated learning environment for practicing bravery in the face of fear. **(10)**

Mini-Mester Courses: Through a week-long experiential learning program, the OLMA Mini-Mester delivers a wide variety of experiences and learning opportunities. A complete catalog of available Mini-Mester courses is provided to students each year. Students are required to take at least one service Mini-Mester.

Examples include:

Italy- history, architecture, and cuisine of Italy	Costa Rica- yoga and surfing retreat
Colonial America- experience living history	Hawaii- experience the local foods and fauna of Hawaii
Hands to Work- service immersion	Outdoor Adventures- outdoor activities like fishing

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 125 total credits are required for graduation. For a student to graduate, she must complete and pass all required courses.

Leadership

OLMA offers various leadership development programs that may include workshops, seminars, training sessions, and team-building exercises.

Student Leadership Council

The Student Leadership Council, in coordination with Class Representatives, is composed of elected student leaders and serves as a platform for student representation, voice and involvement in school-related decisions and initiatives.

Sport Leadership Academy

The OLMA Sports Leadership Academy supports student-athletes in excelling not only in their athletic pursuits, but also in their personal and future professional lives by becoming well-rounded athletes who can positively impact their teams, communities and beyond.

Deliberative Voices

Students explore and discuss issues they face in a deliberative, reasoned inclusive manner.

Sister Speak

Student facilitators lead school wide classroom sessions to foster dialogue on how peers can navigate challenges and overcome obstacles.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry is rooted in the Catholic tradition of educating and encouraging young women to lead lives of faith, service, justice and mercy.

National Honor Society

- 3.7 minimum GPA
- 60 hours community service
- Peer tutoring
- Blood drive

Mentoring Program

Experienced student leaders have the opportunity to be paired with new students to foster mentorship and peer support. This helps create a supportive environment for leadership growth.

Ambassadors

The Student Ambassador program is a leadership opportunity for students who are dedicated to serving and representing Our Lady of Mercy Academy. The program serves to enrich and enhance the leadership, communication skills and personal growth of its student members, while creating an alliance of spirited students who help advance the recruitment activities and the community involvement of the school.

OLMA does not offer after school clubs due to transportation limitations.

HONOR COURSES:

Algebra I	Algebra II
Anatomy & Physiology	Biology
Chemistry I	Chemistry II
Literature I	Literature II
Pre-Calculus	U.S. History I
Spanish I	Spanish II
Spanish IV	

American Literature
British Literature
Geometry
Physics
U.S. History II
Spanish III

AP COURSES:

Biology	Calculus
English Literature & Composition	U.S. History
Psychology	Government & Politics

Chemistry
Language & Composition

DUAL CREDIT COURSES:

Business	Honors U.S. History II
AP Calculus	AP Government & Politics
AP English Literature & Composition	

AP Language & Composition
AP U.S History II

IBLOCK OFFERINGS:

DECA	Hands Up Theater	Wellness
Art	Sports Leadership	Music
Environmental	Art & Culture	Dance

OLMA offers two virtual college courses from RCSJ Cumberland, Math 110 College Algebra and Math 205 Statistics

*Students have the option to enroll in online classes through Educere at an additional cost



OLMA has 16 varsity sports: Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Tennis, Cross Country, Cheer, Bowling, Swim, Basketball, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Track & Field, Softball, Crew, Golf, and Sailing

75-80% of our students are involved with Athletics.
We are in the Cape Atlantic League
Most of our teams are in Non-Public Group A for State competition.

GUIDANCE CURRICULUM

Our guidance curriculum begins with classroom instruction starting freshman year on creating useful study habits.

Sophomores participate in a 6-week career exploratory program focused on career inventories and education on career pathways.

Junior guidance class focuses on resume building and interview preparation. Juniors also partake in Mock Interview Day with professionals in the working field. Junior and senior classes focus heavily on college planning. They also participate in Job Shadow Day, where they have the opportunity to learn about a given career off-campus. Placements included hospitals, business offices, doctor offices, architects and engineering sites. In addition, students had the opportunity to observe a New Jersey Congressman, as well as meet with a Senior Trial Attorney.

A Career Day is hosted for grades 9-11, bringing in over 20 professionals from a variety of fields.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR RECENT GRADUATES

Air Force Academy	Boston University	Brown University
Catholic University of America	Clemson University	College of Charleston
College of William & Mary	Cornell University	Dickinson College
Emerson College	Emory University	Franklin & Marshall University
High Point University	Howard University	James Madison University
Loyola University, Maryland	Pennsylvania State University	Pepperdine University
Rowan University	Rutgers University	Saint Joseph's University
Spelman College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Delaware
University of Georgia	University of Kentucky	University of Massachusetts
University of Miami	University of Pennsylvania	University of Pittsburgh
University of San Francisco	University of South Carolina	University of Southern California
University of Virginia	Villanova University	
United States Military Academy, West Point		
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University		