



Saint Mary's Hall School Profile 2023-2024

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OUR MISSION

The mission of Saint Mary's Hall is to prepare our students for success in college and fulfillment in life.

With a rich, rigorous curriculum, insightful discourse, and expansive opportunities for exploring the world and discovering oneself, Saint Mary's Hall sends forth confident graduates, armed with the skills, knowledge, and self-awareness needed to thrive in college and find fulfillment in life.

CHARACTERISTICS

- Saint Mary's Hall was founded in 1879 on the principles of knowledge, self-confidence, and respect for others.
- The school is an independent, coeducational day school for students of all faiths serving prekindergarten through seniors in high school.
- The mission of Saint Mary's Hall is to prepare our students for success in college and fulfillment in life.
- 100% of our students attend college.
- 24% of our students receive financial aid.
- 42% of our students identify as people of color.
- 15:1 Student teacher ratio.
- Total enrollment of 746, with 262 in Upper School.
- Saint Mary's Hall is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), and is a member of NACAC, TACAC, and ACCIS.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- Calendar | Semester
 - Saint Mary's Hall does not rank.
 - Students are expected to carry a minimum of 5 academic subjects each year.
 - Students enroll in Honors and AP classes based on faculty recommendations.
 - **Effective 2022-2023 school year: AP classes and Calculus III will receive an additional 1.0 weight and Honors classes will receive an additional .5 weight into the GPA. While this policy is not retroactive, this weighting effectively and appropriately reflects the rigor of our courses.**
 - **9th graders are not eligible for AP classes.**
 - **As applicable 10th graders can take AP classes in social studies/world languages.**
 - Students enrolled in AP classes are not expected to take the exam.
 - GPA is cumulative and weighted and includes only work completed at Saint Mary's Hall.
- GPA Scale: A+ 97-100, A 93-96, A- 90-92, B+ 87-89, B 83-86, B- 80-82, C+ 77-79, C 73-76, C- 70-72, D+ 67-69, D 63-66, D- 60-62, F 0-59

The college matriculation and acceptance list for the class of 2023 can be found at smhall.org/college-counseling.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Research Science Scholars: The Research Science Scholars program is a selective opportunity designed to equip students to engage in a real lab space in an informed and proactive way. Selected students partner with Saint Mary's Hall science instructors to discuss, practice, and experience lab techniques, etiquette, and applications in preparation for official internships in labs in various scientific fields. Students engage in their internship for the duration of the academic year.

School Year Abroad (SYA): SYA is a cultural immersion program that allows high school students the opportunity to study in Europe or Asia for an entire academic year. Saint Mary's Hall is one of 40 independent schools across the United States and parts of Europe that are part of the SYA consortium. **There are currently five schools in four countries to which students can apply: China, France, Italy, and Spain.** SYA grades are not included in the GPA reported by Saint Mary's Hall.

Fine Arts: At the Tobin Fine Arts School at Saint Mary's Hall, we invite students to innovate, take risks, and channel their creative power in exciting ways. Students at Saint Mary's Hall grow through an exceptional arts training that fosters their ability to think, speak, and work creatively, starting from day one.

Arts Mentorship Program (AMP): The AMP provides mentorship and real-world experience for fine arts students with an interest in arts management. Selected students work in a learning capacity at a local art museum or gallery and present a culminating capstone project.

Health and Wellness Block: The SMH Wellness Program seeks to help each student develop the mindset and skills needed to live a healthy life, now and in the future. At every grade level, students are taught how to care for their bodies and social-emotional skills that promote mental health.

Student Experience: Student Experience wellness electives speak directly to the Saint Mary's Hall motto, Find Delight in Simple Things. This unique and innovative program cultivates enhanced opportunities for real-world engagement, cooperative understanding, leadership application, interdisciplinary exploration, personal fulfillment, and creative expression.

Global Seal of Biliteracy: The Global Seal of Biliteracy showcases our students' language skills in a universally consistent credential.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: 26 TOTAL CREDITS

English: 4 credits

World Languages and Cultures: Must complete the third level of a language and be enrolled in a language through Form 10

Social Studies: 3 credits

Mathematics: 4 credits of math while in Upper School

Science: 3 credits

Fine Arts: 2 credits

Physical Education/Athletics: 2 credits

REPORTING OF DISCIPLINE

Good citizenship is an expectation of all students at Saint Mary's Hall. Accordingly, we report discipline in alignment with the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission.

COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

Science (3 Credits)

AP Environmental Science AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Computer Science A
Astrophysics
Biology I*
Botany
Chemistry I*
College Level Research Science Scholars
College Level Organic Chemistry
College Level Data Structures & Algorithms
Introduction to Computer Science
Meteorology
Principles of Engineering
Physics I*

Mathematics (4 Credits)

Algebra I
Algebra II*
Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Calculus
College level Multivariable Calculus
Geometry*
Pre-Calculus*
Principles of Finance & Investing
Statistics

Social Studies (3 Credits)

American Government
AP American Government & Politics
AP Economics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Modern European History
AP United States History
AP World History
College Level History of Modern Africa
Essentials of Entrepreneur
Global Studies I, II, III, & IV
Introduction to Psychology A&B
Justice & Politics Through Film Honors
Modern United States History
Studies I, II, III, & IV

English (4 Credits)

AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
Creative Writing
Feminism & Literature
Rhetoric, Composition & Literature I-IV

World Languages (3 Credits or through the 3rd level)

AP Latin Literature: Caesar & Virgil
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP French Language & Culture Latin I
College Level French V
College Level Latin V
College Level Spanish V
French I, II
French III *
French IV, V
Latin II*
Latin III*
Latin IV*
Latin V
Spanish I
Spanish II*
Spanish III*
Spanish IV
Spanish V

Athletics (2 Credits)

Participation on any SMH Athletic Team After School Dance: Ballet and Modern Dance for Fitness
Introduction to Athletic Training US Strength & Conditioning
Pep Band
Approved Off-Campus Athletics

Interdisciplinary Studies

Echoes In The Borderlands
Identifying, Cultivating, Exploring Leadership & Character
Transdisciplinary Research
Unheard Voices In The History of Science

Fine Arts (2 Credits)

AP Art History
Advanced Digital Cinema
Advanced Drawing & Painting
Advanced Photography
Advanced Sculpture & Design
Advanced Theater Project
Advanced Sculpture & Design
Acting I-III
Chamber Orchestra Strings
College Level Studio Practice in Digital Cinema
College Level Studio Practice in Drawing & Painting
College Level Studio Practice in Photography
College Level Studio Practice in Sculpture & Design
Dance
Dance for Fitness
Digital Cinema*
Digital Imaging*
Drawing & Painting*
Jazz Band
Introduction to Art
Intro to Theater Performance
Music Theory
Photography Darkroom
Sculpture and Design*
Speech & Debate I*
Speech & Debate II-v
Technical Theater
Theater Production*
Vocal Ensemble
Yearbook

* Offered at the honors level as well.