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Enrollment (Grades 7-12) **1,114**

Enrollment (Class of 2024) **213**

High School Code **242-202**

### Accreditation & Membership

- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- Minnesota Association of College Admission Counseling (MACAC)

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# BSM Profile 2023-2024

**Benilde-St. Margaret's (BSM)**, is a college preparatory school serving a student body with an enrollment of approximately 1,120 students in grades 7-12 from more than 80 zip codes throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

### Mission

We educate, empower, and inspire learners within a Catholic community to lead lives of faith, achieve academic excellence, and contribute meaningfully to a global society.

### History

BSM was founded in 1974, serving a student body who came primarily from the merger of all-girl St. Margaret's Academy (founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1907) and all-boy Benilde High School (founded by the Christian Brothers in 1956). Since then, BSM has become the leading private school in the Upper Midwest through its rigorous academic program, diverse co-curricular offerings, and faith-based service opportunities.

### Today

BSM's class of 2023 went on to post-secondary education at a rate of 92%. There is a student-faculty ratio of 11:1 and the average class size is 22. BSM offers 23 AP courses and 9 honors courses.

21% of students are people of color. BSM supports 18% of its student body with tuition assistance totaling nearly \$1.9M.

### Faculty

86% of our senior high faculty hold advanced degrees. 46% of faculty have 10-20 years of teaching experience and an additional 38% of faculty have 20+ years of teaching experience.

### Innovative Programs

**EPIC** — Senior high students can enroll in BSM's Professional Partnership Program that allows students to EXPLORE passions and career paths, PARTNER with professionals, gain INSPIRATION, and CONNECT with experts in various fields inside and outside the four walls of the classroom.

**RED** — Students can also participate in a Research, Entrepreneurship, and Design collaborative program with hands-on learning experiences that parallel the modern workplace. RED challenges students to solve the problems that impact their world using creativity and collaboration.

### Post Secondary Opportunities

The BSM post-secondary program allows students to earn undergraduate-level college credit from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus and Saint Mary's University while still in high school at BSM.

Students can choose from eight different (CIS / PSEO) courses and five (PACC) course offerings.

|                      | Standard            | AP/CIS/PACC |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| A                    | 4.0                 | 4.5         |
| A-                   | 3.7                 | 4.160       |
| B+                   | 3.3                 | 3.710       |
| B                    | 3.0                 | 3.380       |
| B-                   | 2.7                 | 3.040       |
| C+                   | 2.3                 | 2.590       |
| C                    | 2.0                 | 2.250       |
| C-                   | 1.7                 | 1.910       |
| D+                   | 1.3                 | 1.460       |
| D                    | 1.0                 | 1.130       |
| D-                   | 0.7                 | .790        |
| F                    | 0.0                 | .000        |
| P/NP – no GPA weight |                     |             |
|                      | <b>Honors:</b>      | 3.3 – 3.69  |
|                      | <b>High Honors:</b> | 3.7 – 4.5   |

### National Service Learning Leader

**School** – BSM is one of only two schools in Minnesota recognized as a service-learning leader school. Through service-learning, students engage in intentionally organized experiences that meet real needs in the community and develop leadership skills while gaining an appreciation for the diversity of people’s situations and experiences.

### National Scholastic Press Association

**Awards** – BSM’s students publish a nationally recognized print and online student newspaper. The paper has been recognized each year since 2009 by the National Scholastic Press Association, with Pacemaker Awards, Best of Show Awards and awards from the Minnesota High School Press Association.

### International Robocup Competition

– Competing internationally ten times since 2005, BSM has been the only high school in the world to qualify for the world championship competition in rescue robotics. The engineering competition’s goal is to develop and demonstrate advanced robotic capabilities for emergency responders and to disseminate best-in-class robotic solutions. The BSM team has competed in France, Turkey, Japan, China, Mexico, the Netherlands, Singapore, and Germany.

### National Forensic League 200 Club

**Award** – BSM’s speech and debate teams have earned the designation of 200 Club, putting the program in the top 5% of NFL chapters.

### School Year Marking System

BSM uses the 12-point marking system in the table at left. The school year consists of two semesters, each approximately 18 weeks in length.

Since the 2022-2023 school year, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, CIS courses and courses taken under the PACC option at BSM carry a weighted grade of 1.25%. AP courses are standardized throughout the nation allowing for weighted grades. Honors Courses are not standardized nationwide and will NOT receive a weighted grade.

### National Merit

In the last ten years, 66 seniors have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation including three Commended Scholars and three finalists in 2023. All juniors take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

### SAT

Number of seniors taking the test: **21**  
 Percent of the Class of 2024 taking the test: **9.7%**

### ACT

117 students, representing just over half of the Class of 2023 took the ACT. The average score of the highest ACT for those students was 25.2, compared to the 2023 Minnesota average of 69% of students taking the ACT and earning an average score of 21. The national average composite score is 19.8.

The average ACT score for the top 25 percent of BSM’s Class of 2023 was 29, while the top 10 percent averaged 34.6.

BSM is a college-preparatory school. Due to our high academic standards and individual student achievement, class ranking is not an accurate indicator of individual student progress and academic accomplishment.

### Advanced Placement

BSM offers **23** Advanced Placement courses. In 2023, there were **52** AP Scholars with an average score of **3.16**, **23** AP Scholars with Honors with an average score of **3.71** and **35** AP Scholars with Distinction with an average score of **4.10** and **7** AP Capstone Diplomas awarded with an average score of **3.96**.

### AP Five-Year Score Summary

|                           | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Students                  | 254   | 252   | 269   | 294   | 353   |
| Number of Exams           | 512   | 502   | 445   | 510   | 669   |
| Percent with scores of 3+ | 86.2% | 82.1% | 80.7% | 78.9% | 80.2% |

### Matriculation

BSM’s class of 2023 went on to post-secondary education at a rate of 92% (91% to four-year programs and 1% to two- year programs). The remaining 8% went on to a post-secondary athletic program, enlisted in military service, or took a gap year of service.

### Disciplinary Policies

It is the policy of BSM to not report disciplinary infractions to post-secondary institutions. However, it should be noted that serious infractions result in dismissal.

### Extracurricular Activities

BSM is committed to the development of a student’s highest potential in body, spirit and mind. Over 93% of our students choose to participate in at least one co-curricular program, as our athletics and activities are an integral part of our mission. BSM offers 31 varsity sports and 46 co-curricular clubs and activities. Aligned with our service-learning curriculum, over 400 students volunteered thousands of hours with the Red Knight Volunteer Corps (RKVC) in 2023.

# Senior High Curriculum Requirements

The following is a summary of the courses required for graduation by semester credit:

|                    |   |                   |     |                       |             |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------------|
| Fine Art           | 2 | Religious Studies | 8   | Social Studies        | 7           |
| English            | 8 | College/Career    | 0.5 | World Language        | 4           |
| Health             | 1 | Science           | 6   | Electives             | 7           |
| Physical Education | 1 | Mathematics       | 6   | <b>Total Credits:</b> | <b>50.5</b> |

Juniors are required to take a career and college planning class, to explore their interests, abilities, values, and personality. This guides them in making well-informed decisions regarding their future education and career.

## FINE ART

Art and Design  
Ceramics  
Ceramic Studio  
3D Foundations  
3D Make-It Design  
Product Design  
Web Design  
Silkscreen  
Photography  
Photography Studio  
Drawing and Painting  
Drawing and Painting Studio  
Graphic Design  
Graphic Design Studio  
Band  
Choir  
Music Theory  
Orchestra  
World Drumming  
**AP Studio Art: 2D Design**  
**AP Studio Art: 3D Design**  
**AP Studio Art: Drawing**  
**Creative Problem Solving**  
(CIS - U of M; taught at BSM)

## ENGINEERING

Engineering Level 1  
Engineering Level 2  
Engineering Level 3  
Engineering Level 4

## GENERAL ELECTIVES

Acting  
Yearbook I, II, and III

## GUIDANCE

College/Career  
Learning Lab  
Teacher Assistant  
Think, Learn and Communicate

## HEALTH, WELLNESS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health  
Physical Education 9

## MATHEMATICS

Algebra Concepts  
Quadratic Algebra  
Geometry Concepts  
Geometry  
**Honors Geometry**  
Intermediate Algebra

Algebra II  
Algebra II Blended Online  
**Honors Algebra II**  
Functions & Trigonometry  
Statistics  
Precalculus  
Precalculus Blended Online  
**Honors Precalculus**  
**AP Algebra II Concepts**  
**AP Statistics**  
**AP Calculus AB**  
**AP Calculus BC**

## SCIENCE

Biology  
**Honors Biology**  
General Chemistry  
Chemistry  
**Honors Chemistry**  
Ecology  
Forensic Science  
General Physics  
Physics  
**AP Physics**  
Biomedical Science I  
**AP Seminar: Biomedical Science**  
**AP Research: Biomedical Science**

## BUSINESS

Introduction to Business  
Business and Personal Law  
Business Management  
Personal Financial Management  
Sports and Entertainment Marketing  
Accounting  
**Accounting Concepts (PACC St. Mary's U of MN; Taught at BSM)**  
**Principles of Investing (PACC St. Mary's U of MN; Taught at BSM)**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Human Geography  
**AP Human Geography**  
World History  
United States History  
**AP United States History**  
American Studies – History  
US Government & Politics  
Economics  
Psychology  
**AP United States and Comparative Government & Politics**  
**AP European History**  
**AP Microeconomics**

## ENGLISH

English 9  
**Honors English 9**  
English 10  
**Honors English 10**  
Advanced Composition  
American Literature  
American Studies – English  
**AP English Language & Composition**  
Great American Novels  
Immigrant Literature  
Journalistic Writing  
Mythology  
Non-Fiction Writing  
Science Fiction Literature  
Debate  
Creative Writing  
Film Studies  
Editorial Leadership  
**Intro to Literature: Poetry, Drama, Narrative**  
(CIS U of M; Taught at BSM)  
**AP English Literature & Composition**

## THEOLOGY

Theology 9  
Theology 10  
Discipleship  
Morality  
Vocations  
Faith and Sports  
World Religions  
Introduction to Philosophy  
**Thinking Theologically – (PACC St. Mary's U of MN; Taught at BSM)**

## WORLD LANGUAGES

French I, II, III, IV, V  
**AP French**  
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V  
**Honors Spanish II, III**  
**AP Spanish Language**  
**AP Spanish Literature**  
Español Para Hispanohablantes 1, 2, and 3  
Spanish Language Internship Program

# BSM Matriculation 2019-2023

Academy College, Bloomington, MN  
Alabama A & M University, Normal, AL  
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
Alexandria College, Alexandria, MN  
American University, Washington, DC  
Arizona State University-Tempe, Tempe, AZ  
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
Auburn University, Auburn, AL  
Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN  
Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD  
Bates College, Lewiston, ME  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Belmont University, Nashville, TN  
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN  
Benedictine College, Atchison, KS  
Bethel University (MN), Saint Paul, MN  
Boise State University, Boise, ID  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Boston University, Boston, MA  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH  
Bradley University, Peoria, IL  
The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC  
Brown University, Providence, RI  
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA  
Butler University, Indianapolis, IN  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA  
California Baptist University, Riverside, CA  
University of California-Davis, Davis, CA  
University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA  
University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, CA  
Carleton College, Northfield, MN  
Carthage College, Kenosha, WI  
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH  
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC  
Century College, White Bear Lake, MN  
Champlain College, Burlington, VT  
Chapman University, Orange, CA  
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus, Cincinnati, OH  
Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC  
Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH  
Colgate University, Hamilton, NY  
University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO  
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO  
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO  
Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO  
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO  
Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Columbia University, New York, NY  
Concordia College at Moorhead, Moorhead, MN  
Concordia University - Montreal, Montreal, QC  
Concordia University-Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN  
Creighton University, Omaha, NE  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH  
Davidson College, Davidson, NC  
University of Denver, Denver, CO  
DePaul University, Chicago, IL  
DePauw University, Greencastle, IN  
Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, IA  
University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI  
Dougherty Family College at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul  
Drake University, Des Moines, IA  
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA  
Duke University, Durham, NC  
Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis, MN  
East Central College, Union, MO  
Eckerd College, Saint Petersburg, FL  
Elon University, Elon, NC  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL  
Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY  
Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL  
Florida SouthWestern State College, Fort Myers, FL  
Fordham University, Bronx, NY  
Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, NH  
Franklin University Switzerland, New York, NY  
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA  
Georgetown University, Washington, DC  
Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA  
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus, Phoenix, AZ  
Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN  
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY  
Hamline University, Saint Paul, MN

Hampton University, Hampton, VA  
Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, MN  
High Point University, High Point, NC  
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL  
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA  
Hussian College Los Angeles- In Studio, Los Angeles, CA  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL  
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL  
Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN  
Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge, IA  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA  
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, OH  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA  
La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA  
Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL  
Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR  
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA  
LIM College, New York, NY  
Lindenwood University, Saint Charles, MO  
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD  
Luther College, Decorah, IA  
Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL  
Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN  
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI  
University of Mary, Bismarck, ND  
University of Maryland-College Park, College Park, MD  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst, MA  
Mayville State University, Mayville, ND  
McGill University, Montreal, QC  
Merrimack College, North Andover, MA  
Miami University, Oxford, OH  
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL  
Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, MI  
MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, KS  
Midland University, Fremont, NE  
Milwaukee School of Engineering, Milwaukee, WI  
Minneapolis College, Minneapolis, MN  
Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN  
University of Minnesota-Duluth, Duluth, MN  
University of Minnesota-Morris, Morris, MN  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN  
University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO  
Montana State University, Bozeman, MT  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE  
University of New England, Biddeford, ME  
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus, Durham, NH  
New York Film Academy, Burbank, CA  
New York University, New York, NY  
Normandale Community College, Bloomington, MN  
North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC  
North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND  
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND  
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND  
North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, MN  
North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City, IA  
Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL  
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA  
Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH  
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR  
Emory University-Oxford College, Oxford, GA  
University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA  
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA  
PennWest California, California, PA  
Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA  
University of Portland, Portland, OR  
Providence College, Providence, RI  
Purdue University-Main Campus, West Lafayette, IN  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY  
University of Richmond, University of Richmond, VA  
University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO  
Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT  
College of Saint Benedict (with SJU), Saint Joseph, MN  
Saint John's University (with CSB), Collegeville, MN  
Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO  
Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN  
Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN  
Saint Paul College, Saint Paul, MN  
San Diego State University, San Diego, CA  
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA  
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA  
Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD, Savannah, GA  
Seattle University, Seattle, WA  
University of South Carolina-Columbia, Columbia, SC  
South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX  
Spelman College, Atlanta, GA  
St Catherine University, Saint Paul, MN  
St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY  
St Olaf College, Northfield, MN  
The College of Saint Scholastica, Duluth, MN  
University of St. Thomas (MN), Saint Paul, MN  
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY  
Taft School, Watertown, CT  
The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Knoxville, TN  
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX  
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX  
American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York, NY  
The George Washington University, Washington, DC  
Ohio State University-Main Campus, Columbus, OH  
Tulane University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA  
Union College (NY), Schenectady, NY  
United States Air Force Academy, USAF Academy, CO  
United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD  
University of Jamestown, Jamestown, ND  
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
University of Southampton, Highfield  
University of St Andrews, St Andrews  
Utah State University, Logan, UT  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT  
Villanova University, Villanova, PA  
Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI  
Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN  
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC  
Waseda University, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan  
Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA  
Washington University in St Louis, Saint Louis, MO  
University of Washington-Seattle Campus, Seattle, WA  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, MA  
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL  
Willamette University, Salem, OR  
William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
The University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB  
Winona State University, Winona, MN  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls, River Falls, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Superior, Superior, WI  
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY  
Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH  
York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA  
Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH