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VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL



WELCOME

Thank you for considering Villa Maria Academy High School, a warm and supportive community where you can explore your passions, meet challenges, make lifelong friends, and grow in mind and spirit.

Choosing the right high school is a major decision. It is not just about finding a welcoming learning community that nurtures success; it is about discovering a place where you feel you truly belong.

We invite you to visit our beautiful campus so you can experience our loving Catholic faith community, meet our outstanding faculty and staff, and feel the energy and vibrancy of our all-girls environment.

Your time at Villa Maria is your chance to discover your God-given gifts and become more knowledgeable, self-assured, compassionate, resilient, and strong. With these traits, you will become UNSTOPPABLE. Like generations of Villa Maria graduates before you, you will make your mark on the world!

Sister Regina J. Ryan, I.H.M., Ed.D.

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Head of School



You
BELONG
Here!



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Opportunities to learn and grow abound at Villa Maria. Discover your passions, make lifelong friends, have fun, compete on the playing field, get involved, celebrate victories, and set goals for college and beyond. **Become UNSTOPPABLE at Villa Maria.**



TRADITIONS & SISTERHOOD



Traditions solidify and nourish true sisterhood and a feeling of belonging throughout the year. Blue and White Field Day is the perfect kickoff event to the school year. Classmates reunite and new friends are made at a welcoming celebration featuring music, friendly competition, and a day full of fun and laughter.

Fall Ball, Homecoming, Prom, and Sorella Day are among Villa's most loved traditions, as is the Carol and Ring ceremony, which celebrates the distribution of junior class rings. Pep rallies, class retreats, dance parties on the lawn, and food truck lunches provide unique and memorable moments that make the Villa Maria experience extra special.

As the end of the school year approaches, the Daisy Chain and Senior Sing tradition exemplifies the bond between sisters. An original song, written by members of the senior class, is performed by the graduates during a beautiful, uplifting, music-filled ceremony.

UNSTOPPABLE Heart



“ Villa is so rooted in tradition. As a student, the traditions served as rites of passage for me, marking important milestones in our time at Villa. New and just-as-valuable traditions that strengthen the bonds of the girls have been added, like Sorella Day and Kairos.”

Lauren Kuemmerle Machita, '89 P '24



UNSTOPPABLE Innovation

ACADEMICS

At Villa Maria, students are encouraged to embrace new experiences, explore areas of interest, make discoveries, take risks, and allow themselves to feel **UNSTOPPABLE** in their quest to learn and grow.

Every student receives a unique academic experience with engaging instruction and a challenging curriculum offered by our exceptional faculty and administrators. Students are prepared to enter the world as confident communicators, tech-savvy problem solvers, and creative thinkers.

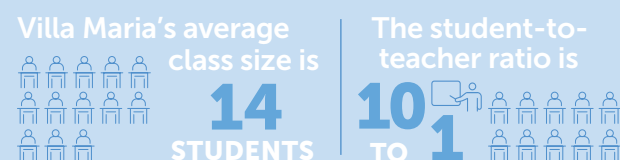
The Villa Maria curriculum is constantly adapting to our ever-changing world to better serve our students and prepare them for college and other pursuits. In computer science, students pair emerging topics like Digital Media Applications and Digital Music and Sound with essential courses of Computer Programming and Computer Science offerings. In social studies, the department takes the student from foundational World History and United States History classes to Economics, Psychology, and Global Issues courses, offering truly expansive and sophisticated learning opportunities.

The classroom experience combines listening, discussing, speaking, writing, and collaboration. Critical thinking is encouraged as students develop an appreciation and understanding of each topic.

The daily schedule follows an A/B rotation model, allowing for longer class periods that ensure more meaningful learning at higher levels of retention and application. In addition, all students are supported by the Hurricane Huddle, which focuses on student mind, body, and spirit wellness, providing small group learning and a consistent community of support.

The Villa Maria academic experience not only prepares graduates for college, careers, and other pursuits, it helps students explore and better understand their world, fosters a love of learning, and sets students up for a lifetime of intellectual curiosity.

FAST FACT:



To our teachers... you taught us lessons reaching far beyond the classroom walls. You taught us to be relentlessly curious, instilling in us that learning is a privilege, an opportunity which we should nourish well beyond our school years." *Allie Meyer, '24, Salutatorian*



Students explore models of a cell using CLASSVR headsets.

TECHNOLOGY

Villa Maria's Lynch Design Lab enables students to learn the basics, and then create and explore! From learning JavaScript programming, A-Frame coding, and computer game design, to using a 3D printer, programming robots, building websites, and creating apps, Villa students become confident and experienced with technology.



The Technology Club models search and rescue techniques using drones.



AP COURSES

For those students ready for college-level work, Villa Maria provides a broad range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.



HONORS COURSES

Honors courses are taught at an accelerated pace to challenge the student who is able to engage in a more comprehensive level of study.



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This program is uniquely designed for students who seek and show the aptitude for deeper academic challenge beyond the Honors and AP levels offered at Villa Maria. Starting with Villa Maria's Class of 2029, admission to this prestigious program will be via application in February of one's freshman year, to start in sophomore year. Students must possess demonstrated cognitive aptitude, intellectual curiosity, and a thirst for learning. Students take coursework at the highest level of attainment, while participating in programming that provides authentic experiences and research.



DUAL ENROLLMENT THROUGH IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY

Select dual enrollment courses are offered in partnership with Immaculata University onsite at Villa Maria. This enables high school students to take college-level courses, providing additional opportunities for our students to earn college credit outside of the AP courses.



DISTINCTIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Villa Maria students achieve distinction as both AP Scholars and AP Scholars with Honors, as well as National Merit Finalists, Semi-Finalists, and Commended Students. Students are also members of the National Honor Society, as well as subject-based honor societies, Tri-M International Music Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Writing Honor Society, and the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.





There is a strong commitment to winning at Villa Maria, but an even greater commitment to building confidence and character.



UNSTOPPABLE Determination



Basketball **CHEER**
Cross Country
Field Hockey **GOLF**
Indoor Track & Field
LACROSSE
PADDLE TENNIS
Pickleball **Rowing**
Soccer Softball
Swimming & Diving
TENNIS
Track & Field
Volleyball



ATHLETICS FAST FACT:
More than **78%** of the **STUDENTS** at Villa Maria participate in one or more of the **16** **SPORTS** available.



“When stepping onto the field, you are playing for something so much more than yourself. You are representing Villa Maria, and every other girl on your team” **Carly Catania, '24** and **Alexa Dougherty, '24**

ATHLETICS

The Hurricanes are a force to be reckoned with, having a long tradition of being UNSTOPPABLE. Villa Maria teams celebrate frequent wins at the league, district, and state levels, and a number of athletes go on to compete at the college level.



Competitive sports enhance the physical growth and development of Villa Maria students, as well as the qualities of grit and resilience necessary to compete at a high level. The athletic program enhances school spirit while teaching both athlete and spectator the value of fair competition and good sportsmanship.



FINE ARTS



ART

Visual art students at Villa Maria learn techniques in drawing, painting, graphic design, watercolor, and 3-D work and display their pieces in the community and at the annual Fine Arts Festival.



DANCE

Villa Maria's growing dance program includes a variety of courses for both novice and experienced dancers, and provides auditioned options for dance, performance, and elite companies.



MUSIC

Students have the opportunity to participate in honor choirs, bands, and orchestras and also attend competitions at Hershey Park where they have earned top ratings.



THEATER

Students express themselves on stage, both at Villa Maria and in the programs at Malvern Preparatory School and Devon Preparatory School. The Light and Sound Crew learn how to focus lights, design light plots, operate state-of-the-art lighting and soundboards.

WATCH!



FAST FACT:

The music instruction program has **14** music specialists in piano, guitar, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion to provide weekly instruction.



UNSTOPPABLE Passion

Students have access to extensive coursework that taps into their creativity and helps them express themselves through art. Students create beauty, stretch their imaginations, and entertain others in the process.



UNSTOPPABLE Love



We are all uniquely driven to create goodness in this world by any means. That aspect of our education is the Villa difference."

Mackenzie Duffy '24,
Valedictorian



MINISTRY

Students are called to a way of life that is characterized by prayer, devotion to Mary, and service. Through participation in Campus Ministry, Service Learning, Social Justice initiatives and Outreach, students can deepen their spiritual identity and answer the call to serve others.

The beautiful chapel in the Theresa Maxis Student Union building provides a spiritual hub and inspirational oasis right in the center of campus.

Campus Ministry fosters an environment of prayer and spirituality for the school community through liturgical celebrations, prayer experiences and retreats. Service Learning is an instructional method that fosters student learning and service to one's community. Students apply knowledge and skills developed in the classroom to service opportunities in the community. Outreach is committed to four annual projects to serve those in need: Thanksgiving Food Drive, Mission Drive, Easter Project, and a Canned Food Drive.

WATCH!



UNSTOPPABLE Mindset

The Counseling Department takes a team approach—every student has both a school counselor and a college counselor. The school counselor works with a student through her four years, getting to know and understand her, guiding her, and working together with her college counselor to help her achieve her personal goals.

Villa Maria's Counseling Program is the "I" of the Hurricane:

**Identify. Investigate.
Implement. Imagine.**

FRESHMEN Identify their vision for a year of transition and success, academically, personally, and socially.

SOPHOMORES Investigate how they interact with the world around them. They are introduced to a college and career search platform to learn more about potential careers and majors.

JUNIORS Imagine their possibilities, building on their plans to complete the college application process and select a school. Students also prepare for the expectations of college and the transition from high school to greater independence.

SENIORS Implement an individualized plan to position themselves for college and career goals. They learn to articulate their strengths and complete coursework in preparation for writing personal statements and essays and participating in college admissions interviews.



These colleges and universities represent a sampling of Villa Maria graduates' matriculation over the last two years.

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Villa Maria Academy is about preparing girls both psychologically, socially, academically for the rigors of college and beyond. It's definitely about empowering young women and it's about allowing them to explore all areas of interest that they may have in an environment where they feel very comfortable, feel very safe, and also feel very supported.” *Erin Gallagher, P '25*



UNSTOPPABLE Involvement

Academic life is balanced by more than 40 clubs and activities, which tap into students' interests and help them develop leadership and commitment skills while having fun. With options like honor societies, Student Council, Mock Trial, Bake 4 Charity, Climbing, Technology, Forensics, the Villa Voice newspaper, Broadcasting, or Mission and Ministry, there is a club or activity for every student who wishes to be involved.

Participating in clubs and activities enhances the academic experience at Villa Maria. It is an opportunity to discover what you love, gain confidence, and build relationships through shared experiences.



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I love being involved in the Reflections Yearbook because of the community and creativity. My favorite parts are the deadline days with pizza parties!” *Emerson Cassalia, '25*

National Honor Society requires its members to tutor underclassmen, which I feel is a great resource to help and a great way to get to know our Villa sisters.” *Lillie Falcon, '24*



UNSTOPPABLE Achievements

The Senior Capstone Project is a culminating learning activity that combines critical thinking, problem-solving, research, and professional experience. Each student selects an area of interest to explore, and engages in job shadowing to learn real-world applications that enrich and deepen her learning experience.

The areas of interest Villa Maria students have pursued include biomedical engineering, broadcasting, cardiology, creative writing, education, engineering, finance, game design, government, international law, marketing, neuroscience, and photojournalism, among many others.

As graduation day draws near, students can proudly look back on four years of incredible growth and achievement and look ahead to college experiences for which they are well-prepared.



FAST FACT: Seniors engage in a minimum of **25 HOURS** of job shadowing or **25 HOURS** of service work as part of their Capstone experiential learning phase.



YOU can be UNSTOPPABLE. Choose Villa Maria. You belong here, and our faculty, staff and your sisters are waiting to welcome you.



“ I think any parent should consider sending your daughter to Villa Maria if they’re looking for faith-filled education; a place where their daughter will be cherished; where her gifts and talents will be developed, and she’ll find her niche.”
Sister Mary Jo Ely, Campus Minister, Theology Teacher



Villa Maria graduates are truly **UNSTOPPABLE.**

BECOME

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Villa Maria Academy High School is a Catholic college preparatory school rooted in the charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more than 150 years, Villa Maria has empowered young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service.



CORE VALUES
Commit to Learning
REFLECT ON EXPERIENCE
Contribute to Community
EMBRACE THE TRUTH
ACT WITH INTEGRITY
Respect Self and Others
Lead by Example
Achieve Through Commitment



As a Catholic and IHM Congregational, all-girls school, Villa Maria recognizes the many dimensions of diversity and the broad, complex, and dynamic nature of human difference and similarity.



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