

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

— For Girls. For Life. —

2025-2026 PROFILE

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60 Perkins Extended

Memphis, Tennessee 38117

St. Mary's Episcopal School provides an unparalleled educational experience that challenges and supports each girl as she discovers her unique purpose and reaches her individual potential.



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HIGH SCHOOL
CEEB CODE: 431462



THE SCHOOL

St. Mary's is a college preparatory school for girls two years old through 12th grade. Admission to St. Mary's is selective and is based on previous school records, personal interviews, teacher recommendations, and standardized testing. Chapel, held weekly in Lower School and daily in grades 6-12, offers a time for reflection and a focal point for community life. Girls participate within the parameters of their own faiths. The students of St. Mary's encompass a broad range of socioeconomic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. They come from all parts of the Memphis metropolitan area, including northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas, and western counties in Tennessee.

ENROLLMENT

Upper School: Grades 9-12	263	Total Enrollment:	785
Middle School: Grades 6-8	136	Students of Color (self-identified)	31%
Lower School: Grades 1-5	226	Students Receiving Financial Aid	24%
Early Childhood: 2 year old-SK	160		

HISTORY

From its beginning in 1847 under the auspices of the historic Calvary Episcopal Church, St. Mary's history is one dedicated to the education of girls within a nurturing and loving Christian environment. Now, 177 years later, St. Mary's teachers use innovative approaches in their classrooms, incorporating real-life learning experiences into their lesson plans. They employ teaching strategies such as collaborative learning, which have been proven more effective for girls. As one of the premier college-preparatory schools for girls in the South, St. Mary's recognizes the need to prepare young women for a lifetime of opportunity. The life skills that St. Mary's students develop, such as decision-making and leadership skills, enable them to succeed in college and beyond.

FACULTY

Upper School Faculty and Administrators	45
Teachers with Master's Degrees	25
Teachers with Doctoral Degrees	8
Upper School Student/Faculty Ratio	6:1

HONOR CODE STATEMENT

A St. Mary's girl expresses the school's Light and Life by speaking only the truth, claiming only work produced through her own effort, and respecting others' physical and intellectual property.

The Honor Code prohibits students from using ChatGPT or other AI writing software on any assignments unless explicitly permitted by the teacher. All students applying to college will have their personal statements reviewed for AI assistance before submission.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

St. Mary's has one graduation award, the diploma, which carries with it the school's recommendation to college. The program of study leading to graduation includes 21.5 credits distributed as follows:

English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
<i>(Biology, Chemistry, Physics required)</i>	
Social Studies	3.0
<i>(US History & World History required)</i>	
World Languages	3.0
<i>(all in one language)</i>	
Fine Arts	1.0
Religious Studies	1.0
Health/Wellness	1.0
Electives	1.5

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

St. Mary's Upper School operates on a schedule of two quarters for each of two semesters with examinations at the end of each semester. Students are scheduled in no fewer than five courses and as many as seven courses, on a five-day rotating schedule, with only six courses meeting on each day.

SMS GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The SMS Global Scholars Program is a multi-year, focused pathway for students interested in furthering their development as global citizens. The program requirements include academic coursework expectations, globally-aligned service, a global literacy focus, co-curricular activities, and a capstone paper and presentation. The majority of these requirements will be completed outside a student's normal academic schedule. Students who successfully complete the program will earn a diploma distinction.

HONORS INDEPENDENT RESEARCH STUDY

The Honors Independent Research Study program (HIRS) offers the student an opportunity to conduct a high-level research project in the summer prior to senior year as part of her academic experience. Under the guidance of a community mentor, students design and conduct a research project in an area of interest. During the fall semester, participants write a comprehensive research paper and compose a conference-style talk, which they present during an evening symposium. HIRS allows St. Mary's students to develop their critical thinking skills, gain knowledge and experience in an area of personal interest, and prepare for the transition to college and the rigors of self-motivated success.

SMS STEM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The SMS STEM Scholars Program is offered to Upper School students who have committed a substantial portion of their Upper School experience to rigorous and comprehensive coursework in math and science, exceeding graduation requirements. Additionally, students will engage in extracurricular activities in a STEM field, completing a minimum of 40 hours of hands-on experience, lectures, and research. Participation in this program will encourage students to apply their knowledge of math and science outside of the classroom, fostering resilience, analytical thinking, and teamwork skills that will equip them for future studies and careers in STEM. Successful completion of the program will be indicated on a student's diploma.

SMS FINE ARTS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The SMS Fine Arts Scholars Program is a multi-year program that seeks to recognize those students who want to further explore their creative interests by concentrating on the arts. The Intensive enhances offerings that already exist at St. Mary's while guiding and encouraging students to independently seek out opportunities to further their journey in the arts whether those interests be in performance arts, visual arts, vocal performance, instrumental performance, or technical stage work. This distinction will reward students willing to extend their artistic learning both within and outside of the classroom. The entire program will culminate in a capstone presentation where each student will create a presentation based on their specific area of focus in the arts. Once the program is completed, the student will earn a distinction with their diploma.

MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS

First semester grades for seniors will be sent to colleges in January.

FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

Final transcripts for seniors will be sent to colleges in mid-June.

GPA CALCULATION

St. Mary's calculates a weighted GPA. Students receive a sliding value for grades (A+ is worth more than an A, which is worth more than an A-, etc.), with Honors courses receiving half a quality point (.5) and AP courses receiving a full quality point (1). Some courses at St. Mary's receive a full quality point without AP designation. Please refer to the listing of courses below. **Note: School policy precludes ranking of any kind.**

ONE SCHOOLHOUSE

St. Mary's is a charter member of The Online School for Girls, which is a program made available to schools via One Schoolhouse (OSH). The School has dedicated itself to the principles of *Connection, Collaboration, Creativity, and Application*. Courses taken through OSH are included in the St. Mary's GPA, and are indicated on the St. Mary's transcript with the notation (OSH).

CLASS OF 2025 INFORMATION AND AWARDS

73 graduates | 100% attending a four-year college or university

National Merit Scholarship Program:

4 National Merit Finalists
6 National Merit Commended
14% of the class recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program

Advanced Placement Scholars:

32 Scholars with Distinction
14 Scholars with Honors
19 AP Scholars
2 AP International Diplomas

ACT Testing

Composite
English
Mathematics
Reading
Science Reasoning

SAT Testing

ERBW
Mathematics
Total

Mid 50%

28-32
30-35
26-30
27-35
26-32

Mid 50%

680-730
650-730
1350-1480

Advanced Placement Testing

Students rarely take an AP course before sophomore year and must gain approval to take more than three in any year.

Number of tests taken by the Class of 2025 – 569 in 25 subjects

87% of scores were 3 or higher

61% of scores were 4 or 5

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

English Department

English 9 (H, HA)
English 10 (H, HA)
English Language (AP)*
English Literature (AP)*
Advanced Composition (H)*
Creative Writing (H)*
American/European Poetry (H)*
Faith & Doubt in Literature (H)*
Literature and the Fantastic (H)*
Literature of the Monster and the Monstrous (H)*
The Story and its Writer (H)*
Women's Studies in Literature (H)*
Journeys in Literature (H)**

Math Department

Algebra I
Geometry (S, H)
Algebra II (S, H)
Precalculus (H, H PreAB, H PreBC)
Introduction to Calculus (H)*
Statistics (H, AP)
Calculus (AP AB, AP BC)
Introduction to Proof Based Math+
Foundations in Personal Finance*

Science Department

Biology (S, H, HA, AP)
Chemistry (S, H, HA, AP)
Physics (H, HA)
Physics C (AP)
Anatomy and Physiology (H)
Computer Science Principles (AP)
Computer Science A (AP)
Independent Research Study (H)*
Introduction to Engineering Design (H)*
Advanced Engineering Design (H)*
Psychology (AP)

Social Sciences Department

World History I
World History II (H, AP)
US History (H, AP)
African American Studies (AP)
US Government and Politics (AP)*
Comparative Government and Politics (AP)*
Human Geography (AP)#
Global Issues I/II/III/IV (H)*
Memphis & The Movement (H)**
Psychology (AP)

World Languages Department

French I
French II
French III (H)
French IV (H)
French V (AP)
Latin I
Latin II
Latin III (H)
Latin IV (H)*
Latin IV (AP)
Latin V (H)
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III (H)
Spanish IV (H)
Spanish V (AP)

Fine Arts Department

Art History (H, AP)*
Music History (H)*
Music Theory (AP)
Humanities I (H)*
Humanities II (H)*
Power of Black Music in America*

Religious Studies Department

Comparative Religion (formerly Faith Foundations)*
Holocaust and Human Behavior (formerly Facing History and Ourselves) (H)*
Writings of C.S. Lewis (H)**
Meaning of Life (H)*
Ethics (H)*
Medieval Women Mystics (H)**

Health/Wellness Department

Mind and Body Wellness I*
Mind and Body Wellness II*
Wellness Independent Study
Strength & Conditioning*

ELECTIVES

Musical/Performing Arts Department

Chamber Ensemble (Audition)
Concert Choir
Concert Band
Musical Theatre Practicum (H)*
Performance Arts*
Acting*

Visual Arts Department

Photography I*
Photography II*
Portfolio Prep I (H)*
Portfolio Prep II (H)*
Studio Art I Fall (S, H)*
Studio Art I Spring (S, H)*
Studio Art II Fall (S, H)*
Studio Art II Spring (S, H)*
Studio Art (AP)*
Color Theory (H)**

S – Standard
H – Honors
HA – Honors Accelerated
AP – Advanced Placement

* Half-credit course taught during the school year
** Half-credit course taught during the summer
+ Receives AP quality points
In the 2022-2023 school year, AP Human Geography was worth one half-credit; in years prior and following, the class is worth one full credit.



When asked, St. Mary's will report to colleges any record of academic or behavior misconduct resulting in an out-of-school suspension.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - CLASSES OF 2022-2025

Colleges listed in **bold** indicate at least one matriculated student

American University
Appalachian State University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Art Academy of Cincinnati
Auburn University
Azusa Pacific University
Ball State University
Bard College Berlin
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bennington College
Bentley University
Biola University
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, Long Beach
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Centre College
Chapman University
Christian Brothers University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Concord University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY Hunter College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Dean College
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Tennessee State University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fisk University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Harvard University

Hendrix College
High Point University
Hollins University
Howard University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Kenyon College
King University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Limestone University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Marist University
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville University
McGill University
Mercyhurst University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Milligan University
Millsaps College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Mount Holyoke College
Murray State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nottingham Trent University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oglethorpe University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University
Penn State University
Penn State University, Brandywine
Pepperdine University
Point Park University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Queen's University
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph-Macon College
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Salem State University
Samford University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University

Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Connecticut State University
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
Spring Hill College
St. Edward's University
St. John's College, Annapolis
St. John's University
Suffolk University
SUNY College at Brockport
SUNY College at Cortland
SUNY University at Buffalo
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The American University of Paris
The College of William & Mary
The College of Wooster
The Evergreen State College
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Manchester
The University of Nottingham
The University of Sheffield
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The University of Tennessee, Martin
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union University
University College London
University of Aberdeen
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Amsterdam
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Arkansas
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Glasgow
University of Greenwich

University of Hartford
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maine
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of St Andrews
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Webster University
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Western Carolina University
Western Kentucky University
Western Michigan University
Western Washington University
Westmont College
Whitman College
Willamette University
Wingate University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University

75% of the Class attending out-of-state colleges

45% attending colleges outside of the Southeast

The **73 members** of the Class of 2025 earned acceptances to **192** colleges. They matriculated to **44** different colleges in **21** states, Scotland, and Canada.