



ST. PIUS X - ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY



WELCOME FUTURE WARRIOR!

your PMA JOURNEY

STARTS HERE!



HISTORY

St. Pius X — St. Matthias Academy (PMA) was born from two distinguished Los Angeles institutions, co-ed Pius X High School (1953-1998) and all girls, St. Matthias High School (1963-2013).

In 1995, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles announced an institutional realignment as St. Matthias High School, who for 37 years had been located in Huntington Park, was welcomed onto Pius X High School's sprawling 17-acre Downey campus. The Pius X program was phased out and the school held the name St. Matthias High School from 1998-2013.



In the spring of 2012, Loyola Marymount University's (LMU) Center for Catholic Education conducted a study on potential growth options. As a result of the study, the school transitioned to co-ed, enrolling freshmen boys and girls in the fall of 2013. Our school was renamed St. Pius X — St. Matthias Academy (PMA) to honor both schools and their rich traditions.

The richness of two beloved traditions are woven into the fabric of PMA, as today's Warriors become part of the continued legacy of Pride, Virtue, and Purpose. In the fall of 2023, PMA celebrated its 10th anniversary.

THE ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

St. Pius X — St. Matthias Academy offers a Catholic University Experience for high school students. Our approach engages students in an age-appropriate academic and co-curricular program modeled after an undergraduate experience.



A UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE FOR TEENAGERS

UNIVERSITY BLOCK SCHEDULE

The unique 4x4 block schedule creates a high-achieving, low-stress approach to coursework. Warriors gain a meaningful learning experience while balancing a manageable course load each term, taking 8 courses a year.

DIVERSE SELECTION OF CLASSES

In addition to a comprehensive A-G & AP course offering, PMA's curriculum includes over 30 unique courses that span across the fields of STEM, visual & performing arts, liberal arts, business, leadership, & finance, maximizing exposure to diverse disciplines.

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

Students who enroll in the Early College Program take a series of dual enrollment coursework and are guaranteed college admissions and a substantial amount of higher education cost savings for families.



UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

In partnership with Cerritos College, the Early College Program (ECP), established in 2022, offers students the opportunity to take between 45 and 60 units of dual enrollment coursework.

Students complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), a sequence of coursework designed to matriculate students to a 4-year University.

Students who complete this program and meet GPA requirements will significantly increase their acceptance rate to universities across the nation, and be guaranteed admission to over 20 universities.



BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Increases likelihood of attending college directly after high school
- Achieve college and career readiness
- Provides a smoother transition from high school to college
- Provides an opportunity for students to explore interests, careers, and majors
- Positions students to complete an AA degree and high school diploma concurrently
- Yields a higher rates of completion of certificates and degrees
- Provides significant cost savings on college tuition
- Institutional collaboration between K12 Districts and Cerritos College provides scaffolded support to ensure equitable outcomes for all students



ONWARD SCHOLARS PROGRAM



The Onward Scholars Program (OSP) turns a scholarship into a springboard — giving students the mentorship, connections, and college access to dream bigger and go further. We select high-achieving students to receive four years of personalized support, bold opportunities, and a welcoming community to thrive in high school and beyond.

We guide our students to a college that is the best personal and financial fit.

SCHOLARSHIP

- 75% of tuition is covered for four years
- \$2,000 personal stipend to pursue academic and career interests.

MENTORSHIP

- One-on-one guidance from your on-site Program Director.
- Life skills, leadership training, and an alumni network to guide you and open doors.

COLLEGE ACCESS

- In-state and out-of-state campus visits, study smart skills, application support, and direct connections to top universities.

PROGRAM EVENTS

- Retreats (Catalina Island, Big Bear)
- Scholar Saturdays with partner high schools
- Exploring culture through field trips

Our scholars continue to succeed at top universities such as Stanford, Yale, USC, Rice University, and UCLA.





PRIDE |

Warriors share their God given gifts with the school and global community.



HONOR SOCIETIES

National Honor Society
Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
National Art Honor Society
National English Honor Society
California Scholarship Federation

CLUBS

Book Club
Black Student Union
Broadcasting Club
Community for Change
Design & Fashion Club
Dungeons & Dragons Club
Filipino & Friends Club
Filmmaking Club
Latinos Unidos
Music Club
Politics Club
Step in STEM
Students for Life
Yearbook Club



FALL SPORTS

Football

Cross Country (Co-ed)

Girls Volleyball

Cheer (Co-ed)

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

Soccer (Boys & Girls)

Cheer

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball

Softball

Boys Volleyball

Track & Field

E-Sports

FINE ARTS & THEATRE ARTS

Art 1 & 2

Ceramics 1&2

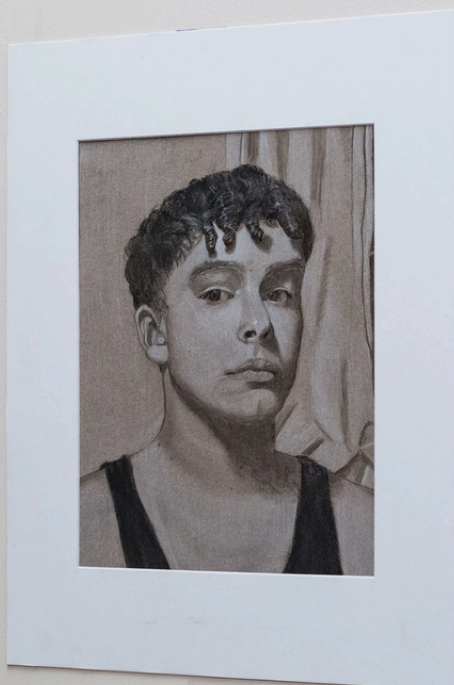
Fall & Spring Productions

Annual Art Showcase

Improv Showcase



Gianni Miller
11th Grade
"The Hero"



Koon Pella
10th Grade



VIRTUE | Warriors deepen their faith through knowledge & experience.



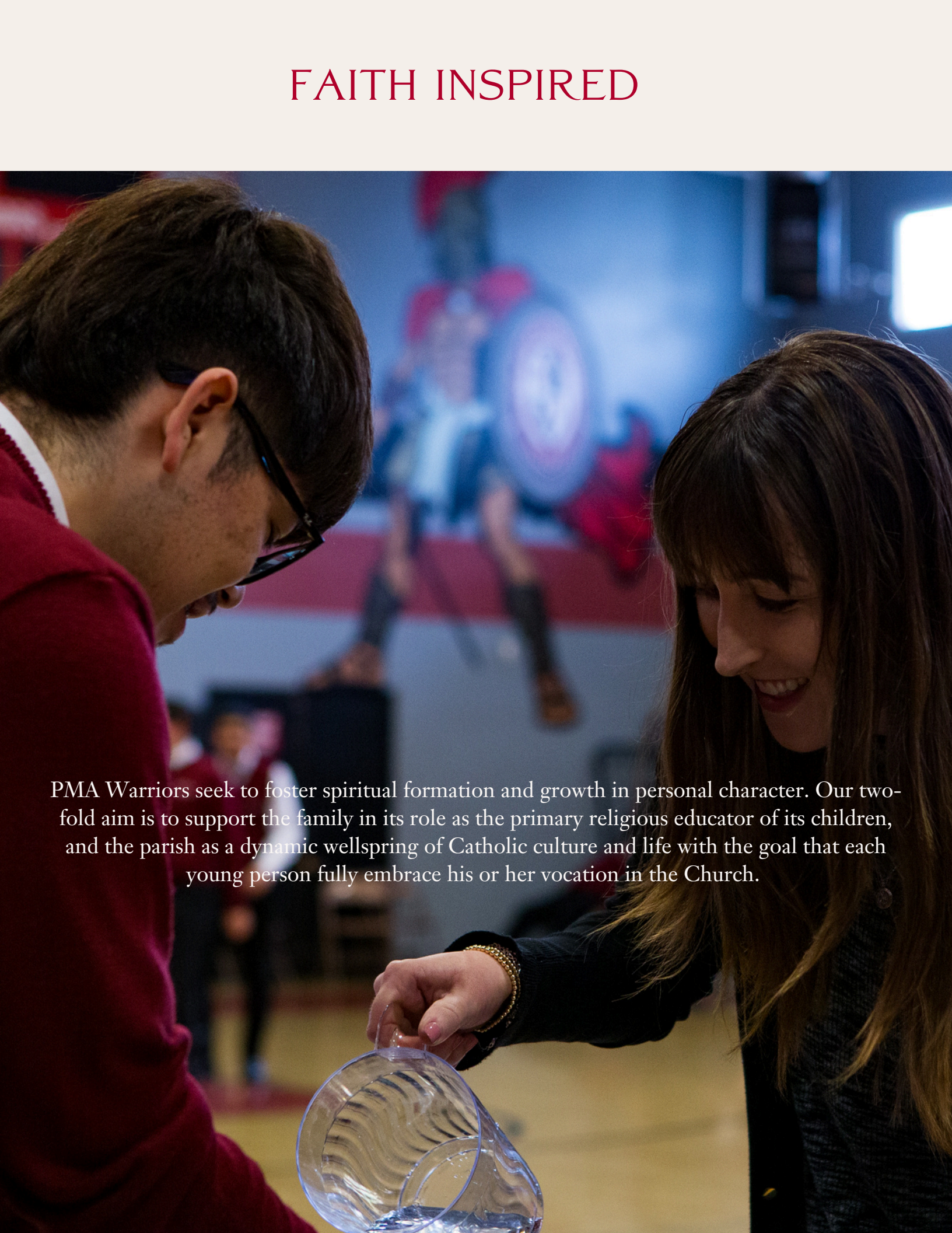
Our school embraces Catholic identity and values through the adoption of an annual theme and the following activities and programs:

- Community Prayer
 - Monthly All-School Mass
 - Monthly Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation
 - Retreats (for all grade levels)
 - Recitation & Rosary Meditation
 - Altar Serving
 - Music Ministry
 - Lectoring
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TRANSFORMATIONAL RETREAT PROGRAMS

We believe that spiritual life is foundational in the culture of the school and a cornerstone of a Catholic education. Retreats allow students to focus and deepen their interior lives through an encounter with the living God. All students have the opportunity to participate in several on and off campus retreats throughout their experience at PMA.

FAITH INSPIRED



PMA Warriors seek to foster spiritual formation and growth in personal character. Our two-fold aim is to support the family in its role as the primary religious educator of its children, and the parish as a dynamic wellspring of Catholic culture and life with the goal that each young person fully embrace his or her vocation in the Church.

PURPOSE | Students identify where their passions and talents meet the world's needs.

COURSEWORK

HONORS

- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English 9-10

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- Calculus AB
- English Language
- English Literature
- European History
- Government & Politics
- Macroeconomics
- Spanish Language
- World History
- US History

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- American Political Institutions
- Art History
- Computer Science
- Critical Thinking/Argumentative Writing
- Developmental Psych
- Elementary Reading
- Freshman Comp
- Intro Communication Studies
- Intro to Law
- Intro to Psychobiology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Spanish
- History of Rock
- Physical Geography
- Politics & US History
- Psych of Oppression
- Research Methods
- Statistics

COLLEGE PREPARATORY ELECTIVES

- Academic Decathlon
- Visual Arts II
- ASB Leadership
- Baseball
- Boys Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Business & Marketing
- Ceramics
- Ceramics II
- Chorus
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Digital Media Production
- Football
- Forensic Science
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Soccer
- Humanities
- Independent Study
- Improv
- Life Skills
- Nutritional Science & Agriculture
- Public Speaking/Creative Writing
- Softball
- Yearbook: Student Publication & Media

COLLEGE BOUND WARRIORS

Recent University Acceptances Include:

Stanford University
USC
UCLA
UC Berkeley
The University of Oklahoma
Whittier College
Brown University
Gonzaga University
Pepperdine University
Baylor University
Occidental College
University of Alabama
Boston University
California State University, Los Angeles
Loyola Marymount University
California State University, Fullerton



Rice University
Dickinson College
Washington State University
Benedictine College
Chapman University
Pennsylvania State University
University of Dallas
Michigan State University
Boston College
UC San Diego
University of Idaho
George Fox University
University of San Diego
Southern Methodist University
Marist College
Mount Saint Mary's University
University of Oregon

APPLYING TO PMA

ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW

Start your application on piusmatthias.org. Applications open September 5, 2025.

To complete your application, the following items must be submitted:

- Application: Start the application form online.
- Unofficial Transcripts: Request from your current school or upload them.
- Diagnostic Test Results: Upload STAR/CAASPP standardized test results.
- Recommendations: Provide email addresses of your Principal, English, and Math teachers.
- Optional Merit Based Scholarship Essay
- Optional OSP (Onward Scholars Program) Essay
- Parent Release of Information: Approval for document requests.



Scan & Apply!

ADMISSIONS KEY DATES

Sep. 5

Applications Open

Oct. 1

Early College Program Night

Oct. 10

Youth Athletic Info Night & Parent Reception

October 11

Admissions Info Session

Oct. 26

Open House

Nov. 15

Early Action Deadline

Dec. 3+4

Early Action Interviews

Dec. 6

Admissions Info Session

Jan. 20

Regular Decision Deadline

Jan. 26

Early Action Welcome Reception

Feb. 3+4

Regular Decision Interviews

Mar. 6

Admissions Decisions Released

TUITION & AFFORDABILITY

At St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy, we believe that a quality Catholic education should be accessible to all families. Our commitment to affordability ensures that financial barriers do not stand in the way of prospective students who seek to join our vibrant and supportive community. Tuition for the 2025-2026 year is \$12,300.

Tuition Assistance: We allocate over \$2,000,000 in need-based tuition assistance designed to help families manage the cost of education. Students receiving tuition assistance must maintain an acceptable academic & conduct record.

Scholarships: PMA provides several merit-based scholarships based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership, & service. These scholarships are awarded to recognize and support students who demonstrate exceptional promise and dedication.

Flexible Payment Plans: Understanding that every family's financial situation is unique, we offer flexible payment plans to spread the cost of tuition over the school year, making it more manageable.

How to Apply: Families interested in applying for tuition assistance or scholarships can find detailed information and application forms on our website. We encourage early application to take full advantage of the available resources.

Supportive Community: Our dedicated admissions and finance teams are here to assist you throughout the application process. We are committed to working with each family to explore all available options for making a PMA education a reality.

For more detailed information on our affordability options and to start the application process, please visit the Admissions page.



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