

The Mary Louis Academy

Educating Women of *Courage, Compassion and Excellence*

THE TOP-RANKED ALL-GIRLS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
IN NEW YORK CITY'S OUTER BOROUGHS

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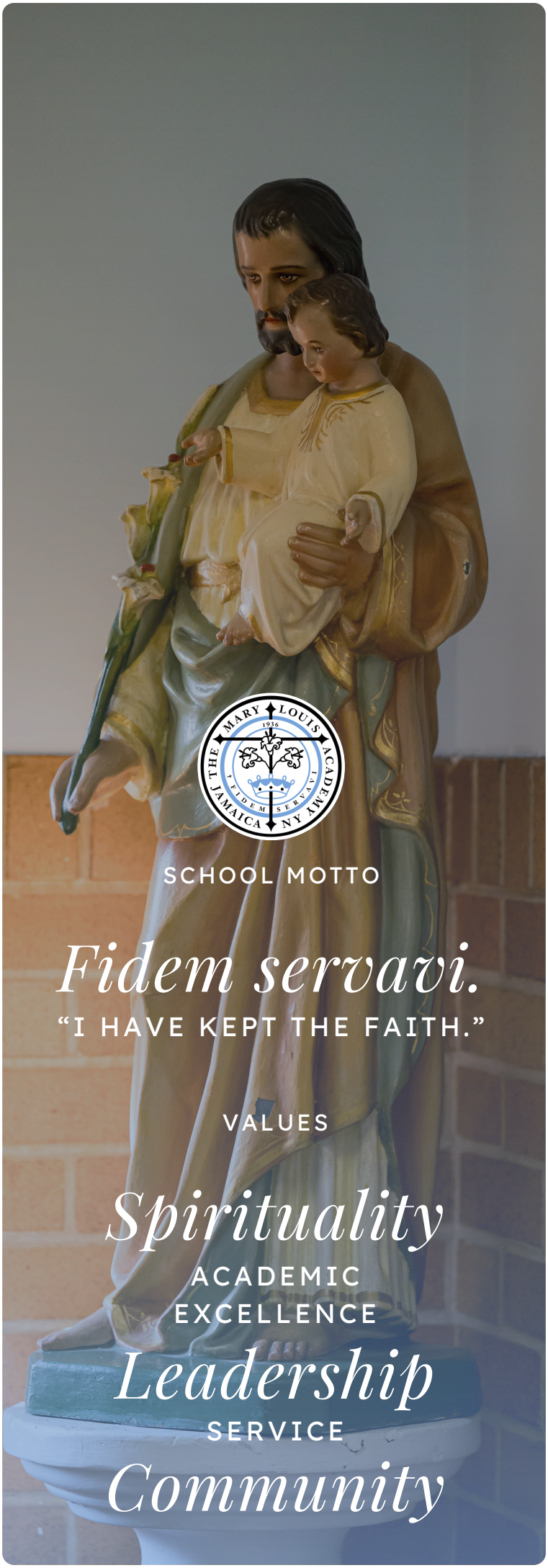

SCHOOL MOTTO

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"I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH."

VALUES

Spirituality

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Leadership

SERVICE

Community

GUIDED BY KNOWLEDGE.
GROUNDED IN FAITH.

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and she has.

TMLA+YOU

HEAR WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY: PAOLA '27

"When I first arrived at Mary Louis I felt **instantly at home**... The community is extremely **inclusive** and I know that I can reach out to anyone anytime.

When I was an 8th grader and came to the open house I knew instantly that the **opportunities offered here** are amazing and great for me."



THE TMLA *Advantage*

WHY CHOOSE US?

TMLA offers a safe, **nurturing** environment, **small classes** led by expert teachers, **exceptional college-prep academics**, personalized **guidance**, and **world-class enrichment** that **empowers young women to grow in faith, confidence,** and **purpose.**

A TMLA graduate is guided by **Catholic moral principles** and grounded in **faith, integrity,** and **intellectual curiosity.** She leads with **confidence and purpose,** values the **unique contributions of women,** and, in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph, **embraces diversity and fosters inclusivity** in every community she serves.

100 PERCENT GRADUATION RATE	11:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO
29 SPORTS TEAMS, AS THE LARGEST ALL-GIRLS SPORTS PROGRAM IN NYC	89 YEAR LEGACY OF EDUCATING WOMEN
20K ALUMNAE ACROSS THE WORLD	20 AMONG THE TOP 20 CATHOLIC AND/OR ALL-GIRLS HIGH SCHOOLS IN NY STATE (NICHE.COM)



Courses of Study
AND COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS

AT TMLA, WE PARTNER WITH FAMILIES TO NURTURE EACH YOUNG WOMAN'S UNIQUE PATH TO SUCCESS.

CLASS OF '25 AT A GLANCE

- **100%** college acceptance and enrollment
- **86%** earned the **Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation**
- **75%** took **AP** courses; **90%** enrolled in **Honors** courses
- Over **$36 million** awarded in merit scholarships
- **10%** attending college on sports scholarships

DIPLOMA DESIGNATIONS

TMLA students can choose to major in one of six areas:

- **Art**
- **Literary Art**
- **STEM**
- **Sports Medicine**
- **American History & Civics**
- **Pre-Medicine**

SELECTED COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE TMLA CLASS OF 2025

Harvard	Vanderbilt
Notre Dame	UNC Chapel Hill
Cornell	University of Florida
NYU	Northeastern
Fordham	Binghamton, SUNY
Penn State	Stony Brook, SUNY
Howard	Sophie Davis, CUNY
UCLA	Stanford
Amherst	UC Berkeley

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, AND COURSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

19 Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered. One-hundred percent of AP students take the AP exam and can earn college credit through **St. John's University's College Advantage Program.**

- **Art History**
- **Biology**
- **Calculus AB**
- **Calculus BC**
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science Principles**
- **English Language**
- **English Literature**
- **Music Theory**
- **Physics**
- **Pre-Calculus**
- **Research**
- **Seminar**
- **Spanish**
- **Statistics**
- **Studio Art**
- **U.S. History**
- **U.S. Govt. & Politics**
- **World History**

Additionally, the honors program is designed so that each student will achieve a New York State Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Students with GPAs of 3.5 and higher are eligible to join the TMLA chapter of the National Honors Society.

COLLEGE COUNSELING & THE ASPIRE PROGRAM

The Aspire Program at TMLA is a unique college prep initiative for juniors and seniors, offering a free East Coast college tour, low- to no-cost SAT/ACT prep, expert financial aid advising, and personalized college counseling. **Students may also apply for the Aspire College Endowment Grant to bridge the gap between family contribution and total college costs.**

BEYOND THE BLUE AND GOLD: NOTABLE ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

- Forbes: Top 30 Under 30 in Finance
- Miss New York
- Emmy Award
- Fulbright Fellowship
- Peabody Award
- Newbery Medal
- National Book Award

TMLA Firsts

- First Woman Admitted to Harvard Law School, **Ann Pfohl Kirby, Esq. '45**
- First Woman President of a FORTUNE 500 Company, **Susan James Kropf '66**
- First Woman President of any major television network (ABC), **Patricia Fili-Krushel '71**

Careers

- President & Chief Operating Officer - AVON
- Anchor - Inside Edition
- Special Agent - U.S. Secret Service
- President & CEO - Butler Hospital
- Children's Author

SHE LEARNS WITH PURPOSE.
SHE LEADS WITH CONFIDENCE.

And she succeeds —



100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE AND BEYOND.

EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS

Enrichment at TMLA

WITH NYC AND THE WORLD AS OUR CAMPUS, A TMLA EDUCATION DOESN'T END IN THE CLASSROOM



From a vibrant fine arts program and NYC's largest all-girls athletics program to the city's first competitive all-girls robotics team and trips both local and international—**at TMLA, learning goes far beyond the classroom.**



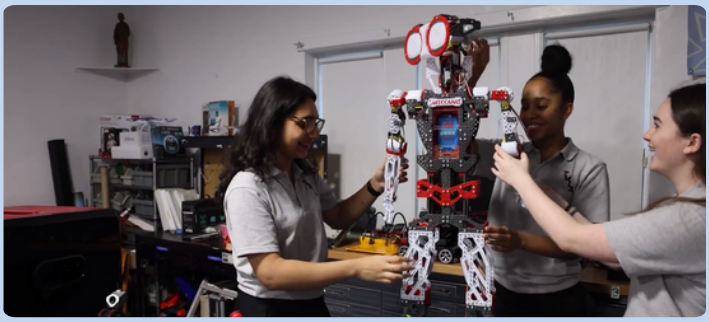
FINE ARTS

Create in our cozy **Art Cottage**, sing in **Glee Club**, play in **Orchestra**, or take center stage in our Fall Play and Spring Musical with **The Genesians**, TMLA's beloved theater club. Whether visual or performing, the arts are alive at TMLA.

ATHLETICS

Whether you're a lifelong athlete or brand new to sports, TMLA's **29 JV and varsity teams** offer something for everyone. Take it further with our **Sports Medicine major** through a specialized **diploma designation program**.





STEM & ROBOTICS

All-girls schools foster greater confidence in STEM—and our fearless robotics team, the Steampunk Penguins, are proof! As **NYC's first competitive all-girls robotics team**, they're award-winning innovators ready to welcome the next generation of trailblazers.

CLUBS & TRIPS

At TMLA, we offer **over 40 clubs** to help you explore your passions. Our clubs extend learning beyond the classroom with exciting trips, including **service excursions to Montana and Florida**, state **championships**, junior-year **college tours**, and **annual European travel**.





Student Life at TMLA

AT TMLA, OUR STUDENTS GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OTHERS, SHARE THEIR CULTURES, AND UNITE IN TRADITION

FAITH

Rooted in **Catholic tradition**, TMLA is an inclusive, **interfaith** community where students grow spiritually through **religion courses**, **retreats**, and **liturgies**. **Eucharistic Minister** opportunities deepen their faith and service. Our students identify as Catholic, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh.





SERVICE

Guided by Catholic social teaching, all students complete annual service hours. Those seeking to deepen their commitment can join the **Service Learning & Leadership Program** or the **Pax Christi** service club, empowering them to lead and serve.

EVENTS & TRADITIONS

With **88 years of history**, TMLA is rich in fun traditions and memorable events. From our **annual walk-a-thon** and **Christmas tree lighting** to **Spirit Week** competitions and teaching our Freshwomen sisters the school song, these moments connect generations of TMLA women and celebrate what it truly means to be a part of this community.





CULTURE & DIVERSITY

We are proud to be recognized among the **most diverse private high schools in New York (85th percentile) and the nation (88th percentile)**. Our diverse student body fosters cultural awareness and respect through events like the **Cultural Harmony Festival**, affinity groups, and heritage celebrations.

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Admissions Timeline

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

SEPT 8	APPLICATION OPENS FOR SCHOOL YEAR '26-'27! APPLY ONLINE	
SEPT 18	BUDDY DAYS AND TOURS START • EVERY TUES & THURS	
SEPT 20	(RECOMMENDED) SIGN-UP DEADLINE • TMLA 5-WEEK TACHS PREP STARTING 9/27	
OCT 19	FYI: FALL OPEN HOUSE • 10 AM–3 PM	
NOV 8	(RECOMMENDED) APPLY BY 10/29 TO TAKE THE TACHS EXAM ON 11/8	
DEC 31	APPLICATION + SCHOLARSHIP/AID DEADLINE (FOR 1/14 DECISIONS)	
JAN 14	DECISIONS RELEASED (FOR THOSE WHO APPLIED BY 12/31)	

BECOME A HILLTOPPER

Admissions

HOW TO APPLY

At The Mary Louis Academy (TMLA), we seek to enroll young women who demonstrate **academic promise**, **personal integrity**, and a **strong desire to contribute** to our vibrant school community. Our admissions process evaluates each applicant **holistically**, considering various factors to ensure a good fit between the student and our school's mission.

KEY ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. **Standardized Test Scores**: We consider the highest score from either of the following assessments:
   - Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools **(TACHS)** Exam, specifically the Total Achievement & Ability LPRs
   - **Grade 7 New York State ELA/Math Exams** (scores averaged)
2. **Academic Performance**: We review **Grade 7 report cards** and the **most recent Grade 8 report card** to assess academic consistency and growth in core subjects.
3. **Demonstrated Interest**: Applicants who show a strong desire to join TMLA are valued, which include **selecting TMLA as the first choice on the TACHS exam**, participating in a **Buddy Day**, and submitting a **personal statement**.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

While these factors do not determine admission, they are taken into account:

- **Legacy Status**: A sibling, mother, or grandmother who is a TMLA alumna.
- **Current TMLA Sibling**: A sibling currently enrolled at TMLA.
- **IEP Considerations**: For candidates with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), we aim to understand how to best support the student's transition from middle school to high school.
- **School Background**: Attendance at a non-Catholic school in an area with fewer viable academic options is considered.

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

REGULAR DECISION DEADLINE: RISING GRADE 9

SEPTEMBER Applications for the next school year open. TMLA's five-week TACHS Prep Course begins.

APPLY HERE!

OCTOBER Prospective students are strongly encouraged to attend our annual Fall Open House **and** sign up for a **Buddy Day** in order to experience us firsthand.

SIGN UP FOR A BUDDY DAY!

NOVEMBER Applicants are strongly encouraged to take the **TACHS exam** (TACHS registration opens via internet in **late summer** at **www.tachsinfo.com**) and list TMLA among their top three choices **(TACHS # 016)** to ensure we receive their TACHS records from their current school.

DECEMBER Applicants must upload **completed TACHS applicant records** or **final Grade 7 and latest Grade 8 report cards** to **FinalSite** (our application portal linked under "Apply Here!") by **12/31**. *Students not taking the TACHS must submit Grade 7 NYS exam scores instead.* To be considered for a **Student Sponsor Partners scholarship** or a **TMLA merit/need-based scholarship**, applicants must **also apply by 12/31**.

JANUARY Regular decisions are released by **1/14/26 via FinalSite**, along with scholarship packages.

MARCH Accepted students have **until early March** to accept their TMLA scholarship package.

APRIL Accepted students who missed the 12/31 financial aid deadline **have until 4/15 for a rolling aid decision**.

ROLLING DECISIONS: TRANSFER STUDENTS SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

We accept transfer students in **grades 9–11** from **September to December**. *Applications received after December follow rolling admissions for the next school year.*

ROLLING DECISIONS: TRANSFER STUDENTS FOR SEPTEMBER ENTRY

Transfer students for a September start may apply anytime from the **prior September through August** and will receive a decision within one business week of completing their application.

AFFORDING TMLA

Tuition

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

FACTS & FIGURES

$11,500 — **Tuition** for '25 - '26 *(annual student fee not included)*

45% — **45% of TMLA students receive a monetary award**—including discounts, scholarships, and financial aid

$500 — **One-time, non-refundable** enrollment fee required to secure your spot at TMLA

$1K - $11.5K — Aid and scholarship awards range from **$1,000 to $11,500**, with the **average award totaling $5,000**

1 Million — Annual financial aid and/or scholarships awarded to enrolled families

APPLY FOR TMLA FINANCIAL AID

APPLY FOR STUDENT SPONSOR PARTNERS

APPLY FOR CSJ SERVICE INCENTIVE

AFFORDABILITY & VALUE

TMLA offers one of the most **cost-effective** programs in NYC and Long Island—delivering **top-tier outcomes** at a **lower cost than many local schools.**

We strive to keep tuition within reach while providing an exceptional academic experience.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

- Automatically considered for all applicants—no separate application or test needed.
- Based on an applicant score weighing:
  - One standardized test result (TACHS or NYS Exam)
  - Core grades (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Awarded to students in the **85th percentile or higher** of that year's applicant pool.

FINANCIAL AID

- All families are encouraged to apply to see if they qualify - **apply by 12/31 through 4/15.**
- Aid is awarded based on each family's unique financial situation.
- See the infographic to the left for more information on how aid is distributed.
- **Pro tip:** *If you miss the merit deadline, you should still apply for financial aid to increase the likelihood of receiving monetary support.*

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

- Students *may qualify for multiple scholarships*, but **only the highest-value TMLA award will be granted.**
- TMLA scholarships **cannot** be stacked.
- Merit scholarships **can be combined with financial aid** and/or external scholarships.
- **Received a higher merit award from another school?** Share it with us—we may be able to match it!

OTHER TMLA SCHOLARSHIPS

- **CSJ Service Incentive Award**: $2,000 award (as of SY24-25) for applicants demonstrating a strong commitment to service.
- **Named Scholarships**: Awarded at the discretion of TMLA; no application required.
- **Student Sponsor Partners (SSP)**: Covers 93% of tuition for students from households earning $12,000 or less per person (e.g., $48,000 for a family of four).

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

We're here to help make a TMLA education accessible and affordable.
Contact us at **admissions@tmla.org** or **718.297.2120 ext. 233** to discuss your family's needs.

DISCOUNTS

TMLA offers the following tuition discounts:

- **Legacy Discount** (for children of alumnae)
- **Sibling Discount**
- **First Responder / Military / Veteran Discount**

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION!





ESTABLISHED SEPTEMBER 2025

TMLA Middle School

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES 6-8!

As an extension of TMLA's proud tradition, our middle school provides a nurturing, empowering environment **where girls grow in confidence, knowledge, and character.**

Why TMLA Middle School?

- **Empowering All-Girls Environment** – Build confidence, character, and passion in a space designed just for girls.
- **Personalized Support** – Small classes ensure individual attention, guidance, and encouragement.
- **Rigorous Curriculum with Regents Prep** – By 8th grade, students complete three Regents exams, giving them an academic edge.
- **Direct Path to High School** – All middle school students earn an automatic seat at The Mary Louis Academy High School.

APPLY NOW!

Acceptance decisions are shared on a rolling basis.

TUITION & FEES:

$6,000 — Tuition - no annual fee for '25 - '26!

$500 — One-time, nonrefundable fee to enroll

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

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JOIN TMLA AND THE 20,000 ALUMNAE WHO FOUND THEIR "HOME ON THE HILL."





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