# ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

*For Girls. For Life.*

## 2026-2027 PROFILE

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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

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|---|---|---|---|
| Upper School: Grades 9-12 | 252 | Total Enrollment: | 783 |
| Middle School: Grades 6-8 | 144 | Students of Color (self-identified) | 31% |
| Lower School: Grades 1-5 | 229 | Students Receiving Financial Aid | 24% |
| Early Childhood: 2 year old-SK | 158 | | |

## 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, nearly 180 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

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| Upper School Faculty and Administrators | 46 |
| Teachers with Master's Degrees | 29 |
| Teachers with Doctoral Degrees | 7 |
| 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:

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| English | 4.0 |
| Mathematics | 4.0 |
| Science | 3.0 |
| *(Biology, Chemistry, Physics required)* | |
| History | 3.0 |
| *(US History, World History I & II required)* | |
| World Languages | 3.0 |
| *(all in one language)* | |
| 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) is a one-semester course that 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. The student will consider a particular problem, formulate a hypothesis, gather data, and construct a conclusion. Evaluation of the student's work includes a research paper and an oral defense of her project.

## 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 2026 INFORMATION AND AWARDS

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

**National Merit Scholarship Program:**

5 National Merit Finalists
7 National Merit Commended Students
17% of the class recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program

**Advanced Placement Scholars:**

35 Scholars with Distinction
8 Scholars with Honors
14 AP Scholars

| ACT Testing | Mid 50% |
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| Composite | 27-32 |
| Superscore | 27-34 |
| English | 28-35 |
| Mathematics | 24-31 |
| Reading | 28-35 |
| Science Reasoning | 25-32 |

**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 2026 — 494 in 22 subjects

90% of scores were 3 or higher

64% of scores were 4 or 5

# UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

### English Department
English 9 (H)
English 10 (H)
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)*

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

### Science Department
Biology (H, HA, AP)
Chemistry (H, HA, AP)
Physics (H, HA)
Physics C: Mechanics (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)*
Engineering & Design Capstone (H)*
Psychology (AP)

### History Department
World History I (H)
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 (H)*
Global Issues I (H)**
Global Issues Advanced (H)*
Memphis & The Movement (H)**

### World Languages Department
French I
French II
French III (H)
French IV (H)
French Language and Culture (AP)
Latin I
Latin II
Latin III (H)
Latin IV (AP)
Latin V (H)
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III (H)
Spanish IV (H)
Spanish Language and Culture (AP)

### Fine Arts Department
Art History (H, AP)*
Music History (H)*
Power of Black Music in America*

### Religious Studies Department
Comparative Religion*
Holocaust and Human Behavior (H)*
Writings of C.S. Lewis (H)**
Meaning of Life (H)*
Angels and Demons in Western Literature (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 Theater Practicum (H)*
Performance Arts*
Acting*

### Visual Arts Department
Photography I*
Photography II*
Portfolio Prep I (H)*
Portfolio Prep II (H)*
Studio Art I Fall (H)*
Studio Art I Spring (H)*
Studio Art II Fall (H)*
Studio Art II Spring (H)*
Art and Design (AP)*
Color Theory (H)**

CP – College Prep
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



**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 2023-2026

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

Agnes Scott College
American University
**Appalachian State University**
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Arkansas State University
Art Academy of Cincinnati
**Auburn University**
Azusa Pacific University
Baldwin Wallace University
Ball State University
Bard College Berlin
Bates College
**Baylor University**
Belmont University
Bennington College
Bentley University
Biola University
**Boston College**
**Boston University**
Brandeis University
**Brown University**
**Bryn Mawr College**
Bucknell University
**Butler University**
Cal Poly
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, Long Beach
Carleton College
**Carnegie Mellon University**
**Case Western Reserve University**
Centre College
**Chapman University**
Christian Brothers University
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
**Clemson University**
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
**College of Charleston**
College of the Holy Cross
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
Denison University
**DePaul University**
**Dickinson College**
**Drexel University**
**Duke University**
Duquesne University
East Tennessee State University
Eckerd College
**Elon University**
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
**Emory University**
**Oxford College of Emory University**
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fisk University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida State University
**Fordham University**
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
**George Mason University**
**George Washington University**
**Georgetown University**
Georgia Institute of Technology
**Goucher College**
**Hamilton College**
Hampton University
Harding University
**Harvard University**
Hendrix College
**High Point University**
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hollins University
**Howard University**
**Illinois Wesleyan University**
**Indiana University**
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
**Johns Hopkins University**
Kenyon College
Knox College
**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
Lyon College
**Macalester College**
**Marist University**
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
**Marymount Manhattan College**
Maryville University
McGill University
Mercyhurst University
Miami University
Michigan State University
**Middle Tennessee State University**
**Milwaukee School of Engineering**
**Mississippi State University**
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Morgan 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
**Oregon State 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
Rhode Island School of Design
**Rhodes College**
**Rice University**
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
**Rollins College**
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
St. Edward's University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
**Saint Louis 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
Skidmore College
Southern Connecticut State University
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
**Southern Methodist University**
**Spelman College**
Spring Hill College
St. John's College, Annapolis
St. John's University
**Stanford University**
Stony Brook 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
Catholic University of America
The Citadel
The College of Wooster
The Evergreen State College
The Ohio State University
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Manchester
The University of Nottingham
The University of Sheffield
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Trinity University
**Tufts University**
**Tulane University**
Tuskegee University
University College London
University of Aberdeen
**University of Alabama**
University of Alabama, Birmingham
University of Alabama, Huntsville
University of Amsterdam
**University of Arizona**
**University of Arkansas**
**University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff**
**University of California, Berkeley**
University of California, Davis
**University of California, Irvine**
**University of California, Los Angeles**
University of California, Riverside
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, Manoa
**University of Illinois, 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 Memphis**
**University of Miami**
**University of Michigan**
University of Minnesota
**University of Mississippi**
University of Missouri
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina, Asheville
**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**
**University of North Carolina, Charlotte**
University of North Carolina, Greensboro
University of North Carolina, 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 Tampa
**University of Tennessee**
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
University of Tennessee, Martin
**University of Texas, Austin**
**University of Texas, Dallas**
**Sewanee: University of the South**
**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
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Carolina University
Western Washington University
Westmont College
Willamette University
**The College of William & Mary**
Wingate University
**Wofford College**
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana
**Yale University**

**80%** *of the Class attending out-of-state colleges*

**42%** *attending colleges outside of the Southeast*

The **70 members** of the Class of 2026 earned acceptances to **144** colleges. They matriculated to **43** different colleges in **22** states and DC.