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OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

ADMINISTRATION

President | *John Ciccone, Ed.M.*
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COUNSELORS

Counseling Department Chair | Mary Clare Roeder, M.Ed.
Director of Personal Counseling | Brennan Prodey, M.Ed.
Counselor | *Justin Junghans, M.S.*
Counselor | *Lana Williamson, M.Ed. LGPC*
Director of College Counseling | *Jill Kasprzak, M.A.*
College Counselor | *Bria Bourgeois, M.Ed.*
College Counselor | *Josh Lubben, M.A.*
College Counselor | *Susanna Smith, M.Ed.*
Director of Ryken Program | *Loren Bass, M.A.*
School Psychologist | *Christine Cariello, Psy.D.*

MISSION STATEMENT

At Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, a Catholic high school sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers, we inspire our students to excel, serve, and love.

COMMUNITY

Founded in 1958, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School is located in Montgomery County, MD. Admission to the school is selective and based on previous school records, teacher recommendations, and standardized testing. Students of all academic levels find success in Good Counsel's Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, STEM, Honors, and College Preparatory programs. For highly motivated students with mild learning differences, the Ryken Studies Program offers a structured, small-group learning environment. Ryken Studies Program students from the Class of 2026 earned 85 academic scholarships totaling $5.5 million. Eighty-five percent of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Enrollment is currently 1240 in grades 9 - 12 with 287 students in the class of 2027.

ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

The school is fully accredited by the State of Maryland and dually accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools (AIMS) and the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Our Lady of Good Counsel High School has twice been named as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" by the U.S. Department of Education. It is a member of the College Entrance Examination Board, the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The academic year consists of a block schedule of 75 minute periods that meet on alternate days throughout the year. Students earn a minimum of seven credits per year with 28 required for graduation.

The credit requirements are:

- Religious Studies (4)
- English (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Foreign Languages (3)
- Science (3)
- Social Studies (3)
- Fine Arts (1)
- Technology (1)
- Physical Education and Health (1.5)*
- General Electives (3.5-7)

**.5 PE credit can be earned by participating in a GC athletic team.*

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers a comprehensive, college-preparatory curriculum to all students. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and STEM courses are offered.

Advanced Placement | Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers 22 AP courses. In 2026, 1084 AP exams were given with 86% of the scores in the 3-5 range. The five year average for the percentage of AP exams passed (score of 3+) is 81%. For a full list of AP class offerings please visit **www.olgchs.org/ap**

International Baccalaureate | Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers 35 IB courses. In 2026, 21 IB subjects were examined with 38 candidates seeking the IB Diploma. GC's five-year average Diploma award rate is 77%. Students apply for entry into the International Baccalaureate program their sophomore year and begin taking the IB curriculum their junior year. Twenty-one students in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program from the class of 2026 were awarded 76 academic scholarships totaling $5.9 million. For a full list of IB course offerings please visit **www.olgchs.org/ib**

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School reserves the right to limit the number of AP classes a student can enroll in during any year. With the exception of a few courses, the majority of AP and IB classes are completed during junior and senior year.

Project Lead The Way (STEM program - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) | This nationwide curriculum introduces high school students to the basic principles of engineering. This is a four-year honors elective program exploring: Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering of Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Engineering Design and Development. Space is limited, and students must apply to participate. Forty-two students in our STEM Program from the Class of 2026 were offered 151 scholarships totaling $10.4 million. For more information about the STEM program please visit **www.olgchs.org/stem**

GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A = 90 – 100
B = 80 – 89
C = 70 – 79
D = 60 – 69
F = Below 60

Full year course calculation:

1st quarter:	20%
2nd quarter:	20%
Mid terms:	10%
3rd quarter:	20%
4th quarter:	20%
Final exams:	10%

The grade point average, which is computed cumulatively, ranges from 4.0 for an A and 1.0 for a D. Additional quality points are assigned for some courses. Students in IB and AP courses earn 1 extra quality point. Honors and STEM courses receive an additional .5 quality point.

ALL GPAS PROVIDED ON THE TRANSCRIPT ARE WEIGHTED.

Consistent with the policies of area high schools, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School does not rank students.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST SCORES/ACHIEVEMENT

Mean ACT score (Class of 2026) n = 30 students
English = 26 | Math = 24 | Reading = 28 | Science = 24 | Composite = 26

Mean SAT score (Class of 2026) n = 272 students
EBRW = 626 | Math = 605

National Merit Scholarship Program (Class of 2026)
1 – Finalist | 14 – Commended Students

College Board National Recognition Program (Class of 2026)
59 - Eligible Students

ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers more than 50 clubs and activities to serve the diverse interests of the student body. We field 40+ varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen level athletic teams in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference. Thirty-two student-athletes from the Class of 2026 received athletic scholarship offers totaling over $4.6 million.

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The Class of 2026 received offers of over **$50 million dollars** in scholarships to colleges and universities. Below is a partial list of colleges and universities offering admission to our past graduates.

American University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Bucknell University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Cornell University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
Elon University
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Hampton University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Lafayette College
LaSalle University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Manhattan College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College Of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel College
Miami University - Oxford
Michigan State University
Monmouth University
Morehouse College
Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary's University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Old Dominion University
Pace University
Penn State University
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Radford University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Salisbury University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. John's University - New York
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
Towson University
Tulane University
U of California – Berkeley
U of California - Los Angeles
U of Chicago
U of Connecticut
U of Dayton
U of Delaware
U of Florida
U of Georgia
U of Kentucky
U of Maryland – College Park
UMBC
U of Miami
U of Michigan
U of Minnesota
U of Mississippi
U of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
U of North Carolina - Charlotte
U of Notre Dame
U of Pennsylvania
U of Pittsburgh
U of Richmond
U of Rochester
U of Scranton
U of South Carolina
U of Southern California
U of Tennessee
U of Wisconsin
U of Vermont
U of Virginia
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Williams College
Xavier University
Yale University
York College of Pennsylvania