# Saint Mary's Hall School Profile 2026-2027

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## CHARACTERISTICS

- Saint Mary's Hall was founded in 1879 on the prin-ciples of knowledge, self-confidence, and respect for others.
- The school is an independent, coeducational day school for students of all faiths serving prekinder-garten through seniors in high school.
- The mission of Saint Mary's Hall is to prepare our students for success in college and fulfillment in life.

∇ 100% of our students attend college.
∇ 30% of our students receive financial aid.
∇ 47.9% of our students identify as people of color.
∇ 15: 1 Student teacher ratio.
∇ Total enrollment of 837, with 333 in Upper School.
∇ Saint Mary's Hall is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), and is a member of NACAC, TACAC, and ACCIS.

## ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

∇ Calendar I Semester
∇ Saint Mary's Hall does not rank.
∇ Students are expected to carry a minimum of 7 academic subjects each year.
∇ **AP classes and College Level classes receive an additional 1.0 weight. Honors classes receive an additional .5 weight into the GPA.**
∇ **GPA represents only work completed at Saint Mary's Hall.**
∇ Students enroll in Honors, AP, and College Level classes based on faculty recommendations.
∇ 9th graders are not eligible for AP and College Level classes.

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**Grading Scale**

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|---|---|
| A+ | 97-100 |
| A | 93-96 |
| A- | 90-92 |
| B+ | 87-89 |
| B | 83-86 |
| B- | 80-82 |
| C+ | 77-79 |
| C | 73-76 |
| C- | 70-72 |
| D+ | 67-69 |
| D | 63-66 |
| D- | 60-62 |
| F | 0-59 |

**GPA Scale:**

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|---|---|
| A+ | 4.3 |
| A | 4.0 |
| A- | 3.7 |
| B+ | 3.3 |
| B | 3.0 |
| B- | 2.7 |
| C+ | 2.3 |
| C | 2.0 |
| C- | 1.7 |
| D+ | 1.3 |
| D | 1.0 |
| D- | 0.7 |
| F | 0.0 |

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

**Research Science Scholars:** The Research Science Scholars program is a selective opportunity designed to equip students to engage in a real lab space in an informed and proactive way. Selected students partner with Saint Mary's Hall science instructors to discuss, practice, and experience lab techniques, etiquette, and applications in preparation for official internships in labs in various scientific fields. Students engage in their internship for the duration of the academic year.

**School Year Abroad (SYA):** SYA is a cultural immersion program that allows high school students the opportunity to study in Europe or Asia for a semester or academic year. Saint Mary's Hall is one of 40 independent schools across the United States and parts of Europe that are part of the SYA consortium. SYA grades are not included in the GPA reported by Saint Mary's Hall.

**Social Science Scholars:** This program was built on the conviction that the Social Sciences are academic disciplines that are vital ways of understanding the world, and of contributing to it. Students are selected into this program who have demonstrated commitment to that belief through their coursework, research, and intellectual curiosity. Students may apply for the Saint Mary's Hall Alamo Internship, the Saint Mary's Hall Alumni Oral History Project, and Student Research Scholars.

**Global Seal of Biliteracy:** The Global Seal of Biliteracy showcases our students' language skills in a universally consistent credential.

**Arts Mentorship Program (AMP):** The AMP provides mentorship and real-world experience for fine arts students with an interest in arts management. Selected students work in a learning capacity at a local art museum, or theatre, or gallery and present a culminating capstone project.

**Global Education:** The Office of Global Education & Experiential Learning prepares graduates to thrive, work, and learn globally, ensuring they are more than academically prepared; they possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to be world ready. We cultivate global competencies through the SMH vision statement. Through field experiences, cultural exchanges, camping excursions, internships, international study, and innovative curriculum design, students transfer their learning to real-world contexts, develop critical self-awareness, and appreciate diverse perspectives so they can take meaningful action on local and global issues. Financial aid allows all students to participate

**Len Miller**
Head of School

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## GUIDING STATEMENTS

**Mission:** To teach students to grow in character, lead with integrity, thrive in college, and know fulfillment in life.

**Vision:** To know oneself, to know each other, and to know the world.

**Core Values:** Community, Curiosity, Legacy, Respect, Spirituality.

**Statement of Belonging:** Saint Mary's Hall cultivates an environment where all community members are seen, safe, and valued.

**Statement of Spirituality:** Grounded in the Episcopalian tradition of our founders, we welcome and value the religious and spiritual backgrounds of all students, families, faculty, and staff.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: 26 TOTAL CREDITS

**English:** 4 credits
**World Languages and Cultures:** Must complete the third level of a language
**Social Studies:** 3 credits
**Mathematics:** 4 credits of math while in Upper School
**Science:** 3 credits
**Fine Arts:** 2 credits
**Physical Education/Athletics:** 2 credits

## REPORTING OF DISCIPLINE

Good citizenship is an expectation of all students at Saint Mary's Hall. Accordingly, we report discipline in alignment with the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission.

## COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

**Science (3 Credits)**
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Physics C: Mechanics
Astrophysics
Biology I and I Honors
Botany
Chemistry I and I Honors
College Level Research Science Scholars
Principles of Engineering
Physics I and I Honors
Principles of Robotics
Meteorology
Honors- Observational Astronomy

**Mathematics (4 Credits)**
Algebra I
Algebra II and II Honors
Analytical and Applied Algebra
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics and Statistics
Calculus
College Level Multivariable Calculus
Geometry and Geometry Honors
Pre-Calculus and Pre-Calculus Honors
Principles of Finance
Financial Investments
AP Computer Science A
Introduction to Coding and Programming
College Level Data Structures and Algorithms College Level Linear Algebra
College Level Differential Equations

**Social Studies (3 Credits)**
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP Macroeconomics
AP United States History
AP Business
College Level Collapse of Civilization
Modern Russia
College Level History of Modern Asia
College Level Cold War & Civil Rights
Global Studies I and II
Intro to Microeconomics Honors
Justice & Politics in Film Honors
Introduction to Psychology
Modern European History
Psychopathology and Neuroscience
National History Day

**English (4 Credits)**
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
Creative Writing
Rhetoric, Composition & Literature I & II
A Voice of One's Own: Building Voice Through A Writer's Community
Naming The Self: Traversing Culture & Belonging
"I, Too, Sing America": The Evolution of the American Voice
Honors- A Celebration of Voice: Advanced Writers Workshop
Honors- "Dear Basketball": A Study of Sports & Storytelling
Honors- The Price of Perfection: Dystopian Literature & The Human Condition
Honors- Confronting Borders: Navigating Identity, Culture, & Space
Honors- "Nothing Like A Madwoman": Constructing Female Madness

**World Languages (3 Credits or through the 3rd level)**
AP Latin Literature: Caesar & Virgil
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP French Language & Culture
College Level French V
College Level Latin V
College Level Spanish V
Cultural Identity of the Hispanic World
French I and II
French III and III Honors
French IV and IV Honors
Latin I
Latin II and II Honors
Latin III and III Honors
Latin IV and IV Honors
Spanish I
Spanish II and II Honors
Spanish III and III Honors
Spanish IV and IV Honors

**Athletics (2 Credits)**
Participation on any SMH Athletic Team
After School Dance: Ballet and Modern
Dance for Fitness
Ultimate Frisbee
Sports Medicine I & II
Yoga
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Yoga
Introduction to Athletic Training
Strength & Conditioning

**Interdisciplinary Studies**
College Level Echoes In The Borderlands
Feminism and Literature Transdisciplinary Research Project
Unheard Voices In The History of Science
Cultivating Life: An Interdisciplinary Exploration Between Women's Gardens & Their Impact on The World

**Fine Arts (2 Credits)**
Advanced Digital Cinema
Advanced Drawing & Painting
Advanced Photography
Advanced Sculpture & Design
Advanced Theater
Acting I, II and III
Arts Mentorship Program
Chamber Orchestra Strings
College Level Art History
College Level Studio Practice in Digital Cinema College Level Studio Practice in Drawing & Painting
College Level Studio Practice in Photography
College Level Studio Practice in Sculpture & Design
Dance
Dance for Fitness
Digital Cinema and Honors Digital Cinema
Digital Imaging and Honors Digital Imaging
Drawing & Painting and Honors Drawing and Painting
Jazz Band
Introduction to Art
Music Theory
Photography Darkroom
Sculpture and Design and Honors Sculpture and Design
Debate I, II, III and IV
Debate Honors
Speech and Speech Honors
Technical Theater
Theater Production and Theater Production Honors
Vocal Ensemble
Yearbook

**The college matriculation and acceptance list for the class of 2026 can be found at smhall.org/college-counseling.**