



The world needs
more **Mighty.**



Mother
McAuley
Liberal Arts High School





Mighty Smart.
Mighty Ambitious.
Mighty Compassionate.



Our CORE VALUES are the hallmarks of a Mercy Education.

They are the ideals we stand up for and strive to live up to.

We hold ourselves to these standards as an institution, as a community, and as individuals. Each value is interconnected and necessary as we take Mercy into the world.



Compelled by Mercy

McAuley students are steadfastly determined to take Mercy into an interconnected world. Our shared sense of social consciousness is fortified by universal empathy and a conviction that all are worthy of God's mercy. This deep awareness and compassion move us to take principled action and serve the needs of others.



Educational Courage

McAuley students welcome the challenge of pursuing their full potential in a culture of excellence, critical thinking and curiosity. Their multifaceted journey builds character while it builds essential skills. Our holistic program expects engagement, a thirst for knowledge and personal responsibility, while preparing students to thrive for a lifetime.



Inspired by Faith

McAuley students become living models of faith and forceful advocates for Gospel values. Grounded in our Catholic identity in the Mercy tradition, we welcome all faiths and are strengthened and shaped by these relationships. As we pursue a personal relationship with God, we strenuously follow Jesus Christ's example of social justice, love and service.



Principled Leadership

McAuley students are poised to lead with their unique gifts. Prepared with an ethical and moral compass, we put Mercy values into action and work assertively for what is right. We are equipped to make difficult choices, learn from our mistakes and develop high emotional intelligence. We are confident in our ability to make a positive difference and push for systematic change.



A Voice for Dignity and Respect

McAuley students honor the intrinsic value of the individual and recognize God's presence in each person. We embrace a global vision and value differences of opinion, and are unafraid to confront hostile or hurtful attitudes. By standing up for those who can't, we go beyond acceptance to help make sure everyone feels recognized and heard.

Mother McAuley is building the next generation of **empowered, confident** thinkers who bring **compassion** and **leadership** to a world that needs them.



Claim Her Space

Designing a system for every girl to rise.

"McAuley's all-girls environment has helped me grow both as a student and as a person by giving me a strong sense of confidence and independence. In the classroom, I feel more comfortable speaking up, asking questions, and taking on leadership roles without hesitation."

MAIREAD, CLASS OF 2027



Now is the time for her to discover her potential

At McAuley, young women are empowered to find their voice, embrace their strengths, and lead with confidence and compassion.

Every day, our students inspire others through their achievements in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, and in service to their communities. Rooted in faith and driven by purpose, they learn to see possibilities without limits and develop the knowledge, character, and leadership skills to make a meaningful impact. A McAuley education is more than four years—it is a foundation for a lifetime of success, service, and leadership.



GIRLS' SCHOOL GRADS ARE
**6x MORE
 LIKELY**
 TO CONSIDER MAJORING IN STEM SUBJECTS,
 COMPARED TO GIRLS WHO ATTEND COED SCHOOLS.
 Science | Technology | Engineering | Math



STUDENTS ATTENDING GIRLS'
 SCHOOLS EXPERIENCE
**HIGHER
 LEVELS OF
 SUPPORT**
 FROM THEIR CLASSMATES
 AND TEACHERS THAN DO THEIR
 PEERS AT COED SCHOOLS.

93%
 OF GIRLS' SCHOOL GRADS SAY
 THEY WERE **OFFERED GREATER
 LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** THAN
 PEERS AT COED SCHOOLS,
 AND 80% HAVE HELD LEADERSHIP
 POSITIONS SINCE GRADUATION.



COMPETITION IS VALUED

MORE BY STUDENTS AT GIRLS' SCHOOLS,
 WITH RESPONDENTS NOTING THAT THEY
WORRIED LESS ABOUT FAILURE AND
 HAVE HIGHER SELF-CONFIDENCE.



2/3
 OF STUDENTS AT GIRLS'
 SCHOOLS EXPECT TO
**EARN A GRADUATE OR
 PROFESSIONAL DEGREE**



Think Boldly

Girls thrive intellectually when they are challenged and known.

Where potential becomes purpose

At Mother McAuley, every student is encouraged to discover her strengths, embrace new challenges, and lead with confidence. Through rigorous academics, an empowering all-girls environment, and a faith-centered community rooted in the Mercy tradition, students develop the knowledge, character, and compassion to make a meaningful impact. They graduate prepared not only for success in college and career, but for lives of purpose, leadership, and service.



4 Year

SCIENCE REQUIREMENT



19

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
(AP) COURSES



7

ACADEMIC HONORS
SOCIETIES



Freshman Offerings

Availability varies; not all electives are open to all students.

Introduction to Chorus

Chorus I

Beginning Strings - Violin and Viola

Beginning Strings - Cello and Bass

Intermediate Strings

Symphony Strings Honors

Beginning Band

Concert Band

Symphonic Band

Wind Ensemble Honors

Music: From Bach to Rock

Healthy Foundations I

Healthy Foundations II

Introduction to Theatre

Drama

Acting

Technical Theatre

Public Speaking

Introduction to Drawing

Introduction to Painting

Ceramics

Sculpture

Art & Emerging Technology

AP Human Geography

Advanced World History

Drivers Education



Sample Freshman Schedule

1	7:50 - 8:32am	Theology
2	8:36 - 9:23am	Elective
3	9:27 - 10:09am	English I
4	10:13 - 10:55am	Biology
5	10:59 - 11:41am	Lunch
6	11:45am - 12:27pm	Healthy Foundations
7	12:31 - 1:13pm	World Language
8	1:17 - 1:59pm	Study
9	2:03 - 2:45pm	Algebra

*Condensed schedule on Thursdays.
Classes begin at 7:50am and dismissal at 1:42pm.*

What does Liberal Arts mean?

Our liberal arts perspective provides an unmatched, well-rounded Mercy education enriched with hands-on learning opportunities in the humanities, arts, natural and social sciences. Rooted in our mission and ministry, we prepare students not only to solve problems, but to think about them critically and compassionately, making meaningful connections in the world around them and using their knowledge in service of others.

[Scan here to view more about McAuley Academics](#)



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CREDITS REQUIRED
TO GRADUATE



13:1

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO



Course Placement

To accommodate a variety of student learners in terms of skills, abilities, and interest, Mother McAuley uses a vertical tracking system. This system allows for a variety of courses at a variety of levels. Incoming freshmen are placed based on the results of their High School Placement Test (HSPT) as well as many pieces of information received from the student's junior high school, including but not limited to grade reports, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations. Once placed, students can move up and down a track depending on performances within specific disciplines. Students must successfully complete all 28 graduation requirements in order to graduate from Mother McAuley.



Graduation Requirements

CREDITS	COURSE
4	English
3	Math
1	Physical Education
4	Science
3	Social Science
4	Theology
2	Language
.5	Personal Finance
.5	Art History
.5	Performing Arts
1	Fine Arts
4.5	Electives
28	Total Credits

Explanation of Tracks

Mother McAuley places students in three different academic tracks in English, Language, Biology and Algebra based on their ability level: honors, advanced, and academic. These tracks are fluid and may change at the end of each academic year depending on the students' level of mastery.

Academic level classes incorporate a review of basic skills with increasing focus on the higher level skill of application. These classes have a slightly smaller class setting and more teacher-facilitated instruction.

Advanced level classes focus more on higher level skills of application and analysis. The goal is to facilitate student learning so that they become more self-motivated. Advanced classes expect students to be active participants in the learning process.

Honors classes integrate higher level thinking skills of application, analysis, and synthesis of content with an expectation of more independent learning. These classes require students to take initiative, think critically, problem solve, and apply learned concepts.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are structured to align with the College Board curriculum focused on depth of content. Students in these courses are independent learners, self-motivated and able to complete assignments with minimal guidance. There is a significant amount of work outside of class. Students who enroll are required to sit for the AP test in May.



Scan here to view
all offered courses in
our Curriculum Guide





Catherine McAuley Honors Scholars

The Catherine McAuley Honors Scholars (CMHS) Program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement while providing opportunities for intellectual, personal, and leadership growth. Invited students benefit from academic advising, college and career preparation, enrichment experiences, leadership development, and holistic support throughout their high school journey. Scholars commit to maintaining high academic standards, participating in extra-curricular and program activities, and engaging in opportunities that foster excellence both inside and outside the classroom.



Scan here to learn more about the program, eligibility, benefits, and requirements

Sister Brian Costello, RSM Learning Resource Center

The purpose of the Costello Learning Resource Center (LRC) is to teach our students adaptive strategies and techniques to help them be more independent learners and successfully transition into college coursework.

Parents of 8th grade students with diagnosed learning differences or ADD/ADHD are encouraged to contact the Costello Learning Resource Program Coordinators prior to the high school entrance exam to discuss the student's academic needs and any accommodations she has been receiving at her grade school.

The Costello Learning Resource Program requires current diagnosis documentation (within three school years) to be on file at the school. This includes both of the following:

- An IEP, 504 or ICEP Plan
- A neuropsychological evaluation within the last three school years (December 2022 - December 2025)



Scan here to learn more about the Sister Brian Costello Learning Resource Center



Lead with Purpose

McAuley girls don't wait to LEAD.

"Through the wide range of opportunities offered, such as sports teams, clubs, and different programs, I've been able to explore my interests and grow in ways I didn't expect. These experiences have helped shape me into a more responsible and motivated student."

RUTH, CLASS OF 2028

A group of students are gathered around a large, colorful ribbon that has been cut into many long, thin strips. The students are smiling and looking at the ribbon. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the students and the ribbon.

Student connectedness is at the heart of the McAuley experience.

From the moment students walk through our doors, they find a welcoming environment where friendships flourish, school spirit runs deep, and every student is encouraged to belong. The energy in our hallways, that pride we share, and the meaningful connections built each day create an experience that lasts well beyond graduation.



NEARLY
800
STUDENTS - ALL GIRLS



400+
LEGACY STUDENTS



50+
CLUBS AND
ORGANIZATIONS



Scan here to learn
more about our 50+
clubs and organizations



94%
OF McAULEY GIRLS
PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE
CLUB OR ORGANIZATION



"You're upheld to live a life of Mercy as Catherine McAuley wanted. It's implemented in every class, every extracurricular, every activity, to the point that, without you even knowing, you subconsciously are leading a life of Mercy. Mercy is not just a word. You know what it means and you want to live out that Mercy tradition."

EMILY, CLASS OF 2026

Live with Mercy

McAuley girls stand up for Mercy values - for justice, for others and for themselves.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry is at the heart of the McAuley experience, inviting students to deepen their faith, discover their purpose, and live out the Mercy tradition in meaningful ways. Through prayer, reflection, service, retreats, and opportunities to grow in community, students are encouraged to explore their relationship with God and put their faith into action. Rooted in the values of compassion, service, and love, Campus Ministry helps our young women recognize their ability to make a difference in the lives of others and in the world around them.



Retreats

Retreats are a critical component of faith formation. During the first three years, the retreats reflect that year's curriculum and all students participate. As seniors, the girls are invited to attend Kairos where they deepen their sense of spirituality and faith.

Service

Through meaningful service and community engagement, students develop compassion, empathy, and a deep sense of responsibility for others. Inspired to recognize the dignity of every person and see the face of Christ in those they encounter, students actively promote peace, justice, and the common good within their families, communities, and the wider world. While students are required to complete service hours each year, many choose to go well beyond this expectation, demonstrating a lasting commitment to serving others.

Prayer and Liturgy

Prayer and liturgy are at the heart of the McAuley experience, nurturing students' spiritual growth and strengthening their relationship with God. Through daily prayer, school liturgies, retreats, and other faith-filled opportunities, students are invited to deepen their faith and live out Gospel values. Teachers begin each class with prayer, and the entire school community comes together in prayer each morning, fostering a culture of reflection, gratitude, and shared purpose.

McAULEY STUDENTS SPEND
MORE THAN

12,000

HOURS SERVING OTHERS

PEER MINISTRY

ALL SCHOOL LITURGIES

KAIROS

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

CLASS LEVEL RETREATS

MERCY WEEK

MISSION TRIPS

MONTHLY MASSES

WEEKLY COMMUNION SERVICES

DAILY PRAYER



Inspired by Creativity



FINALISTS IN THE
BROADWAY IN CHICAGO
ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL
THEATRE AWARDS

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS
HAVE RECEIVED THE
HIGHEST RECOGNITION
IN IHSA, INCLUDING
BEST OF DAY

PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS
HAVE PERFORMED AROUND THE WORLD
AS WELL AS APPEARED IN MANY TELEVISED PERFORMANCES

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS MADE IT TO THE
STATE LEVEL IN THE ILMEA COMPETITION

CHORUS PERFORMANCES HAVE RECEIVED
TOP LEVEL RATINGS IN THE IHSA
ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEST

THEATRE

Drama
Acting
Technical Theatre
Intro to Theatre
Public Speaking
Theatre Workshop I
Theatre Workshop II Honors

MUSIC

Intro to Chorus
Chorus I & II
Advanced Chorus Honors
A Cappella Honors
Mac Melody
Music Theory Workshop
Vocal Techniques
Beginning Strings - Violin & Viola
Beginning Strings - Cello & Bass
Intermediate Strings
Symphony Strings Honors
String Ensemble Honors
Beginning Band
Concert Band
Symphonic Band Honors
Wind Ensemble Honors
Music: From Bach to Rock



Performing Arts

McAuley offers a unique blend of performance and technical classroom opportunities for students, along with a comprehensive extracurricular performance schedule. The performing arts program fosters students' talents by encouraging them to perform, think critically and create works of art.



With 45 Visual & Performing Arts courses, CREATIVITY is core to the curriculum.



STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT

STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

MIDWEST SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS:

GOLD KEYS, SILVER KEYS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

IIEA AWARD WINNERS

GRANT RECIPIENTS

IHSAE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 'MILLION DOLLAR SCHOLAR'

IHSAE FACULTY EXHIBITIONS

IAEA STUDENT AND FACULTY ART EXHIBITIONS

VISUAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

Intro to Drawing
Intro to Painting
Animation
Ceramics
Sculpture
Clay Sculpture and Wheel Throw
Art and Emerging Technology
Graphic Design
Studio Art Honors
Journalism II Honors - Yearbook & Newspaper
Journalism I - Yearbook & Newspaper
Art History
AP Art History
Photography I & II
Illustration / Digital Illustration on the iPad
Advanced Drawing
Advanced Painting
AP Art and Design
Architectural Drawing, Design, and Computer Aided Design (CAD)



Visual Arts & Technology

The Visual Arts & Technology Department offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to challenge and inspire young women through creative exploration and hands-on learning. Students engage their imaginations, develop flexible and critical thinking skills, build confidence through disciplined effort, and achieve the technical and artistic skills needed for personal expression. Along the way, they discover their unique creative voice and build portfolios that support future academic study and career opportunities.



\$1,736,000+
IN TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Play Like a Champion

**Formation happens everywhere.
Not just in the classroom.**

'I have been given so many new opportunities through clubs and sports, but in particular, I'm so glad I got to be part of flag football, a new sport at McAuley, because it gave me the chance to try something new that I probably never would have tried otherwise.'

SHANNON, CLASS OF 2028



Student Athletes

Mother McAuley is home to the winningest girls athletic program in Illinois, with more state championships than any other all-girls high school. Our storied tradition of excellence has shaped championship teams and student-athletes who have competed—and succeeded—at the highest levels across the state and nation for decades.



BASKETBALL
BOWLING
COMPETITIVE CHEER
CROSS COUNTRY
DIVING
GOLF
FLAG FOOTBALL
LACROSSE
SOCCER
SOFTBALL
SWIMMING
TENNIS
TRACK
VOLLEYBALL
WATER POLO
WRESTLING



Mighty Champions

With **16 sports** and multiple levels of competition, McAuley provides every student-athlete the opportunity to grow, compete, and excel while developing the confidence, discipline, and leadership that extend far beyond the game.



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STUDENT ATHLETES SIGNED
LETTERS OF INTENT
TO PLAY COLLEGIATE SPORTS IN
THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

575+

STUDENTS ROSTERED ATHLETES FOR
THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

MORE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

THAN ANY OTHER ALL GIRL
SCHOOL IN THE STATE

21

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

50+

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL
STATE APPEARANCES

50+

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Go Further

**She possesses the Mightiest power of all:
She's proud to be exactly who she is.**



"I've also grown academically because of the wide variety of courses McAuley offers. I always challenge myself by taking more advanced classes, and through these experiences I know that the teachers and coursework are preparing me for college and future opportunities in the world."

NATHALY, CLASS OF 2028

EARNED AN AVERAGE OF

\$371,000+

PER STUDENT IN SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS FROM
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES NATIONWIDE



Class of 2026



29,000+
ALUMNAE

100%

ACCEPTED TO COLLEGES /
UNIVERSITIES

93%

ATTENDING
4-YEAR COLLEGES

15%

ILLINOIS
STATE SCHOLARS

13%

AP SCHOLARS WITH
DISTINCTION

39%

WITH A 4.0 OR HIGHER GPA

THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

AF
UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE ACADEMY


ILLINOIS WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY

Ψ
INDIANA UNIVERSITY


SAINT MARY'S
COLLEGE
NOTRE DAME, IN

UNIVERSITY of

DAYTON



\$72 Million+

IN MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
TO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The conveniently located campus is accessible by foot and bicycle or via car, CTA, point-to-point bus service, Metra and PACE bus.

Travel to McAuley

Make McAuley your final destination.

Driving

Located on the southwest side of Chicago, students have the ability to drive to our campus. Junior and Senior students can drive to McAuley but must purchase a parking pass.

Point-to-Point Bus Service

Mother McAuley and Brother Rice offer point to point bus service to the following areas:

- Alsip
- Bridgeport
- Homewood
- Lansing
- Midlothian
- Midway Region
- Northwest Indiana
- Orland Park
- Palos Heights
- Tinley Park
- Western Suburbs

CTA/Pace Bus

The CTA/Pace Bus is an option offered to both McAuley and Brother Rice students. Students may purchase a Ventra bus pass at the beginning of the school year.

Metra

We offer transportation to and from the Oak Lawn and Beverly Metra Train Stations. Students are responsible for their own Metra fare. Visit metra.com for more information on train schedules and fees.

Mother McAuley is located on 99th Street, three blocks east of Pulaski in an educational community. The school shares a campus with Saint Xavier University, Brother Rice High School and Mercy Circle. Mother McAuley is committed to providing students with the most efficient, affordable and safest transportation possible.





Tuition, Scholarships & Financial Aid



**Scholarships for the
Class of 2031 will
open on Saturday,
December 5, 2026.**

MORE THAN
68%
OF THE INCOMING FRESHMAN CLASS
WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

CLASS OF 2030 RECEIVED
\$1,090,800
IN MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
OVER THEIR 4 YEARS



Tuition

McAuley offers more opportunities for scholarships than any other Catholic high school. **Tuition is \$15,700 for the 2026-2027 school year.**

Family Discount

A \$750 tuition discount is given to the second and subsequent daughters attending Mother McAuley at the same time. If a sibling attends Brother Rice at the same time as their sister attends McAuley, the family will receive a \$500 discount on McAuley tuition.

Legacy Award

McAuley offers a \$1,000 legacy award to any incoming first year student whose mother graduated from McAuley.



Mother McAuley offers a variety of scholarships recognizing academic achievement, financial need, community service, and other talents. **Students must take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Mother McAuley to be eligible for scholarships.** Admission decisions are based on HSPT performance, grade school report cards, previous standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations.



Scan here to explore scholarship opportunities, review eligibility requirements, and pre-register for the entrance exam

This is Where Mighty Begins!



**Schedule a
SHADOW DAY!**



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@FutureMacs 

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For more information, call or email our
Enrollment Office: (773) 881-6514
admissions@mothermcauley.org



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Important Events

October 14, 2026

Drink Coffee, Meet McAuley

October 20, 2026

Drink Coffee, Meet McAuley
(Accommodations)

November 2, 2026

Open House

November 13, 2026

Pre-Registration Opens
Online for Entrance Exam

November 17, 2026

Drink Coffee, Meet McAuley

December 3, 2026

One Last Look Open House

December 5, 2026

Entrance Exam for
8th Grade Girls

December 14, 2026

Deadline for Financial Aid

January 5, 2027

Scholarship Application
Deadline

January 2027

Admissions Acceptance
Letters Mailed

February 1, 2027

Admissions Notifications

February 2027

Scholarships Awarded

February 16, 2027

Registration I

February 18, 2027

Registration II