



Saint Mary's Junior-Senior High School

School Profile 2007-2008

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THE SCHOOL:

St. Mary's Junior/Senior High School is a college preparatory school sponsored by Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in the Diocese of Worcester, MA.

Enrollment: 145

Class of 2008: 24

A member of the National Catholic Education Association. An elementary (K-6) school is attached to the high school.

ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent – Stephen A. Perla
Headmaster – Rev. Thaddeus Stachura
Principal – Michael E. Dudek
Dir. of Guidance – Donald Cushing

HISTORY:

Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the first senior class graduated in 1940, and since then St. Mary's High School has established itself as "the small school with the big spirit," with its students earning many top academic and athletic honors. Although the school was founded to serve the needs of Worcester's growing Polish community, during the first part of the 20th century, the student body is now a mixture of many cultures. At present, the entire lay faculty continues the school's tradition of blending academics with Catholic principles. This tradition carries on through the affiliation with Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish.

THE COMMUNITY:

Saint Mary's is located in the Vernon Hill section of Worcester, Massachusetts. Centrally located, Saint Mary's Elementary and Jr/Sr High School are easily accessible via routes 290, 146, and 9. St. Mary's is a small, private Roman Catholic high school comprised of a diverse student body in grades 7 through 12.

FACULTY:

There are 15 full-time teachers. Student-teacher ratio is 12:1.

MISSION STATEMENT:

As a Catholic community of learners, Saint Mary's is dedicated to the formation of the whole person in Christ by fostering the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional maturation of its members. All members of our community are called to meet the challenge of integrating Catholic moral and social values with the discovery of truth and knowledge in God's world.

In the light of the call from the Lord, Saint Mary's Jr/Sr High School sets the following objectives:

Spiritual

1. To lead students to a deeper personal relationship with God through opportunities for worship and prayer;
2. To teach by word and example the Gospel values and the Tradition of the Catholic Church in a sound religious curriculum;
3. To foster a community of faith and hope to meet the challenges and difficulties that are experienced in the world;
4. To promote projects of service as a means of developing leadership and commitment to the school, community and society;
5. To continue the formative process of developing self-awareness and self-esteem in all aspects of human relationships and values.

Intellectual/Culture

1. To stimulate a desire to learn not only for school but for life; become life-long learners;
2. To strive for academic excellence;
3. To provide a basic curriculum stressing fundamental academic skills;
4. To provide an academic program which will prepare each student for college and/or a career;
5. To cultivate an understanding and appreciation of cultural and historical heritages, particularly the impact of Christianity on Western society.

Social

1. To further the development of a social consciousness which will inspire students to act for peace and justice;
2. To provide extracurricular activities that promote interest and involvement in all aspects of human development;
3. To provide opportunities for leadership and service within and beyond the school community;
4. To maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning through consistent standards of discipline;
5. To challenge students to a Christian response to today's social, economic and ecological problems.

Non Scholae Sed Vitae
Not Only for School, But For Life

COURSE OFFERING:

The curriculum is designed to adhere to the admissions requirements of private and public colleges and universities.

Religion Department

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| Grade 7 | Study of Jesus |
| Grade 8 | Church History |
| Grade 9 | Old Testament |
| Grade 10 | New Testament |
| Grade 11 | Catholic Church Teaching |
| Grade 12 | Philosophy of Religion / Ethics |

English Department

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| Grade 7 | English & Grammar I Reading Fundamentals (+1 semester) |
| Grade 8 | English & Grammar II |
| Grade 9 | English I |
| Grade 10 | English II |
| Grade 11 | American Literature |
| Grade 12 | AP English or British Literature |

Mathematics Department

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| Grade 7 | Pre-Algebra I or Pre-Algebra II Math Fundamentals (+1 semester) |
| Grade 8 | Pre-Algebra II or Honors Algebra I |
| Grade 9 | Algebra I or Honors Geometry |
| Grade 10 | Geometry or Honors Algebra II |
| Grade 11 | Algebra II or Honors Pre-Calculus |
| Grade 12 | *AP Calculus or Advanced Math |

*AP or Honors Calculus level depending on skill of students.

Science Department

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| Grade 7 | Environmental Science / Lab |
| Grade 8 | Life Science / Lab |
| Grade 9 | Physical Science / Lab |
| Grade 10 | Biology / Lab |
| Grade 11 | Chemistry / Lab |
| Grade 12 | *AP Biology or Physics |

*New courses to be offered for 2008-2009 academic year
~7/8th grade participate in diocesan science fair every other year. High School students have the opportunity to conduct and participate in the Worcester Regional Science & Engineering fair (WPI).

Social Studies Department

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| Grade 7 | Civics |
| Grade 8 | World History I |
| Grade 9 | US History I |
| Grade 10 | US History II |
| Grade 11 | *AP History or Modern World History |
| Grade 12 | *AP History or Law & Current Events |

*AP European History and AP US History alternate every other year.

Grading Scale:

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| A+ | 97-100 | 4.0 | C+ | 77-79 | 2.2 |
| A | 93-96 | 3.7 | C | 73-76 | 1.9 |
| A- | 90-92 | 3.4 | C- | 70-72 | 1.6 |
| B+ | 87-89 | 3.1 | D+ | 67-69 | 1.3 |
| B | 83-86 | 2.8 | D | 65-66 | 1.0 |
| B- | 80-82 | 2.5 | F | 64-0 | 0 |

Foreign Language Department

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| Grade 8 | Intro to French & Intro to Spanish (1 semester each) |
| Grade 9 | Spanish I or French I |
| Grade 10 | Spanish II or French II |
| Grade 11 | Spanish III or French III |

Electives

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| Grade 12 | Introduction to Psychology Anatomy & Physiology |
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Technology and Business Department

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| Grade 7 | Intro to Microsoft Office I |
| Grade 9 | Intro to Microsoft Office II |
| Grade 12 | Multimedia Resources Journalism Accounting |

Enrichment Courses

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| Grade 8 | Art |
| Grade 10 | SAT Prep I |
| Grade 11 | SAT Prep II |

Physical Education Department

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| Grade 7-10 | Physical Education |
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RECENT ST. MARY'S GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING:

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| + American University | + Quinnipiac University |
| + Anna Maria College | + Regis College |
| + Assumption College | + Sacred Heart University |
| + Babson College | + Salve Regina University |
| + Bentley College | + Stonehill College |
| + Boston College | + Springfield College |
| + Boston University | + St. Anselm College |
| + Brandeis University | + St. Joseph College (ME) |
| + Bryant University | + St. Michael's College |
| + Catholic University | + Suffolk University |
| + Clark University | + Trinity College |
| + Colby College | + Univ. of Conn. |
| + College of the Holy Cross | + Univ. of MA |
| + Fordham University | + Univ. of Vermont |
| + Harvard University | + Union College |
| + Merrimack College | + Villanova University |
| + Nichols College | + Westfield State |
| + Northeastern University | + WPI |
| + Providence College | + Worcester State |

Class of 2008 SAT Results (as of 11/07):

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| Number of Students Testing: | 18 |
| Mean Crit. Reading Score: | 516 |
| Mean Math Score: | 487 |
| Mean Writing Score: | 528 |
| Mean Total: | 1531 |