



St. Mary's Junior/Senior High School

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School Profile 2014-2015

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.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent – Dr. Delma Josephson
Pastor – Rev. Richard Polek
Principal – Adam Cormier
Guidance – Cynthia Ahearn
Support Services – Jaclyn Dutton

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

St. Mary's is located in the Vernon Hill section of Worcester. Centrally located, St. Mary's Elementary and Junior/Senior 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 11 full-time teachers. Student-teacher ratio is 8:1.

St. Mary's Commitment

As a Catholic community of learners, St. 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, St. Mary's Junior/Senior High School sets the following objectives:

Spiritual

To lead students to a deeper personal relationship with God through opportunities for worship and prayer;

To teach by word and example the Gospel values and the Tradition of the Catholic Church in a sound religious curriculum;

To foster a community of faith and hope to meet the challenges and difficulties that are experienced in the world;

To promote projects of service as a means of developing leadership and commitment to the school, community and society;

To continue the formative process of developing self-awareness and self-esteem in all aspects of human relationships and values.

Intellectual/Culture

To stimulate a desire to learn not only for school but for life; become life-long learners;

To strive for academic excellence;
To provide a basic curriculum stressing fundamental academic skills;

To provide an academic program which will prepare each student for college and/or a career;

To cultivate an understanding and appreciation of cultural and historical heritages, particularly the impact of Christianity on Western society.

Social

To further the development of a social consciousness which will inspire students to act for peace and justice;

To provide extracurricular activities that promote interest and involvement in all aspects of human development;

To provide opportunities for leadership and service within and beyond the school community;

To maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning through consistent standards of discipline;

To challenge students to a Christian response to today's social, economic and ecological problems.

COURSE OFFERING

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

Religion Department

- Grade 7 Introduction to Old Testament
- Grade 8 Introduction to New Testament
- Grade 9 The Revelation of Jesus Christ in n
Scripture and Who is Jesus Christ
- Grade 10 The Mission of Jesus Christ and
Jesus Christ Continues his Mission in
the Church
- Grade 11 Sacraments as Privileged Encounters
with Jesus Christ and Life in Christ Jesus
- Grade 12 History of the Church

English Department

- Grade 7 Literature I (Adventures in Literature)
English Fundamentals
- Grade 8 Literature II (Identity in Literature)
English Fundamentals II
- Grade 9 Literature III (Genres in Literature)
English Fundamentals III/Creative
Writing
- Grade 10 Literature IV (American Literature)
Composition & Rhetoric
- Grade 11 Literature V (British Literature)
- Grade 12 AP English or Senior Seminar

Mathematics Department

- Grade 7 Pre-Algebra I or Pre-Algebra II
- 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 *Calculus or Advanced Math

Science Department

- 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 Chemistry or Physics / Lab

~7/8th grade participate in diocesan science fair every other year. High School students have the yearly opportunity to conduct and participate in the Worcester Regional Science & Engineering fair (WPI).

Social Studies Department

- Grade 7 Civics/ Geography
- 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 Psychology

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

*AP or Honors level depending on skill of students.

Foreign Language Department

- Grade 9 Spanish I or French I
- Grade 10 Spanish II or French II
- Grade 11 Spanish III or French III

Electives

- Grade 7/8 Technology Classes
- Grade 11/ 12 Introduction to Psychology
Anatomy & Physiology
Journalism
Web-design

Physical Education Department

- Grade 7-10 Physical Education

Grading Scale:

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

RECENT ST. MARY'S GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Class of 2014 SAT Results (as of 9/13):

Number of Students Testing:	13
Mean Crit. Reading Score:	466
Mean Math Score:	468
Mean Writing Score:	450