

# St. Mary High School

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What are the graduation requirements?

Twenty-five credits are required for a St. Mary diploma. One credit is equal to a yearlong class, and a one semester class earns .5 credit.

- Theology: 4 years, or each year enrolled
- English: 4 years
- Social Studies: 4 years
- Mathematics: 3 years\*
- Science: 3 years
- Foreign Language: 1 year\*\*
- Health/PE: 1 year
- Computers: 1 year
- Fine Arts: 1 year, plus Electives to complete at least 25 units.



Mathematics in the senior year highly recommended.

\*\*Two years of foreign language recommended.

This info can be also found in the school handbook.

### What will my student's daily schedule be like?

The high school schedule consists of 8 class periods that meet daily for 43 minutes in length or a block of 89 minutes three days/week. Students take 5 core classes, 2 electives and an academic center (seminar).

### What are the uniform requirements?

Students in 6th-12th grade wear polo shirts in white, navy, light blue, grey, cobalt, or a white button down with navy or khaki bottoms. Please review the dress code handbook before purchasing any clothing. The annual **Used Uniform Sale** is a great option for purchasing gently used uniforms at a discounted price. Pop-up sales happen several times a year and arrangements can be made outside of these times on an as-needed basis.

### Are there PE uniforms?

St. Mary PE uniforms are required for those taking PE classes and are ordered by families at the beginning of the school year. A PE locker is assigned where students can keep gym shoes, gym clothes, and any personal hygiene items.

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### Are lockers assigned?

Yes, the lockers are assigned at the beginning of the school year. Locks are available upon request.

### Will my student be prepared for college/career?

Yes! St. Mary School academics are geared towards college preparedness and career readiness. Many St. Mary School alumni have attended prestigious universities and colleges throughout the state and country after graduation, joined the Armed Forces and started skilled jobs.

### Are volunteer hours required to graduate?

All high school students are encouraged to complete the hours of service designated to his/her grade level. Students who complete the yearly service hours will be recognized with a certificate at the high school awards night. High school students who complete 50 hours or more of service will be recognized at graduation with a service chord. Transfer students must complete service hours during years which they attended St. Mary School to receive a service chord.

### What are Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses? Are they offered at St. Mary School?

St. Mary School offers a variety of advanced classes. Core classes have an Honors section which is integrated into the course work by the subject area teacher. Advanced Placement courses are electives and are offered virtually. Advanced Placement is a program run by the College Board (the makers of the SAT) that allows students to take special high school courses that can earn them college credit and/or qualify them for more advanced classes when they begin college. Honors, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrolled grades are weighted differently. See the handbook for specific information.

### What is Dual-Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment classes are offered virtually or outside of the school day as electives. This opportunity is for high school junior and senior students to take college classes and count credit from these classes for both high school and college credit. Most students enroll through Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). Students must have minimum of a 3.3 GPA and pass an entrance exam at the college. ACT/SAT qualifying scores maybe necessary as well.

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### What is CTC?

Northwest Education Services (North Ed) Career Tech is a career and technical education school serving more than twenty high schools and over 1,100 juniors and seniors in the northwest lower peninsula of Michigan. The center offers training in 21 career fields utilizing the latest technology and state-of-the-art equipment. North Ed Career Tech and regional schools share great pride in preparing students for immediate job placement, postsecondary education, or military service. Leelanau County students who enroll in CTC take classes during the morning session and then return to their school to take core classes required for graduation. There is a public-school bus provided to transport students to CTC. Enrollment for the CTC program is in early spring of the 10th grade year.

### What athletic & enrichment opportunities are available?

#### Fall Sports

Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country  
Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball  
Girls and Boys Varsity Tennis\*  
Boys JV and Varsity Football\*\*  
Boys Varsity Soccer\*\*

#### Winter Sports

Girls and Boys JV/Varsity Basketball  
Girls and Boys Varsity Alpine Skiing\*  
TC Bay Reps Varsity Hockey

\*Glen Lake Co-Op

\*\*Suttons Bay Co-Op

#### Spring Sports

Girls Varsity Softball  
Girls Varsity Soccer\*\*  
Boys and Girls Varsity Track  
Boys Varsity Baseball

#### Extracurriculars & Enrichment

Business Professionals of America  
Church Choir  
National Honor Society  
Student Council  
Students for Life  
Youth Advisory Council  
Drama/Theater  
Robotics Team\*\*

# My Notes