



SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2014-2015

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ABOUT SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

Saint Mary's School is an independent, Episcopal, college-preparatory, boarding and day school dedicated to academic excellence and personal achievement for girls in grades 9-12. Established in 1842, the school offers a comprehensive range of academic and extracurricular opportunities enabling girls to be successful in college and today's global economy. The historic, residential twenty-three acre campus is located in downtown Raleigh within easy driving distance of world-renowned Research Triangle Park and the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

STUDENTS

Our **273 students** hail from **13 states** and **5 countries**. **Ten percent** are from traditionally underrepresented minority groups and **ten percent** are international students. **Forty-seven percent** of students are boarders. **Thirty-one percent** of students receive need-based financial assistance. Typically, one hundred percent of Saint Mary's School students matriculate at four-year colleges and universities. **There are 76 students in the Class of 2015.**

FACULTY

The faculty consists of **30** full-time and **6** part-time instructors with an average of **15** years of classroom teaching experience. **Eighty-three percent** of faculty members hold advanced or terminal degrees in their field. The average class size is **12** and the student to faculty ratio is **8:1**.

ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Saint Mary's School holds dual accreditation by the **Southern Association of Independent Schools** and the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**, and is a member of the following organizations: **National Association of Independent Schools**, **North Carolina Association of Independent Schools**, **National Coalition of Girls' Schools**, **The College Board**, **The Association of Boarding Schools**, **National Association for College Admission Counseling**, **Southern Association for College Admission Counseling**, and the **Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools**.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Saint Mary's School strives, through its academic curriculum to challenge each student to embrace the habits of an intellectual life. The faculty work to prepare each student to take responsibility for herself and for her future. We intend that graduates of Saint Mary's School develop the habits of lifelong learners, building their skills on a foundation marked by core knowledge of a liberal arts curriculum, with intentional development of clear communication, effective collaboration, intellectual creativity, critical thinking, global awareness and character.

The curriculum consists of college preparatory academics in all subject areas. Honors courses are available in each department and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available across the curriculum. The School offers 16 AP and 27 honors courses. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam. ***Enrollment in an AP course before 11th grade is highly unusual. The School also recommends that students not take more than two AP courses in 11th and not more than four AP courses in 12th.*** Student course selections are made under the guidance of academic advisors and teachers with individual student goals and abilities in mind.

The school year is divided into two semesters, and the normal course load is five or six courses per semester. Diploma requirements include a minimum of 20 units, including:

- English 4 units
- Social Studies 4 units, including .5 unit of Philosophy and .5 unit of Government
- Mathematics 3 units, including 1 unit beyond Algebra II
- Science 3 units, including 1 unit of biology and 1 unit of a physical science
- World Language 2 units, including 2 consecutive units of the same language
- Visual & Performing Arts 1 unit
- Electives 3 units

All students are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of community service per school year.

Grading Scale and Grade Point Average

A+ 100-97; A 96-93; A- 92-90; B+ 89-87; B 86-83; B- 82-80; C+ 79-77; C 76-73; C- 72-70; D 69-65; F 64-0

The school transcript includes both the weighted and the unweighted grade point averages (GPA). In computing the weighted GPA, AP courses receive two (2) additional quality points, and honors courses receive one (1) additional quality point. Reported GPAs are based solely on coursework completed at Saint Mary's School. Due to the small size of each class and the rigorous nature of the academic program, **we do not rank our students.**

STANDARDIZED TESTS

<i>SAT Reasoning</i>	<i>Mid 50% CR</i>	<i>Mid 50% M</i>	<i>Mid 50% WR</i>	
Class of 2015*	490-610	510-640	520-600	*through June 2014
Class of 2014	510-660	560-660	530-700	
Class of 2013	530-670	510-690	520-670	

SAT Subject Tests (Classes of 2014 and 2015)

<i>Test</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i># of Tests</i>	<i>Test</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i># of Tests</i>
Biology-Ecology	653	3	Math Level I	660	6
Biology-Molecular	680	7	Math Level II	690	21
Chemistry	684	7	Physics	662	6
English Literature	634	5	U.S. History	663	23

The Class of 2015 includes 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist, 1 National Hispanic Recognition Scholar, and 3 National Merit Commended Scholars.

The Class of 2014 included 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist and 2 National Merit Commended Scholars.

Advanced Placement

<i>Year</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Exams</i>	
2014	111	246	71% of students passed with a score of either 3, 4 or 5
2013	101	240	79% of students passed with a score of either 3, 4 or 5
2012	114	252	71% of students passed with a score of either 3, 4 or 5

COURSE OFFERINGS 2014-2015

English Department

English I: World Voices
Honors English I: Honors World Voices
English II: Western Literature
Honors English II: Honors Western Literature
English III: American Literature
Honors English III: Honors American Literature
AP English III Lang. & Comp.: American Lit.
Honors English IVA (semester): British Lit.
Honors English IVB (semester): British Lit.
AP English IV Lit. & Comp.: British Lit.
English: Creative Writing Fiction
Honors English: Creative Writing Fiction
English: Creative Writing Non Fiction
Honors English: Creative Writing Non Fiction
Senior Pathways

Humanities and Social Sciences Department

Foundations in Contemporary History
World History I
Western Civilization
Honors Western Civilization
United States History
Honors United States History
AP United States History
United States Government (semester)
AP United States Government and Politics
History and Theology of Christianity (semester)*
Origins of Western Thought (semester)*
World Religions (semester)*
AP Psychology
**satisfies .5 unit Philosophy requirement*

Mathematics Department

Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Honors Pre-Calculus
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Advanced Functions and Trigonometry

Science Department*

**All science courses are full-year with labs*

Biology
Honors Biology I
Honors Biology II
AP Biology
Chemistry

Honors Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Physics
Honors Physics
AP Physics I
AP Environmental Science
Marine Science

World Languages Department

Beginning with 2014-2015, AP offerings in World Languages include French, Spanish and Latin. Prior to this year, Honors Advanced level languages were the highest level of language study available.

French I
French II
Honors Intermediate French: French Civilization
Honors Intermediate French: Conversation and Composition
Honors Advanced French: Conversation and Composition
Honors Advanced French: Francophone Culture and Civilization
AP French
Latin I
Latin II
Honors Intermediate Latin: Composition and Conversation
Honors Advanced Latin: Literature-Prose
Honors Advanced Latin: Vergil-Poetry
AP Latin
Spanish I
Spanish II
Honors Intermediate Spanish: Grammar and Conversation
Honors Intermediate Spanish: Hispanic Cultures and Comp.
Honors Advanced Spanish: Hispanic Literature
Honors Advanced Spanish: Conversation and Composition
AP Spanish

Visual and Performing Arts Department

Introduction to Theatre
Wardrobe: Elements of Design & Management
Chorale | Honors Chorale
Chamber Music Program (Instrumental Ensembles)
Honors Fundamentals of Music
Honors Aural Skills I | Honors Aural Skills II
Honors Chamber Choir
Applied Music Instruction
Graphic Design and Digital Photography
Foundation Art I | Foundation Art II | Honors Art III
Honors Art Portfolio
AP Art Portfolio
Elementary Ballet | Intermediate Ballet | Advanced Ballet
Elementary Modern | Intermediate Modern | Advanced Modern
Orchesis Dance Theatre | Honors Orchesis Dance Theatre
Selected Dance Topics: Hip Hop, Jazz, Ballet Burn

Special Studies

Computer Based Projects/Introduction to Computer Science

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ADMISSION CLASSES OF 2010-2014

This list is representative of the institutions at which students from the 2010-2014 graduating classes were offered admission.

Matriculations are indicated in **bold type**. In cases where two or more students have enrolled, the number of attendees appears in parentheses.

Students in these classes filed an average of 6 applications per student.

Agnes Scott College
Allegheny College
American University
American University of Paris
Amherst College
Appalachian State University (13)
Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham (2)
Auburn University
Babson College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University (2)
Brandeis University
Bridgewater College
Campbell University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America (2)
Centre College
Christopher Newport University
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clemson University (6)
College of Charleston (7)
College of Saint Benedict
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Curtin Univ. of Technology, Australia
Dartmouth College
Davidson College (4)
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Duke University (3)
Duquesne University
East Carolina University (8)
Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College
Elon University (15)
Emerson College
Emory University (2)
Eugene Lang College, The New School
Flagler College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University

Georgetown University (4)
Georgia College
Georgia Institute of Technology (3)
Gettysburg College
Guilford College
Hampton University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hollins University (2)
Howard University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Ithaca College
James Madison University (3)
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Kalamazoo College
Kettering University
Lafayette College
Lees-McRae College (2)
Lehigh University
Liberty University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynchburg College
Macalester College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marquette University
Marymount University
Mass. Coll. Pharmacy & Health Sciences
McGill University
Meredith College (5)
Miami University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University (2)
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University (26)
Northeastern University (2)
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University (2)
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Presbyterian College (3)
Purdue University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College (3)
Rollins College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seattle University
Sewanee, The University of the South (5)
Simmons College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
St. Olaf College
Swarthmore College
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University

Texas Christian University
The Citadel, Military College of SC
Trinity College
Tulane University
UNC - Asheville
UNC - Chapel Hill (49)
UNC - Charlotte
UNC - Greensboro (10)
UNC - Wilmington (10)
University of Alabama (9)
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley (2)
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia (8)
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi (8)
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Missouri, Kansas City
University of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina (20)
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews, Scotland
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (2)
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech (2)
Wake Forest University (9)
Warren Wilson College
Washington and Lee University (3)
Washington College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College (Mass.)
Williams College
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wofford College (10)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

