



## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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### St. Mary's Episcopal School

From its beginning in 1847 under the auspices of the historic Calvary Episcopal Church, St. Mary's history is one dedicated to the education of girls within a nurturing and loving Christian environment. Now, more than 160 years later, St. Mary's teachers use innovative approaches in their classrooms, incorporating real-life learning experiences into their lesson plans. They employ teaching strategies such as collaborative and cooperative learning, which have been proven more effective for girls. As one of the premier college-preparatory schools for girls in the South, St. Mary's recognizes the need to prepare young women for a lifetime of opportunity. The life skills that St. Mary's students develop, such as decision-making and leadership skills, enable them to succeed in college and beyond.

*The Mission  
of  
St. Mary's  
Episcopal  
School  
is to provide  
a superior  
educational  
experience  
for girls  
which will  
encourage  
and enable  
each student  
to reach  
her  
individual  
potential.*

- St. Mary's is a college-preparatory school for girls in pre-kindergarten through grade 12.
- Admission to St. Mary's is selective and is based on previous school records, personal interviews, teacher recommendations, and standardized testing.
- In addition to its excellent academic program and many extracurricular offerings, St. Mary's character education program is an integral part of the school experience.
- Chapel, held weekly in the Lower School and daily in grades 5-12, offers a time for reflection and a focal point for community life. Girls participate within the parameters of their own faiths.
- The students of St. Mary's encompass a broad range of socioeconomic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. They come from all parts of the Memphis metropolitan area, including northern Mississippi, eastern Arkansas, and western counties in Tennessee. Twenty percent are students of color.
- Upper School Faculty and Administrators: 42; Teachers with Master's Degrees: 18; Teachers with Doctoral Degrees: 6; Male Faculty: 5; Female Faculty: 24; Student/Faculty Ratio: 9:1
- **Total enrollment: 838**                      **Upper School: 255**                      **Class of 2016: 64**

**Honor Code Statement** A St. Mary's girl expresses the school's Light and Life by speaking only the truth, claiming only work produced through her own effort, and respecting others' physical and intellectual property.

**Reporting Policy** St. Mary's will report to colleges any record of academic or behavior misconduct resulting in an out-of-school suspension.

## Academic Program

**Academic Schedule** – St. Mary's Upper School operates on a schedule of two quarters for each of two semesters with examinations at the end of each semester. Classes are scheduled from 7:50 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.

**Class Rank** – School policy precludes rank of any kind.

**Graduation Requirements** – St. Mary's has one graduation award, the diploma, which carries with it the school's recommendation to college. The program of study leading to graduation includes 21.5 credits distributed as seen to the right.

Department	Credits
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics required)
Social Studies	3.0 (US History & World History required)
World Language	3.0 (all in one language)
Fine Arts	1.0 (art/music history, humanities)
Religious Studies	1
PE/Health	1.0
Electives	1.5

### Senior English Seminar

The Senior English Seminar prepares students for successful reading, thinking, and writing at the college level. The **Honors** level course is more focussed on specific writing instruction (both analytical and creative). The **Advanced** level course is paced like an AP course and receives the quality point equivalent of an AP course. Students are exposed to more literature, both poetry and prose, and most sit for the AP Literature exam.

### Honors Science Seminar

The Honors Science Seminar is a one semester independent research course that offers the student an opportunity to conduct high-level scientific research supervised by a scientist mentor, producing a research paper and an oral defense of her conclusion.

### The Online School for Girls

St. Mary's Episcopal School is a charter member of the The Online School for Girls (OSG). The School has dedicated itself to the principles of *Connection, Collaboration, Creativity, and Application*. Courses taken through OSG are included in the St. Mary's GPA, and are indicated on the St. Mary's transcript with the notation (OSG).

### Recent Testing History (\*as of 9/2015)

Mid 50%	SAT Scores			ACT Scores
Class of 2014	CR 570-660	M 550-630	WR 590-690	26-30
Class of 2015	CR 570-660	M 570-610	WR 570-670	27-30
Class of 2016	CR 580-650	M 570-640	WR 600-690	28-31

## Course Offerings

*Advanced Placement & Advanced courses are weighted 1 grade point and Honors courses are weighted .5 grade point. (\* indicates a one-semester course)*

Department	Standard Courses	Honors Courses	AP/Adv. Courses
English		English 9, English 10, English 11, Sr. English Seminar-Honors	English Language, Sr. English Seminar-Advanced
Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, Introduction to Calculus & Statistics, PreAB Precalculus, PreBC Precalculus	Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
Sciences	General Biology, Chemistry, Robotics I*, Robotics II*, Physics, Introduction to Engineering*, Information Technology in Society*	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, Solids Modeling/3D Design*	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Social Sciences	World History I, Global Issues I*, Global Issues II*	US History, World History, Global Issues I, Global Issues II	US History, World History
World Languages	French I, French II, Latin II, Mandarin Chinese I, Mandarin Chinese II, Spanish II	French III, French IV, Latin III, Latin V, Mandarin Chinese III, Mandarin Chinese IV, Spanish III, Spanish IV	French Language, Latin Virgil, Spanish Language, Mandarin Chinese Language
Fine Arts		Art History*, Harlem Renaissance*, Humanities I*, Humanities II*, Music History*	Art History*, Music Theory
Visual Arts	Studio Art I Fall*, Studio Art I Spring*, Studio Art II Fall*, Studio Art II Spring*	Studio Art I Fall*, Studio Art I Spring*, Studio Art II Fall*, Studio Art II Spring*	Studio Art
Performing Arts	Beginning Guitar, Chamber Ensemble (by audition), Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Performance Arts		
Religious Studies	The Bible & Its Influence*, Faith Foundations*	Facing History & Ourselves*, The Meaning of Life*	
PE & Health	Health & Wellness		

## Campus

St. Mary's is situated in suburban East Memphis and is at the geographic and demographic heart of the city. The 20-acre campus shared with Church of the Holy Communion includes:

- Taylor Building (1968) – Upper School classrooms, faculty offices, science laboratories, and the counseling center.
- The Mertie W. Buckman Performing and Fine Arts Center (1996) – 300-seat state-of-the-art William H. Rose Theater and Levy Gallery, along with classrooms and office space.
- Garrott Hall (2004) – classrooms, administrative offices, conference rooms, and a large multipurpose room.
- Windland Smith Rice Building (2008) – houses the Middle School (grades 5-8) and a state-of-the-art library including a makerspace, distance learning lab, study rooms, and student lounge area.

## Extracurriculars and Sports

The Upper School Student Council regulates clubs and a variety of organizations, serves as a clearinghouse for community service projects, and is a liaison between the students and the administration. The Upper School Honor Council is a key part of student life and supports the values implicit in the St. Mary's Honor Code.

- Student Publications: *Tatler* (newspaper, both print and on-line); *Carillon* (yearbook); *Belles Lettres* (literary magazine); *Belles Mélodies* (CD produced by the students), *Bella Vista* (video broadcast of student talents and strengths).
- Honor Societies: Cum Laude Society; Mu Alpha Theta; National Honor Society; National Beta Club; Cliosophic Society; National Thespian Society; Tri-M National Music Honor Society; National French, Latin, Mandarin Chinese & Spanish Honor Societies.
- St. Mary's Community Fund: a student-run philanthropic organization that awards grants to community service agencies that address the needs of children. The girls organize fundraisers, solicit support from individual donors, seek grant requests, visit agency sites, and allocate resources.
- Additional Community Service Opportunities: Race for the Cure (officially sponsored by the school); Streets Ministries and Multi-National Ministries (weekly tutoring programs).
- Special Interest Groups: Diversity Club, Contemporary Issues Club, Pep Club, Fine Arts Club, Speech Team, Financial Literacy Club, Environmental Club, Astronomy Club, and several language clubs. Also, the Upper School Drama Club produces two plays each year.
- A weekly creative writing workshop is available to students, as well as a student-run writing center called the WRITE Place.

St. Mary's recognizes student athletes with induction into the school's M Club. Varsity teams are fielded in basketball, bowling, cross-country, competitive dance, fencing, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track, trap shooting, swimming, and volleyball. St. Mary's competes with schools that are members of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

### 2014-2015 EXTRACURRICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The St. Mary's Mock Trial team claimed the runner-up spot at the State tournament.

Eight SMS seniors were named *Commercial Appeal Academic All-Stars*, in the areas of Drama & Speech, Foreign Language, Math, Music, Science & Engineering, Social Sciences & History, and two in General Scholarship

Five seniors will play collegiate sports in Swimming, Soccer, Basketball, and 2 in Tennis.

The SMS production of "*Beauty and The Beast*" earned ten nominations in the Orpheum High School Theater Awards.

In the 2014-2015 school year, the SMS Community Fund awarded almost \$35,000 in grants to five different organizations.

### Advanced Placement Exams

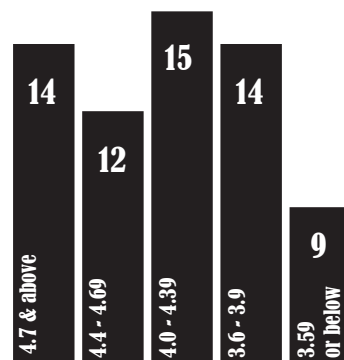
In the 2014-2015 school year, 156 students in grades ten through twelve took 299 AP exams in 23 subjects; 77% of the scores were 3 or higher.

### National Merit

In the class of 2016, 8 students have been recognized as Semifinalists, and 9 as Commended Scholars.

## GPA Calculation & Distribution

St. Mary's adopted a new weighted GPA calculation with the 2014-2015 school year. Based on a 5.0 scale, we believe it portrays a more accurate picture of our students' academic performance. Students still receive a sliding value for grades (A+ is worth more than an A, which is worth more than an A-, etc.), with Honors courses receiving half a quality point (.5) and Advanced Placement courses receiving a full quality point (1). It is very rare that a student will earn a GPA over 5.0 by the end of her high school career. **The chart to the right reflects the 64-member Class of 2016's weighted cumulative GPAs as of May 2015.**



## College Matriculations for the Classes of 2012-2015

- Arizona State University
- Auburn University +
- Baylor University
- Birmingham-Southern College +
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College +
- California Institute of Technology
- Carleton College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Centre College +
- Champlain College
- College of Charleston +
- Clemson University +
- Cleveland Institute of Music +
- Colgate University
- Columbia University +
- Cornell University +
- DePaul University
- Drury University
- University College Dublin
- Duke University +
- Eckerd College +
- Emerson College
- Emory University +
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Furman University
- George Mason University +
- George Washington University +
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Howard University +
- Louisiana State University
- Middlebury College
- Mississippi State University
- New York University ++
- North Carolina State University +
- Northwestern University ++
- Oberlin College +
- Princeton University
- Rangsit University +
- Rhodes College +
- Rice University
- Rollins College +
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Saint Louis University +
- Samford University
- Sarah Lawrence College +
- Savannah College of Art and Design +
- Sewanee: The University of the South ++
- Southern Methodist University
- Spelman College +
- Temple University +
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Christian University
- The New School-Eugene Lang College
- The Ohio State University +
- Tulane University ++
- Vanderbilt University +
- Wake Forest University
- Warren Wilson College
- Washington and Lee University
- Washington University, St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- College of William and Mary
- Williams College +
- Yale University
- Universities of
  - Akron
  - Alabama, Birmingham +
  - Alabama, Tuscaloosa
  - Arkansas
  - California, Los Angeles
  - Chicago +
  - Colorado, Boulder +
  - Florida
  - Georgia
  - Illinois, Urbana-Champaign +
  - Kansas
  - Memphis +
  - Miami
  - Mississippi + + + +
  - Missouri, Columbia +
  - North Carolina, Chapel Hill +
  - Notre Dame
  - Oregon +
  - Pennsylvania
  - Pittsburgh
  - Puget Sound +
  - Richmond +
  - San Diego
  - South Carolina
  - Southern California ++
  - Tennessee, Chattanooga
  - Tennessee, Knoxville +
  - Texas, Austin
  - Virginia
  - Wisconsin, Madison +

+ Where Class of 2015 matriculated.

## College Acceptances for the Class of 2015

*The 54-member Class of 2015 was awarded almost \$9 million in merit-based scholarships.*

- Agnes Scott College
- Appalachian State University
- Auburn University
- Bellarmine University
- Birmingham-Southern College
- Boston Conservatory
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Centre College
- College of Charleston
- Christian Brothers University
- Clemson University
- Cleveland Institute of Music
- Columbia University
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- DePaul University
- DePauw University
- Duke University
- Eckerd College
- Emory University
- Flagler College
- Florida Southern College
- Furman University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- High Point University
- Hofstra University
- Howard University
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- Ithaca College
- Jackson State University
- Jacksonville University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Kansas City Art Institute
- Kenyon College
- Lafayette College
- Lipscomb University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University, Chicago
- Loyola University, New Orleans
- Macalester College
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Millsaps College
- Mississippi State University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College
- Ohio University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pomona College
- Portland State University
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Rangsit University (Thailand)
- Rhodes College
- Ringling College of Art and Design
- Rollins College
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Saint Leo University
- Saint Louis University
- Samford University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Shawnee State University
- Southern Methodist University
- Spelman College
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Christian University
- Trinity College
- Trinity University
- The Ohio State University
- Trinity College
- Tulane University
- Virginia Tech
- Vanderbilt University
- Warren Wilson College
- Washington & Lee University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Willamette University
- Williams College
- Universities of
  - Alabama, Tuscaloosa
  - Alabama, Birmingham
  - Arkansas
  - California, Berkeley
  - California, Los Angeles
  - California, San Diego
  - Chicago
  - Cincinnati
  - Colorado, Boulder
  - Denver
  - Evansville
  - Georgia
  - Hawaii
  - Illinois
  - Memphis
  - Michigan
  - Mississippi
  - Missouri, Columbia
  - Notre Dame
  - Oregon
  - Pittsburgh
  - Puget Sound
  - Richmond
  - South Carolina
  - Southern California
  - Southern Mississippi
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  - Tennessee, Chattanooga
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