

SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018



**MOUNT
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ACADEMY**
FOR GIRLS

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OUR MISSION: Mount de Sales Academy forms young women in the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales and in fidelity to the Sacred Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church through a college preparatory education that nurtures the whole person. Anchored in faith, the community of Mount de Sales Academy is committed to academic excellence, lifelong learning, moral responsibility, service to others, and the dignity of the human person.

THE SCHOOL

Established in 1852, *Mount de Sales Academy* is a private Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women, grades 9-12. The school functions under the sponsorship of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia of Nashville. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. Mount de Sales is proud of its strong college preparatory program organized to contribute to the growth of the truly Christian woman and her ability to contribute to society. *Mount de Sales Academy* was named one of the **Top 50 Catholic Schools** since 2004 by The Catholic High School Honor Roll.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

THE STAFF:

The Mount de Sales Academy community consists of 51 faculty members. There 30 staff members as well as 3 school counselors and a college counselor. Sixty two percent of the faculty hold a master's degree or higher. The faculty/student ratio is 1:11 with an average class size of 16.

THE STUDENTS:

The total number of students is 507. There are 118 seniors, 131 juniors, 129 sophomores, and 130 freshmen. Mount de Sales Academy students represent a wide variety of socio-economic backgrounds and are drawn from a broad geographic area surrounding and including Baltimore, Frederick and Annapolis, Maryland.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students graduating from Mount de Sales Academy must satisfy the credit requirements listed below. A minimum of seven courses must be taken each semester. **A minimum of 26 credits is required for graduation.** There are 36 Honors courses and 13 Advanced Placement courses offered by the school.

CREDITS REQUIRED

4 Religion
3 Math
4 English
2 Foreign Language
3 History
1 Fine Arts
3 Lab Sciences
1 Physical Education
5 Electives

GRADING SCALE

CURRENT GRADING SCALE

A (92-100)
B+ (89-91)
B (84-88)
C+ (81-83)
C (76-80)
D+ (74-75)
D (70-73)
F (69 and lower)

PREVIOUS GRADING SCALE

A (93-100)
B+ (90-92)
B (86-89)
C+ (81-85)
C (76-80)
D+ (74-75)
D (70-73)

Note: As of the 2016-2017 school year, the grading scale has been modified.

Mount de Sales Academy does not rank students.

AP courses earn 1.0 additional quality points and Honors courses earn .5 additional quality points.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP COURSE GUIDELINES

Students can take AP courses starting in their junior year. The maximum number of AP courses permitted in junior year is 2. Students must be recommended by their teachers to take an AP course and each student's schedule is evaluated individually.

AP EXAM STATISTICS 2016-2017

129 students took 217 AP exams in May 2017. In the 2016/2017 school year, **83% of tests taken received a 3 or higher** (the college credit recommended score). 100% of students in English Literature, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, French Language, and Spanish Language received scores of 3 or higher. Mount de Sales offers 13 AP Courses. **30% of test taking students in 2017 were named AP Scholars.**

SERVICE

Students are given the opportunity to serve others inside the Mount de Sales community, in the surrounding region, and even beyond our borders. Students serve in local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, nursing homes, etc. At the end of their time at Mount de Sales Academy, students are required to have performed 96 service hours. Mount de Sales students are extremely dedicated to service, with many going above and beyond their requirements. **Overall, the class of 2017 performed over 18,000 hours of service.**

SACRED HEART PROGRAM

Since 2012, the Sacred Heart Program at Mount de Sales Academy has supported college-bound students with a diagnosed learning disability through work on time management, test taking skills, organization, self-advocacy, and academic skill acquisition. There are currently 65 students in the Sacred Heart program.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

100% of the Mount de Sales Academy Class of 2017 applied and was accepted to college.

Members of the class received over \$15.1 million in scholarships averaging over \$137,200 per student. 93% of the class of 2017 received a merit scholarship offer. Of those attending college, 30% are attending Catholic institutions. The Class of 2017 will attend 55 different colleges across 22 different states throughout the country.

ATHLETICS

More than 50% of the student body participate in at least one sport. The Class of 2017 will have fourteen athletes play college level sports.

Sports include: Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Golf, Cheerleading, Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field, Cross Country, and Volleyball.

From 2010 to 2017, a total of 123 Mount de Sales Academy Athletes from 12 sports have been named IAAM All Conference. A total of 21 Mount de Sales Academy Athletes from 7 sports were named to a Baltimore Sun All-Metro Team.

FINE ARTS

The Fine Arts department includes the visual arts, music (instrumental and vocal), dance, and theater arts. Each student is encouraged to share her gifts and talents through outside performances and community-based service projects, such as performances at local schools and nursing homes.

Our theater students participate in the Cappies program, which is a writing and awards program that trains high school theatre and journalism students to be expert writers, critical thinkers, and leaders. Multiple students were nominated for 2017 Cappies Awards.

CLASS OF 2017 TEST SCORES

Mid 50% SAT

545-655 (ERW)

490-605 (Math)

Mid 50% ACT

22-28 (Composite)

24-32 (ACT Reading)

20-26 (ACT Math)

Mount de Sales Academy students consistently surpass National averages on both the SAT and ACT. The majority of our students are meeting both Math and Evidence Based Reading and Writing benchmarks as laid out by the CollegeBoard.

Over the past five years, Mount de Sales Academy has had 41 students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program

COURSE OFFERINGS 2017-2018

RELIGION

- 010 Freshman Scripture and Doctrine
- 014 Sacraments and Morality
- 034 Christology and Church History
- 042 Senior Morality

ENGLISH

- 300 Freshman: Literary Genres (Level 1)
- 301 Freshman: Literary Genres (Level 2)
- 351 Honors Freshman: Literary Genres
- 320 Sophomore: Lit Genres 2 (Level 1)
- 321 Sophomore: Lit Genres 2 (Level 2)
- 352 Honors Sophomore: Lit Genres 2
- 330 Junior: American Lit (Level 1)
- 331 Junior: American Lit (Level 2)
- 353 Honors American Literature
- 358 AP Junior English
- 340 Senior: British Literature (Level 1)
- 341 Senior: British Literature (Level 2)
- 354 Honors British Literature
- 360 AP Senior English
- 386 *Study of the Holocaust (semester)*
- 387 *Humanities Studies (semester)*
- 388 *Creative Writing (semester)*
- 389 *Film Study (semester)*

FINE ARTS

- 130 *Line and Color*
- 145 Honors Portfolio
- 146 Honors Advanced Portfolio
- 149 Independent Advance Portfolio
- 155 3D Art
- 156 Honors Advanced 3D Art
- 153 Textile Design
- 154 Honors Advanced Textile Design
- 162 *Dance Fundamentals*
- 164 Honors Dance Company
- 166 *Speech & Performance*
- 168 *Theatre Arts*
- 213 *Chorus*
- 223 Honors Concert Choir
- 263 *Symphonic Orchestra*
- 264 Honors Advanced Orchestra
- 265 Honors Chamber Ensemble
- 924 *Graphic Communications*
- 930 Yearbook

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- 551 *Honors French I*
- 552 Honors French II
- 553 Honors French III
- 554 Honors French IV
- 561 AP French
- 571 *Honors Latin I*
- 572 Honors Latin II
- 573 Honors Latin III
- 574 Honors Latin IV
- 563 AP Latin
- 512 *Spanish I (Level 2)*
- 517 Honors Spanish I
- 522 Spanish II (Level 2)
- 526 Honors Spanish II
- 532 Spanish III
- 534 Honors Spanish III
- 542 Honors Spanish IV
- 562 AP Spanish

MATHEMATICS

- 406 Algebra I Part 1 (Level 1)
- 407 Algebra I Part 2 (Level 1)
- 401 Algebra I (Level 2)
- 431 Geometry (Level 1)
- 425 Integrated Geometry (Level 2)
- 426 Geometry (Level 2)
- 428 Honors Geometry
- 430 Algebra II (Level 1)
- 432 Algebra II (Level 2)
- 436 Honors Algebra II
- 454 College Algebra (Level 1)
- 453 College Algebra (Level 2)
- 469 Statistics
- 440 Precalculus
- 452 Honors Precalculus
- 446 AP Calculus AB
- 447 AP Calculus BC
- 449 AP Statistics
- 943 S.T.E.M Explorations
- 944 *Introduction to Computer Science*

SCIENCE

- 710 Biological Concepts
- 711 Biology
- 750 Honors Biology
- 761 AP Biology
- 730 Chemistry Concepts
- 731 Chemistry
- 751 Honors Chemistry
- 762 AP Chemistry
- 742 Physics
- 741 Honors Physics
- 744 Honors Anatomy
- 736 Environmental Science
- 737 Forensic Science
- 943 S.T.E.M. Explorations
- 944 *Introduction to Computer Science*

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- 611 Western Civilization (Level 2)
- 615 Honors Western Civilization
- 621 American Gov (Level 2 - semester)
- 622 Early US Hist (Level 2 - semester)
- 631 Honors American Gov (semester)
- 632 Honors Early US Hist (semester)
- 623 Modern US History
- 653 Honors Modern US History
- 660 AP US History
- 661 AP American Government
- 664 AP World History
- 690 *Geography and Global Issues*
- 674 *Psychology*
- 675 AP Psychology
- 680 *Intro to Economics*

INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY

- 924 *Graphic Communications*
- 930 Yearbook
- 943 S.T.E.M. Explorations
- 944 *Introduction to Computer Science*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- 822 *Physical Education/Health*
- 812 *Dance Fitness/Health*
- 825 *Lifetime Fitness*

SACRED HEART

- 390 Sacred Heart Program (Fresh/Soph)
- 391 Sacred Heart Program (Jr/Sr)

**ALL AP AND HONORS COURSES AS WELL AS SELECT
ELECTIVES REQUIRE A RECOMMENDATION.**

MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2015-2017

Adelphi University
 Alvernia University
 Allegheny College
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
Aquinas College
 Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
 Becker College
 Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Berry College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bridgewater College
 Bryant University
 Bucknell University
Cabrini College
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Catawba College
The Catholic University of America
 Charleston Southern University
Christendom College
 Christopher Newport University
Clemson University
 Cleveland State University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
 Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbus College of Art & Design
Creighton University
Davidson College
 Davis & Elkins College
 Dean College
 DeSales University
Dickinson College
 Drexel University
Duquesne University
 East Carolina University
Eastern Kentucky University
Elizabethtown College
 Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
 Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
 Frostburg State University
 Gannon University
Georgia Southern University
Georgetown University

George Mason University
Gettysburg College
 Gordon College
 Goucher College
 Guilford College
 Gwynned Mercy University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
 Hood College
 Immaculata University
Indiana University
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson & Wales University
Kansas State University
 Kent State University
 Lafayette College
 La Salle University
Lebanon Valley College
 Lenoir-Rhyne University
 Limestone College
 Longwood University
 Long Island University, Brooklyn
 Louisiana State University
Loyola University Maryland
 Loyola Marymount University
 Lycoming College
Lynchburg College
Marquette University
 Marshall University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Marymount University
 Marywood University
McDaniel College
 McGill University
 Mercyhurst Univiers
 Merrimack College
 Middle Tennessee State University
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
 Mississippi State University
 Monmouth University
 Morgan State University
 Muhlenberg College
Mount St. Mary's University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
 Nova Southeastern University
Ohio University
 Ohio Wesleyan University
Old Dominion University
 The Pennsylvania State University
Philadelphia University
Providence College
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Radford University
 Randolph-Macon College
 Rhodes College
 Roanoke College

Robert Morris University
 Roger Williams University
 Rollins College
 Rutgers University
 Sacred Heart University
 Saint Anselm College
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Louis University
 Saint Mary's College
Saint Vincent College
Salisbury University
 Salve Regina University
Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of Visual Arts
 Seton Hall University
Seton Hill University
 Shenandoah University
 Shepherd University
 South Dakota State University
 St. Andrew's University, Scotland
St. Bonaventure University
 St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
 Stevens Institute of Technology
Stevenson University
 Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
 Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
 Temple University
Texas A&M University
 The College of Wooster
 The George Washington University
 The State University of New York at Buffalo
Towson University
 Tulane University
 United States Air Force Academy
 The University of Akron
The University of Alabama
 University of Baltimore
 University of California, San Diego
 University of Colorado
 University of Dallas
 University of Dayton
 University of Delaware
 University of Findlay
 University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
 University of Maine
 University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland Baltimore County
University of Maryland College Park
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Miami
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
 The University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri

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 University of North Carolina Asheville
 University of North Carolina Pembroke
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
 The Ohio State University
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
 University of Rhode Island
 University of San Diego
 The University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
 University of Tampa
 University of Tennessee
University of the Pacific
 University of Wisconsin
Villanova University
 Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Walsh University
 Washington & Jefferson College
 Washington College
Webb Institute
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania
 Western Michigan University
West Virginia University
 Widener University
Wingate University
York College of Pennsylvania

*Schools in BOLD are where our students are attending