



# St. Mary's Springs Academy

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## 2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

### COMMUNITY

Located in Fond du Lac, WI; the 15th largest city in Wisconsin, located 64 miles northwest of the metropolitan Milwaukee area.

### SCHOOL

Founded in 1909, St. Mary's Springs Academy is a co-educational Roman Catholic Diocesan School (Archdiocese of Milwaukee) serving grades PreK-12. We enroll students from Calumet, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Washington, and Winnebago Counties who represent 19 Catholic parishes, 20 Christian churches, and several public grade schools.

St. Mary's Springs Academy is accredited by Cognia and is recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the National Catholic Educational Association.

St. Mary's Springs Academy uses a modified block schedule. The school day consists of four (4) class periods, each 80 minutes in length. Class periods 1-4 take place on "A" days and class periods 5-8 take place on "B" days. "A" and "B" days alternate during the school week.

### FAST FACTS

CEEBS Code: 500-675  
High School Enrollment: 264 Students (66 Seniors)  
% Students of Color: 11%  
% of Students Receiving Financial Aid: 25%

### OUR MISSION

St. Mary's Springs Academy, rooted in Christ's teaching, academic excellence, and service to Church and community, prepares students to meet global challenges and become leaders for tomorrow.

### OUR VISION

St. Mary's Springs Academy inspires students to live a purpose-filled life through inclusion in the Catholic community, development of God-given strengths, and a commitment to individualized academic achievement.

### THE "LEDGER WAY"

The Ledger Way is a set of values instilled in the hearts and minds of our students, teachers, and staff. These values are: **Faith, Learning, Respect, Leadership, Community, and Responsibility**. We foster living these values out in thought and action in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, in the chapel, and out into our world.

### PERSONNEL

President: Mrs. Stacey Akey  
High School Principal: Mr. Eamonn O'Keeffe  
Assistant Principal & Dean of Student Life: Mr. Kyle Krueger ('84)  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction: Mrs. Melissa Trepte  
Director of Pupil Services: Mrs. Heather Reilley  
Coordinator of College & Career Planning: Mrs. Mary Cauley  
High School Counselor: Mrs. Taylor McCarthy

### CLASS OF 2023 OUTCOMES

76% attended a 4-year college/university  
11% attended a 2-year college/university  
13% reported alternative (non-college) post-secondary plans

### CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE OUTCOMES

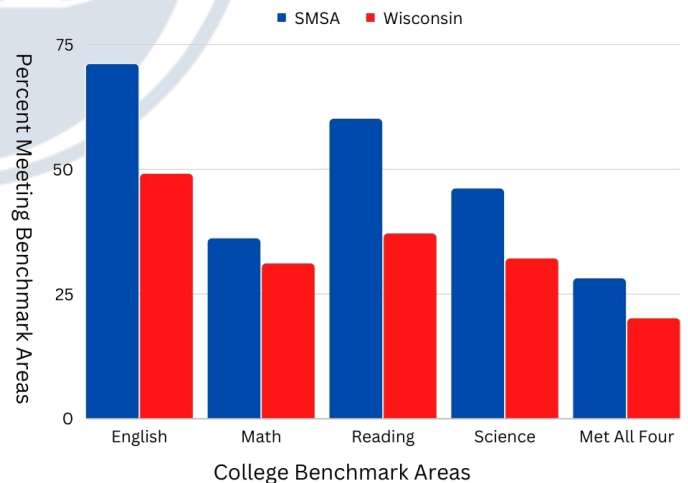
82% attended colleges/universities in Wisconsin  
18% attended colleges/universities outside Wisconsin  
73% attended public colleges/universities  
29% attended private colleges/universities  
23% attended Catholic colleges/universities

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST DATA

The table below compares SMSA's average ACT composite scores with the average ACT composite scores from the state of Wisconsin and the United States.

CLASS	SMSA	WISCONSIN	NATIONAL
2022	21.3	19.4	19.8
2021	22.1	20.0	20.3
2020	22.9	20.1	20.6

### Percent of Students Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks



### CLASS OF 2024 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

**St. Mary's Springs Academy does not rank its students.** The following GPA ranges are provided to give admission officers a sense of grade distribution and rigor at SMSA for the purpose of transcript evaluation.

The Class of 2024 is divided into the following ranges based on their cumulative GPA after the sixth semester:

Top 10% =  $\geq 4.007$  (6 Students)  
Fourth Quartile = 3.886 - 4.229 (17 Students)  
Third Quartile = 3.554 - 3.885 (16 Students)  
Second Quartile = 3.017 - 3.553 (16 Students)  
First Quartile = 1.31 - 3.016 (17 Students)  
Mid 50% = 3.034 - 3.87 (32 Students)



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### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

St. Mary's Springs Academy currently requires the successful completion of twenty-five and 1/2 (25.5) credits for graduation.

Department/Courses	Credits
English	4
Theology	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Sciences	3
Physical Education & Health	1.5
Fine Arts/Business Education (one semester of each)	1
Electives	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25.5</b>

### THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Theology courses at St. Mary's Springs are academically demanding. With the goal of forming the student intellectually, spiritually and socially, Theology courses incorporate materials from all the disciplines with a strong emphasis on philosophy. This approach synthesizes the student's learning into a coherent whole. Critical thinking skills, extensive writing, and discussion are integral components of Theology coursework.

### GRADING SYSTEM

St. Mary's Springs Academy's grading system is based on four 8-week quarters with two semesters per academic year. The lowest passing grade issued is a "D-". All grades that are transferrable from other high schools/programs will be calculated into a transfer student's cumulative SMSA GPA.

### ST. MARY'S SPRINGS ACADEMY GRADING SCALE

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, SMSA will use a weighted grading scale. Note: Prior to 2023-24, the Grade Percent Equivalent (GPE) was a 7 Point Scale (A Range = 93-100). With the change to weighted grades, a 10 Point GPE was also adopted (A Range = 90-100). When Fall Term 2023 grades are finalized, students' transcripts shall reflect these changes.

Grade	Grade Percent Equivalent	Grade Point Equivalent	Weighted Grade Point Equivalent
A+	98-100	4.30	5.3
A	93-97	4.0	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	2.0
D-	60-62	.7	1.7
F	Below 60	0	0

To view our previous grading scale please scan this QR Code:



### HONOR ROLL

A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 is required for the Honor Roll  
A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 is required for the High Honor Roll  
Semester honor rolls are published at the end of each semester.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students with a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.8 or better are invited to apply for membership in the National Honor Society at the end of their sophomore year.

**Admission to NHS is by invitation only and is selective.** Students not selected for membership in NHS at the end of their sophomore year may reapply for membership at the end of their junior year, provided their cumulative GPA remains 3.8 or better.

### PARTNER COLLEGES & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

St. Mary's Springs Academy offers students opportunities to earn concurrent high school and college credit by taking dual enrollment courses through any of SMSA's partner colleges:

Marian University (Fond du Lac, WI)  
Moraine Park Technical College (Fond du Lac, WI)

The **Youth Apprenticeship Program** integrates school-based and work-based learning to instruct students in employability and occupational skills defined by Wisconsin industries and the State of Wisconsin. Students are simultaneously enrolled in a Y/A related instruction class, and are employed by a participating employer under the supervision of a skilled mentor.

### 2023-2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

#### English

English 9: Language & Culture  
English 10: Survey of World Literature  
**English 11: Survey of American Literature 1**  
**English 11: Survey of American Literature 2**  
**\*†Speech (MPTC)**  
**Survey of British Literature 1**  
**Survey of British Literature 2**  
**†Writing for Publications**  
**AP English Literature & Composition**  
**\*CAPP College English 1**  
**\*CAPP Creative Writing**  
**\*English Composition 1 (MPTC)**  
**\*English Composition 2 (MPTC)**

#### Mathematics

Algebra 1 Concepts  
Algebra 1  
Honors Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Honors Geometry  
Algebra 2  
Honors Algebra 2 w/Trigonometry  
**Advanced Math Concepts**  
**Pre-Calculus**  
**\*College Calculus 1 (Marian University)**  
**\*College Statistics & Probability (Marian University)**  
**\*CAPP Statistics**

#### Science

Physical Science  
Biology  
Chemistry  
**Anatomy & Physiology**  
**Physics**  
**Environmental Science 1**  
**Environmental Science 2**  
**Invertebrate Zoology**  
**Vertebrate Zoology**  
**Genetics**  
**AP Biology**  
**\*General Anatomy & Physiology (MPTC)**  
**\*College Physics (Marian University)**

#### Social Science

Modern World History  
Honors Modern World History  
United States History  
AP United States History  
**American Government**  
**Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues 1**  
**Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues 2**  
**Introduction to Psychology** (Alt. Years)  
**Introduction to Sociology** (Alt. Years)

#### Theology

Catholicism  
Sacraments  
*Old Testament: Jesus Christ in Scripture*  
*New Testament: Who is Jesus Christ?*  
Church History  
Morality  
Social Justice  
**World Religions & the Christian Vocation**

#### World Languages

German 1  
German 2  
German 3  
**German 4**  
Spanish 1  
Spanish 2  
Spanish 3  
**Spanish 4**

#### Business

\*MS Office Essentials 1 (MPTC)  
\*MS Office Essentials 2 (MPTC)  
\*Photoshop Plus (MPTC)  
*Personal Finance*  
**\*General Accounting** (MPTC)  
**Applied Accounting**  
\*Digital Arts & Design (MPTC)  
**Economics**

#### Fine Arts

**Music**  
*Band 1/Band 2*  
*Choir 1/Choir 2*  
*Vocal Jazz*  
*Jazz Band*  
*Music for the Non-Music Student*

#### Visual Art

*Basic Design*  
*Ceramics* (Alt Years)  
*Drawing*  
*Graphics*  
*Painting*  
*Sculpture*  
**Advanced Projects in Art 1**  
**Advanced Projects in Art 2**

#### Physical Education

*Health Education*  
*Physical Education 100*  
**Physical Education Independent Study**  
**Advanced Team Sports & Fitness**  
**Recreation Sports & Net Games**

#### Supplemental Courses

**Leadership**  
**Student Working with Teacher**  
**Youth Apprenticeship Program**  
**Ministry (Independent Study)**

#### COURSE KEY

Scan the QR Code below to view additional information about the courses listed above

