

GOD, FAMILY, ST. MARY'S



2025-2026

G I R L S D I V I S I O N

G O I N G B E Y O N D

As we embark on an historic school year at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep – it is our commitment to our heritage – our history – and our Roman Catholic Faith that will guide us in our pursuits and dreams as we work together to learn, grow and resolve to make our shared world a better place.

The classical language of Latin has been woven together for centuries with elements of scholasticism in general and the academic pursuits in particular of medicine, science, literature and law, to name a few – or “et al” for purists in the audience of readers.

Many slogans and creeds have been established as “mottos” of education – and as representations of numerous institutions of higher learning through the years. Harvard’s single-term-motto “veritas” – which means TRUTH – has always been a personal favorite. The “semper fi(delis)” of my father’s United States Marine Corps (ALWAYS FAITHFUL) resonates, as well.

The school seal – or emblematic crest – of our very own St. Mary’s Prep – includes the Latin “Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini” – translated as “the beginning of wisdom is fear of The Lord” – and one might argue that Catholicism has succeeded like no other reality in keeping Latin from being classified as a “dead language”.



Years back, I proffered a Latin-language slogan that I feel represents both our individual and collective efforts at OLSM – and it was the command-directive of “Ora Labora Vince” – which means simply: “Pray Work Win”.

I have always believed that we are able to pursue “absolute truths” in our human endeavors. Though rare, and at times difficult to define, pursuits of perfection can and do exist.

I formulated the “Ora Labora Vince” motto at a time when what St. Mary’s was truly all about – and what our Founder, Father Dabrowski, had envisioned in 1885 for all of us Eaglets – had been earned and fully understood via my tenure here at The Orchard Lake Schools.

Please allow me to explain.

Ora means “PRAY”. Let there never be a doubt that our FAITH in Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic foundation, and our trust and loyalty to our Patroness Mary – The Blessed Mother – is at the very top and front and first in our efforts at St. Mary’s Preparatory. May we never forget to pray – and place our charity in Jesus’ name.

Labora means “WORK”; once our day begins with the priority of prayer, we all – faculty and students alike – WORK at our pursuit of learning and betterment of our world through improvement of ourselves. In periods 1 through 8 – each school day – and afterwards as we study and complete our educational tasks and homework – let us roll up our sleeves, so to speak, and “labor” with a strong work ethic and responsible diligence.

And finally Vince: “WIN!” So many of us are committed to our TEAM – being a student-athlete – and representing our championship school with sportsmanship and great effort as we use the talents God has given us to pursue victory on the courts, fields, rinks, courses and waters in The OLake Athletic Department.

My prayer as we begin this 2025-26 academic year is that we bring our very best versions of ourselves to the shores of Orchard Lake each day as we strive TOGETHER towards our dreams and goals.

Yours in Christ – and yours in Education.

Mr. Karschnia OLSM Headmaster



Margie McElyea

M.S., S.C., L.P.C.

GOING BEYOND

Dear Future OLSM Parents, Guardians, and Students,

My name is Margie McElyea, and I am the Academic Dean in the Girls Division for the Freshman and Sophomore Girls. I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of Orchard Lake Schools community and to work alongside you in supporting the academic, social, and emotional well-being of your daughters.

I hold a Bachelors of Science in Psychology, A Masters of Science in School Counseling as well as my L.P.C. I hold my Nation Counselors Certification (NCC). With 23 years of experience as a Catholic school counselor, I'm passionate about creating a supportive, and nurturing environment where students feel seen, heard, and empowered to thrive. My approach focuses on building strong relationships with students and families, collaborating with teachers and administrators, and providing individualized support based on each student's unique needs.

I work with an amazing group of Academic Deans from both divisions. I believe one of our strongest assets is our ability to collaborate together and work as an eclectic team in the best interest of our student body. Each one of us comes from a different background, offering a diverse perspective and skill, which allows us to be well-rounded in our leadership.



My Role:

Academic Support:

I assist students with goal-setting, time management, and study skills, including setting them up with members of the NHS for on campus peer-to-peer tutoring or mentoring if needed.

Social and Emotional Support:

I may provide individual support for students navigating difficult situations, and guidance on conflict resolution and emotional regulation.

Collaboration:

I work with administration, faculty, and parents to create a positive and supportive learning environment for students.

Advocacy:

I advocate for students and their academic needs within the school.

I look forward to a successful and collaborative school year working with you and your children. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

Margie McElyea M.S., S.C., L.P.C.





PASSION

THAT POWERS PURPOSE AND PERFORMANCE

To create our mantra of God, Family, St. Mary's, we rely on Passion, Purpose, and Performance in creating great students.

It starts with our **passion** for developing intelligent, well-rounded students. Our philosophy of allowing students to develop into the adult they want to be following their own passions and goals.

We then follow with a profound **purpose** of guiding the discovery of one's individual spirituality. It is rooted in an environment that allows for support, guidance, and serenity. Our results are then measured by our **performance** whether it be in the classroom, our communities, or on the field. Orchard Lake St. Mary's is proud of rich tradition, our achievements, and our vision for the future.

We encourage you to become part of this experience at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

8-18

College credit hours completed by
graduation on average

Our students, on average, graduate with 8-18 completely transferable college credits through our exclusive partnership with Lawrence Tech and Madonna Universities.

More valuable than testing out of freshman-level classes, the program reduces the number of total credit hours required for graduation from university programs. Additionally, the tuition for these classes is at a rate far less than the in-state university average.

The Co-Divisional Model of Education

St. Mary's Preparatory has served as a Catholic, all boys school with a Polish-American heritage and legacy since 1885. Always at the forefront of education, in 2020, St. Mary's Preparatory unveiled a bold, never before seen style of education in the Archdiocese of Detroit: A Co-Divisional model. This unique model offers the best of both worlds: a single-gender classroom experience alongside opportunities for boys and girls to engage socially, spiritually and in co-curricular activities.

We are St. Mary's, where we redefine what it means to be college preparatory. We exist because each student brings something unique to our culture. We are a community that thrives upon celebrating differences and encouraging potential. We exist to provide deserving young men and women the moral guidance, discipline, and education to become Christ-like models of service and leadership for the world. Join us and let us help you be the best version of you.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's has a legacy of creating great minds and well rounded young women. We are now taking a 140 year history and combining it with a revolutionary learning program to develop a unique, innovative vision of the future of education. This evolution provides you with an experience that will contribute to shaping the rest of your life.

We have taken this knowledge and combined it with our extraordinary

115-acre campus to create an outstanding experience. You will walk to class on holy ground, once walked by Saint John Paul II himself. St. Mary's is a place where young men utilize and expand their God-given talents with experience, guidance, and encouragement.

Students like yourself are given opportunities that are individually unique to St. Mary's Prep and resources to continuously grow spiritually, academically, and athletically. The culture this creates will be part of something bigger than yourself and build a unique adventure.



OLSM believes that students thrive in a culture of spirituality and individualism, and accept challenge and leadership in creating an accomplished, positive version of themselves.

We are St. Mary's, where our caliber of education and spiritual guidance is inclusive of the entire family.

FELLOWSHIP

Each and every student at St. Mary's Prep brings a unique set of talents, strengths, and capabilities that cannot be compared to those of anyone else. Our fellowship is strong because of the diversity amongst the students. It is impactful because of the bond our students form through their individual abilities. It is incomparable to anyone else because of the uniqueness of our surroundings. As a student at St. Mary's Prep, YOU are the fellowship.

SPIRITUALITY

The beauty and prestige of our historic campus allows our Catholic spirituality to be reflective. The serenity of Orchard Lake, the holiness of our campus grotto, and the faith within our two campus chapels remind us that spirituality is the foundation of shaping our young adults into pillars of society.

EXCELLENCE

St. Mary's Preparatory fosters an educational atmosphere that builds students to be national figures in society. With an academic model no other high school in the state can offer, our students are immersed in actual college classes located on our campus. Our affiliation with Madonna University and LTU (Lawrence Technological University) creates an exceptional academic environment that provides an education you will find nowhere else.

CHAMPIONS

Both on and off the athletic field, students are afforded opportunities to utilize their God-given talents through a vast number of sports and extracurricular activities. Our students are part of a long-standing tradition of success, guided by exceptional teachers and coaches who wholeheartedly embody the mission of our institution.

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SPIRITUALLY DEVOTED

HOW ST. MARY'S CHANGES LIVES

“St. Mary's Prep is a campus that reveals not only God's natural created beauty but is marked by our catholic faith all throughout it. Students can find numerous places to SEE God.... in the Chapel, in the Grotto, in the beautiful artwork scattered across the campus.... the eye cannot escape the presence of God. The heart of the student has a place to grow here as well. Through learning about God in the classroom, on retreat, during a service project, the student is disposed to want to search for him in the silent beauty, and there are so many spots and moments for students to know God here at St. Mary's Prep.”

Hannah Kenrick, Theology Teacher & Director of Student Campus Ministry

140

Years of spiritual leadership and
Catholic education

The legacy of Orchard Lake St. Mary's starts with our commitment to shaping our students' hearts, minds, and spirits. Since 1885, we have been creating young adults that are grounded in their spirituality.

SPIRITUALITY

Our belief is that spirituality is the foundation of making great people. The physical assets of our campus define that. Our students walk along sidewalks that Pope John Paul II walked himself three times in his lifetime. Our students learn about faith in buildings where actual saints once sat as students themselves. Adam Maida, Cardinal and former head of the Archdiocese of Detroit, graduated from the Prep in 1948. St. Mary's Prep students and faculty attend Catholic Masses.

We come together as a Christian community to provide our students with a spiritual experience that is impactful for the rest of their lives. It is "cool" to pray, it is "cool" to find your spiritual self, and it is "cool" to profess your faith. Students come from a variety of spiritual backgrounds. We celebrate our spiritual diversity and believe that all are welcome. Students are required to participate in community service yearly, and the organizations they involve themselves with are often reflective of their own personal passions. Our faculty and families also become involved in community service initiatives, as modeling behavior to our students is the best way for them to understand the value of their involvement in the community. Our very active Campus Ministry program works to keep our students involved in a multitude of spiritual activities. Students are often further blessed with visits and Mass celebrations from prominent Catholic figures. These include national and international cardinals and bishops.

FELLOWSHIP

St. Mary's Prep is rich in student diversity. We want students to be part of a vision they identify with. We help young adults develop themselves into respectable Christians, pillars of society, community-minded individuals, and loyal friends. Bringing individuality to every aspect of our campus, our students create their own fellowship with a goal to make a difference. A student of St. Mary's is supportive, encouraging, and motivating. All are welcome into our fellowship.

Our students reflect a sense of respect for themselves, their peers, the academic and spiritual environment of our campus, and, collectively, they do extraordinary things. We educate students from across America and the world. Each one steps on campus with her own hopes for a successful high school experience, an experience that is impossible to have without the motivation and support of each other. Our focused and fun atmosphere, brings our fellowship closer to God.



Spirituality & Faith Formation- Girls Division

- Weekly school Rosary prayed in the Grotto through the month of October and May
- Student led Stations of the Cross
- Weekly confessions available upon request
- Annual class retreats bring students together to see that we walk our faith together.
- Activities are chosen to bring a sense of community and life as well as reflection and discussion on our personal relationships with Jesus Christ.
- For each Friday of Lent, Theology classes will gather in the Shrine Chapel for a day of prayer. Students will walk through the Stations of the Cross, preparing them for Good Friday and the glory of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Retreats:

Each grade level will meet once a year for a day of retreat focusing on a singular theme, such as the Corporal Works of Mercy & Discipleship, Christ, Be our Light! and Discernment & Vocation. The retreat day

consists of fellowship over a shared meal, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, small group discussion, guided meditation, and gathering together for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Faith based Student Clubs:

- Sisters in Christ Club
- Student Pastoral Club
- Advanced Liturgy Club
- Athletes for Christ



DRIVEN TO SUCCEED

St. Mary's Preparatory offers an educational experience incomparable to anyone else. Sharing a campus with Madonna University's satellite campus allows our students to take actual college courses at the high school level. The majority of Prep students seek this course of study and graduate with a high school diploma from one of the top preparatories in the Midwest, and a college transcript from a prestigious university. The typical St. Mary's Prep student will graduate with twelve college credits. Our students have the highest scholarship per student ratio amongst high schools in the state, with the average St. Mary's Prep senior earning \$51,875 in scholarship dollars upon graduation.

Our prestigious faculty includes men and women with Doctorate degrees, college professors, and published authors. Instructors stress dialogue over lecture, and incorporate a variety of pedagogies in their classrooms. A wide range of extracurricular activities are academic based: Forensics and Debate, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Clubs, Math Club, and a one-of-a-kind student run radio station allows our students to express their classroom interests in a capacity not bound by walls. Our seniors are immersed in internships of their career interest, giving them field work experience and preparation for their future endeavors.

10% **70%**

of our teachers
have PhDs

of our teachers have
Masters Degrees

Our students have access to some of the most brilliant minds around through our partnership with Lawrence Tech and Madonna Universities. These scholars educate our students and provide a platform that challenges and broadens the thinking of our young adults. The broad background of our teaching staff adds diversity to the curriculum used to teach our students.

ACADEMICS - SCHOOL PROFILE

College Classes offered through Madonna University

General Biology with Lab I & II - 4 credits
College Composition I&II - 3 credits
Calculus with Analytic Geometry I - 5 credits
Calculus with Analytic Geometry II - 5 credits

Classes offered through Lawrence Technological University

Introductory Psychology - 3 credits
Introductory Engineering - 3 credits
Mechanical Engineering Graphics - 2 credits
(with CAD certification)

Grading Scale And Credit Requirements

St. Mary's Preparatory Grading Scale

Following is an overview of the values used for the computation of grade point averages at each semester's end

A+	100%-99%	A	98%-93%
A-	92%-90%	B+	89%-87%
B	86%-83%	B-	82%-80%
C+	79%-77%	C	76%-73%
C-	73%-70%	D+	69%-67%
D	66%-63%	D-	62%-60%
E	59%-0%		

Credit Requirements

Required credits in grades 9-12	28
English-	4.0
Social Studies-	3.5
Foreign Language-	3.0
Mathematics-	4.0
Theology-	4.0
Science-	3.0
Humanities-	1.0
Health-	.5
Physical Education-	.5
Electives-	4.5

OLSM Overview

St. Mary's Preparatory is a co-divisional, Catholic, college preparatory high school with a Polish-American heritage and legacy established in 1885. Located in Orchard Lake, Michigan, we exist to provide deserving young men and women the moral guidance, discipline, and education to become Christ-like models of service and leadership. 910 students are enrolled in grades 9-12.

Students represent over 75 cities, six states, and fifteen countries.

Accreditation and Membership

St. Mary's Preparatory is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), and is fully accredited by MANS/ MANSAA. We are also participants of and accredited by the State of Michigan Department of Education Boarding School Association.

High School Data

Class day- consists of eight class periods of 45 minutes each, five days a week. School begins at 7:30am and ends at 2:35pm.

School year- four marking periods, two semesters. Traditionally, the school year begins at the end of August and ends at the end of May.

School masses- are held weekly.

Staff- 75 professional staff and faculty members. 45 hold master's degrees, three hold PHD's and seven serve as college professors. 18 male staff members are alumni.

Staff/Student ratio- 17:1

Average Class size- 20

Counseling Staff- four full time academic deans and one full time counselor assist all students in academic planning, curriculum planning, tutoring, and college preparedness.

ACT/SAT Prep- Free preparation courses for these college entrance exams are offered at various times throughout the school year.

Academic Program Curriculum

Students in grades 9-12 may choose from over 50 different courses. The academic courses are offered at the traditional college preparatory pace, with over 60% of them being offered at the honors and AP level.

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available in English, Mathematics, Science, History, and World Languages. Students are welcome to take the AP exam in all areas without completion of the AP classwork.

College Courses

Our affiliation with Madonna University and Lawrence Technological University allows students to take actual college courses on our campus. The typical St. Mary's senior will graduate with twelve college credits. This allows students to receive a St. Mary's Preparatory diploma, and a Madonna University and/or Lawrence Tech transcript. These college courses typically transfer as general education credits to the university of his or her choosing. College courses are offered in English, Mathematics, and Science.





INSPIRED TO REACH BEYOND YOUR DREAMS

ST. MARY'S POSITIVE EFFECT

“The students in our girls' division are exposed to a wide variety of sciences that both inspire and challenge them to think critically about the world around them. Through inquiry-driven labs and real-world applications, they not only explore scientific concepts but also grow in confidence—both in themselves and in their potential to be change-makers in the world.”

Angela Azzato, Academic Dean, Junior Girls.

60%

60% of the senior class graduates with 9-12 college credits

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ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY 2025-2026 GIRLS DIVISION CURRICULUM

Girls Division	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
English	English 9 Honors English 9	English 10 Honors English 10	American Literature AP American Literature Journalism/Yearbook	World Literature AP World Literature College Composition (LTU)* Journalism/Yearbook
Math	Algebra 1 Honors Geometry <i>*opt out testing available for higher level math students</i>	Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra 2 Honors Algebra 2	Algebra II Honors Algebra II Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus AP Pre-Calculus College Calculus (Madonna)* AP Statistics	Math Analysis AP Statistics AP Calculus Intro to Calculus (Madonna)* Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus
Science	Biology Honors Biology	Chemistry Honors Chemistry	Conceptual Physics Honors Physics AP Physics Environmental Science Genetics Anatomy AP Chemistry	AP Physics AP Chemistry College Biology (Madonna)* Anatomy Genetics Environmental Science
Social Studies	Polish Studies	World History & Geography AP World History & Geography	US History AP US History Civil War History Moments in History History of Hollywood	Economics & Government AP Economics & Government History of US Conflicts Introduction to Psychology (LTU)* Civil War History Moments in History History of Hollywood
Theology	Sacred Scriptures and the Holy Trinity	Jesus the Redeemer and the Church	Sacraments & Morality	World Religions Advanced Liturgy
Foreign Language	Spanish I & II French I & II <i>*opt out testing available for higher placement</i>	Spanish II & III French II & III <i>*opt out testing available for higher placement</i>	Spanish III French III	AP Spanish AP French
Computer Science	Computer Science		AP Computer Science	AP Computer Science
Business		Financial Literacy	Business Accounting Building Wealth/ Business Communication	Business Accounting
The Arts	Band I Choir Music Technology	Band II Choir Architectural Drawing	Multimedia Arts/Drawing Architectural Drawing Band III Choir	Introduction to Drawing Ceramics Graphic Design Band IV
Electives	Engineering Science	ACT/SAT Prep Grammar & Genre Studies Robotics	Forensic Science Debate & Forensics Nutrition/ Health & Wellness PE	Honors Engineering Science Forensic Science Debate & Forensics Nutrition/ Health & Wellness

*LTU- Lawrence Technological University *Madonna University

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MINDS THAT ARE ENERGIZED TO IMPACT THE WORLD

COLLEGE DIVERSITY - COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2025

*Adrian College	Georgetown University	*Michigan Technological University	*University of Charleston	*University of Tennessee Knoxville
*Albion College	*Grand Valley State University	New York University	University of Cincinnati	*University of Tampa
American University	Grove City College	*Northeastern University	*University of Colorado Boulder	University of Texas-Austin Cockrell School of Engineering
*Aquinas College	Heidelberg University	*Northern Michigan University	University of Connecticut	*University of Toledo
*Arizona State University	*High Point University	North Carolina A&T	University of Denver	University of Virginia
Ashland University	Hillsdale College	*Northwood University	*University of Detroit Mercy	University of Washington
*Auburn University	*Hope College	*Oakland University	*7 year dental program	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Ball State University	Howard University	Oakland Community College	University of Findlay	*University of Wisconsin - Stout
Baylor University	*Indiana University	*Ohio Northern University	*University of Florida	Valparaiso University
Belmont College	*Kelley School of Business	*Ohio State University Fisher School of Business	University of Illinois	Vanderbilt University
Bowling Green State University	Jacksonville University	*Pace University	University of Kansas	*Villanova University
Bucknell University	James Madison University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	*University of Kentucky	Virginia Military Institute
*Butler University	*John Carroll University	*Purdue University	*University of Miami	Virginia Technological University
*Central Michigan University	Kalamazoo College	Rensselaer Polytechnical University	*University of Michigan Ann Arbor	Wake Forest University
Clark Atlanta University	Kettering University	Rollins University	*College of Engineering	Wesleyan University
*Clemson University	*Lake Superior State University	*Rutgers University	*Ross School of Business	*Western Michigan University
*Coastal Carolina University	*Lawrence Technological University	*Saginaw Valley State University	*School of Nursing Honors College	*Xavier University
*Colgate University	Loyola Marymount University	Saint Joseph's University	*University of Michigan Dearborn	
Davenport University	*Loyola University Chicago	Saint Louis University	University of Michigan Flint	
DePaul University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Stetson University	*University of Minnesota	
Drexel University	Madonna University	SUNY Purchase	*University of Mississippi	
*Duquesne University	Marist University	*Temple University	*University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	
*Eastern Michigan University	*Marquette University	*Texas Christian University	University of Notre Dame	
*Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	*Miami University (OH)	*Tiffin University	University of Richmond	
*Ferris State University	*Farmer School of Business	University of Arizona	University of San Francisco	
Florida Atlantic University	*Michigan State University	University of California San Diego	*University of South Carolina	
Florida State University	*Honors College		*University of Southern California	
Fordham University	*Broad College of Business			
Furman University	MIAT College of Technology			

**denotes multiple acceptances*

Total number of acceptances: 537

Scholarships earned by the class of 2024: \$112,174,972 and counting

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OPPORTUNITY



St. Mary's Preparatory has a unique partnership with Madonna University and Lawrence Technological University who each house a branch on our campus. St. Mary's Prep students are able to take actual college classes, and graduate with a Madonna

University and Lawrence Tech transcript, reflective of the courses they have taken and grades they have earned.

Courses Description

Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (5 credits)

Topics include a study of limits, continuity, derivatives of algebraic and transcendental functions, applications of derivatives, integrals, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

Calculus with Analytic Geometry II (5 credits)

Topics include a study of methods of integration, applications of integrals, sequences, series and power series, parametric curves, and polar coordinates.

College Composition I (3 credits)

Study and practice of strategies for academic writing, with a focus on writing and reading descriptive, narrative, and expository essays. Emphasis on writing as a process. Introduction to information literacy.

College Composition II (3 credits)

Study and practice of strategies for academic writing, with a focus on writing and reading persuasive and argumentative essays. Continued emphasis on writing as a process. Development of information literacy skills, as applied to writing a substantial research paper. An exit portfolio, to be scored by at least two Composition instructors is required for successful completion of the course.

General Biology I (3 credits)

A course for non-science majors, presenting biological concepts influencing individual decisions affecting community structure and the state of the world. Lecture 3 hours, Laboratory 3 hours.

General Biology II (3 credits)

Fundamental biological principles and problems as they apply to evolutionary theory, biosystematics, plant structure and function, animal behavior, and ecological concepts. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours.

Introduction to Engineering (2 credits) Survey of the scope engineering and the engineer's role his in society. Basic engineering tools such as math modeling, calculator usage and graphic design principles. Design project involving teamwork required.

Introduction to Engineering (2 credits) An integrated course in engineering graphics for all students in the College of Engineering. Introduction to graphics in design, fundamentals of orthogonal projection and experience in applying these principles to the solution of space problems. ACAD software. Student will get credit and certificate for CAD.

Introduction to Psychology (3 credits) Introduction to the study of motives at work in human behavior; understanding of perception, reasoning, memory, consciousness, intelligence, psychopathology, and individual differences.



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CHAMPIONS BEYOND THE FIELD

“ OLSM gave me a foundation for my success teaching me that with resilience, discipline, and balance I could excel as a student and as a collegiate athlete.”

Cameron Cole Varsity Soccer class of '24 - University of Toledo class of '28

90%

of the Girl's division participate in
at least one sport or club.

At Orchard Lake St. Mary's, we believe that to develop young men and women, we need to provide the opportunity to discover their hidden talents. We provide 40 sports, clubs, and unique extracurricular activities that offer a chance to broaden our student's horizons.

Our students have every opportunity to discover new experiences and grow into complete, well-rounded young adults.

Developing Championships on and off the field

Both on and off the athletic field, students are afforded opportunities to utilize their God-given talents through a cast number of sports and extracurricular activities. Our students are part of a long-standing tradition of success, guided by exceptional teachers and coaches who wholeheartedly embody the mission of our institution. Blessed with a history of long-standing athletic success, students are encouraged to participate in sports to both utilize their God-given talents and to share in the experience of serving as teammates. St. Mary's Prep offers fourteen different sports for boys and ten for girls, and at least one sport each season is non-cut, giving all students an opportunity to participate.

Champions on and off the field, our coaches foster an environment encouraging our student athletes to challenge themselves while inspiring

others. Our world champion crew program - that has participated in regattas on two continents - has produced olympians, 25 Ivy League rowers, and countless state champions. This incredibly unique sport, which no other Catholic high school in the metro Detroit offers, takes students who have never participated in rowing before and makes them Ivy League athletes. Rowers train on Orchard Lake, as our campus is nestled upon its beautiful shoreline.

Our athletic facilities are a few of the jewels of our unique campus. Each and every sport has practice and game facilities on our campus. This provides efficiency for our athletes and coaches, and peace of mind for parents, as our campus provides everything that our student athletes need.



Athletics overview

- Mascot: Eaglets
- 25 MHSAA State Championships, 21 non MHSAA State Championships
- St. Mary's offers 14 different sports
- At least one sport each season is non cut, allowing all students who want to participate in a sport the opportunity to do so
- Students are encouraged to participate in sports for the sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship.

Athletic Facilities

For 100 years, the Orchard Lake St. Mary's rowing team has established itself as a top program globally.

Our on-campus athletic facilities also include:

- A state-of-the-art ice arena with an indoor running track.

- Outdoor football, baseball, and soccer fields.
- 1.66 square mile Orchard Lake with rowing team training and competition center
- Track & field facilities
- Full performance weight training center

Sports offered at St. Mary's

Fall - Cheerleading - sideline, Cross Country, Soccer

Winter - Basketball, Cheerleading - competitive, Hockey, Skiing, Volleyball

Spring - Crew*, Softball, Golf, Sailing*, Tennis, Track

**non MHSAA sport*



CREATING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

FOUNDED ON THE IDEALS OF HUMANITY, CARE AND DIGNITY

“ I am so proud to see our students embracing a new culture and gaining a sense of independence. Learning a language is not just about learning new vocabulary words; it's about connection, culture, and confidence. ”

Ashley Yenior St. Mary's Prep French Teacher, National Honor Society moderators & JV Tennis Coach

5

countries represented

8

states represented

The Orchard Lake St. Mary's culture is made up of students from around the country and around the world. We pride ourselves on fostering a culture that represents new ideas, diverse thinking, and groundbreaking learning. We go further by not only addressing the needs of our students, we also help them live out their dreams and experience new viewpoints and customs.

The OLSM experience can only be described as fascinating as well as unequalled.

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ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY STUDENT LIFE AND CULTURE

Family Involvement

St. Mary's Prep is built on the strength of its students and the families that support them. Parents participate in the following events:

- School Auction
- Athletic Boosters Club
- Ring Day
- Graduation
- Founder's Day

The Moms and Dads Club

This organization, completely manpowered by school parents, has long been an integral part of the successful fundraising activities and the various award and achievement ceremonies at the school. The Moms and Dads Club strives to generate in excess of ½ million dollars a year.

Parent Involvement Program (PIP)

- Families are required to donate 20 hours of service each year
- Family hours support the Athletic Department, School Auction, and other campus events



Student clubs

GIRLS

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sisters In Christ Club | Student Council- Girls Division |
| Women In Business Club | Earth And Service Club |
| Passion For Fashion Club | Baking Club |
| Olsm Community Caring Club | Dance Club |
| Nature's Palette | |

Co- Divisional

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| Art Club | Eaglet Times (Newspaper) |
| Career Club | French Club |
| Debate & Forensics Club | Athletes For Christ |
| Coding Club | Photography Club |
| Theatre Club | Stem Club |
| Spanish Club | Mary's Minds Mental Health Club |
| Forensic Science Clu | National Honors Society |
| Pickleball Club | Multicultural Club |
| Medical Club | Pillars Of Formation Club |
| Pastoral/Advanced Liturgy Club | Model United Nations |
| Pro-Life Club | |

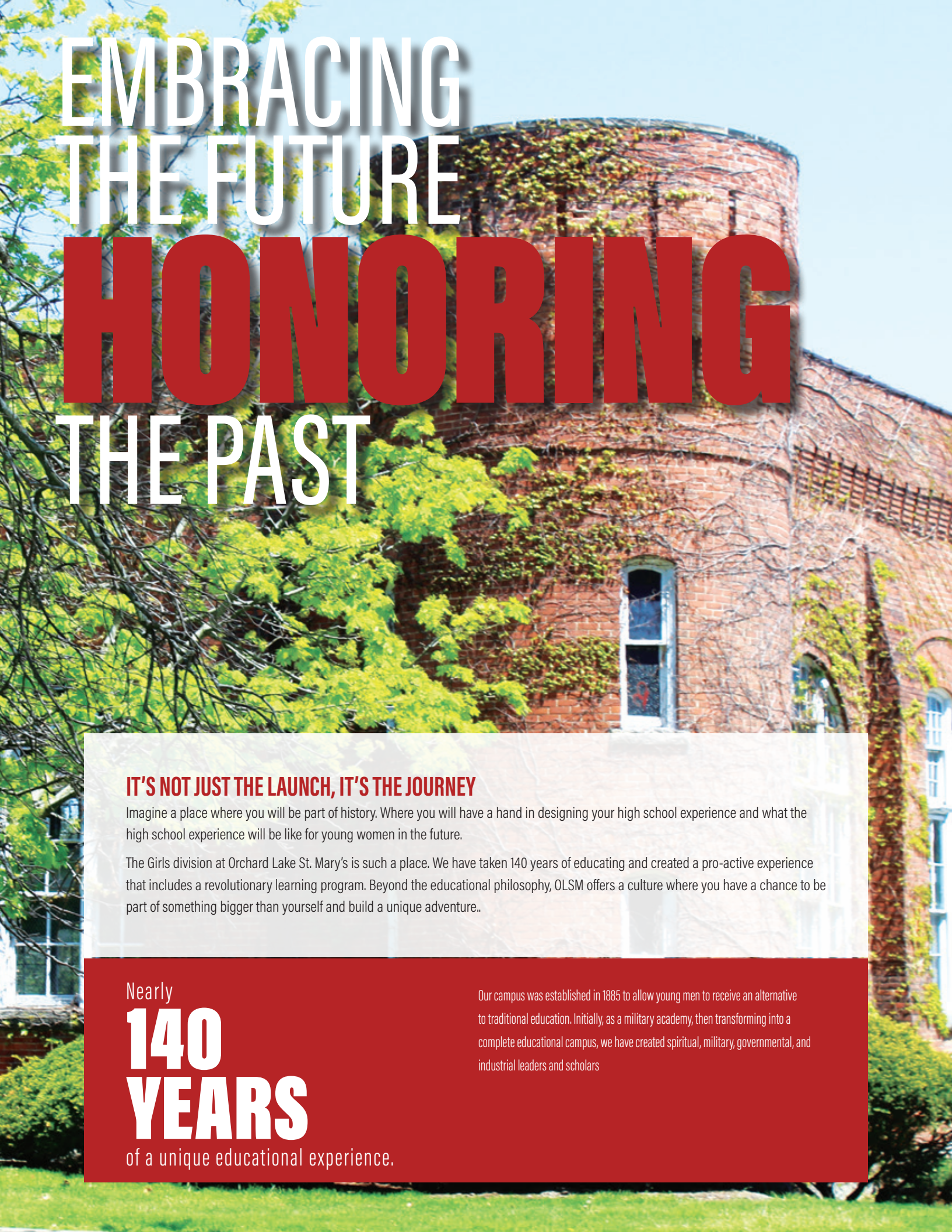
Community Services

Students at St. Mary's Prep are encouraged to live their lives as a reflection of their faith and members of their community. This mantra provides an opportunity to give back and builds well-rounded individuals who are leaders in their communities for years to come. Our school leadership teams continue to seek out organizations to build partnerships where our students can make the most impact.



G O D , F A M I L Y , S T . M A R Y ' S





EMBRACING THE FUTURE **HONORING** THE PAST

IT'S NOT JUST THE LAUNCH, IT'S THE JOURNEY

Imagine a place where you will be part of history. Where you will have a hand in designing your high school experience and what the high school experience will be like for young women in the future.

The Girls division at Orchard Lake St. Mary's is such a place. We have taken 140 years of educating and created a pro-active experience that includes a revolutionary learning program. Beyond the educational philosophy, OLSM offers a culture where you have a chance to be part of something bigger than yourself and build a unique adventure..

Nearly

140 YEARS

of a unique educational experience.

Our campus was established in 1885 to allow young men to receive an alternative to traditional education. Initially, as a military academy, then transforming into a complete educational campus, we have created spiritual, military, governmental, and industrial leaders and scholars

GOING BEYOND

The Orchard Lake Schools are comprised of three educational Institutions:

- St. Mary's Preparatory
 - Madonna University (formerly St. Mary's College)
 - Polish Institute of Culture and Research
 - St. John Paul II Liturgical Center
- Campus Highlights
- The campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's was once the home of the Michigan Military Academy
 - The Orchard Lake Schools, originally known as the "Polish Seminary," were founded in the late 19th century when the need arose for priests to care for Polish immigrants
- Remodeling and new construction from 1912 through 1928 permitted further growth in enrollment. Three distinct schools – SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's College and St. Mary's Preparatory – emerged from a restructuring of the Seminary in 1927-28, each with a four-year program.
 - The campus of the Orchard Lake Schools has educated nearly 10,000 students to date.



GOD, FAMILY, ST. MARY'S



DEFINING YOUR LIFE'S STORY



50+

Community organizations served

We believe that our students are a reflection of our community at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. We also encourage our students to be contributors to the community outside our campus. We give our young women opportunities to give back in a variety of ways, from involvement in underserved communities to providing friendship and mentoring to at-risk children in the area.

We maintain that our minds, spirit, and passion are given to us to share for a better world and society.

Academic Merit Scholarships

Award range-

\$3,000-\$5,000 per year

Merit Scholarships will be awarded solely on the full 7th grade and first quarter 8th grade academic performance. The office of Academic Affairs at St. Mary's Prep will calculate a custom GPA on our grading scale based on core classes and strength of schedule. Academic scholarships are reserved for students with a core GPA of 3.8 and above. Academic scholarships will renew each year so long as the student maintains specific academic requirements as outlined in the scholarship letter.

The Mary Scholarship

Girls Division

Award range-

\$1,000-\$2,500 per year

The Mary Scholarship is awarded to young women who have proven to be inspiring young role models and have exhibited exactly what it is to be a Christian lady. As indicated within the recommendations and information set to accompany a student's application, recipients have exhibited positive behavior in the classroom, in co-curricular activities, church communities, and various other organizations the applicant has been involved with. Candidates who exhibit this type of behavior per the above documentation will be recommended to the scholarship committee as potential recipients.

The Milewski Scholarship

Award- \$1,000-\$3,000

per year

This scholarship program honors the mission of Reverend Stanley Milewski, which was to give deserving students an opportunity to be educated in the Catholic environment. This scholarship honors our relationships with elementary and middle schools in the metro Detroit area by rewarding high-quality students for their commitment to spiritual and academic achievement. This scholarship is renewable each year, provided the student is in good academic standing and is exhibiting the Christian behaviors expected of St. Mary's Prep students. Every student who formally applies to St. Mary's will automatically be considered for this award.

The Parent Educator Scholarship

Students who have been accepted to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, and have a parent or step-parent currently working as a full time teacher

or administrator in a public or Catholic school may be eligible for this scholarship totaling \$8,000. As long as the student remains in good academic and behavioral standing, and the qualifying parent employment is still effective, this \$8,000 scholarship will roll over each academic year. This is an application based award and is due at the time of application submission. Students who are awarded this scholarship are not eligible for additional scholarships or financial aid. Please visit our website for application and more details.

Law Enforcement Scholarship

Students who have been accepted to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, and have a parent or step-parent currently working as a full time US Border Patrol, Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, or active duty US military may be eligible for this scholarship totaling \$8,000. As long as the student remains in good academic and behavioral standing, and the qualifying parent employment is still effective, this \$8,000 scholarship will roll over each academic year. This is an application based award and is due at the time of application submission. Students who are awarded this scholarship are not eligible for additional scholarships or financial aid. Please visit our website for application and more details.

The Joseph Burkacki Scholarship

Established in 2019, this honors and preserves the important Polish heritage of the Orchard Lake Schools by providing scholarship awards to qualified students. The Fund utilizes annual distributions from the Fund, preserving the principal of the fund to aid future students and perpetually honor Mr. Burkacki. Student recipients, known as "Burkacki Scholars", commit to appropriately promote the Polish traditions to the diverse population of The Orchard Lake Schools, and pledge their Christian service in support of the School's overall mission.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1st. See school website for scholarship application

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THIS IS HOW WE CREATE FUTURES

FOUNDED ON THE IDEALS OF HUMANITY, CARE AND DIGNITY

“ I am so proud to see our students embracing a new culture and gaining a sense of independence. Learning a language is not just about learning new vocabulary words; it's about connection, culture, and confidence. ”

Ashley Yenior St. Mary's Prep French Teacher, National Honor Society moderator & JV Tennis Coach

75+

middle schools

Located in northwest Oakland County, our campus provides an atmosphere unmatched at any educational institution in the midwest. With Orchard Lake as the doorstep, our students experience an environment that is not only conducive to learning, it also provides a framework to explore new possibilities as they learn.

Prior to an acceptance decision being made, students must complete both application steps. You may complete these steps in any order you prefer so long as everything is completed by the application deadline noted below.

STEP 1- VISIT US!

To schedule a campus visit or shadow day, please visit our website www.olsmadmissions.com. Detailed information and a schedule of our visit opportunities are listed there.

STEP 2- FORMALLY APPLY

All applications are to be completed online; you can get started by creating an account via our website www.olsmadmissions.com. There are three sections to an application that must be completed:

Initial application portion completed by the student & parents.

Teacher recommendation to be completed by a current 8th grade teacher.

Transcripts/grades parents are required to submit a transcript request form to their child's school counselor to request transcripts be sent.

Applications for the class of 2030/ 2026-2027 school year will be accepted starting October 1, 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR EARLY DECISION:
December 17, 2025

2025-2026 TUITION INFORMATION

Day Student Tuition

\$16,950

Boys Division Boarding Tuition

Contact admissions for more information on how to apply for the boarding school

International Boarding Student Tuition

\$50,000

Boarding is for the Boys Division only

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

St. Mary's Preparatory has an extremely robust scholarship and financial aid program. It is our goal to make a St. Mary's Prep education a reality for every deserving student. For more information, please visit our website www.olsmadmissions.com

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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UNITING NATURE AND SPIRIT

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

“ Our experience at St. Mary's has surpassed every expectation. St. Mary's has had such a profoundly positive effect on our son, that our dreams for him have become guaranteed. We adore the sprawling campus of tree lined cobblestoned paths, and the ivy clad red brick buildings. The atmosphere speaks to an age when education still compelled young minds towards greatness. Similarly the faculty possess the erudite approach to learning that inspires a life typified by leadership, vocational success, and Christian values. Our St. Mary's experience has helped realize every potential for success and happiness that we dreamed of for our son. Sending our son to St. Mary's is the single best educational decision that we have ever made. We would recommend St. Mary's to anyone who dreams of a better life for their child. ”

Jamie & Indigo Stewart St. Mary's Prep Parents

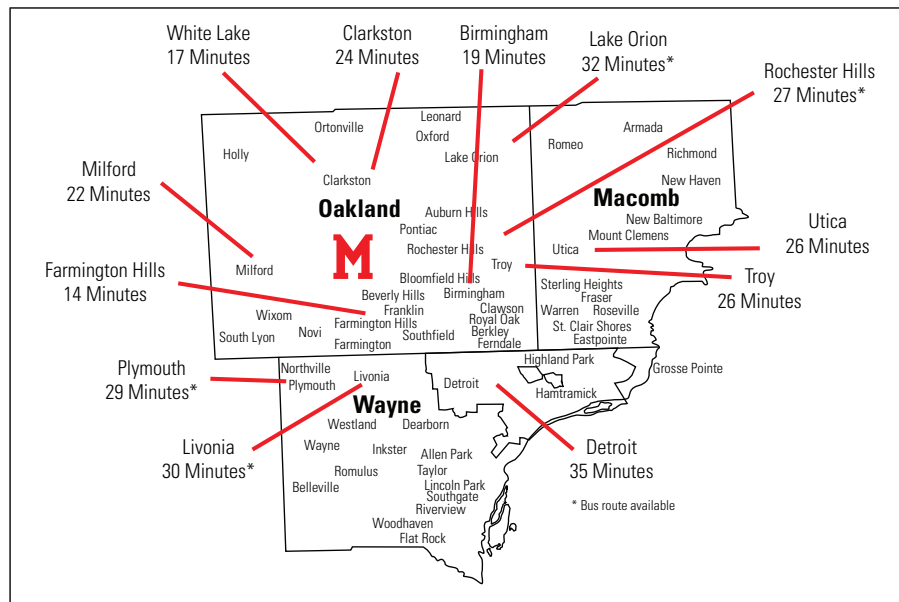
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acres of serenity, tranquility, and beauty

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GOING BEYOND

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| 1 OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO | 13A SEMINARY & COLLEGE ACADEMIC CENTER (CAC) | 23 ST. MARY'S ATHLETIC COMPLEX (SMAC) |
| 2 ADAM CARDINAL MAIDA ALUMNI LIBRARY | 13B COMMERCE ROAD PARKING | 23A ICE ARENA |
| 2A ST. MARY'S CAMPUS BOOKSTORE | 14 SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF ORCHARD LAKE | 23B BANQUET CENTER |
| 2B LIBRARY PARKING | 15 DINING HALLS | 23C DOMBROWSKI FIELDHOUSE |
| 3 ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY | 16A ST. ALBERTUS HALL | 24 FRANK T. & MARY C. PADZIESKI SCIENCE CENTER |
| 5 FR. JOHN RAKOCZY GYMNASIUM "OLD GYM" | 16B ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE HALL (PREPARATORY RESIDENCE) | 25 LACROSSE & SOCCER FIELDS |
| 5A MAINTENANCE OFFICE | 17 VISITORS PARKING | 26 FRESHMEN BASEBALL FIELD |
| 6 CASTLE (WALNUT ROOM) | 18 VISITORS PARKING | 27 FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELD |
| 7 ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION | 19 VISITORS PARKING | 28 ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY ADMISSIONS |
| 8 GALERIA | 20 ATHLETIC COMPLEX PARKING | 29 CAMPUS QUAD |
| 9 ARK (POLISH MUSEUMS) | 21 MSGR. STANLEY E. MILEWSKI FOOTBALL FIELD & ALUMNI TRACK | |
| 10 RESIDENCE | 22 MSGR. WALTER J. ZIEMBA BASEBALL FIELD | |
| 11 FR. ANDREW WOTTA CENTER | | |
| 12 SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SEMINARY | | |
| 12A SEMINARY CHAPEL | | |
| 13 MARIAN HALL | | |



GOD, FAMILY, ST. MARY'S



THE OPPORTUNITY TO **SHAPE** YOUR FUTURE AWAITS



I serve as one of the Admissions Associates at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory. In my role here, I help guide families through the admissions process, offering personalized support and insight into the values and opportunities that make St. Mary's unique. One of the key programs I oversee is our "Shadow Day" experience, where prospective students spend the day alongside a current student, fully immersed in the academic and social life of the school. This initiative allows visitors to get a true sense of what it means to be an Eaglet.



Having spent my entire professional career in Catholic schools, I've seen firsthand how these communities shape students not just academically, but spiritually and morally. Catholic education fosters a sense of purpose rooted in faith, compassion, and service to others. It provides a values-based environment where students are encouraged to grow into thoughtful, respectful, and responsible individuals. I've found the rich tradition of academic excellence and faith formation here at St. Mary's to be one-of-a-kind when it comes to Catholic schools, and I hope to share that experience with your children. Our motto "God. Family. St. Mary's." isn't

just a motto here- it's what guides me, as well as the rest of our campus, in everything we do, everyday.

In the classroom, on the athletic fields, and in our service, students are taught to seek Christ in all things. Our emphasis on faith formation alongside rigorous academics prepares students for success in all aspects of life. Family is honored through the close relationships formed among students, parents, teachers, and staff—creating a supportive environment where every individual is known, valued, and cared for. Our class sizes of just 18 to a room allow for these meaningful relationships between students and faculty. And, the spirit of St. Mary's shines through in the pride we take in our traditions, the pursuit of excellence in academics and extracurriculars, and the lifelong Brotherhood and Sisterhood that students gain from being part of something bigger than ourselves.

In addition to my work in admissions, I proudly serve as the head coach of the wrestling team. Coaching gives me the chance to mentor student-athletes both on and off the mat, helping them grow in faith and strength. With the goal to foster a spirit of camaraderie, discipline, and respect through the sport of wrestling, the Orchard Lake St. Mary's wrestling team seeks to honor God, uplift one another, and inspire excellence in all our endeavors.

Whether I'm welcoming a family on campus or preparing the team for competition, I'm committed to building a positive, faith-filled environment where the students of Orchard Lake St. Mary's can grow into their fullest potential.

Peyton Coleman Admissions Officer

God. Family. St. Mary's. The motto of St. Mary's spoke to me as a youth and has helped guide me to become the man I am today. As a 2009 graduate of St. Mary's, I have had the unique opportunity to be a part of the St. Mary's community throughout the better part of my life. Among all else, what St. Mary's ingrained in me the most was to learn to keep my priorities straight, keep God first, and have integrity in all that I do.

I am now proud to be an admissions officer at St. Mary's for the first time after spending years teaching chemistry and math.

Helping young people realize their potential, learn to put their faith first in their life, and learn how to work hard has been my goal in the classroom. I now look forward to helping students who are ready to better themselves and our campus community join our St. Mary's family. I know the impact each child can have when they learn to put God first and contribute to their families, our school and ultimately to the world around us. Because of this, I know how important it is to ensure students are held to high standards and realize their own potential as they embark on their high school careers. I look forward to meeting you and your families as we work together to make our world a better place now and into the future. Welcome to a special place for me, and so many more you will meet as you learn and grow at OLSM!



Dominic Zerlito (P'09) Admissions Officer





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