

GOD, FAMILY, ST. MARY'S



2021-2022
BOYS DIVISION
GIRLS DIVISION

PASSION, PURPOSE, & 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.

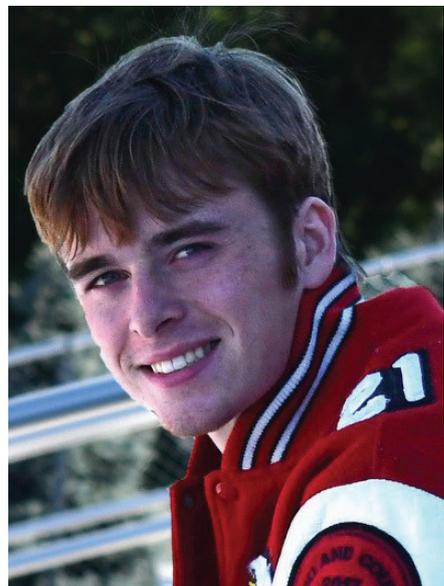
We encourage you to become part of this experience at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.



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, St. Mary's Preparatory has unveiled a bold, never before seen style of education in the Archdiocese of Detroit: A Co-Divisional model. Starting in the fall of 2020, this Co-Divisional platform (Boys & Girls Divisions) will be offered ONLY to the incoming 9th and 10th grade classes for the 2021-2022 school year. This unique model for the incoming 9th and 10th grade classes offers the best of both worlds: a single-gender classroom experience alongside opportunities for 9th and 10th grade 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.





8-18

College credit hours completed by graduation on average

Our students, on average, graduate with 8-18 completed 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.

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 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 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.



100%

of our teachers have PhDs

70%

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

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 \$48,900 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: Robotics, 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.





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. We share a campus with the prestigious SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, and we are blessed with the influence and support this institution has upon our ministry. 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.



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Years of spiritual leadership and 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. This culture is supported by the commitment of the on-campus seminary students and their leadership.



90%

of OLSM students 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.

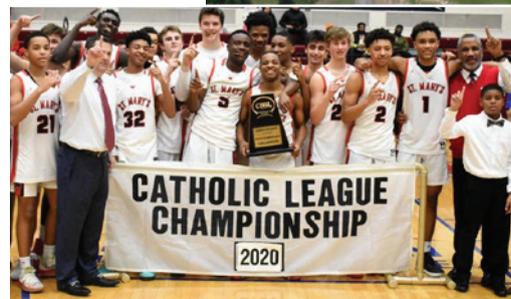


ATHLETICS

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 five 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, 15 Ivy League rowers, and countless state champions. This incredibly unique sport, which no other Catholic high school in the metro Detroit has, 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.





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 his 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.



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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 men and 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.



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countries represented

Our boarding program is representative of cultures from around the world. The dormitory symbolizes the diversity that is part of our history, part of our culture, and integral to our community. Additionally, our boarding students have the opportunity to learn from each other, build life-long friendships, and gain experiences they would not otherwise have the chance to have.



BOARDING LIFE - BOYS DIVISION

St. Mary's Prep is the only Catholic high school in the state of Michigan that also serves as a boarding school. This one-of-a-kind experience (currently only for the boys division), allows students to enter college with an on-campus living experience. Students are able to build study habits necessary to be successful in any educational institution. Boarding also gives students a thorough multi-cultural experience, with a host of international students residing in the dormitories. The honorable experience of being a boarding student at St. Mary's Prep invites our students to live in a communal setting at the high school level. Our collegiate campus setting and schedule further prepares students for post secondary institutions. St. Mary's thrives upon students who are interested and gifted in the arts. One notable alumni, Calvin O'Neal Jr., Class of 2008, won an Oscar for the film, "The Fantastic Flying Books for Mr. Morris Lessmore." Our world renowned symphonic band has global experience, playing with well known European orchestras. Our on campus Polish art gallery influences our artistic students through a variety of famous pieces. Family involvement is another strength behind St. Mary's Prep. A mandatory Parent Involvement Program (PIP) is an integral part of ensuring student success on a variety of levels. Our students

are extensions of their families, and family involvement is crucial to the fiber of our campus.





CAMPUS HISTORY

The Orchard Lake Schools are comprised of three educational Institutions:

- St. Mary's Preparatory
- Madonna University (formerly St. Mary's College)
- SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary

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.



Nearly
**TWO
CENTURIES**
of a unique educational experience

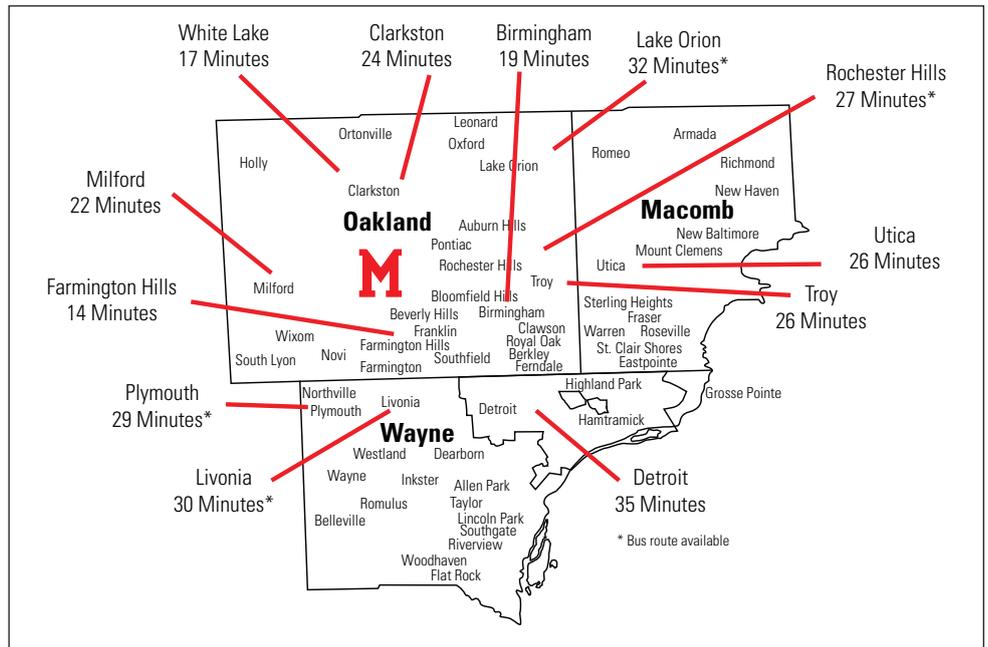
Our campus was started in 1885 to allow young men to receive an alternative to traditional education. Initially, as a military academy, then transforming into a complete educational campus, we have created spiritual, military, governmental, and industrial leaders and scholars.



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acres of serenity, tranquility, and beauty

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.



We Encourage, Educate & Guide

The Leaders

The Brave

The Thinkers

The Pioneers

The Driven

The Visionaries

The Explorers

The Innovators

The Groundbreakers

The Trailblazers

The Changemakers

The Ones That Inspire

The Ones That Are Curious

The Ones That Ask Why

The Ones That Make A Difference

The Believers In Everything Good





St. Mary's Preparatory

Established 1885

Part of the Orchard Lake Schools

A Prestigious Center of Catholic Formation, Academic
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