

God  
Family  
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-grade class for the 2020-2021 school year. This unique model for the incoming 9th-grade classes offers the best of both worlds: a single-gender classroom experience alongside opportunities for 9th-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.



*"If the Orchard Lake Schools did not exist, it would be necessary to create them."*

Pope John Paul II



## 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 whole-heartedly embody the mission of our institution.

*"Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"*

Pope Francis



## ACADEMICS

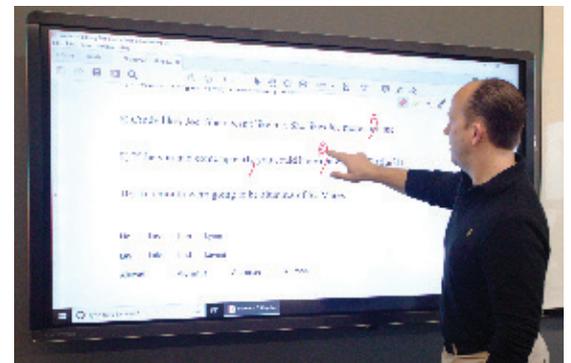
St. Mary's Preparatory offers an educational experience incomparable to anyone else. Sharing a campus with Madonna University's satellite campus allows our students to take actual college courses at the high school level. The majority of Prep students seek this course of study and graduate with a high 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.



*"Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."*

William Shakespeare



## 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 two full Catholic Masses a week.

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.

*"Let us thank God that He makes us live among the present problems. It is no longer permitted to anyone to be mediocre."*

Pope Pius XI



## ATHLETICS

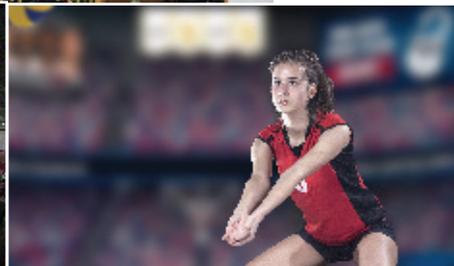
Blessed with a history of long-standing athletic success, students are encouraged to participate in sports to both utilize their God-given talents and to share in the experience of serving as teammates. St. Mary's Prep offers fourteen different sports for boys and five for girls, and at least one sport 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.

*"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."*

Michael Jordan



## 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.



*"Each and every one of us becomes part of campus; we are all writing school history"*

Rowland Zhang, class of 2012, George Washington University, class of 2016



## 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.



*"If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him."*

John F. Kennedy



## CAMPUS HISTORY

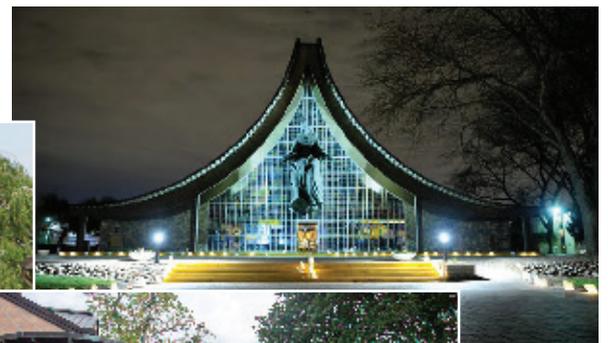
The Orchard Lake Schools are comprised of three educational Institutions:

- 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

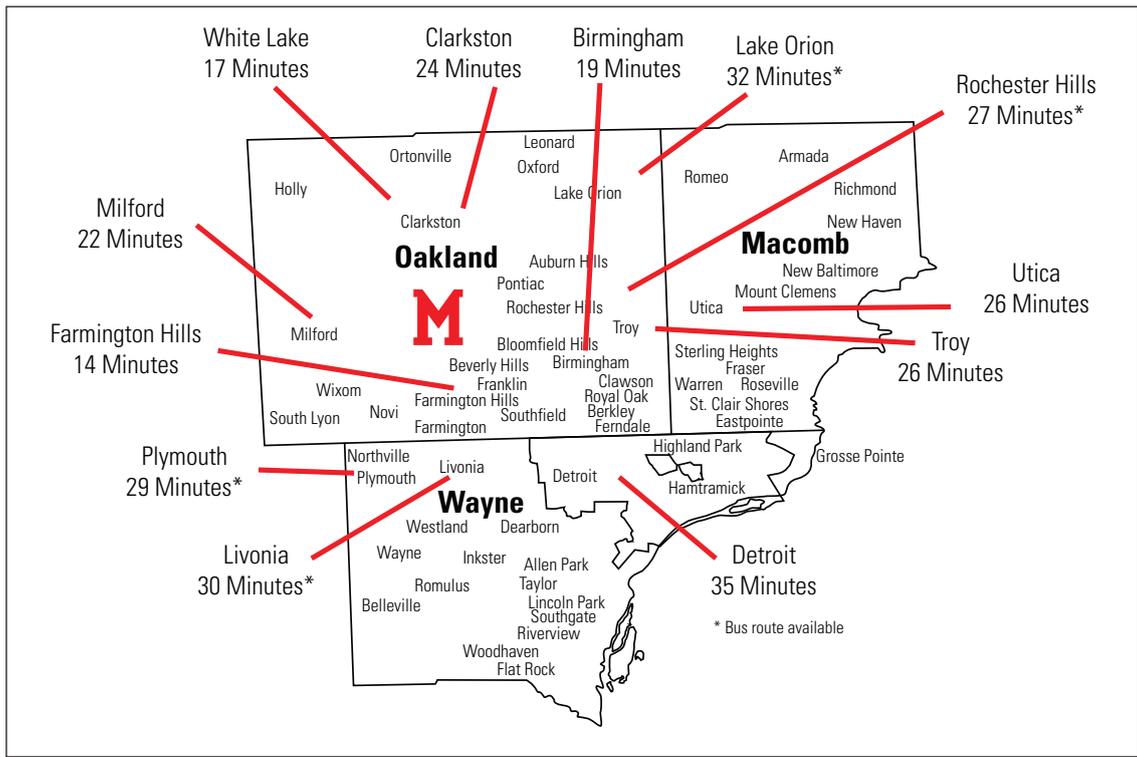
- Remodeling and new construction from 1912 through 1928 permitted further growth in enrollment. Three distinct schools – SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's College and St. Mary's Preparatory – emerged from a restructuring of the Seminary in 1927-28, each with a four-year program.
- The campus of the Orchard Lake Schools has educated nearly 10,000 students to date



*"We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us."*

Winston Churchill

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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                          |     |   |     |   |







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