

High School Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to St. Mary's Academy High School! Your best online resource will be: stmarys.academy/resources and click on "All Girls High School Resources." Under this drop-down, you will have access to community service sites, forms, summer reading, athletics, course catalog and much more.

How can I find out the dates of vacations, school holidays and conferences? Our website will have the most current answers for most of these questions. Go to stmarys.academy/calendar. Our campus summer hours are from 8:30-3:00 p.m.

When does the school day start and end? For High School, most days start at 8:30 and end at 3:45. Please check: <http://stmarys.academy/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/HS-Schedule-16-17.pdf>

How is the academic calendar divided for high school? There are four quarters of about eight weeks in length.

Would you be able to provide a list of available classes? Yes!
<http://stmarys.academy/academics/all-girls-high-school/high-school-course-catalog>

Of those classes which ones will I be required to take as a Freshman? Biology, Math, English, History, Theology, Language

Which languages does the school offer? Chinese, French, Spanish, ASL

When and how do I get my schedule? You will receive a letter from Kathryn McNamee in late summer (usually late July or early August), inviting you to make an appointment with her to review your schedule. Our campus summer hours are from 8:30-3:00 p.m.

When and how do I order books? Students purchase their own textbooks via the online distributor MBS Direct. When you receive your schedule in late July or early August, you will know what courses you will have you can proceed.
<http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/smanet.htm>

If you have further questions email kferguson@stmarys.academy.

Will I need a computer for school every day? Students may provide their own MacBook or they may lease one for the school year for a recommended \$100 insurance fee. SMA home page. Resources. High School. High School Laptop User Agreement. If you have further questions email helpdesk@stmarys.academy.

How do students purchase lunch at school? We have different vendors provide meal selections each day of the week. Go to SMA home page. Resources. High

School. SMarket Debit Plan. Also on the website are monthly menus under Resources, High School SMarket Lunch Schedule.

Is there a school bus or transport service? No, we encourage carpooling, taking the RTD (bus 24). SMA utilizes a company called WayToGo – they will send out a listing of families in zip codes near you in early August.

Is there a school uniform or dress code? There is no uniform, but there are definite guidelines published in the Handbook which you will receive at Orientation on August 24 or 25. Meanwhile, you can begin to get an idea of the dress code by looking at the photos of the high school students on the SMA website.

What summer activities can I be a part of? We have sports camps offered through our Academy Adventures summer program: <http://stmarys.academy/student-life/summer-programs>. Also, please contact our athletic director, Kelli Logan, (klogan@stmarys.academy) for information regarding basketball and volleyball open gyms as well as group training for other sports.

Is there summer reading? Many classes do have supplemental reading. Once you have received your class schedule you will know which ones you can prioritize for first or second semester. <http://stmarys.academy/resources> and look at 2017-18 Supplemental reading. Note: All 9th graders take: Biology I, Building American Identity for English and History.

Am I required to take any classes in the summer depending on my testing? No, but you should review algebra and you must complete your summer reading.

How do I contact SMA during the summer if I have questions? Contact us via phone: 303-762-8300 and ask for the high school office. Our summer hours are: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What forms do I need to submit to the school? The late summer mailing will have specific details. Meanwhile, you will be able to view many of the standard forms: <http://stmarys.academy/resources>, then click on “All Girls High School Resources.”

What AP and standardized tests can I take in my freshman year? All Freshmen will take the PSAT in the spring of your 9th grade year. AP courses become available in Sophomore year.

What are the extra curricular activities that I can do after school? Athletics, robotics, speech and debate, theatre, Mock Trial and Model UN.

I've heard that I will get a Senior Sister. What is that and how does it work?

Incoming Freshmen are matched up with a Senior Sister. Some planned events and some spontaneous get-togethers will help to orient and welcome the new students.

How can parents get involved? Your participation is greatly valued and highly encouraged. <http://stmarys.academy/resources>, click on "All Academy Resources."

Did you know that you can get the SMA application on your mobile device? Search for St. Mary's Academy Englewood on the Apple Store or Google Play.