



# Stella Maris Academy

K-8 Parochial School of Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church  
Profile and Application

# Welcome Letter from the Principal

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Welcome to Stella Maris Academy, home of the Monarchs. We are a Roman Catholic school in the Diocese of San Diego, serving students in grades kindergarten through eight. The school was founded in 1947 as the parish school of Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church. The school is fully accredited by both the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges* and the *Western Catholic Education Association*, and is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Our mission to provide a Christ-centered, academically excellent, and safe school environment which all children can achieve their maximum God-given potential is supported by a challenging curriculum that integrates state and national core standards with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Religious education is a priority, with prayer, sacraments, and liturgy as important components of school life. The school is authentically Catholic, yet warmly welcomes students of all faith traditions. Teachers are highly qualified professionals who model the belief that Christ is the reason for our school by nurturing the children in our care.

Our school-wide learning expectations are that students will be knowledgeable/concerned Catholics who recognize the need to know, love, and serve God; healthy achievers who take responsibility for their own learning; community minded individuals who perform service to improve the lives of others; and morally sensitive individuals who are developing a moral conscience in harmony with unchanging Christian principles.

The use of technology is an important aspect of our educational program. Teachers and students use computers throughout the school day. Our campus is equipped with wireless network access, SMART Boards, multimedia projectors, and document cameras. Technology tools are routinely used to support meaningful and effective teaching and learning.

Our facilities demonstrate good stewardship by our community. Current enrollment is 200, with one class per grade. The campus includes nine classrooms, library, computer lab, science/art lab, administrative offices, and a learning resource center.

The majority of graduates attend Cathedral Catholic, Academy of Our Lady of Peace, and St. Augustine High School. Local public and private schools also include La Jolla High, Bishops, La Jolla Country Day, and Francis Parker. After high school many Stella Maris Academy alumni go on to graduate from prestigious colleges and universities.

Stella Maris Academy is a Christ-centered community where the academic traditions of our past point the direction for our students' futures.

Mrs. Patricia Lowell  
Principal

# Mission and Philosophy

The mission of Stella Maris Academy is to empower a community of diverse learners to achieve their God-given potential by providing a Christ-centered, academically excellent, and safe environment.



## Statement of Philosophy

The parents, administration, faculty, and staff of Stella Maris Academy believe that Christ is the center of our lives and that we are called to proclaim the Good News, to create community, and to be of service to all of God's people.

We acknowledge that parents are the primary educators of their children.

We foster a supportive environment that balances high expectations with the respect for individual differences.

We commit ourselves to challenge students to become life-long learners while developing a healthy attitude of personal value and self-worth.

We prepare students for higher education, responsible citizenship, and moral integrity in an ever changing world.

## Academics

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Stella Maris Academy offers a well rounded education designed to prepare students for admission to the Catholic high schools in San Diego: Cathedral Catholic High School, Saint Augustine High School, Academy of our Lady of Peace, and Mater Dei High School, as well as other college preparatory high schools. The educational curriculum is enriched through state of the art technology, and instruction is based on the latest educational research.

Stella Maris Academy teachers are trained in the Schools Attuned Program, to provide differentiated instruction for all types of learners. The Student Success Team is available to work with parents and students to provide a positive, problem solving process to identify strategies and programs that may alleviate academic, social, or behavioral difficulties that students are having. We strive to create the most appropriate activities, which allow students to find success in their learning environment. In addition, this program will help educate parents to work with their children for a positive outcome. We also have a educational specialist on staff to help faculty members work with students who benefit from extra support.

## Curriculum

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- Daily religion classes, Monthly All-School Masses
- California State Curriculum Standards followed in all subjects
- Solid Foundation in Language Arts, Mathematics (Grade Level and Advanced Math in Middle School), Science, and Social Studies
- In-depth K-8 Spanish Program
- Health and Physical Education
- K-8 Visual Arts and Music Programs
- Social Skills for Youth adapted from Boys Town
- Library and Technology

## Accreditations and Memberships

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- Fully Accredited
  - ◊ Western Association of Schools and Colleges
  - ◊ Western Catholic Educational Association
- 2005 Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School
- National Catholic Educational Association
- Association of Catholic Student Councils
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development



# Athletics

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- **Parochial Sports Program**

**Fall**

Varsity Flag Football  
Junior Varsity Flag Football  
Varsity Girls Volleyball  
Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball

**Winter**

Varsity Boys Basketball  
Junior Varsity Boys Basketball  
Varsity Girls Soccer  
Junior Varsity Girls Soccer  
Pee Wee Soccer grades K-4

**Spring**

Varsity Boys Soccer  
Junior Varsity Boys Soccer  
Varsity Girls Basketball  
Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

- Intramural After School Sports League, for grades 4-8, including football, kickball, and the SMA exclusive “batball”



# Extras

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- Academic Decathlon Team
- Accelerated Reader
- Art Literacy
- Before and after school care
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Certified reading specialists
- Everyone’s a Reader
- First in Math
- Grades 6– 8 Science Fair
- Junior Achievement/Biz Town
- School Band
- School Choir
- Spelling and Geography Bees
- Student Buddies Program
- Student Community Service
- Study Skills Program
- Summer School enrichment
- Yearbook Staff

# Stella Maris Academy Student Learning Expectations

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## Graduates of Stella Maris Academy are:

Knowledgeable/concerned Catholics who

- Recognize the need to know, love, and serve God
- Live the Gospel message and share it with others through their Catholic faith and familiarity with scripture
- Realize the need for Jesus and the power of prayer in their daily lives
- Participate regularly in the liturgical and sacramental life of the church
- Appreciate the variety of God given talents bestowed on all individuals
- Demonstrate integrity and honesty in all relationships

Healthy achievers and learners who

- Set priorities and attainable goals in order to maximize their potential
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills
- Think creatively
- Are poised and articulate speakers
- Demonstrate competency in the use of the written word
- Take responsibility for their own learning
- Have developed an appreciation of a variety of literature and fine arts
- Utilize good time management and skills
- Cultivate a healthy lifestyle
- Are prepared for a technologically changing world

Community minded individuals who

- Respect and appreciate God's world and the people in it
- Communicate effectively with others
- Model the Social Skills Curriculum
- Perform service to improve lives of others
- Have developed a spirit of healthy competition, good sportsmanship and teamwork

Morally sensitive individuals who

- Respect and protect human life at all stages
- Are developing a moral conscience in harmony with unchanging Christian principles
- Display sensitivity to the feelings, beliefs and ideals of others
- Are open to and appreciative of different cultures
- Take responsibility for their own actions and behaviors
- Are prepared for responsible citizenship

## Admissions Process

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Stella Maris Academy follows a selective admission policy. In early spring, all applicants will be assessed for developmental readiness to ensure proper placement, and the parents will have a meeting with the principal. Students entering grades 1-8, where appropriate, are required to submit prior school records, recommendations, and standardized testing results.

Stella Maris Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational and admissions policies, athletic programs, or other school administered programs.

## Admissions Age Requirements

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Kindergarten entry: A child must be five years of age by September 1st.

First Grade entry: A child must be six years of age by September 1st.

## Tuition and Fees

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Following is the tuition and fee schedule for 2011-2012. A tuition schedule for 2012-2013 school year will be available February 2012.

### 2011-2012 Tuition

Participating Parishioner	\$5500
General Catholic Community	\$6347
Non-Catholic	\$7602
2011-2012 Registration	\$500

A limited amount of Tuition Assistance is available.

# Admissions Checklist

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## □ Application Form

- ◆ Parents complete the Application for Admission and send it to Stella Maris Academy at the address listed below.
- ◆ Send \$20 application fee, made payable to Stella Maris Academy, along with completed application.

## □ Student Recommendation (Grades 1-8 only)

- ◆ Send the Recommendation form to your child's current school.
- ◆ Completed recommendation form should then be mailed directly to Stella Maris Academy by the school.
- ◆ Applications are not considered complete until the Recommendation form has been received.

## □ Request for Records (Grades 1-8 only)

- ◆ Send the Request for Records to your child's current school.
- ◆ A transcript of grades and copies of standardized testing should then be mailed directly to Stella Maris Academy by the school.
- ◆ Applications are not considered complete until Student Records have been received.

## □ Principal / Parent Meeting

- ◆ When Application, Recommendation, and Student Records have all been received by Stella Maris Academy, a parent meeting will be scheduled with our principal, Mrs. Patricia Lowell .

## □ Student Assessment (Developmental readiness for Kindergarten; Skills for grades 1-8)

- ◆ Kindergarten through Eighth grade assessments will be scheduled in early spring after the Principal/Parent meeting has taken place. These assessments are conducted by the Teacher of the student's incoming grade level.
- ◆ An assessment fee of \$30 is required at the time of the assessment.

## □ Additional Records

- ◆ Copies of Immunization Records, Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate (when applicable) are all required at time of registration.



# Application for Admission

Office Use Only  
 Applic Fee \_\_\_\_ Assess Fee \_\_\_\_  
 Transcripts \_\_\_\_ Recom \_\_\_\_  
 Interview \_\_\_\_ Assess \_\_\_\_

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade \_\_\_\_\_ in school year \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Middle Last Nickname

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes or No

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month Day Year City State

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If different from above)

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of School City State Grade

## Parent/Guardian Information

Father/Guardian/Dr./Mr. Mother Dr./Mrs./Ms.

Religion Religion

Catholic Parish (Registered Member) Catholic Parish (Registered Member)

Occupation Occupation

Employer Employer

Position Position

(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone Work Phone

(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone Cell Phone

Email Email

# Application for Admission

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Applicant is living with (Please circle one) Both Parents   Mother Only   Father Only

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are parents separated? Yes  No    Divorced? Yes  No

If Yes, who has legal custody? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Custody agreement will be required at time of registration)

Name of step-parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

## General Guidance and Admission Information

Does the applicant have a documented learning disability? Yes  No  Date Evaluated \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please provide a copy of IEP or other supporting documentation so we may provide the best services for your child.*

Has the applicant ever received severe disciplinary action at school? Yes  No

School Suspension? Yes  No  Expelled? Yes  No

Asked to Withdraw for either student or parent behavior? Yes  No

Please share information to help us understand your child's extracurricular interests, talents, and team participations: \_\_\_\_\_

## Statistical Information (Optional)

Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino \_\_\_\_\_  
(please select one of the above)

Race: (Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian/Native American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	White
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black/African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Racial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name                      Signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name                      Signature                      Date







# Request for Student Records

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ request that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Name) (Present School)

send the following official documents to Stella Maris Academy as soon as possible.

Thank you for sending these documents to Stella Maris Academy. These documents are a part of the admissions process for our child. Please call me if you have any questions regarding the request of these documents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone Number)

## Instructions for the School

Please send the following information on the student listed above:

- ◆ California Elementary Cumulative Record or complete transcript of work done at your school.
- ◆ Complete transcript of grades and grading system, or copies of report cards.
- ◆ Complete Health and Immunization Records.
- ◆ Standardized Test Scores

### Catholic Schools Only

- ◆ Copy of Baptismal Certificate

**Mail To: Stella Maris Academy  
7654 Herschel Avenue  
La Jolla, CA 92037**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person preparing records)

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Directions and Contact Information

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Stella Maris Academy is the K-8 parochial school of Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church located in the village of La Jolla.



### **Stella Maris Academy**

7654 Herschel Avenue

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Email: [anoya@stellamarisacademy.org](mailto:anoya@stellamarisacademy.org)

### **Directions from Interstate 5 North**

Exit the freeway at La Jolla Parkway heading west.  
Continue on La Jolla Parkway/Torrey Pines Road.  
Turn right on Herschel Avenue continue 1 block.  
Administration building will be on the left.

### **Directions from Interstate 5 South**

Exit La Jolla Village Drive West.  
Turn left on Torrey Pines Road  
Turn right on Herschel Avenue continue 1 block.  
Administration building will be on the left.



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