

Stella Maris Academy

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For over 65 years, *Stella Maris Academy* (SMA) has provided the finest in Catholic school education. Our mission is to serve each child. Children are gifts from God, who we strive, with their parents, to develop, inspire, and nurture to their fullest potential, so they will be faithful and fruitful citizens of this world, destined for the Kingdom that is to come! The dedicated staff of SMA collaborates together to help students to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic learners, who rise to the challenge to be *all* they were created to be, who will carry on our legacy of excellence by the special character of our students.

Areas of Study

All our students receive our core curriculum of Religion, Language Arts, Literature, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science. In middle school, we have a three-tiered math program to serve the broad spectrum of needs for all our students. In addition to the core curriculum, students also are offered Art, Music, Spanish, Technology, and Physical Education studies, as well as other extracurricular enrichment opportunities.

Accreditation and Testing Programs

SMA is accredited by the *Western Catholic Education Association* and the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges*. We are the only Catholic school in the area to receive a National Blue Ribbon Award!

IOWA Assessment (Grades 2-8)

CogAT Test (Grades 3, 5, and 7)

ACRE Test (Grades 5 and 8)

IOWA tests are given in the fall as a formative assessment which helps drive the direction of instruction for the rest of the year.

On average, SMA students score well above in grade level equivalency and National Percentile Ranking.

Clubs and Activities

- Academic Decathlon
- Band
- Intramural Sports
- Yearbook
- Chess Club
- Science Fair
- Glee Club
- Buddy Program
- Drama Club
- Photography Club
- Student Council
- Altar Server
- La Jolla Christmas Play

School Data

- Grades: TK-8
- Total Students: 195
- Girls: 55% -- Boys: 45%
- Catholics: 88% -- Non-Catholic/Other: 12%

Faculty

- Principal: Mrs. Patricia Lowell
- Vice Principals: Jackie Wick and Katie Zack
- 14 Full-time and 3 Part-Time Teachers
- 2 Full-time Teacher Aides and 1.5 Resource Specialists
- All teachers are credentialed. 8 faculty members possess Master's degrees or higher

High School Placement History

- Cathedral Catholic High School
- St. Augustine High School
- Our Lady of Peace
- The Bishop's School
- La Jolla High School
- virtually any high school of choice

College Enrollment History – a selection

- Stanford University
- Cornell University
- Purdue University
- University of Notre Dame
- University of San Diego
- The University of California system

Athletics

- Volleyball (grades 5-8)
- Basketball (grades 5-8)
- Soccer (grades K-8)
- Cross Country and Track (grades K-8)

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Our Catholic Faith

To develop an appreciation and a commitment to be faithful disciples of the Lord, we want every student to know who Christ is – “I came that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10) As a Catholic school, we are dedicated to share our faith, so all children know how special they are, treasured by their parents, our school, and our Lord.



Scholastic Excellence

As every parent knows, each student has different intellectual potential, with various capacities to learn and be challenged. *Stella Maris* is committed to meeting the needs of each and every student so he or she will be successful in future academic endeavors, and in whatever enterprise/vocation they choose for their fulfillment.



Full Development

Dedicated to the development, and nurturing, of the WHOLE child, our school is committed to many enrichment activities. Stella Maris offers many enrichment activities such as Glee Club, Chess Club, Academic Decathlon and many more! All of these have one thing in common – the engage students, to inspire them, to rejoice in who they are, whatever their gifts may be. In this way, our students become well-rounded individuals, on the road to achieving their goals by learning ALL that is possible in their lives. This is why we offer so much.

Professional Staff – Highest Standards

Our staff is composed of people of the highest professional and personal caliber, who, in collaboration with parents and community resources, seek to serve each and every child so he or she will have **every opportunity** to realize their dreams. This is due to our inspiring in them an appreciation of their own worth and a commitment to work toward their goals.

