



Mother of Mercy High School

2011-2012 School Profile



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MISSION STATEMENT

Mother of Mercy High School, a Catholic secondary school for young women sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, provides quality educational programs in a Christian community which promote life-long learning and strong, clear Mercy values: Faith, Compassion, Service, Leadership, and Excellence. Empowered by these values and by the discovery of their individual giftedness, Mercy women are equipped to think critically, communicate effectively, embrace life and beauty, act with compassion and integrity, and assume roles of service and leadership in society.

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School Description

Mother of Mercy High School is a four-year comprehensive, college-prep Catholic high school for young women with an enrollment of 491 students. The school, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy is located in Westwood, a middle class suburb situated on the west side of Cincinnati. Over thirty six elementary schools are represented in Mercy's student population with the majority of students entering from local parochial elementary schools. An entrance test is required of all prospective freshmen. Students are considered for enrollment regardless of creed, race or ethnic background. In 2002, Mother of Mercy received the Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education identifying it as a "Nationally Recognized School of Excellence."

Accreditation and Professional Memberships

Mother of Mercy High School is accredited by the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and the State of Ohio as a high school. It is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the Ohio Catholic Education Association, the Network for Mercy Education, the Ohio Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling.

Faculty

The Mother of Mercy faculty consists of 43 lay women, and 8 laymen. Approximately 70% of the faculty holds a master's degree or higher. The faculty's average number of years of service in education is 21 years, and the average number of years at Mother of Mercy High School for this group is 15 years.

Schedule

The school year consists of two semesters with each semester divided into two quarters. A block schedule is in place with alternating days of four, 85 minute class periods. The block schedule allows for extended learning opportunities that promote creative thinking, problem-solving, collaborative learning, project-based activities, technology integration, and the utilization of multiple intelligences.

Curriculum

Students may choose from a wide selection of course offerings in English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language, Religious Studies, Business & Technology, Physical Education & Health, Visual Arts, Music, and Drama. Advanced Placement courses offered are Art, Biology, Calculus, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Physics, US Government, and United States History, and test preparation assistance in Spanish and French. In the spring of 2011, 55 students took 113 exams, representing 23% of the Juniors and Seniors. Students also have the opportunity to earn college credits in the following disciplines: English, Science, Social Studies, Math, Drama, and French; 70 Juniors and Seniors earned credit through the Dual Credit program.

Numerical Grades/GPA/Rank

Mother of Mercy High School does not publish student rank. Our school population is very homogeneous in terms of student ability and academic performance. Tested aptitudes and demonstrated skills are well above the national female averages. An unweighted and weighted numerical average and grade point average are calculated using a three-weight system of 0, 2, and 4. Lifetime Activities, Vocal Ensemble, Instrumental Music, and Drama are not calculated in weighted or unweighted averages.

The two-digit number after each course signifies the credit and the weight of the course respectively. The first digit identifies the course credit with "1" representing one credit and "2" representing a half credit. The second digit identifies the course weight. (For example, Advanced Algebra 12 would indicate one credit and a 2 weight.)

The weighted numerical grades are calculated by multiplying the numerical grade by 1.02 or 1.04. For example, a numerical grade of 93% in Advanced Algebra 12 is multiplied by 1.02 resulting in a grade of 94.86% ($93\% + 1.86 = 94.86\%$).

Class of 2011 Profile

113	Graduates
55	Juniors and Seniors took a total of 113 AP exams
86%	Scored 3 or higher on 1 or more AP exam
21	Juniors and Seniors named AP Scholars
70	Juniors and Seniors earned college credit
100%	Enrolled in full time post-secondary education
65%	Received scholarships/grants valued at \$8.5 million over 4 years
92%	Participate in extra-curricular activities
23.4	Average ACT score (National women's average 21.0)
1033	Mean SAT score (National women's mean 1017)
1	National Merit Finalist
4	National Merit Commended Students

Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2011

Religion	4	Phys Ed/Health	1
English	4	Fine Arts	1
Social Studies	3	Computer Literacy	1/2
Mathematics	3	Electives	5 1/2
Science	3	Total	25

Grading System

Progress reports and report cards are issued four times a year. Numerical grades are given according to the following scale:

100-93	= A	Excellent Achievement
92-85	= B	Above Average Achievement
84-78	= C	Average Achievement
77-70	= D	Poor Achievement
Below 70	= F	Failing

Colleges and Universities Offering Admission to the Classes of 2009-2011

American University, DC	Hawaii Pacific University, HI	St. Louis University, MO
Art Academy of Cincinnati, OH	Hofstra University, NY	The United States Military Academy, NY
Ball State University, IN	Indiana University, IN	The United States Naval Academy, MD
Barry University, FL	Indiana University-Purdue University, IN	Thomas More College, KY
Bellarmine University, KY	John Carroll University, OH	Tiffin University, OH
Boston University, MA	Kent State University, OH	University of Alabama, AL
Bowling Green State University, OH	Kenyon College, OH	University of Akron, OH
Brescia University, KY	Lincoln Technical Institute, IN	University of Cincinnati, OH
Butler University, IN	Lindenwood University, MO	University of Dayton, OH
Campbell University, NC	Loyola University of Chicago, IL	University of Evansville, IN
Capital University, OH	Macalester College, MN	University of Findlay, OH
Case Western Reserve University, OH	Marian College, IN	University of Illinois, IL
Centre College, KY	Marquette University, WI	University of the Incarnate Word, TX
Christ Hospital College of Nursing, OH	Marietta College, OH	University of Indianapolis, IN
Cincinnati Christian University, OH	Maryville College, TN	University of Kentucky, KY
Cincinnati State Technical College, OH	Maryville University, MO	University of Louisville, KY
Clemson University, SC	McKendree University, IL	University of Maryland, MD
Cleveland Institute of Art, OH	Miami University, OH	University of New Haven, CT
College of Mount St. Joseph, OH	Morehead State University, KY	University of Notre Dame, IN
College of the Albemarle, NC	Mount Union College, OH	University of Pittsburgh, PA
Columbia College Chicago, IL	Northern Kentucky University, KY	University of Saint Francis, IN
Columbus College of Art and Design, OH	Oberlin College, OH	University of South Carolina, SC
Creighton University, NE	Ohio Dominican University, OH	University of Southern Indiana, IN
DePaul University, IL	Ohio Northern University, OH	University of Tennessee, TN
Eastern Kentucky University, KY	Ohio State University, OH	University of Toledo, OH
Eastern Michigan University, MI	Ohio University, OH	Urbana University, OH
Emerson College, MA	Ohio Wesleyan University, OH	Valparaiso University, IN
Ferris State University, MI	Old Dominion University, VA	Vanderbilt University, TN
Florida State University, FL	Otterbein College, OH	Virginia Polytechnic Institute, VA
Fordham University, NY	Purdue University, IN	Washington and Jefferson College, PA
Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH	Ringling College of Art & Design, FL	West Virginia University, WV
Georgetown College, KY	Rocky Mountain College of Art, CO	Western Kentucky University, KY
Georgetown University, DC	Roosevelt University, IL	Wilmington College, OH
George Washington University, DC	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, IN	Wittenberg University, OH
Good Samaritan College of Nursing, OH	Saint Mary's College, IN	Wright State University, OH
Hanover College, IN	Savannah College of Art & Design, GA	York College of Pennsylvania, PA
	Shawnee State University, OH	Xavier University, OH