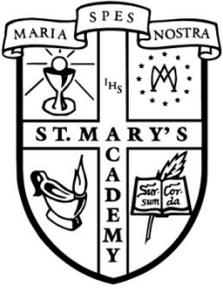


What Next?

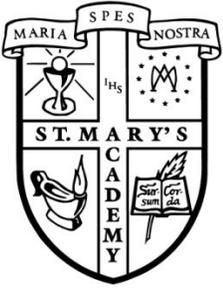
A Student's Planning Guide for the Future

Saint Mary's Academy
November 12th, 2020



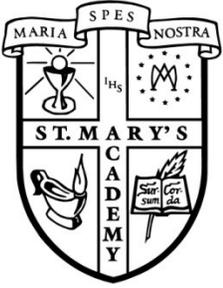
What your guidance counselor can do for you

- Goal Setting
 - Short Term
 - Long Term
- Exploring Different Post-Secondary Options
 - Religious Vocation
 - Military
 - Tech School
 - Community College
 - Four Year College
 - Job Placement



What your guidance counselor can do for you

- Testing
 - SAT
 - ACT
 - Accuplacer
 - PSAT
- Career Paths
 - Self Assessments
 - Contacts
- Admissions
 - Early High School preparation
 - Timelines for students
 - Specific information for selected local colleges and universities



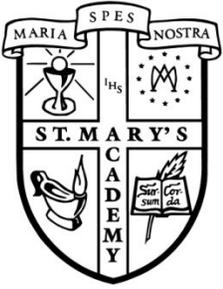
What your guidance counselor can do for you

- Scholarships and Financial Aid
 - Types of Aid available
 - FAFSA
 - Overview of process
 - Timeline to ensure you don't miss any important deadlines
- Help throughout the application process . . .



College Admissions

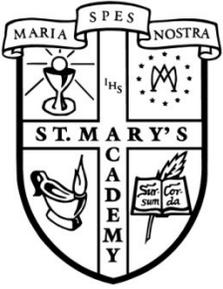
- Kansas public colleges and universities have fixed admission requirements – **meet them and you are entitled to admission**
- At other schools, and at selective programs within the State schools (e.g., K-State's Architecture Program or Washburn's Nursing Program) you may have to compete for admission based on a variety of factors.
 - GPA
 - Standardized Test Scores – ACT or SAT; SAT II Subject Tests
 - Co-curricular activities
 - Application Essay(s)
- Scholarships can also depend on these factors AND require additional hours to prepare applications and essays
- The Financial Aid process involves a detailed accounting of personal finances
- Fortunately most colleges share the Common Application and all financial aid is processed by means of a single form – the FAFSA



College Admission

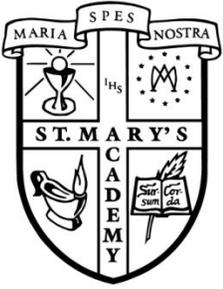
Early High School Preparation

- College preparatory curriculum
 - **Minimum** for Kansas Public Universities
 - 4 years English
 - 3 years Natural Science
 - 3 years Mathematics
 - 3 years Social Sciences (History, Government, etc.)
 - 2 years Foreign Language highly recommended
 - Some schools have even more stringent requirements
- Grades and study habits
- Go above and beyond classroom instruction in an area that you are passionate about
- Co-curricular activities



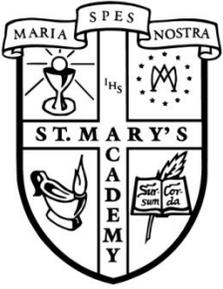
College Admissions Junior Year Preparations

- College Preparatory Curriculum
 - Continue to satisfy course requirements for Kansas Universities
 - Take most challenging courses available and appropriate for you
- Junior year grades are most important in consideration for scholarships and admission to competitive colleges or programs
- Standardized tests
 - Plan to take SAT and ACT in spring of your Junior year or earlier
 - Colleges will take highest score and super score



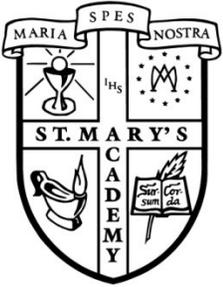
College Admissions Senior Year Preparations

- Continue College Preparatory course work
 - Grades and course selection continue to be important
 - Selective programs and scholarships will not look favorably on student who slacks off in senior year
- Standardized Tests
 - Take SAT / ACT if you have not already done so, for some colleges November 1st is the deadline to turn in test scores to be eligible for academic scholarships (does not include local or other national scholarships)
 - Retake if necessary to improve scores
 - Have scores reported to all schools to which you may apply
- Narrow and finalize list of schools to which you will be applying
- **ORGANIZE YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS !!!**
 - Create accurate timelines for each school
 - Use a calendar, wall chart or spreadsheet to keep track of each step in the application for admission and financial aid for each school



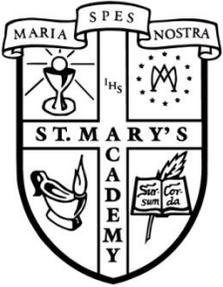
College Visitation Days

- To visit a college or trade school you must first get permission from your school's principle and copy the secretary.
- For example: Contact SMC secretary Mrs. Sulzen to find out days available to visit, then a parent must email your principle to gain permission to take that day off to visit SMC. Give at least a three week notification to your school. If you are going with a friend both parents must email the principle and copy the secretary. SMC allows 2 students to visit at a time. The above is for all visitations not just SMC.



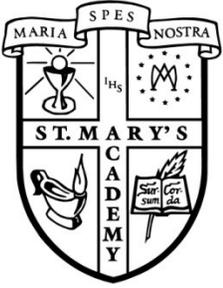
Saint Mary's College

- Application available online
 - Complete application, including 2 essays
 - Submit high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores
 - Submit two required letters of recommendation/or signatures
 - Application and \$75 fee due by March, 15th
 - Supporting documents due by June 15.
 - Late applications subject to late fee
- Full Time Enrollment
 - \$3,900 per semester for Associates of Arts



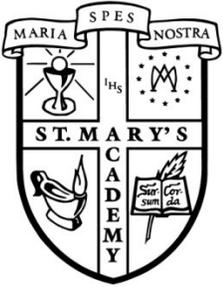
SMC

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- Room and Board
 - \$6,000.00
 - Email: college@smac.edu
 - Website: www.college.smac.edu
 - Hit tab for Prospective Students
 - Application for 2021-22 is available
 - To visit email Mrs. Patty Sulzen:
psulzen@smac.edu



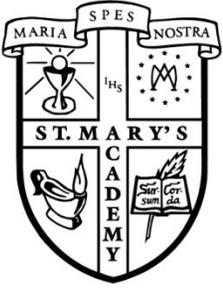
Admission Requirements for Kansas Sate Schools

- 2.0 GPA on Kansas Board of Regents Curriculum:
 - English - 4 units
 - Natural Science – 3 units (at least 1 must be physics or chemistry)
 - Mathematics – 3 units
 - Social Science – 3 units
- ACT score of 21 or higher
or
- SAT combined math/verbal score of 980 or higher
- Rank in top one-third of class



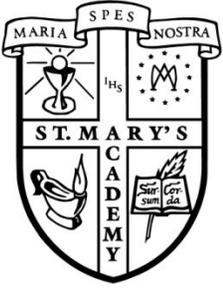
KU and K-State – How to Apply

- Create online account
- Complete the Application
 - Online application
 - Includes general information, list of senior year courses
 - Scholarship applicants also write an essay and provide a summary of co-curricular activities and accomplishments
 - High School Transcript
 - ACT or SAT scores
 - \$30 application fee
 - Can be waived if student qualified for ACT/SAT fee waiver
- Complete the FAFSA and Apply for Financial Aid
- Pay \$200 non-refundable deposit by May 1st
 - This deposit is applied toward your fall tuition



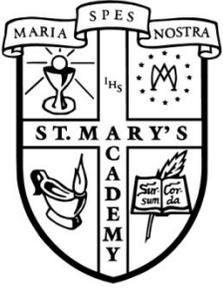
University of Kansas – Application Deadlines for Fall Admission

- Tuition: \$11,166
- November 1
 - To apply for early scholarship notification
- December 1
 - To apply for scholarships
- February 1
 - Priority date to apply for Financial Aid
 - Application deadline for Honors Program priority consideration
- April 1
 - Regular Admissions deadline
- May 1
 - Last date to apply for Honors Program



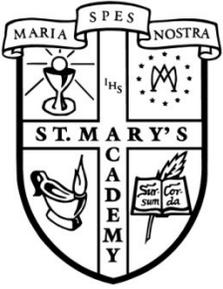
Kansas State University Deadlines for Fall Admission

- Tuition: \$10,440
- November 1
 - Priority date to submit application for best scholarships
- January 1
 - Recommended date for transfer students to apply
- February 1
 - Priority date to apply for college and department scholarships
 - If you applied by November 1, no need to apply again
- March 1
 - Priority date for Financial Aid
- April / June
 - Register in April for Orientation and Enrollment, which takes place in June
- August
 - Regular Admissions
 - K-State accepts applications all year. However, fall classes start in mid-August.
 - Early admission will maximize financial aid and enable you to enroll in June



Washburn University – Admission Requirements

- Washburn University has Open Admission
- Note: some programs have special admission requirements
- Tuition: \$8,704.00
- Apply for Admission online at washburn.edu
- Apply for Financial Aid and complete the FAFSA
- Submit high school transcripts
- Submit SAT and ACT scores
- Pay \$20 application fee



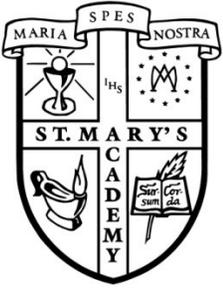
Washburn University – Deadlines for Fall Admission

- Fall – Apply as early as possible
 - Scholarship money is distributed on first come, first served basis
- October 1st – Apply for Financial Aid and Complete FAFSA
 - No deadline but priority given to early applicants, and funds are limited
- February 15 – Last date to apply to qualify for scholarships
 - Students with GPA of 3.25 or higher receive \$500 - \$2250, based on GPA and ACT scores received by February 15.
- August – Last chance to apply. Classes begin mid-August



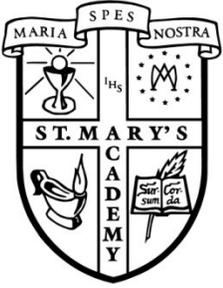
Other Colleges and Universities in this Area

- Highland Community College
 - Apply online
 - Open admission – No minimum GPA or ACT/SAT scores
 - Rolling admission – Applications accepted until classes begin
 - Check with four year university to be sure all the classes you take will apply toward your degree
 - Great option to get your GPA up
 - Economic savings
 - Tuition: \$105 per credit hour, \$3,000.00 per year



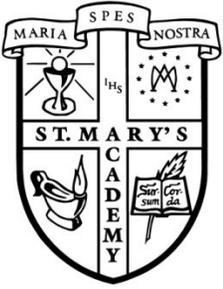
Other Private Colleges in Kansas

- Baker University, Baldwin City, Topeka
 - Online application – no fee
 - Submit SAT/ACT scores and high school transcript
 - Rolling admissions – Applications accepted until classes begin
 - More stringent requirements, including prerequisite college courses for admission to Nursing program
 - Tuition: \$30,000.00 per year



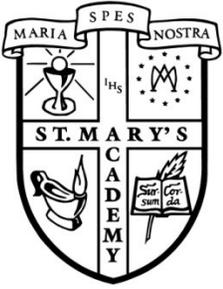
Other Colleges and Universities

- Applying to a private college or out of state public university or any institution with a competitive application process involves **much more** preparation and effort.



Trade Schools

- Washburn Tech.
- Manhattan Tech.
- Usually 18 months to 2 years to complete certification
- \$2,000 per semester average cost for full time
- Financial Aid available
- Apply online, take the Accuplacer or ACT



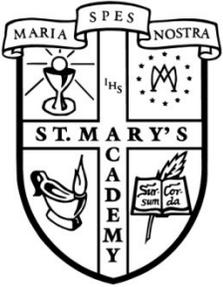
Testing

ACT and SAT and Accuplacer

Which test should I take?

ACT or SAT if you are headed straight to a 4-year college or university, applying for scholarships, and/or SMC

Accuplacer, a much shorter version of the SAT, no time limits, practice tests available on online, \$20 per test, must call HCC or Washburn Tech to schedule to take a test. A great option if headed to Trade School or Community College, as a transfer student K-State does not look at your test scores just your grades from the institution you are transferring from.



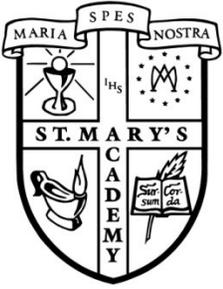
ACT Testing

- ACT: American College Testing
 - Four Sections
 - English, Mathematics, Reading, and **Science**
 - 215 Multiple Choice questions
 - 75 English Questions in 45 minutes
 - 60 Math Questions in 60 minutes
 - 40 Reading Questions in 35 minutes
 - 40 Science Questions in 35 minutes
 - ACT Plus Writing (not required for most KS schools or SMC)
 - 30 minute writing test
 - Many schools require



ACT

- Register: www.act.org school code 172664
- Cost
 - \$55 per test
 - \$22 late fee
- Test Prep
 - ACT Workshop Nov. 21st
 - Increase your reading speed
 - Guide Books, Amazon, Goodwill
 - www.betterprepsuccess.com
 - www.blog.prepscholar.com



ACT Test Dates

TEST DATES 2020-21

December 12th

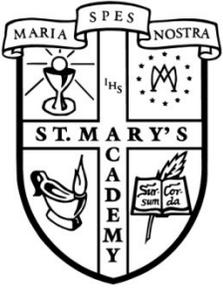
February 6th

April 17th

June 12th

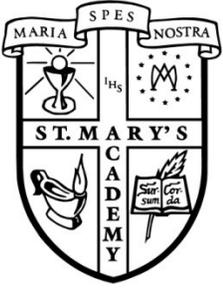
July 17th

Wamego High School is the closest testing center



SAT

- Four Sections: Critical Reading, Mathematics, Writing, and a Variable or Equating Section
- Writing Section: 25 Minute Essay and 35 Minute Multiple Choice Section
- Critical Reading: two 25 minute section and one 20 minute section, all multiple choice
- Math: two 25 minute sections and one 20 minute section
- Variable Section: Can be critical reading, math, or writing, 25 minutes to complete



SAT

- Register: www.collegeboard.org
- Fees
 - \$51 per test
 - \$45 late fee
- Test Prep
 - Study Guides
 - Practice Tests
 - Root Words
 - Increase your reading speed
 - www.khanacademy.com
 - www.blog.prepscholar.com



SAT Test Dates

TEST DATES 2020-21

November 7

December 5

March 13

May 8

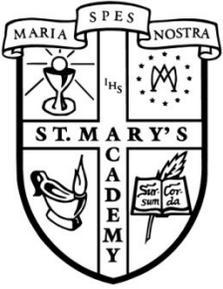
June 5

K-State is the closest testing center



Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Scholarships – Money awarded based on criteria other than (or in addition to) financial need – grants or work study
 - Awards granted by College or University
 - Academic Merit
 - Athletics
 - Accomplishment in Music or Arts
 - National Merit Scholar (PSAT)
 - Awards from corporations or civic organizations
 - Kansas State scholarships and grants
- Need Based Financial Aid – Money awarded on the basis of financial need. May take form of grants, work study, loans
 - Determined by means of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Administered through school of attendance



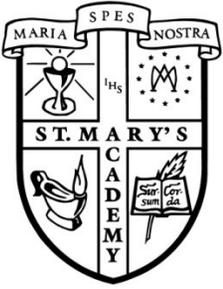
Scholarships – What is available and how to apply

- Institutional merit scholarships – awarded by college, usually with the offer of admission – Can amount to several thousand dollars
 - Available aid varies widely by institution. Check school's website for specific information.
 - Kansas Public Universities – Applying is very easy
 - KU - check the box on your application for admission, indicating you wish to be considered for scholarships
 - K-State, Washburn - complete the scholarship application page, which is part of the online application
- State of Kansas Student Aid
 - Apply online at kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants if you meet eligibility for any of the programs described
 - Different programs offered based on merit, ethnicity, financial need
 - Service Programs grant funds in exchange for future service (e.g., teaching, nursing) in underserved areas or hard to fill disciplines



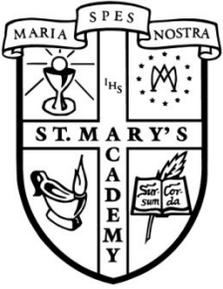
Other Merit or Service Based Scholarships

- Federal TEACH Grant
 - Up to \$4,000 per year
 - Service grant for students who will work as teachers in high-need subject areas, low income schools, or underserved geographic areas (If service requirement not satisfied, grant converts to a loan.)
- Corporations and Organizations
 - Scholarships may be available from a parent's employer
 - Search the web for scholarships available from a wide range of organizations.
 - www.studentaid.ed.gov/scholarship
 - Many require essay or project
- R.O.T.C. / Military Academy Scholarships



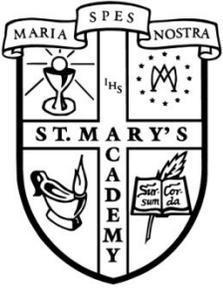
Federal Student Aid

- Three categories of Aid
 - Grants
 - Pell Grant - \$550 - \$5550 per year
 - SEOG Grant - \$100 - \$4,000 per year
 - Work-study
 - Valuable on-campus jobs available only to those qualified for aid
 - Loans – you are never required to take loans, even if they are part of a financial aid “package” awarded through your school
- Eligibility Requirements for Federal Student Aid
 - Demonstrated financial need (via FAFSA)
 - U.S. Citizen with valid SSN, registered with Selective Service (men)
 - Maintain satisfactory academic progress, with minimum credit hours
 - Complete list of requirements available at fafsa.gov
- Apply with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



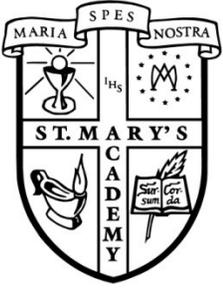
FAFSA

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- Both student and one parent must make an FSA ID
 - It's Free
 - Available to enroll October 1st
 - Priority date for most state schools is December 1st prior to the following academic year.
 - Phone Number: 1-800-433-3243



Scholarships

- National Databases for scholarships
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarship.com
- Student Athletes
 - Web1.ncaa.org
 - Make sure to contact the school you are interested in and fill out a profile form for the coach of the sport you are interested in.
- Employment Experience
 - The Hagan Scholarship www.hsfmo.org
Deadline November 15th



Timeline For Seniors

Fall

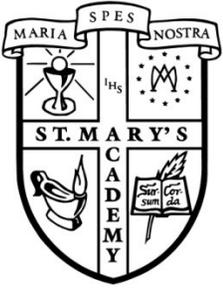
- Create a resume if not done
- Create a college calendar to keep track of all deadlines
- Take or Retake SAT or ACT
- Apply to colleges by November 1st to be eligible for school scholarships

Winter

- Apply for financial aid, most deadlines are February 1st or March 1st
- Start filling out scholarship forms and turn in

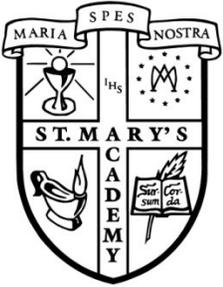
Spring

- Make sure all forms are turned in for your schools
- Make a decision



Timeline For Juniors

- Take PSAT
- Start thinking about post-secondary options
- Create a resume that list all you high school achievements
- Register for ACT or SAT before May
- Visit colleges and/or job shadow
- Select courses that meet requirements for the schools you are interested in
- Start applying over the summer
- Look for scholarships for Juniors
- Tweak resume and work on any essay writing for applications

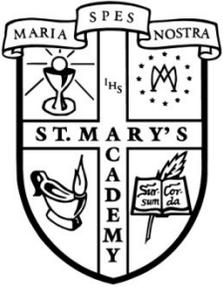


Transcripts

To request a transcript, contact the registrar or go the SMAC website and under parent resources is a tab: Transcript Request. Transcript request form are also available at the switchboard.

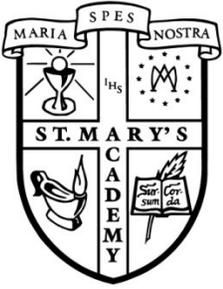
You may need to do this twice, once as you apply to school and/or scholarships and after you graduate as a final transcript verifying you have graduated.

It is also recommended to ask for a transcript for your own personal use.



Helpful Websites

- School Websites that have Counseling Services
 - www.kawvalley.k12.us (St. Mary's High School, Tab: Counselor) has great student athlete planning guide
 - www.manhattanhighschool.usd.383
 - www.washburnrural.usd.437
- Financial Aid
 - www.FinancialAidTips.org
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Scholarships
 - www.fastweb.com (scholarship search)
- Careers
 - www.mynextmove.com
 - www.myskillsmyfuture.org
- Kansas Colleges
 - www.kotn.org

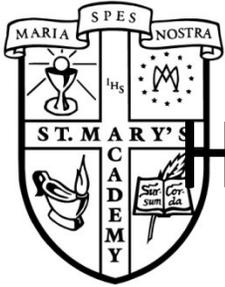


School Code

SMA school code:

172664

This code is needed when you fill out your FAFSA, registering for the ACT or SAT, and some scholarships. Memorize it or put it on your fridge or in your phone :)



Helpful Emails and Phone Numbers

- Registrar: registrar@smac.edu
- Mrs. Varnado: jvarnado@smac.edu
- Mr. Freeman: efreeman@smac.edu

Mrs. Sulzen: psulzen@smac.edu

Highland Comm. College: highlandcc.edu

Wamego Campus: 785-442-6280

Washburn Tech: washburnteach.edu

785-670-2200