



Saint Bernadette  
Saint Mary Academy

# FAMILY LOOK BOOK



# SAINT MARY ACADEMY

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PROSPECT, KENTUCKY 40059  
PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

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# Letter From the Principal



**Mr. Jack Richards**  
*Principal, Saint Mary Academy*

Dear Interested Families,

Welcome to Saint Mary Academy, where faith, learning, and community come together to nurture the whole child. It is my joy and privilege to serve as principal of this vibrant Catholic school, where Christ is at the center of all we do.

At Saint Mary Academy, we are committed to providing a high-quality education rooted in the teachings of the Gospel. Our dedicated faculty and staff strive each day to foster academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral responsibility in every student. We believe that each child is a unique gift from God, and we work in partnership with families to help our students develop their God-given talents and grow into compassionate, confident leaders.

Our curriculum is designed not only to challenge the mind but also to inspire the heart. With a strong focus on service, character formation, and community involvement, we help students understand the importance of living their faith in meaningful and impactful ways.

As you get to know us and this beautiful campus, I hope you get a sense of the warmth, spirit, and excellence that define Saint Mary Academy. If you have additional questions, please contact me personally, Mr. Jack Richards at 502-315-2555 or email [jack.richards@saintmaryacademy.com](mailto:jack.richards@saintmaryacademy.com). Please also visit our website at [www.stb2008.org](http://www.stb2008.org).

Thank you for your interest in Saint Mary Academy. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Jack Richards  
Principal  
Saint Mary Academy

# About Our School



## Our Mission

The mission of Saint Mary Academy is to educate students spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially through a curriculum rooted in the Roman Catholic faith. Students are educated in a manner that fosters academic excellence, provides a supportive atmosphere, and develops students to be responsible, moral members of their church and community.

## Our Vision

*Saint Mary Academy is a school where each child's academic, spiritual, and emotional needs are met at the highest level possible. In partnership with parents, Faculty, and Administrators support students in their academic efforts and model Christian behavior and values each day.*

*Students feel safe emotionally and physically and are encouraged to develop creative expression and pursue individual talents. Saint Mary Academy maintains a model Catholic community that encourages each member to grow toward fulfillment as a total person and a child of God.*



# Faith Formation

Weekly School Mass

Sacraments & Sacramental Preparation

Lenten & Advent Reconciliation

Daily Prayer

Daily Religion Class

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Trip

Stewardship Program

Service Learning

Whole-Child Formation

Strong Pastor Presence on Campus

Faculty Retreat & Ongoing Catechist Formation

Staff Daily Morning Prayer Before School Each Day

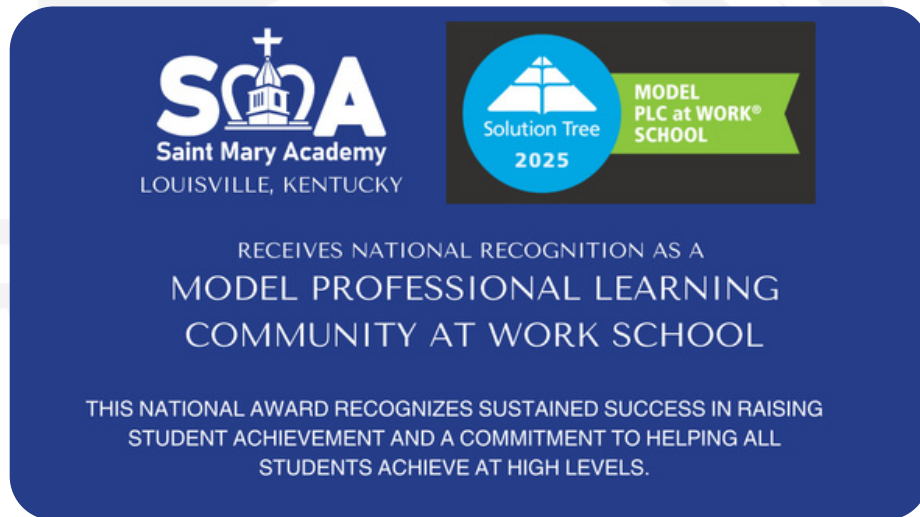
All Classrooms Equipped With a Crucifix and Bulletin Boards Dedicated to Faith

ACRE assessment for 5th and 8th Grades (this assessment is designed to assist in the evaluation of religious education programs for continuous improvement)



# Academic Excellence

In 2025, Saint Mary Academy was nationally recognized as a Model PLC at Work® school through Solution Tree. This significant achievement reflects Saint Mary Academy's unwavering commitment to professional learning communities (PLCs) and continuous improvement in student learning. This designation is awarded to schools that demonstrate exceptional practices in building and sustaining a collaborative culture, a focus on learning and results, and a commitment to continuous improvement.



**2015 National Blue Ribbon recognition**

**2025 Model PLC at Work School**

**90% of JK-8 teachers obtain Masters degrees or higher**

**Average Class size: 22**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra 1 curriculum**

**Utilize Orton Gillingham approach in primary grade levels**

**95% of alumni earn high school placements on Honor Roll & Principal's Lists**

**Instructional Assistants in all PreS-3<sup>rd</sup> classrooms  
1 shared assistant in 4/5<sup>th</sup> grades  
1 shared in Middle School**

*"My family chose Saint Mary Academy [for our two sons] because we were looking for a vibrant culture and a school that could meet the unique needs of our children. We found that at SMA. When finding a school that valued each student's unique skill set, we were looking for two very different environments for our sons. We needed one to be accelerated, pushed, and challenged. For the other son, we needed an environment that supported his road to mastery. We found both at SMA which is unique. We have seen huge growth in them both and we find the teachers are willing to find ways to meet their needs."*

*- Saint Mary Academy Parent*

# Just the Facts

Founded in  
2008

Students:  
480

14:1  
Student to  
teacher ratio

Mascot:  
Monarch Lion

1:1 iPads in  
grades K-8

22 zip codes  
represented

\$87,550 in  
Financial Aid

40+ sports &  
extracurricular  
activities  
offered

Serve 8+  
organizations  
through service  
learning



Learn about technology available at SMA

School & parish history



## CSAA Sports Offered

Archery (4-8)

Golf (1-8)

Basketball (JK-8)

Soccer (JK-8)

Cheerleading (1-8)

Softball (girls 3-8)

Cross Country (JK-8)

Swimming (1-8)

Field Hockey ( Girls 3-8)

Tennis (1-8)

Boys Football  
Flag (1-2), Tackle (3-8)

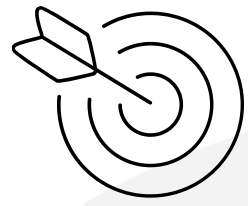
Track (JK-8)

Girls Flag Football (5-8)

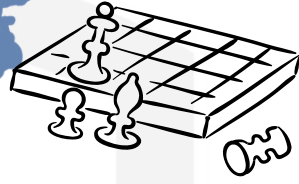
Girls Volleyball (1-8)  
Boys Volleyball (3-8)



# Clubs & Activities



*Created with purpose.  
Growing in talent.*



**Archery** (Grades 4-8) - Students learn the art of shooting and compete in 1-2 state tournaments.

**Book Bee** (Grades 3-8) - An academic competition where students read from a selection of books and then participate in a quiz-style competition.

**Buddy Program** (PreS-1<sup>st</sup> & 6-8) - The purpose of the Buddy Program is to build community, support students in building stronger social emotional skills, and develop positive peer interactions. Older students act as role models and helpers to our younger students.

**Chess Club** (Grades K-8) - A group of students who come together to play and learn about chess. Whether a beginner or an experienced player, chess club offers opportunities to learn new strategies and improve your game.

**Choir** (Grades 4-8) - Students in 4-8<sup>th</sup> grades develop the skills to sing in our church choir during school liturgies.

**Crafting Emporium** (Grades 2-8) - A creative space where students can learn and practice the art of crocheting while building community and sharing Christ's love through handmade projects.

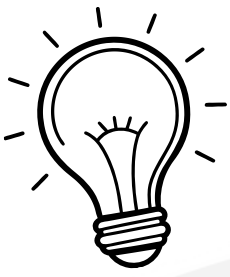
**Drama** (Grades 2-8) - Invites students to explore their God-given creativity and talents through the performing arts. Whether on stage or behind the scenes, members grow in confidence, collaboration, and communication while bringing stories to life.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) - Students participate in this international organization that helps athletes unite faith and athletics, and grow their relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Governor's Cup/Quick Recall** (Grades 4-8) - Students compete against other schools in an academic quiz bowl competition. Questions are divided into categories such as math, science, social studies, spelling, Arts & Humanities, and language arts.

**Lego Club** (Grades 1-8) - A fun, imaginative space where students come together to build, create, and explore using LEGO bricks. This club encourages teamwork, problem solving & creativity.





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**KYA** (Grades 6-8) - A youth government program that provides hands-on experience in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of Kentucky's state government.

**KUNA** (Grades 6-8) - A youth government program that focuses on international issues and diplomacy. Students participate directly in simulated international diplomacy and gain a greater appreciation for the global community.

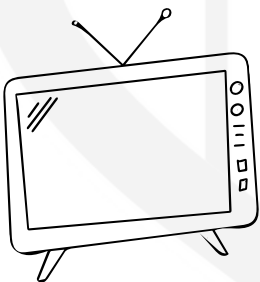
**Math Lab** (Grades 4-8) - Students receive math support before or after school to support essential math skills.

**Scouts** (Grades K-8) - Tiger, Cub, and Boy Scouts and Daisies, Brownies, and Girl Scouts.

**Service Learning** (Grades JK-8) - All students at SMA engage in community service projects, grounded in our call to love and serve others as Christ taught us.

**STEM Club** (Grades K-6) - Provides students with hands-on opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through engaging projects and challenges. Students develop critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills while working collaboratively in a fun and innovative environment.

**Morning News** (8<sup>th</sup> grade) - Students produce & develop a daily news broadcast for all classrooms.



...and  
more!

# What Makes Our Middle School Program Unique?



## House Program

The middle school House program is designed to energize our students, encourage service, promote school spirit, build unity, increase student involvement, build peer connections, and strengthen teacher-student relationships.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students are divided into ten mixed-level Houses named after a Saint. One teacher mentor oversees each House. The Houses remain the same throughout the entirety of each students' middle school experience.

House points are earned throughout the year by participating in named school events, fulfilling morning carpool duty, and House competitions.

*At the end of the school year, the winning House earns a special field trip and the rights to the House Cup for the year!*

## 7th/8th Grade Elective Classes

Our 7th and 8th grade elective program provides students with opportunities to explore their interests, discover new talents, and develop skills beyond the core curriculum. By choosing from a variety of courses, students gain experience making academic decisions and taking ownership of their learning. Some of our electives include Stop-Motion Animation, STEM, Film, Expressive Arts, Theatre, Quick Recall, PE Games, Healthy Living, Life Skills, and more.

Electives also allows students to experience a schedule structure that more closely resembles high school, helping them build independence and responsibility. Through these courses, students can explore potential future interests while strengthening important academic and life skills, preparing them for a successful transition to high school and beyond!



# 2026-27 Tuition & Fees



## **JK-8 Catholic Rate**

1 Child \$8,750  
2 Children \$13,150  
3 Children \$16,250  
4 Children \$18,550

## **JK-8 Standard Rate**

Per Child \$11,655



## **Preschool Rates**

5 Days \$8,100 per child  
3 Days (Preschool 3s only) \$5,250 per child



## **After School Care Program**

The amounts shown are monthly charges.

### *Attending 1-3 days/week:*

1 child \$235  
2 children \$370  
3 children \$510

### *Attending 4-5 days/week:*

1 child \$365  
2 children \$620  
3 children \$885



## **Bus Service**

The amounts shown are annual charges.

1 child \$525  
2 children \$775  
3 children \$1,000

*A non-refundable Application Fee of \$200 per child for new families, or \$100 for current families is due at the time of application. Upon acceptance, a \$500 enrollment fee will be collected and applied towards tuition.*

*For questions regarding Financial Aid, contact Angela Kerr at [angelak@stb2008.org](mailto:angelak@stb2008.org).*

# Why Saint Mary Academy?



## **SMA Parents Gary & Brittany Nelson**

We have had the pleasure of having all 4 of our children attend Saint Mary Academy. Since enrolling my oldest daughter in 3 year old Preschool, we have become a part of a community of families and created friendships that will last forever. My older 3 children have gone on to Trinity and Sacred Heart Academy and were not only academically prepared for both high schools, but placed in honors or AP classes. The teachers and staff have always been kind and caring and have created a positive experience for each of my children. We have loved being involved in the SMA Athletic program as well and have created memories through sports that will last a lifetime! They say “it takes a village” and we have most certainly found ours at Saint Mary Academy.

## **SMA Parents Dan & Wendy Block**

Relocating to Louisville 8 years ago, we were open to all options, public and private education, with our children’s best interests in mind. In the end, we wanted to ensure a healthy, challenging, student-centered environment which fosters academic excellence, a community of collaboration and respect, character development, a moral compass, and productive citizenship for their future development. More importantly, we desired an environment of intentional discipleship and faith formation in reflection of our Catholic faith. All of these characteristics were found and proven positive through our continued experience at Saint Mary Academy.



We have been honored to have 3 of our children call Saint Mary Academy home. Each of them, 2 boys and a girl, quickly found their place socially, academically, and spiritually through the vast offering of athletics, challenging curriculum, the community “House System”, vibrant and responsive advisors, church ministries and more. However, we realize that a student’s future potential is the direct result of a mutually invested interest by school faculty and staff, clergy, and the parent guardians. Through this consortium effort, our children and yours will flourish to become the professional leaders of tomorrow prepared to contend with the relentless challenges of society. On behalf of our entire family, we strongly believe in Saint Mary Academy’s commitment to academic excellence, faith formation, and a holistic approach to learning. We welcome you and your family to join us on this journey.

# Why Saint Mary Academy?

## **SMA Alumni Gavin Scott**

### **Student at Trinity High School**

I attended SMA from Kindergarten through 8th grade, and not once did I feel out of place. During my time there, I built lasting relationships with both friends and teachers, many of which I am still in touch with today. The strong sense of community at SMA guided me in the right direction in the classroom, in sports, and in life. My teachers were always supportive, even when I was talking too much in class, offering me advice that has made my high school life easier. Athletics also played a big role in my life at SMA, and still do today, thanks to the amazing coaches I had.



Their passion to not just produce winning teams but athletes of character made sports at SMA more rewarding to compete in. When I reflect on my time at SMA I think of a place that gave me the tools to be the best student I could be, all while surrounding me with a tight-knit community where I always had someone to turn to.



## **SMA Alumni Molly Moore**

### **Nursing Major at Miami University (Ohio)**

I graduated from Saint Mary Academy in 2019 and after 5 years, I still look back at the special moments I experienced from my time there. I met some of my best friends at SMA, who I still hang out with to this day. The teachers and staff were always so helpful and kind to me, which is one of the reasons it was so hard to say goodbye. Being there from kindergarten to eighth grade has made me the person I am today and I credit SMA for the skills and lessons I learned during my time there. I would definitely recommend SMA to any family, it helped shaped my childhood and who I am today.



*Scan the QR code to read more SMA testimonial like these!*

# Admissions Process

**Step 1: Schedule a visit** - We would love to give you a tour of our campus and share more about our school's programs and values. Shadow experiences are also available if you are interested in your student experiencing a typical day as a Saint Mary Academy Monarch. We will pair your child with a student in his/her current grade and treat them to lunch!

## **Step 2: Start your online application**

Visit [stb2008.org/online-application](http://stb2008.org/online-application) or scan the QR code to begin!



**Step 3: Admissions Assessment** - After a review of the complete application, we will schedule the admissions assessment for all JK-8th grade students. The assessment includes a reading and math screening along with an evaluation of language capability, the ability to follow directions and complete tasks, and conceptual skills.

**Step 4: Application Review** - The admissions team will thoroughly review the complete application and admissions testing results. The family will be notified of (1) Acceptance (2) Waitlist (3) Non-acceptance.

## Meet Our Admissions Team



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# Saint Mary Academy & Saint Bernadette Events

*There are many ways to get involved in the planning and support of community events through joining the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or Athletic Board, as well as meet other families by attending our wide variety of community and athletic events! Interested in volunteering through our PTO or Athletics? Contact [thesmapto@gmail.com](mailto:thesmapto@gmail.com) or [smaathleticboard@gmail.com](mailto:smaathleticboard@gmail.com)*

## Grandparent's Day

A special morning in which grandparents attend Mass with their student & visit classrooms for activities & BINGO!

## Fall Festival

Families & friends enjoy a fun evening of live music, food trucks, bounce houses, and games for youth and adults! Attend 4:00 Mass & then head over to enjoy the festivities.

## Monarch Mile

One of our annual fundraisers! Participate by sponsoring the event, supporting your child in raising money, & attending to cheer on our Monarchs as they run the Monarch Mile!

## Golf Scramble

A fun-filled day on the course that brings together families, alumni, friends, and community members. This annual fundraiser combines friendly competition and school spirit while helping to support SMA.

## Thanksgiving Lunch

Have fun getting into the spirit of the season by joining us for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Enjoy a delicious meal with family & friends!

## Evening of Excellence

A memorable evening dedicated to supporting our school and parish. This gala is an opportunity to come together as a community and invest in the mission that shapes our children, our faith, and our future.

## Trivia Night

Enjoy a themed parent's night out with live music, a costume contest, and trivia games!

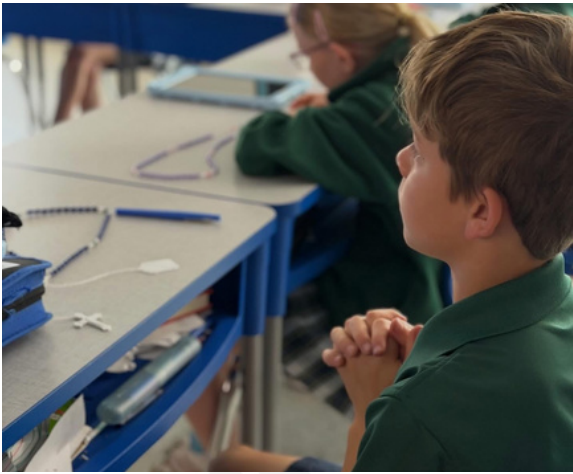
## Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Events

Spend quality time with your son and/or daughter making memories at a family fun event!

## Grade Level Events

Students & families get together outside of school hours for fun family events! Past events include silent disco, Popsicles on the Playground, and fun at the farm.

**And so much more!**



Love God.  
Love One Another.  
Do What is Right.



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