YOUR FUTURE AWAITS at St. Mary’s Ryken!

A Catholic School in the Xaverian Brothers Tradition
St. Mary’s Ryken (SMR) is a high school community committed to providing an affordable high school experience with a focus on individual student success, personal growth and discovery of one’s own uniqueness.

The years a student spends at SMR are marked by a challenging college preparatory program, rewarding opportunities for service and shared celebrations of Catholic faith, the forming of lifelong friendships, and the camaraderie of being part of fine arts, athletics and clubs.

In 2018, SMR celebrated the accomplishments of 165 graduates from our 37th graduating class!

St. Mary’s Ryken Admissions Leadership Team

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**PRINCIPAL**
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## Class of 2018 Stats

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Freshman Schedule

Freshmen take seven classes in a rotating schedule that helps prepare them for college and also benefits students who learn better at different times of the day. During the daily X-hour, students participate in clubs, meet with their advisers or get extra help from teachers.

AP Capstone

St. Mary’s Ryken is thrilled to participate in the College Board AP Capstone diploma program! SMR is one of approximately 1,500 schools worldwide to implement the program.

The Capstone program focuses on:
- Independent college-level research
- Collaborative teamwork
- Communication and writing skills

The program consists of two courses taken in sequence:
- AP Seminar
- AP Research

“This innovative program complements the AP courses that SMR currently offers our students, and will help to better prepare them for the expectations in college and beyond,” said SMR Principal Rick Wood. “Skills such as writing, research, critical thinking and presentation skills are critical to college success. AP Research and AP Seminar will both help to strengthen these skills.”

NEW! Aerospace Engineering Course

Aerospace Engineering—a yearlong course—debuts this year as part of the Project Lead the Way engineering pathway in the Scholars Program.

Students will explore fundamentals of flight in air and space through software simulations and hands-on experiences. Students will learn how these concepts apply to a career in aerospace engineering and to other engineering fields. Specific units will cover an introduction to aerospace, aerospace design, propulsion and alternative applications. This is the third of the PLTW required courses within the engineering pathway; the first two, for freshmen and sophomores, are Introduction to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering. The pathway culminates with a senior Capstone course.

“St. Mary’s Ryken gave me the opportunity to do independent research projects, play instruments with professional musicians and take college-level classes such as AP Art History. With these experiences, I am very prepared to attend the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.”

—XINTIAN “MIKE” MA ’18
Cybersecurity in 2019–20

As part of the Scholars Program computer science pathway, Cybersecurity will be introduced in the fall of 2019! Cybersecurity introduces the tools and concepts of cybersecurity and encourages students to create solutions that allow people to share computing resources while protecting privacy. This is the fourth of the required PLTW courses within the computer science pathway; the first three are Introduction to Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science.

For information about PLTW or the Scholars Program, please visit www.smrhs.org/ScholarsProgram or contact Mr. Brad Chamberlain, Dean of Academics at brad.chamberlain@smrhs.org or 301-373-4188.

STEM Innovation Lab Opening in 2019!

Modeled after university-level STEM labs, the SMR Innovation Lab will include a classroom, build space and collaboration space that will be available to all SMR students. In addition, new labs for chemistry and physics will be built. These enhancements intrinsically support the Scholars Program, Project Lead the Way curriculum and the educational goals for all our students. For more details about each project, visit www.smrhs.org/VBP.

Technology Program

SMR utilizes a 1:1 iPad program, a student/faculty/parent portal and Wi-Fi access across the campus. Each student is required to provide his or her own iPad, or purchase one through SMR. The iPad provides students with an educational hub for their schedule, communications with faculty, event information, course and club discussion groups and grades.
SMR is committed to helping students prepare for and apply to college, including deciding on their major. One way we do this is to coordinate student internships and job-shadowing opportunities with local businesses.

Many internships and job-shadowing experiences are offered, including at the following local organizations:

- MedStar Health and CalvertHealth Medical Center
- Southern Maryland Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center
- C3D Imagery, a local company that specializes in making 3-D walk-throughs of buildings
- DCS Corp., a professional services firm providing engineering, programmatic and technical support services to the Department of Defense and others focused on national security
- Double T Oyster Ranch offers summer internships for students interested in marketing or aquaculture
- The St. Mary’s County Health Department offers hands-on experiences in the field of public health
- New opportunities are emerging in cybersecurity, engineering, law enforcement, hotel and restaurant management, math and business.
SMR helps to enrich the spiritual and sacramental growth of our students through campus ministry programs, retreats, spiritual direction activities and community service. Our school community upholds the Xaverian values of:

- compassion
- simplicity
- humility
- trust
- zeal

Schoolwide Mass is celebrated once a month and on Holy Days of Obligation. Optional liturgies are celebrated daily in the Chapel of Charity. In addition, students may participate in Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Annual retreats provide students with the opportunity to take time out and evaluate the faith aspects of their lives and to renew their sense of the centrality of God in all they do. Each retreat has a theme:

- **FRESHMEN** – “Know Yourself” and an introduction to the Xaverian values and spirituality.
- **SOPHOMORES** – An overnight at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, which focuses on “Myself & Others.”
- **JUNIORS** – An overnight at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland, focusing on their “God-Given Gifts and Talents.”
- **SENIORS** – An optional three-day retreat focused on “God’s Friendship.”

Christian service encourages all students to offer their time and talents to people or nonprofit organizations who are in need of assistance. The program urges students to accept and reach out to those who may be in need of help or less fortunate.

The Spiritual Direction program helps students of all faiths become closer to God. Every week, students have the opportunity to connect with local priests on campus to expand their prayer life, strengthen their moral compass and intensify their relationship with God. Students often say this program is life changing.
The SMR Counseling Team supports students socially, emotionally and academically throughout their four years. One counselor is assigned to each grade and stays with the students through graduation, which helps the counselors develop a personal relationship with each student.

**SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES**

SMR provides assistance for students with diagnosed learning disabilities, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders, and medical conditions that affect a student’s performance in the classroom. Services include classroom and testing accommodations, and daily or weekly help from an SMR resource specialist.

**CONCIERGE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SMR COUNSELING TEAM**

- Small group counseling based on students’ needs
- Classroom guidance lessons
- Parent-only events that cover topics such as technology addiction, course selection, making the most of summer vacation, etc.
- A college and career readiness program to aid students in identifying strengths and interests for post-secondary goals
- Robust college preparation and application process curriculum integrated into academic classes
- College night events with appropriate content for each grade level and parents
- Annual on-campus college fair with over 45 colleges represented
- SMR-sponsored college tours during the school year
- Student workshops on how to write college essays, apply for scholarships and choose and apply to college

The SMR Counseling Team provides services to students in classroom and individual settings.
Focusing on the growth of our students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically, we offer extracurricular activities to promote each student’s personal growth and interests.

Member of the
Washington Catholic Athletic Conference

Over 40 clubs
including National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Government, Student Activities Council, Jazz Band, Stage Guild, intramural sports and many service-oriented clubs

Drone, FTC and VEX robotics clubs with expert mentors from Naval Air Station Patuxent River

26 varsity sports programs

2 theatre productions per school year

2 fine arts showcases per school year

St. Mary’s Ryken Chorus students
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An Investment in Your Child’s Future

Over $1.3 million awarded annually in need-based financial aid and merit-based scholarships!

$3,600 average aid award per student

40% of SMR students receive some form of aid

flexible payment plans

$15,825 2018-19 tuition ($450 due at registration)

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“SMR is worth the investment!”
—BARBARA SKANE (PARENT ’17, ’19, ’21)

“We made the decision to send our oldest son, Chris ’17, and his two sisters, Sarah ’19 and Megan ’21, to St. Mary’s Ryken because we viewed it as an investment in their future. Over Chris’s four years at SMR, he matured from a youthful teen to a young adult. The academic rigor of the Scholars Program, the global opportunities he learned through Model United Nations, the problem-solving nature of the Robotics club, the class discussion and debates, the value of team in soccer, the supportive community environment, the college-like campus and schedule, and the Xaverian spirit of service, all contributed to his current success at University of Maryland Baltimore County—where he received a complete four-year academic scholarship!

He is pursuing a double major in computer science and applied mathematics with the intent to follow a career in cybersecurity. Chris took advanced coursework in his freshman year and was accepted into a senior-level computer class. He acclimated well to the long hours of studying that are required at the college level and has a desire to seek classes that continue to challenge him academically.

We are experiencing firsthand the difference SMR made for our son and is making for his younger sisters, and can sincerely say that St. Mary’s Ryken was well worth our investment!”
Merit Scholarships

SMR awards merit scholarships to incoming freshmen in the areas of academics, leadership, service, fine arts and more. The SMR scholarship application deadline is Jan. 11, 2019. The scholarship award process is very competitive due to the large number of applications. Please note that previous presidential academic scholarship recipients have scored near the 99th national percentile on the High School Placement Test, earned 4.0 GPAs, and received superior teacher recommendations. All SMR Scholarship Committee decisions are final and not subject to review or appeal.

Please check the SMR website for individual scholarship requirements and deadline information: www.smrhs.org/Scholarships.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for qualifying families from both the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) and SMR. Applications for tuition assistance must be completed by using the ADW tuition assistance program (TADS). To apply for ADW and SMR assistance, parents must complete the TADS Financial Aid and Assessment form. For more information, visit: https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance. Parents may start the financial aid application process for the 2019-20 school year in September 2018.

Deadline for applying to TADS:

Dec. 1, 2018

This is the deadline set by the Archdiocese of Washington. Please remember: Applying to TADS makes you eligible for financial aid from the Archdiocese of Washington and St. Mary’s Ryken. Financial aid applications submitted after Dec. 1 will only be considered by St. Mary’s Ryken.
“I am grateful to SMR for the many ways that my daughter was prepared for college. Through her experience with group work in her classes at SMR, she was able to be a group leader in her college classes, felt comfortable with the course work and delegating responsibilities with projects. SMR helped shaped my daughter to be successful on a personal level, and to lead her peers to be successful as well.”

—JEANNETTE DAVIS  
(MOM OF FAITH DAVIS ’18,  
PICTURED AT RIGHT)

Faith is attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in the Meyerhoff Scholars Program.
“The SMR community is helping to make me a better person. I’ve spent the majority of my schooling in homeschool, and it sometimes feels strange to be so far from home. Since coming to SMR, I have met wonderful friends and great teachers who have shown love and concern for my well-being as a student, friend and human being. As a student here you will make friends and create bonds with people who love God and have amazing passions. I know that I am creating personal relationships that will last my lifetime.”

—KRYSTIN ROOTS ’20

Kristin is a member of the string orchestra and service clubs, and is enrolled in Chinese III.

Transportation

The St. Mary’s County Government Non-Public School Transportation Division provides free bus transportation for St. Mary’s County students. For students from Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s and other counties, bus transportation is available for a fee.

For specific route questions regarding your student’s transportation needs, please contact the following:

**ST. MARY’S COUNTY**

Becky George, Non-Public School Transportation Supervisor
301-863-8400 ext. *1124 or becky.george@stmarysmd.com

**CHARLES AND KING GEORGE COUNTIES**

Compton Bus Services
301-932-0910 or sawcomptonbus@yahoo.com

**ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTIES**

Sharon Mattingly
301-475-7660 or sharon.mattingly@smrhs.org

Fees vary by location and bus company. The range for the transportation fee is $2,050–$2,700 per year. For more information, please contact the Business Office at 301-475-7660. More information is also available on the SMR website: www.smrhs.org/Transportation.
Admissions Criteria

Applicants are evaluated for admission based upon the following criteria:

- Submission of the SMR application, fee and essay
- Appropriate ability as demonstrated on the Archdiocesan High School Placement Test (HSPT)
- Strong academic achievement in the seventh grade and first quarter of the eighth grade
- Demonstrated desire to attend SMR
- Recommendations from principals and/or teachers
- Satisfactory disciplinary and attendance history

Visit www.smrhs.org/Apply to apply for admission.
Admissions Calendar
for the Class of 2023
Public & Private
(Non-Catholic)
School Students

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

Knight for a Day Visits at St. Mary’s Ryken

10/1/18 High School Placement Test (HSPT) – Online Registration Opens
(Registration CLOSES Nov. 25)

10/14/18 SMR Open House – 1 p.m. Romuald Hall
Visit www.smrhs.org/OpenHouse
for More Information.

11/19/18 HSPT School Choice Window Opens
(School Choice Window CLOSES Dec. 9)
Code for SMR: 90

12/1/18 Archdiocese of Washington
Financial Aid Deadline – TADS
Code for SMR: 51163

12/1/18 HSPT at SMR (9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

12/14/18 SMR Application Deadline

12/17/18 SMR Merit-based Scholarship
Application Opens
(Merit-based Application CLOSES Jan. 11)

1/11/19 SMR Admissions Application
Documentation Deadline
(7th Grade Final and 8th Grade
First-Quarter Transcripts, Language Arts
and Math Teacher Evaluation Forms)

1/26/19 Scholarship Day at SMR

2/14/19 Class of 2023 Decision Letters Mailed
(Including Financial Aid and Scholarship
Awards, if Applicable)

“All of my teachers display Zeal. One of the best examples is my Spanish teacher, Señora Gensley. She is always enthusiastic about her work, and her smile brightens up any room. Walking into her room, I feel an aura of happiness and I am instantly excited to learn.”

—BRADY KINSLOW '20

Brady is on the sailing team, enrolled in the Scholars Program engineering pathway and a member of the Drone Club.

www.smrhs.org/Admissions
admissions@smrhs.org
301-373-4183 or 301-373-4184
Admissions Calendar
for the Class of 2023
Catholic School Students

SEPTEMBER 2018

St. Mary’s Ryken Admission Visits to Catholic Middle Schools

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11/26/18
Authorization to Release Records Form
(Due to Catholic Middle Schools)

11/28/18
HSPT at Catholic Middle Schools

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COMING IN 2019!

The Donnie Williams Center will provide 48,000 square feet of modern, spacious facilities for many types of school, community and sporting events. This facility also will become the new location for graduations, all-school Masses and assemblies. The center includes a stage, outdoor patio and common area for students, training and wellness facilities, locker rooms, gathering spaces and a gymnasium.

VISIT US ON CAMPUS!

The Admissions Team is excited to introduce the St. Mary’s Ryken community to your family. Start the experience today!