

SCHOOL PROFILE

2023-2024

MARYVALE

LEARN. LEAD. SUCCEED. Educating Young Women for Life

MISSION

Maryvale, a Catholic independent girls' school serving grades six through 12, affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, provides an environment in which each student can reach her academic, spiritual, physical and civic potential in a loving, supportive and diverse community. Building upon its unique and special heritage, Maryvale's mission is to provide an exceptional education that responds to change and prepares young women for life.

JUSTICE, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Inspired by the Hallmarks of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Maryvale community of students, families, teachers, administrators, alumnae, and trustees is dedicated to building and advancing a school culture that honors the dignity of each person. In this spirit, we embrace justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. We are committed to educating young women who proclaim by their lives, even more than by their words, their belief in socially responsible action, as stewards of God's peace and love.

Maryvale Preparatory School rejects all forms of racism and discrimination as destructive to our community and as inconsistent with our Catholic values. We honor the sacredness of each person regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religious belief, gender, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, learning style, or ability. The diversity of humanity and the gifts God bestows on each of us enriches our learning community for all.

In keeping with our mission to educate young women for life, we are committed to critical thinking, lifelong learning, restorative practices, responsiveness to injustice, and to the provision of essential resources that prepare our students to thrive in an ever-evolving, global society. We seek to create a community where each individual is valued and feels a sense of belonging. We work to foster the holistic development (academic, spiritual, physical, and civic) of students. We trust that the comprehensive experience of a Maryvale education will enable all students not only to value self but to respect the humanity of all people.

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ENROLLMENT

All Grades	470
Grades 9-12	345
Class of 2024	93

FACULTY

Teaching Faculty	70
Student/Faculty Ratio	8:1

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by Association of Independent MD/DC Schools, MD State Department of Education, and Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools. Member of Association of Independent MD/DC Schools, Archdiocesan Association of Secondary and Elementary Schools, National Catholic Education Association, & National Association of Independent Schools.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The institute provides a focused approach to support co-curricular leadership offerings. Students choose from a range of courses in leadership styles, communication tools, strategic planning, resume preparation, interviewing techniques, project development and business fundamentals and innovation in entrepreneurship.

CURRICULUM

While 100% of students participate in a college-preparatory curriculum with an expected level of rigor, flexibility and student choice are emphasized by offering multiple levels for each class: College Preparatory, Accelerated, Honors and Advanced Placement.

Maryvale offers many one-semester half-credit courses, permitting students to experience a traditional college class schedule as well as offer a broader array of courses across subject areas.

Students take seven courses per semester. Exceptions are allowed for students enrolled in three or more AP courses. In that case, students are permitted to take six courses per semester.

Beginning sophomore year, one section of AP Modern World History is offered (enrollment by teacher recommendation). Most often only one section of an AP course is offered; scheduling conflicts do sometimes restrict a student's ability to advance to the AP level in a subject.

Online courses are available to select students through Anne Arundel Community College and Virtual High School. The final grade and transcript for these online courses are provided by the institution. Maryvale does not award grades for these classes, but the final grade is included on the Maryvale transcript and computed in a student's GPA calculation.

MARYVALE'S SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Leadership Scholars are selected to participate in a structured program which requires successful completion of four core courses, additional service hours above the graduation requirement as well as a final Capstone Project. A Leadership Certificate of completion is awarded at graduation.

STEAM (STEM + Art) Scholars have the opportunity to develop a highly personalized exploration of diverse STEAM topics. Hands-on experiences are infused through the curriculum at every grade level. Students are not limited to a specific STEAM track, but instead pursue a path based on their interests to set them up for success in college and their future careers. Participants are required to complete a final Capstone Project.

Visual Arts Scholars are those students who have a dedication to visual arts. Scholars enroll in additional art electives in both freshman and sophomore years. Successful completion of four credits of Visual Arts coursework and development of a final portfolio are program requirements. Certificate of completion awarded at graduation.

Performing Arts Mastery Program is designed for students who excel in performing arts. The program includes two completed course credits in performing arts, design and implementation of a Capstone Project to benefit the Maryvale performing arts community and a portfolio that encapsulates the student's Performing Arts experience at Maryvale. Certificate of completion awarded at graduation.

The Ford Program is designed to help students navigate their coursework while strengthening their organization, time management and study skills. Through direct instruction, students gain critical tools to support academic success in high school as well as college. Enrolled students are provided individualized assistance. To receive program services, students must supply a full-scale psycho-educational evaluation documenting ADHD, math and/or Executive Function challenges in order to be considered for this fee-based course.

The St. Julie Billiard Program serves college-bound students with diagnosed language-based learning differences. SJB students receive instruction from experienced learning specialists using proven instructional methods, allowing them to successfully navigate our college-preparatory curriculum.

HONOR ROLL & CLASS RANK

Honor Roll achievement is calculated by quarter and semester.

First Honors	4.00 or higher in all courses
Second Honors	3.55 or higher in all courses

Maryvale Preparatory School does not rank.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

In May 2023, 106 students completed 259 AP exams; 90% scored a 3 or above on one or more of the tests.

Students in AP Classes	AP Scholars	AP Scholars w/ Honors	AP Scholars w/ Distinction
		3 or higher on 3+ exams	3 or higher on 4+ exams
106	19	8	13

All students who are enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exam.

CORE SUBJECT COURSES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN UPPER SCHOOL

All courses are full-year, one-credit courses unless specified.

ENGLISH

English 9 (CP, Accel, H)
 English 10 (CP, Accel, H)
 English 11 (CP, Accel, H)
 English Language & Composition AP (Grade 11)
 English 12 (CP, Accel, H)
 English Literature & Composition AP (Grade 12)
 Creative Writing (.5)
 Art of Storytelling (.5)
 Hip-Hop Culture, Poetry and Circumstance (.5)
 Introduction to Journalism (.5)
 Playwriting (.5)
 Publication Design (Yearbook)
 Public Speaking, Presentation & Performance (.5)

MATHEMATICS

Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications
 Algebra Companion to Geometry (.5)
 Algebra I (CP, Accel)
 Algebra II (CP, Accel, H)
 Applied Calculus (CP, Accel)
 Financial Applications of Pre-Calculus
 Geometry (CP, Accel, H)
 Pre-Calculus (CP, Accel, H)
 Statistics (CP, AP)
 Calculus AB AP
 Calculus BC AP

SCIENCES (all with lab component)

Anatomy & Physiology Honors
 Biology (CP, Accel, H, AP)
 Chemistry (CP, Accel, H, AP)
 Conceptual Physics (CP, Accel)

Ecology (.5)

Environmental Science (Accel, AP) F
 Forensic Science I Accel (.5)
 Forensic Science II Accel (.5)
 Introduction to Engineering (.5)
 Marine Biology (.5)
 Physics Honors
 Physics C AP
 Public Health Honors (.5)
 Sports Medicine (.5)

SOCIAL SCIENCES/HISTORY

African American Studies (.5)
 American Government (.5)
 American Women's History (.5)
 Human Rights, Holocaust & Genocide (.5)
 Introduction to Economics (.5)
 Introduction to Law (.5)
 Introduction to Psychology (.5)
 Introduction to Sociology (.5)
 Macroeconomics AP (.5)
 Microeconomics AP (.5)
 Modern World History (CP, Accel, H, AP)
 Public Health Honors (.5)
 Research in Global Studies (CP, Accel, H)
 United States Government & Politics AP
 United States History (CP, Accel, H, AP)

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I
 French II (CP, H)
 French Cultural Connections
 French Literature & Conversations French III Honors
 French IV Honors

French V Honors

French V – Language & Culture AP
 Spanish I
 Spanish Cultures & Conversations I
 Spanish Cultures & Conversations II
 Spanish II (CP, H)
 Spanish III (CP, H)
 Spanish IV (CP, H)
 Spanish V (CP, H)
 Spanish V – Language & Culture AP

ON-LINE SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES (All .5)

CJS 111 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
 PSY 111 – Introduction to Psychology
 PSY 214 – Abnormal Psychology
 SOC 111 – Introduction to Sociology

ON-LINE LANGUAGE & CULTURE COURSES (ALL HONORS LEVEL)

American Sign Language I & II
 German (.5)
 Italian (.5)
 Latin I
 Latin II
 Mandarin Chinese (.5)
 Portuguese I
 Russian (.5)

CP	College-Preparatory
Accel	Accelerated Level
H	Honors Level
AP	Advanced Placement

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

BIOLOGY
 CALCULUS AB & BC
 CHEMISTRY
 COMPUTER SCIENCE A
 COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION
 ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION
 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
 FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE
 MACROECONOMICS
 MICROECONOMICS
 MODERN WORLD HISTORY
 PHYSICS C – MECHANICS
 PHYSICS C – ELECTRICITY & MAGNETISM
 SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE
 STATISTICS
 STUDIO ART: 2D DESIGN
 STUDIO ART: DRAWING
 US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
 UNITED STATES HISTORY

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	CREDITS
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3.5
World Languages	3
Theology	3.5
Visual & Performing Arts	1
Physical Education	.5
Wellness Issues	.5
Electives	2.5-4.5
Community Service	80 hrs.

WEIGHTED GRADING SCALE (AS OF FALL 2018)

LETTER GRADE	NUMERICAL EQUIVALENT	COLLEGE PREP	ACCELERATED	HONORS	AP
A	93-100	4.00	4.125	4.25	4.50
A-	90-92	3.70	3.825	3.95	4.20
B+	87-89	3.30	3.425	3.55	3.80
B	83-86	3.00	3.125	3.25	3.50
B-	80-82	2.70	2.825	2.95	3.20
C+	77-79	2.30	2.425	2.55	2.80
C	73-76	2.00	2.125	2.25	2.50
C-	70-72	1.70	1.825	1.95	2.20
D	65-69	1.00	1.125	1.25	1.50
F	<65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT WELCOMED MARYVALE'S CLASS OF 2023

87 GRADUATES WERE OFFERED ALMOST \$15,000,000 IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

American University

Appalachian State University

Auburn University

Bard College

Belmont University

Berry College

Bowie State University

Bryant University

Bucknell University

Carnegie Mellon University*

Catholic University of America*

Champlain College

Chatham University

Christopher Newport University

Clark Atlanta University

Clemson University*

Coastal Carolina University College

of Charleston

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

DePaul University

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Duquesne University*

East Carolina University

Elizabethtown College

Elon University*

Emerson College

Emmanuel College

Fairfield University

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Flagler College

Florida Institute of Technology

Florida Southern College

Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall College

Furman University

George Mason University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia State University Georgian

Court University **George**

Washington University Gettysburg
College

Goucher College

Hampton University

High Point University

Hofstra University

Hood College

Howard University

Indiana University

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Ithaca College

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

Juniata College

Lafayette College

Louisiana State University*

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University Maryland

Manhattan College

Marist College

McDaniel College

Mercer University

Messiah University

Miami University, Oxford

Misericordia University

Monmouth University

Morgan State University

Mount Holyoke College

Mount St. Mary's University

Muhlenberg College

College of New Jersey

North Carolina A&T State University

North Carolina State University

Northwestern University

Norwich University

Notre Dame of Maryland University

The Ohio State University

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Pennsylvania State University*

Purdue University

Quinnipiac University

Randolph Macon College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Rice University

Roanoke College

Rochester Institute of Technology

Royal Academy of the Dramatic Arts

Rutgers University

Sacred Heart University

Saint Francis University

Saint Joseph's University

Salisbury University

Sarah Lawrence University

Savannah College of Art & Design

Seton Hill University

Shenandoah University

Smith College

Spelman College*

Springfield College

St. John's University-New York

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Stevenson University

Stonehill College

Stone Hill College

Susquehanna University

Syracuse University

Temple University

Texas Christian University

Thomas Jefferson University

Towson University

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama

University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado Boulder*

University of Delaware*

University of Denver

University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Kentucky

University of Mary Washington

University of Maryland-Baltimore County*

University of Maryland-College Park*

University of Massachusetts Amherst

University of Massachusetts Lowell

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

University of Mississippi

University of Nevada - Las Vegas

University of New Haven

University of North Carolina Wilmington

University of Pittsburgh

University of Rhode Island

University of Richmond

University of South Carolina*

University of Tampa*

University of Tennessee

University of Virginia

Ursinus College

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State

Voorhees College

Wagner College

Wake Forest University

Washington College

West Chester University of Pennsylvania

West Virginia University

William and Mary College

The College of Wooster

Xavier University

York College of Pennsylvania

BOLD – students will attend this school

* - more than one student will attend

100% of Maryvale Preparatory School graduates continue their education at a college or university.