



Together we

THRIVE



**Mount St. Mary  
Catholic High School**

LEADING. SERVING. LIVING MERCY.





# Mercy Shines. You Thrive.

MOUNT ST. MARY HAS A UNIQUE IDENTITY. AS A MERCY SCHOOL, WE EMBRACE THE VALUES OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY WHO FOUNDED THE SCHOOL IN 1903 AND WHO REMAIN CO-SPONSORS WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA CITY.

With “Leading. Serving. Living Mercy.” as our rallying cry, The Mount experience is expressed in the way we show love, service and discipleship to those within our halls, in our community and the world around us.

Our Mercy identity gives our distinctive curriculum an emphasis on service and action. As part of a Mount education, students extend Mercy Values and the Mercy Critical Concerns in a concrete way, participating with their classmates in service both globally and locally becoming Disciples of our Catholic Social Teachings.

## Our Mission

**The Mount is a faith community serving our students and their families with mercy, compassion, and an exceptional Christ-centered Catholic education.**



**As LIVING MERCY is a defining part of The Mount experience, look for the Mercy cross throughout this book to see specific ways our campus experience is set apart by this value - preparing you to thrive in meaningful connections, relationships, and service.**



# Together we Thrive.

At Mount St. Mary we pride ourselves on the spirit of community that our students, parents, and staff experience while here. As you walk our halls during your visit, it is our hope you leave our campus with a feeling of warmth and hospitality. We also want you to recognize within our classrooms the teachings of Christian values, the sense of responsibility, and the atmosphere of respect. For it is faith, compassion, and service that are the foundations upon which our school is built.

The Sisters of Mercy, who founded Mount St. Mary in 1903, emphasized the value of an excellent education in the total effort of leading young people to truth. More than a century later, The Mount, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, remains committed to academic excellence as well as preparing our students for the experiences of life as they enter college. As a testament to our commitment, more than 98% of our graduates pursue a college degree.

Beyond the classroom, students at The Mount have many opportunities to learn new skills and to grow in their faith.



More than 95% of our students regularly participate in extracurricular activities such as drama, vocal music, band, athletics, and various student organizations. Students also have the opportunity to get involved in community service projects through which they learn about themselves by serving others and becoming servant leaders.

The size of our school allows us to know each of our students and parents well. Our focus on a student's moral development as well as our commitment to excellence makes this a unique educational experience. We hope you choose to join us at The Mount and share in the many opportunities we offer. It would be an honor to have you become part of our ROCKET family.

In Peace and Mercy,

Talita DeNegri, Principal MSM Alumna '80

## Get to Know The Mount by the Numbers.

1903  
YEAR FOUNDED

21  
# AP CLASSES OFFERED

20  
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

12:1  
STUDENT / TEACHER RATIO

98%  
OF STUDENTS  
PURSUE COLLEGE  
AFTER GRADUATION

80%  
OF STUDENTS  
REMAIN IN COLLEGE  
TO GRADUATION

16  
PRE-AP AND HONORS  
CLASSES OFFERED

96%  
OF STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATE IN  
ACTIVITIES





OUR HISTORY

# Growing leaders since 1903.

For over 115 years, students have made history, memories, and discoveries at Mount St. Mary. Five Sisters of Mercy traveled to Indian Territory in 1884 to establish a school for young ladies. The school, located at Sacred Heart Mission near Konawa, succumbed to a severe fire.

In 1900 the land now occupied by the school was donated to the Sisters. The Sisters built, what was at that time, the tallest building in the city on a hill one mile south of downtown Oklahoma City. The cornerstone was laid on December 12, 1903 (4 years before statehood).

Young ladies arrived from all areas of the United States to be educated at Mount St. Mary's Academy. In 1950, Bishop Eugene McGuinness asked the Sisters to consider expanding their education to include young men. Since that time, Mount St. Mary Catholic High School has been coeducational. The Mount has a long history of educating the youth of Oklahoma. For over 100 years, we have been committed to continuing the tradition of excellence in Catholic Christian education begun by the Sisters of Mercy and supported by the Catholic Archdiocese of Oklahoma City who formed a co-sponsorship maintained since 2002.



# FAITH



## Connect with Your Faith.

As students journey through their four years at Mount St. Mary, the Campus Ministry Department seeks to play an important part in helping to foster each student's personal and spiritual growth. Campus ministry provides numerous faith-filled opportunities to build and strengthen each student's relationship with God and others. School Masses, spiritual retreats, prayer groups, Bible study, and more give students the chance to witness and become

disciples of Christ. One of the most important ways that students demonstrate discipleship is through service. Recognizing the needs of others gives our students a sense of purpose and the power to make a difference. Every student participates in multiple projects each year during class project days as well as through club and athletic team sponsored community service.



**LIVING MERCY**

Every year The Mount hosts a school-wide retreat to cultivate connection and spiritual growth.

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# ACADEMICS

## Small Classes. Big Experiences.

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School seeks to effectively prepare students for college and their future careers. Whether you have specialized learning needs and require additional support or succeed in more challenging programs, The Mount's college-prep academic tracks fit what is right for each student. In addition to the traditional college-prep courses, MSM offers 21 AP courses; honors courses; and STEM classes. MSM offers the PLUSS Program and Cornerstone

Inclusion Program, allowing students with diagnosed learning needs the opportunity to reach their full potential in an inclusive environment.

With students' success always in mind, The Mount keeps classes small with a 12:1 student to faculty ratio and class sizes under 25 students to foster a close student-teacher relationship that is important to successful learning. Our school day features an A/B college- block schedule with each student enrolled in eight courses. Students attend four 80-minute classes each day, alternating their four "A day" classes with four different "B day" classes. Academic Period is a 45-minute study time held Tuesday-Friday consisting of a small group of students from mixed grade levels and a teacher to promote teacher-to-student and student-to-student mentoring opportunities.

### TECHNOLOGY AT THE MOUNT

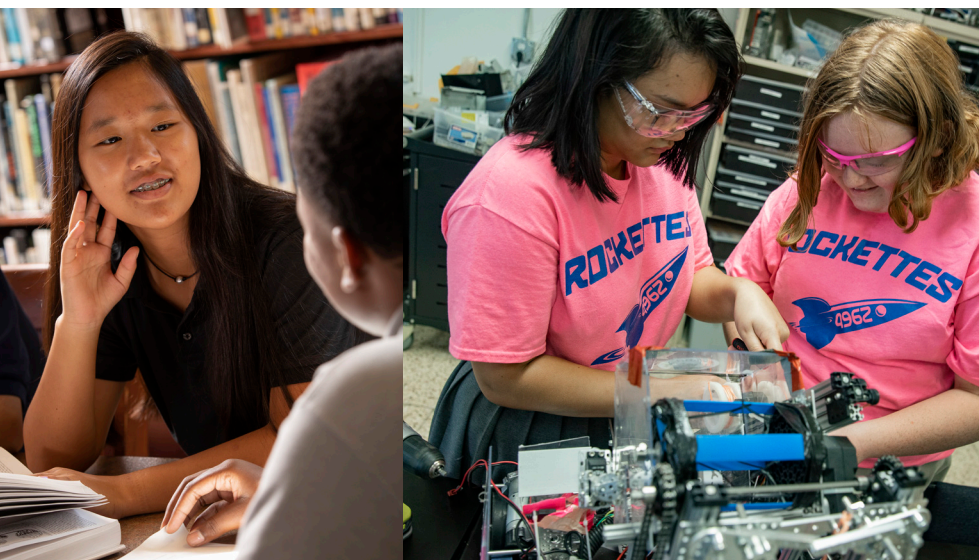
The Mount leverages technology to enhance student learning. Our 1:1 program puts a Chromebook in the hands of every student to provide an immersive educational experience. From new classroom technology to student email accounts and multimedia video production courses, MSM helps prepare students for thriving in a connected, digital world.

Parents can access their student's grades and assignments online and communicate with teachers through our secure communication portal.



“I like that my classes at MSM are small which means I get more one-on-one time with my teachers. MSM offers a variety of classes, allowing me to choose the classes that fit my interests and academic level.”

- JESSIE BROOKS, MSM CLASS OF 2022



### LIVING MERCY

We proudly display Catholic Social Teachings and Mercy Values in each classroom so students and faculty can intentionally consider the implications of these values on their studies and lives.



# ATHLETICS



## Rise to the challenge. Be your best self.

The athletic programs at MSM seek to provide an experience of Christian competition that allows students to develop athletic skills and personal qualities. We believe through athletics, students have the opportunity to learn the values of good sportsmanship, self-discipline, loyalty, leadership and friendship that will last a lifetime.

**96% of MSM students choose to participate in extracurricular clubs or athletics each year.**

MSM is a member in good standing with the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (OSSAA), and our athletic teams are eligible to compete in State Tournament play. Athletic activities are open to students in grades 9-12 and provide opportunities for students to become involved not only as players but as managers, trainers, or statisticians.



### MSM FALL SPORTS

Softball / Volleyball / Football / Cross Country / Cheer / Dance

### MSM WINTER SPORTS

Basketball / Swim

### MSM SPRING SPORTS

Soccer / Baseball / Track / Tennis / Golf

### MSM STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cheer / Volleyball / Softball / Cross Country / Tennis / Basketball / Soccer

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### LIVING MERCY

All clubs and athletic teams at The Mount organize their own service projects to address needs they discover independently.





# FINE ARTS

**Get inspired.  
Find your passion.**

The MSM Fine Arts Department is dedicated to the artistic development of each student. Whether in theatre, band, choir, drawing, stagecraft, or 2D design, students can discover their unique, God-given talents. The arts allow students to explore their creativity, celebrate the arts, grow in faith and share their talents with the community. No matter if you prefer being on stage or working behind the scenes, there is something for everyone.

**MSM FINE ARTS**  
Drama  
Music  
Stagecraft  
Visual Arts



“The MSM Music Department isn’t just a set of classes, it is a family and a home away from home. We love being so involved in a variety of events at The Mount through our music.”

- TONY LEON & CHRISSA GUNGOLL, MSM CLASS OF 2020





# The Mount family. Together we thrive.

Experience the spirit of our historic campus. Imagine how your life and your passions can come alive as you step into a community committed to our Catholic faith and values of inclusivity, compassion, and excellence.

Explore more at [mountstmary.org](https://mountstmary.org) or contact Diane Wilson at 405.631.8865 or [dwilson@mountstmary.org](mailto:dwilson@mountstmary.org) to schedule a campus tour today!

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