

# Stella Maris Academy

## Middle School Programming Update 2017-2018

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Area	Details
Faith Formation	Two days of in class study per week and three days of more engaging experiential faith forming to include small group discussion, Adoration, Mass, faith-based leadership instruction, a focus on a discernment of gifts and active service, and Altar serving
Core Subjects	Course work to meet approved diocesan outcomes and exceeding MN state standards in <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Science with in-lab experiences, Scientific research, Science Fair</li> <li>2. Social Studies including MN history, geography, historical research, History Day</li> <li>3. Language Arts curriculum to cover great literature, research and creative writing, advanced word study, grammar</li> <li>4. Math curriculum for advanced and basic skills levels of instruction for high school level algebra (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and eventually geometry (10<sup>th</sup> grade) within the middle school</li> <li>5. Scholars program for enriched learning (St. John's Upper Middle School)</li> </ol>
Foreign Language Options	High school level Spanish and French (Availability of course is based on enrollment of 8-10 or more students to staff language option)  Introductory level language instruction – Spanish (both campuses), Latin and French (St. John's Campus)
Lunch/Recess	Hot lunch, indoor/outdoor recess options, intramural competition (St. John's campus)
Fine Arts and specialists	Strings, band, choir, drama and art program Physical education for all students three times a week Electives to include woodshop (St. James Campus), cooking, STEM/Robotics, Sewing, Speech and Debate
Extra-curricular Activities	Competitive after school clubs: History Day, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Destination Imagination, Speech and Debate, Robotics  Performance: Talent Show, Fine Arts (band, choir, strings, drama performances), Christmas and Spring concerts, community highlight performances, possible "tours" to other schools  Athletics: Intramurals, in-school tournaments and competition, Pre-season sports to support community/club athletics, active clubs TBD (based on interest and volunteer coaches: ski club, mountain biking, XC running/skiing, and basketball)  Social: leadership (Student council), assemblies, events sponsored by teachers and parent association to include dances, lock ins, Girlz Night Out, Guys Games In, movie night, community service projects, yearbook
Technology	St. John's campus will continue to develop the 1:1 approach utilizing Chromebooks. Stella Maris will begin to develop the St. James Campus to be equipped with 1:1 technology for their middle school by fall 2018