



# STELLA MARIS ACADEMY

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Welcome to Stella Maris Academy!

Your Stella Maris Academy Board of Directors is excited to journey with you during the upcoming school year. In preparation for the start of school, we took several actions to unify our operations and direct resources toward high priority initiatives.

We began with salary increases for our outstanding faculty and staff for more meaningful and just compensation. With significant collaboration and generosity from parishes, we improved building safety, infrastructure for communication and technology, and facility re-programming to serve our new configuration. The expertise of the Diocese of Duluth Technology Committee enabled us to create a unified vision and plan for our technology infrastructure. This investment aligns our operations and ensures that all teachers can incorporate up-to-date technology in their instruction. We are happy to announce that, following renovation to the kitchen at the Holy Rosary Campus, students at every campus can enjoy hot lunch every day during the school year!

We awarded over \$175,000 in Community Support Scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year. This helps many families experience a Stella Maris Academy education. While your tuition contribution offsets much of the true cost of approximately \$6,000 to educate each child, our school relies on generous philanthropic support from our parish and community partners.

We are energized and inspired by our mission and vision. As a community, we will explore approaches that complement our Catholic Formation Model of Education integrating the intellectual, spiritual, human, and stewardship formation of each student.

You, the families of our students, are the greatest ambassadors for Stella Maris Academy! We invite you to be vibrant voices in our community, encouraging others to experience and support the gift of Catholic school education.

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