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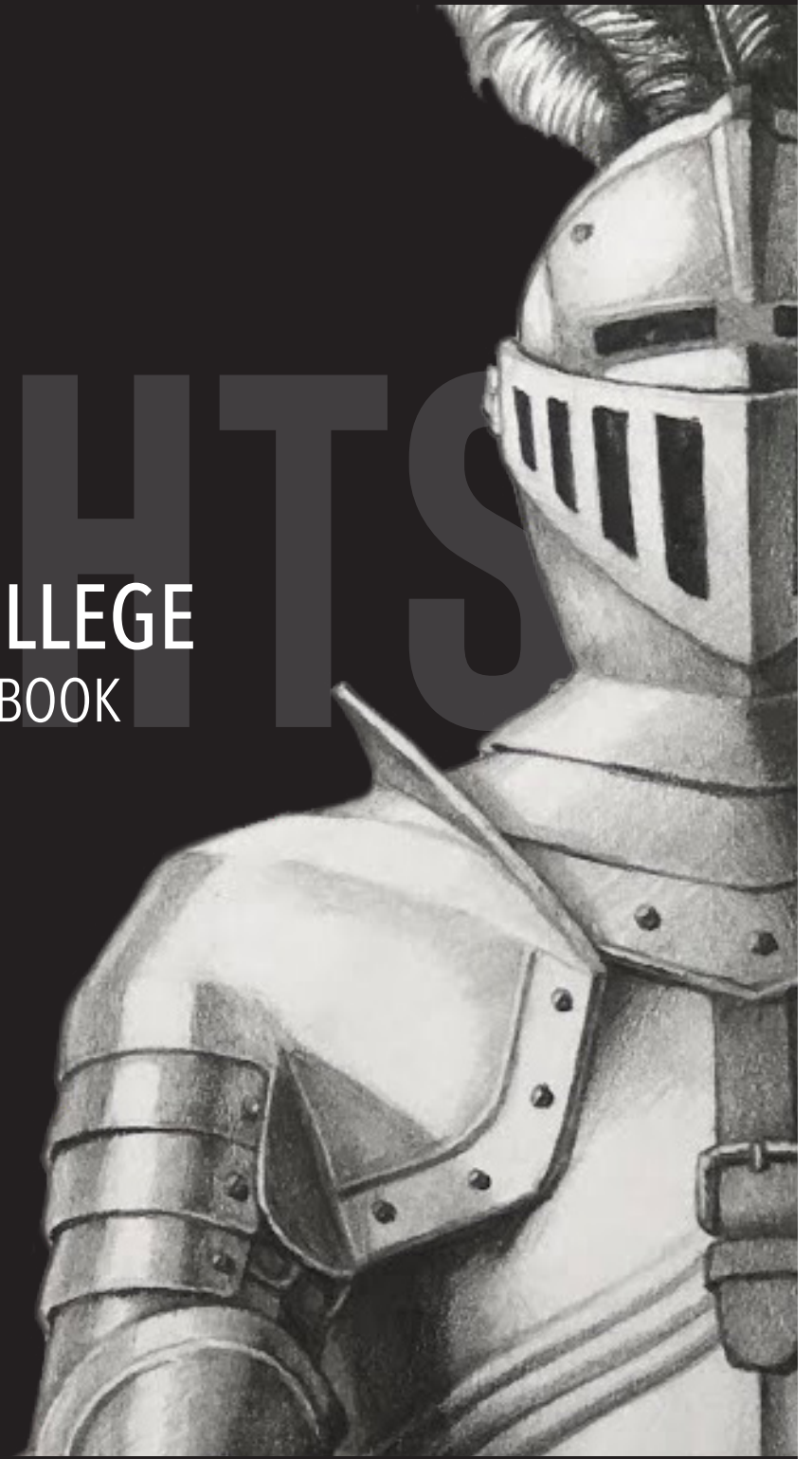
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KNIGHTS

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

2021 - 2022 VIEWBOOK



WELCOME CLASS OF 2026!



We are thrilled to invite you to join our dynamic Catholic School family. Here at St. Mary's College, we offer a unique educational experience where students are able to develop to their highest potential through a variety of academic, spiritual, social and athletic programs.

It is our hope that this booklet and our information sessions will help you to decide to join our school family by becoming a St. Mary's College Knight in September. There is something for everyone!

Academics: We offer a wide variety of programming at all levels. Our teachers are dedicated to developing courses that are interesting and challenging, ensuring that you will have the skills you need for any career pathway you choose; the widespread use of technology, including laptops and tablets in the classroom will give you the opportunity to explore your interests and develop your strengths. If you are a hands on learner who has an interest in a variety of classes like: construction technology, transportation technology, manufacturing technologies or hospitality and tourism, we have the class for you. If you enjoy expressing yourself

through art, we have a variety of courses to choose from including dance, music, visual arts, graphic arts and theatre arts. Our French Immersion program offers a variety of courses leading to a French Immersion certificate and all of our students who study French are encouraged to challenge the DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) an international language certification recognized around the world.

Athletics: For those of you who enjoy athletics, we have state-of-the-art personal fitness and weight rooms that can be accessed by students of a variety of fitness levels. We also offer many sports options for you to participate in. You will be coached by dedicated staff and volunteers and have the opportunity to improve your athletic skills in a competitive and supportive program.

A Welcoming Environment: As you enter, you will notice the high energy and positive atmosphere that permeates our school community. When you join us in September you will be immediately welcomed enthusiastically by our Link Crew Team. This group of students is trained to provide support for our students throughout the school year. You will spend the first day of school in your Link Crew group having fun and learning about our SMC family. I guarantee you will feel like a Knight by the end of your first day!

The Fun Factor: Visitors often comment upon the positive energy of our students and our staff. Our Student Council takes pride in planning fun activities to lighten everyone's spirits throughout the year starting with our "Welcome Week" in September and continuing with homeroom competitions and lunch time activities. We also have several other clubs that offer students fun-filled leadership opportunities within and beyond our school day.

Living Our Faith: In our Catholic high school, you will have the freedom to explore your spirituality and develop your faith. Our students are encouraged to bring positive change to the world. You will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of social justice and outreach projects that bring hope to those in our community and around the world.

There are many more activities and opportunities that will be available to you when you make St. Mary's College your secondary school home. Come join our school family and make your dreams for the future a reality!

If you have any questions, please contact us at any time.

I am looking forward to seeing you in September!

Colleen Hannah

Principal



* Please note that some of the photos that have been used in this book were taken prior to COVID-19

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2022 AND WELCOME WEEK

- At the end of the summer, Grade 9 students will receive a letter and a personal phone call from their Link Crew leader to outline their first day.
- On day one, students will receive their schedule and will spend the rest of the day with Link Crew leaders.
- Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to get to know their Link Crew leaders and other Grade 9 students. The day is filled with fun activities for students to participate in and it's a great chance to establish new acquaintances.
- Full classes begin the following day.
- Welcome Week takes place during the third week of school and is a great opportunity to join in some fun activities with Students' Council and Link Crew leaders.



THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

- We wear our school uniform with pride!
- Uniform items are available for students right here at St. Mary's College in The Knight's Armour.

THE KNIGHT'S ARMOUR

- Your one stop shop for uniform and SMC spirit wear is located in our commons area.
- Check out our website for more information about hours of operation.



STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Student Council is a group of senior students elected by their peers whose job it is to create a meaningful, interactive, inclusive, faith-based school environment.

The role of the Student Council is to build school spirit and morale, support school clubs and teams, and to act as a liaison between students and administration.



LINK CREW

The Link Crew is designed to both welcome and support Grade 9 students by partnering them with a senior Link Crew leader as a mentor during this first year.

The Link Crew group will remain together all year as the leaders provide the students with social and academic support. Link Crew leaders will also provide life skills that will help throughout high school life and beyond.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

St. Mary's College is very proud of its athletics program in both intramural and extramural sports. This pride is a result not only of the continued success we have had in competition with other city and regional schools, but more importantly, with the extensive opportunity that is afforded to students to take part in a sports program.

Healthy, athletic activity helps young people to develop physically, socially and personally. Participation in sports offers a perfect balance to the demands of academics.

FALL SPORTS

- Cross-Country
- Football
- Girls' Basketball

WINTER SPORTS

- Badminton
- Boys' Basketball
- Curling
- Hockey
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS

- Boys' Soccer
- Girls' Soccer
- Track and Field

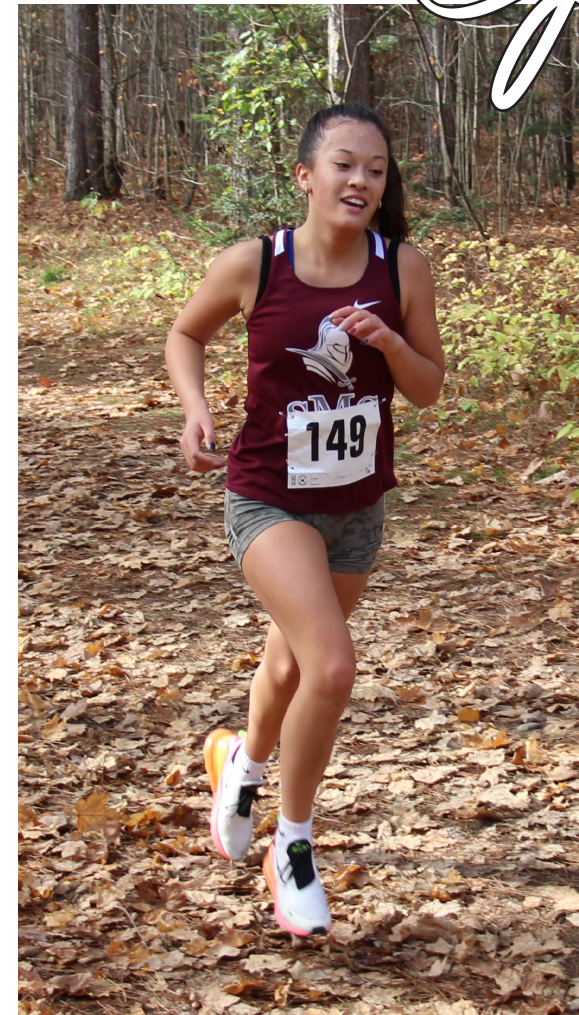
300 ATHLETES ACROSS 12 TEAMS

25 CHAMPIONSHIPS WON IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS



*Championships including League, City and NOSSA

GO KNIGHTS!



CATHOLICITY

St. Mary's College is a Catholic learning community that strives to nurture the faith formation of students through proclamation, teaching and witness.

By virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism we are all called to live out the missionary nature of the Catholic Church.

PRAYER AND CHAPEL

Students and staff begin each day with prayer over the PA or in the classroom. As a school community we also acknowledge memorial and feast days throughout the school year.

Our school Chapel is a sacred space open to students and staff each day. The Chapel is a calm and peaceful environment for prayer, Christian Meditation and an opportunity to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer and reflection help to nurture a relationship with Jesus Christ.

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

We are happy to be able to participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist once again with individual classes in the Chapel and grade levels in our auditorium. This is made possible with the support of diocesan priests. Students take an active role in the selection of music, serving as lectors and other ministries.

RETREATS

Each year, students participate in a faith-based retreat. Our retreats include activities such as indoor and outdoor games, biblical escape rooms, meditation, prayer and student witness talks. A favourite has been the Grade 12 retreat focusing on vocation which takes place at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Mary's College and journeying with you as you grow in faith!

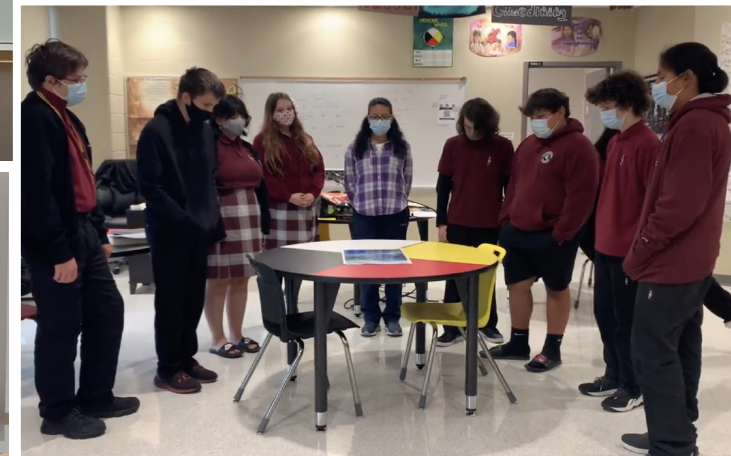
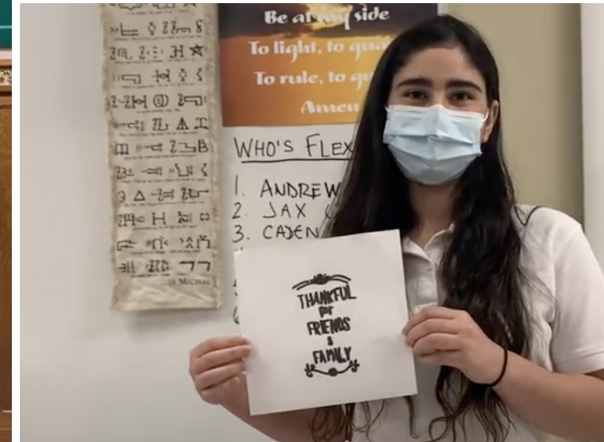


"Students are trying to make sense of what they believe and why faith is important. They may not always agree with Catholic Church Teachings, but they do want to follow the model set forth by Jesus Christ.

St. Mary's College provides opportunities for these important conversations while nurturing a personal relationship with God."

Stephanie Parniak, Chaplaincy Leader

Our FAITH



ARTS PROGRAMS

Our program builds on a long history dedicated to the pursuit of excellence.

DANCE

The Dance program at St. Mary's College provides students with the opportunity to explore the world of Dance. Students learn technical skills in a variety of Dance forms (jazz, lyrical, contemporary, musical theatre, and hip-hop). Students also have the opportunity to be creative as they work through the process of choreography development.



DRAMA

This program covers the basics of theatre by emphasizing skill building in acting, public speaking and performing behind the scenes roles in a variety of productions while students build confidence and leadership skills.

MUSIC

Our program develops student confidence in playing and performing for others in a variety of ways because we perform as a team. Students explore their voice or any instrument they wish while learning to read and write music. Music students perform for annual concerts given at various times throughout the year and spread cheer to the community.

VISUAL ARTS

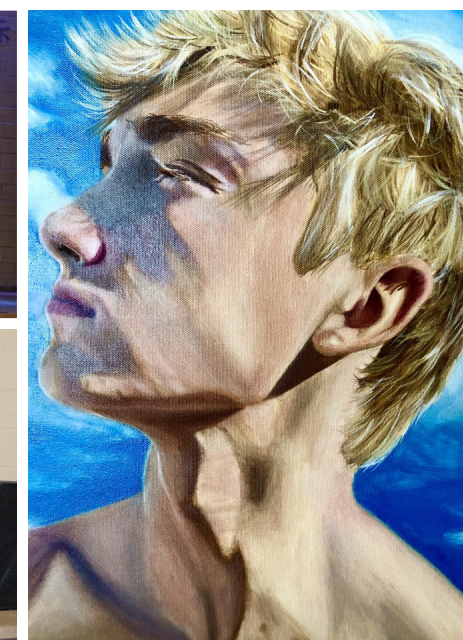
Students are engaged in a comprehensive studio program with emphasis on drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and digital and mixed media. Our school maintains two student art galleries where students can display their work. Students participate in outreach opportunities for enhanced learning by visiting local and international art galleries. Many of our students go on to pursue post-secondary opportunities in various art and art-related fields including: architecture, graphic design, film, art education, art therapy, fashion design, industrial design, animation, and many more.



"The mission of the Arts Program at SMC is to inspire, educate and prepare our students to develop their artistic and creative potential. Our programs engage students in creative and critical thinking through studio based, hands on learning. The SMC Arts Program believes all students can discover their full creative potential and find meaningful ways to express themselves and make meaningful contributions to their community."

Adriano DiCerbo, Arts Lead Teacher

Be CREATIVE



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board is dedicated to offering valuable enrichment opportunities for our high achieving students.

Our teachers are fully supportive of this tremendous program which is continuously expanding. Pre-Advanced Placement courses (Gr. 9-11) help prepare students to take the Grade 12 AP courses and eventually the AP final exams.

- Students in Grade 12 Advanced Placement will be prepared for the AP Exam which may allow them to secure a credit recognized by any of 62 universities throughout Canada. Thirty-four courses are offered in 19 subject areas by approximately 13,000 high schools worldwide.
- Advanced Placement credits are recognized in 28 other countries!



COURSES OFFERED

PRE-AP (GRADE 9/10)

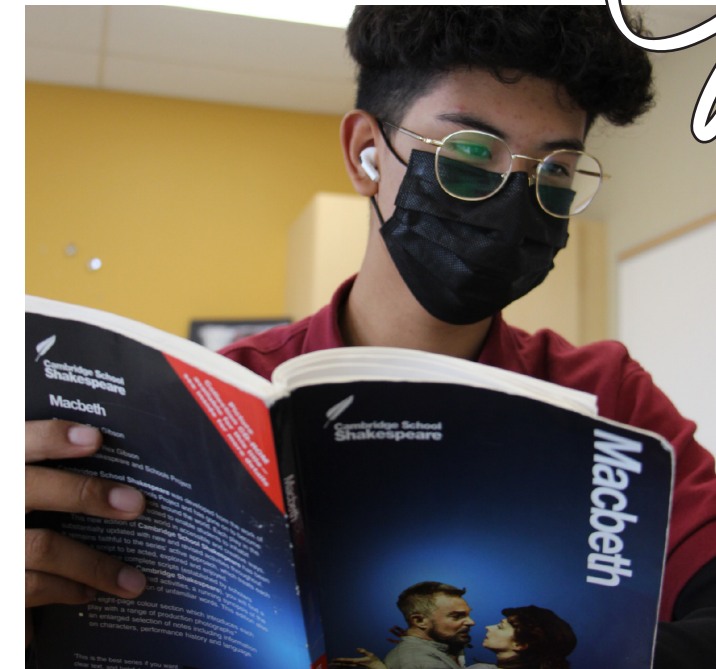
- ENGLISH
- GEOGRAPHY
- HISTORY
- MATHEMATICS
- SCIENCE
- VISUAL ARTS

GRADE 11

- BIOLOGY
- ENGLISH
- MATHEMATICS

GRADE 12

- BIOLOGY
- CALCULUS
- ENGLISH



Get AHEAD



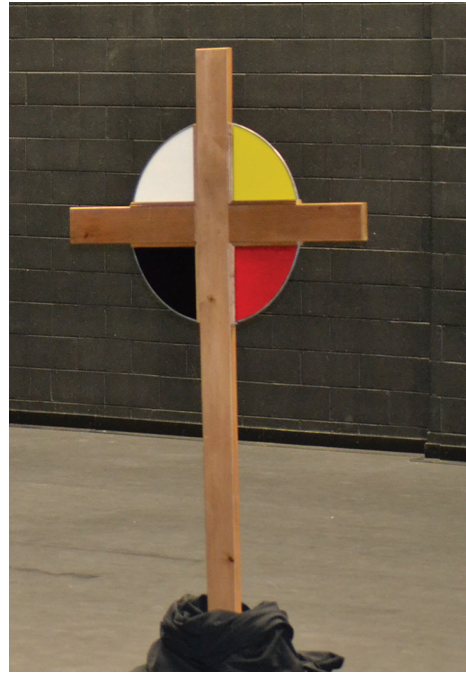
"The Advanced Placement Program fosters success in higher education by encouraging students to develop critical thinking skills at the highest level. Successful completion of exams earn students advanced placement and/or a credit in university.

The hallmark of the program is its flexibility in that students may take the full complement of AP courses and work toward an AP International Diploma or study in their personal area of strength and aim to achieve an AP Scholar or AP National Scholar designation."

Christopher Czop, Vice Principal & AP Coordinator

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Are you interested in learning more about the Indigenous People of Canada? Then our Indigenous courses are for you!



The Indigenous population continues to grow at St. Mary's College and as a result we offer a package of courses with a strong Indigenous focus.

The students who complete ten of these courses will graduate with a "Certificate of Completion of Indigenous Studies" from the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board. The Ministry of Education has identified 10 courses that are Indigenous focused in the areas of Art, History, English and NSL. If you are interested in learning more about the Indigenous People of Canada, the history, the stories and the language, come to the cultural room and sign up for these courses and learn more!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS

All students are welcome to participate in events that focus on Indigenous Education, Indigenous People and the culture.



INDIGENOUS COUNSELLORS

Counsellors from the local First Nations, Batchewana and Garden River, as well as counsellors from the Indian Friendship Centre and the Métis Nation of Ontario are available to speak with our students.



"The Cultural room at St. Mary's College is where everyone is welcome! Here you will find Anishinaabemowin classes, Civics and Career classes, weekly elder visits and soup and scone lunches.

Students are encouraged to eat their lunch in the cultural room as a chance to meet up with friends, meet new people, and participate in activities that are planned by the Grad Coach, the NSL teacher and the Aboriginal Support Workers."

Mona Jones, Indigenous Education

Aanii! GREETINGS!



FRENCH IMMERSION

St. Mary's College is pleased to provide a number of opportunities for students to learn in both of Canada's official languages.

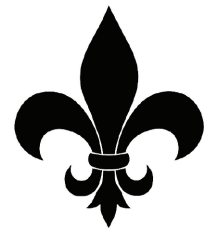
The St. Mary's College French Immersion program fulfills all of the requirements of the Ministry of Education. After completion of the minimum ten courses, the student will receive a "Certificate of Completion of French Immersion Program" from the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board.

In designing our program, we were careful in selecting courses which would enhance communication in the French language, both oral and written. We are very pleased, to offer courses in language and literature, religious education, social sciences, and personal fitness. Our staff is qualified and excited to present these programs to you.

UN ACCUEIL CHALEUREUX À TOUS NOS ÉLÈVES D'IMMERSION FRANÇAISE À ST MARY'S COLLEGE!

Our languages department will continue to prepare and encourage our students from Grade 9 through to Grade 12 at which time they will be able to apply for and challenge the DELF test. Successful candidates will receive a Diplôme d'études en langue française which is internationally recognized.

Notre département de langues continuera de préparer et d'encourager nos étudiants de 9^{ième} à travers 12^{ième} année au moment où ils seront en mesure d'appliquer et de contester le test du DELF. Les candidats retenus recevront UN Diplôme d'études en langue française qui EST reconnu internationalement.



"French Immersion students from all schools come together at SMC and continue in their French language journey as a family.
"Deux langues, une famille."

Our DELF certified French Immersion graduates are a testament to the quality of our program as they are equipped with a competitive edge to succeed in their future endeavours."

Mary Polnick, *Languages Department*

Bienvenue! WELCOME



HSCDSB HOCKEY CANADA SKILLS ACADEMY

The HSCDSB Hockey Canada Skills Academy is committed to the development of each player and provides personalized and directed strategies for improvement.

The HSCDSB Hockey Canada Skills Academy is a great program for those students wanting to enhance their current skill set in hockey. It also provides an opportunity to introduce the game of hockey to students new to the sport and who want to play for the first time.

The off-ice sessions focus on strength and conditioning, nutrition and mental training. Students do sports-specific strength training in our amazing in-house fitness facilities. Students learn to fuel their bodies for optimum performance in our state-of-the-art kitchens. These sessions are designed to teach students self-discipline, self-motivation, self-confidence and goal setting.

This program is open to all interested students. Enrollment will be based on the number of applicants, while a selection committee will review all applications and determine participants.

The program operates during the school day and runs for a full semester in the secondary division.



More than HOCKEY



SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Explore your future and jump start your career!

The Specialist High Skills major is a specialized, Ministry-approved program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

BENEFITS OF SHSM:

EASE your transition to college, university, or workplace

HEAR & SEE what a career in that sector feels and looks like

NETWORK with local professionals, trades people, experts in the field

GAIN confidence in your skills and abilities

EARN industry recognized certifications

BUILD a distinguished resume or portfolio

OPEN doors for summer or future employment

GRADUATE with a red seal on your diploma

92% of SHSM students graduated within 5 years

5% higher than the provincial graduation rate

5% higher credit achievement rate for SHSM students in college pathway courses

96% credit achievement rate for SHSM students

7% higher credit achievement rate for SHSM students in workplace pathway courses

SECTORS OFFERED:

Business

Construction

Health & Wellness

Hospitality & Tourism

Non-profit
(pending Ministry Approval)



"A SHSM allows Grade 11 and 12 students to experience a range of customized learning opportunities in an area that interests them, and helps them be more engaged in their school program. It gives students an opportunity to make informed decisions related to post secondary pathways. They gain confidence in their ability to succeed and see the connections between school and their future."

Mary Korab, Guidance Counsellor & SHSM Counsellor

Hands on EXPERIENCE



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Clubs at St. Mary's College allow students to dig deeper into an area of passion or to discover a new interest, all while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of community involvement.

JOIN US!

- Arts Council
- Book Club
- Concert Band
- Construction Club
- Dance Team
- Drama Club
- Faith On Fire
- Grad Committee
- Heaven Cent
- IMPACT
- Indigenous Student Advisory Council
- Link Crew
- Link Crew Ambassadors
- Math Team
- SMC Radio
- SMC Singers
- SMctv
- St. Mary's Athletic Council (SMAC)
- St. Mary's College Theatre
- Student Senate
- Students' Council

