

Dear Prospective Students and Parents,

Thank you for considering St. Mary's Preparatory as the place that your family may call home for the next four years. Selecting a high school that is best for you will play a major role in your spiritual, academic, and physical development during these formative years of your life. At St. Mary's we have worked tirelessly to create an environment that will provide you with every opportunity to develop and strengthen the gifts that God has blessed you with and prepare you for the challenges of college and beyond.

St. Mary's has evolved as an institution throughout its 130 year plus history. The school was originally established by our founder, Fr. Joseph Dombrowski, to serve the Polish immigrants in Detroit and provide a better future for the following generation of immigrants. Currently, the Prep is home to students from throughout Michigan, across the United States, and around the world. It has grown into one of the premier college preparatory boarding schools in the Midwest.

Academically our core curriculum, along with the wide range of available electives, provides our students with a strong foundation for college as well as the opportunity to explore individual interests. Our faculty and staff are committed to educating the "whole student." Our mission is to prepare you for the challenges that you will face in the academic and secular world. As a school we are committed to an honor code that defines our expectations and actions inside and outside of the classroom. We hold our students to high standards, providing them the moral guidance and support necessary to make positive choices.

Learning at St. Mary's prep extends well beyond the formal classroom setting. Our coaches and extracurricular moderators are an extension of the values that drive our school and our instruction. Through numerous after school activities, our students have an opportunity to practice and implement the lessons and virtues that have been stressed in the classroom.

When I speak with current students and alumni about what makes St. Mary's such a special school, time and time again the theme of brotherhood is mentioned. It is that sense of community, not only among the students, but with the faculty, staff, and parents that makes St. Mary's what it is today. It is through that commitment to one another that we all encourage each other to strive for excellence in all that we do.

I hope that you will take some time to experience what it truly means to be a member of the St. Mary's family. As a graduate of the school I can say from firsthand experience that nothing compares to being an Eaglet. From the beautiful campus, excellent teaching staff, faith-centered environment, to the Polish Country Fair, to truly understand and appreciate it, you must experience it for yourself. I hope to see you soon at an Open House or as an Eaglet for a Day, where can you begin to feel what it means to be a member of the St. Mary's community.

Yours in education,

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