

## Our Mission and Philosophy

### Mission Statement

St. Mary School is an extension of home and church. We believe in fostering the development of the whole child, while recognizing and appreciating the uniqueness and giftedness of each individual. Our aim is to develop young Christian leaders who will cherish their faith and serve as models of Christ in the world by "Sharing the Spirit."

### School Philosophy

St. Mary School helps children learn about themselves and their world in relation to God. It enriches and complements the formation which ideally is provided in the home and parish. It is the task of the school and parents to teach children to appreciate, evaluate and celebrate the religious significance of all human knowledge and practice.

- Each person is unique and has the right to acceptance at St. Mary. Each student has individual abilities, interests, talents and feelings.
- Students need to be taught decision-making skills and the concepts of rights and responsibilities.
- Students function more effectively with a positive self-concept.
- Teachers are the key to the climate of the school.



## St. Mary School "Sharing the Spirit"

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# Academic Success

St. Mary School is a kindergarten to grade 12 school with a rich history dating back to 1964. At St. Mary School, students of many faiths are provided with a variety of learning experiences at all grade levels. Students participate in numerous activities such as school liturgies, social justice projects, and co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that contribute to a positive school climate. St. Mary students experience consistent success in Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Examination scores as well as in their post-secondary educational and career endeavours. We take pride in their many successes.



## Elementary, Junior, Senior High

The elementary program exudes a strong sense of family atmosphere where teachers, support staff, students, parents, and volunteers work together to provide educational excellence within a Christian atmosphere. At the elementary level, students are taught a variety of complementary courses in addition to all of the required core courses. Oral French is taught in Grades four through six.

The educational program at the junior high level includes all of the required core courses. Complementary courses such as Religious Studies, Music, French as a Second Language, and Career and Technology Studies (CTS) round out a student's program.

The high school program at St. Mary provides students with the opportunity to take all core courses at the 10/10-1, 20/20-1, 30/30-1 levels, the 13/10-2, 23/20-2, 33/30-2 levels, and the 14-24 levels. Additional complementary courses such as French as a Second Language, Music, Religious Studies, Physical Education, Career and Technology Studies (CTS), and Career and Life Management (CALM) are also offered.



## Strong Sports Program

Traditionally, St. Mary has offered a strong sports program. St. Mary Sharks' teams have enjoyed successful records at local, zone, and provincial competitions in volleyball, basketball, golf, track and field, and cross-country.

## Excellent Band Program

The St. Mary Band Program has enjoyed tremendous success provincially, nationally, and internationally. Beginning in grade seven, students have the opportunity to participate in Junior, Intermediate, Wind Ensemble, and Stage Bands.



## Special Activities

Special events throughout the year include a spring graduation, an awards ceremony, sports tournaments, a special Christmas dinner, an elementary Christmas concert or "Christmas Happening," band festivals and concerts, social justice projects, science fair, track meets, and play days.

***At St. Mary School, the dedicated, experienced staff members constantly promote our school motto, "Sharing the Spirit."***

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