

She is the Future.

SISTERS OF MERCY

Critical Concerns

The Sisters of Mercy were founded out of a deep concern for persons who are poor. Today, that commitment is focused in five "critical concerns" that we address through prayer; attention to personal, communal, and institutional choices; education; advocacy with legislators and other government leaders; and corporate engagement. These concerns serve as the moral framework for everything we do at Gwynedd – including our DEIJ, L.E.A.D., and ministry and service programs.

EARTH · IMMIGRATION · NONVIOLENCE · RACISM · WOMEN

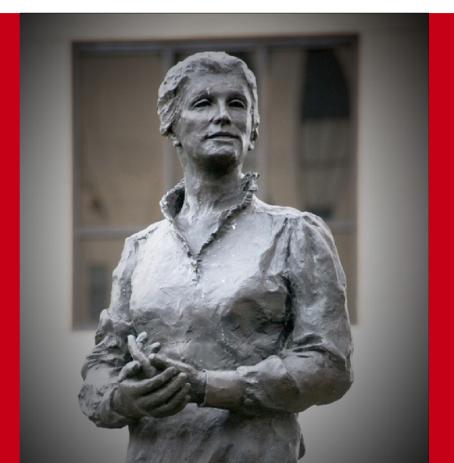
Every year, a critical concern is specifically highlighted within the Gwynedd community. With intentional focus, that critical concern becomes even more pronounced within our curricula, programmatic activities, policy evaluation, and school practices. Students have opportunities to dive deeper into the critical concerns, expanding their awareness, deepening their understanding. and inspiring them to think critically about how this issue impacts women, people experiencing poverty, of color. and members of people marginalized communities.





"Amidst this tripping about, our hearts can always be in the same place, centered in God."

-Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy



Rooted in the Catholic faith and charism of Mercy, Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School educates, inspires, and empowers young women to be merciful in spirit, innovative in thought, and courageous in leadership.

FOR OVER 160 YEARS, GWYNEDD MERCY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL HAS

educated, inspired, and empowered

GENERATIONS OF WOMEN LEADERS.

As the world changes and evolves at an even faster pace, our commitment to the education of young women is more important than ever. They are the future, and our future is in their hands.

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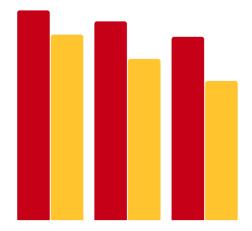
Top 10 Benefits OF AN ALL- GIRLS SCHOOL

INSPIRATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

EXCELLENT MENTORING

■ GMA Students ■ Coed Students



- 95% feel supported by their teachers vs 84% of girls at coed schools;
- 90% feel supported by other students vs 73% of girls at coed schools;
- 83% feel supported by their school administrators
 vs 63% of girls at coed schools.



BUILDS
SELF-CONFIDENCE



99%

of all-girls school grads report higher self-confidence over their coed peers. (54%) ^{ii.}

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM)

All-girls school grads are

6 TIMES





to consider majoring in math, science, and technology compared to girls who attended coed

schools. iii.

more likely









of students at all-girls schools expect to earn a four-year degree. More than 2/3 expect to earn a graduate or professional degree. iv.





of all-girls school grads say they were offered greater leadership opportunities than peers at coed schools. vi.

PREPARES GIRLS
FOR THE REAL
WORLD

Nearly **87%**of all-girls school students feel their opinions are respected at their school

compared to 58% of girls at coed schools. •







Sources: i, iv, v. Dr. Richard A. Holmgren, Allegheny College, Steeped in Learning: The Student Experience at All-Girls Schools

ii. Dr. Linda Sax, UCLA, Women Graduates of Single-Sex and Coeducational High Schools: Differences in their Characteristics and the Transition to College

iii, vi. Goodman Research Group, The Girls' School Experience: A Survey of Young Alumnae of Single-Sex Schools



OUR ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Our innovative academic schedule - Monarchs in Motion - is designed to offer a dynamic and modern approach to daily learning. Rooted in research and insights from brain science, the schedule is comprised of a rotation of 60-minute classes, ensuring that each subject is experienced at varying times throughout the day. This deliberate approach optimizes attention span and promotes effective learning.

Monarchs in Motion dedicates time for personalized interactions with faculty and counselors and allows students to delve deeper into their subjects. The schedule emphasizes emotional well-being, social growth, and participation in co-curricular activities, cultivating a holistic educational experience to foster well-rounded, confident, and enthusiastic individuals.

SAMPLE DAY OF A Guynedd Girl

→ 4 ACADEMIC CLASSES (60 mins. each)

Each day, the rotation of classes differs. With a rotating schedule, students attend four of the eight total available courses each day, with a total of eight rotating days.

COMMUNITY PERIOD

Community Period takes place every day between the first and second academic periods. This built-in 55-minute period allows for club meetings, activities, liturgies, assemblies, and school-wide activities.

😽 WIN - What I Need

WIN occurs immediately before or after students' lunch period and allows them time to complete individual assignments and/or meet with teachers/counselors. Students have the freedom to decide how they manage this time during the day based on 'what they need.'

SEMINAR

Seminar facilitates the implementation of our Wellness Curriculum by multiple non-academic departments, contributing to enhancing students' overall well-being.

CLUBS + ACTIVITIES

These are integrated into the Community, WIN and Seminar periods, which minimizes the interruption of academic classes and lessens the overwhelm after school hours.



AP & HONORS
COURSES OFFERED



ENGINEERING
ENGLISH
MATHEMATICS
MUSIC
SCIENCE
SOCIAL SCIENCES
SOCIAL STUDIES
TECHNOLOGY
THEOLOGY
WORLD

LANGUAGES

Academics

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School shines as a beacon of scholarly distinction and empowerment, embodying a well-rounded 360-degree curriculum blends challenging academics. engagement, and spiritual enrichment. Beyond the classroom, Gwynedd Mercy cultivates a holistic learning experience, encouraging students explore, experiment, embrace physical well-being, and foster a sense of purpose. As our students embark on their transformative high school journeys, they not only form lasting friendships but also become part of a supportive sisterhood, where these connections evolve into a lifelong network of support and resources.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

THE CATHERINE LEARNING PROGRAM

The Catherine Learning Program (CLP), named after Catherine McAuley, is a specialized program designed to address a range of student needs and incorporate key components to assist a student in reaching her full potential. CLP students have a scheduled period each day during which they develop individualized strategies for academic success. This program is for college-bound students with documented learning differences in reading, writing, math, and/or attention

issues, organizational difficulties, or memory processing problems.

HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Classes of 2022/2023: 1 winner, 1 finalist, 7 commended scholars

HONOR SOCIETIES

National Honor Society, McAuley Chapter

Societe Honoraire de Français Tri-M Music Honor Society National Latin Honor Society

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica



Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

INTO 4-YEAR COLLEGES



































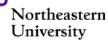


















Counseling

The goal of the Counseling Center is to advance the spiritual, academic, emotional, and social development of each student through our school and college counseling departments.

Focus Areas by Grade*

FRESHMEN: Orientation to high school, social and emotional learning, study skills, academic strategies and Peer Advisory League (PAL)

SOPHOMORES: Career exploration, academic strategies, social and emotional learning, course advising

JUNIORS: Financial literacy, social and emotional learning, course advising

SENIORS: Preparing for college, financial literacy, social and emotional learning

*All grades include a Seminar class.

The School Counseling Department, staffed by three full-time counselors, aims to nurture the individual growth and development of every Counselors collaborate closely student. students and families to offer academic coaching and emotional support, set goals, and implement effective problem-solving strategies. Our dedicated staff engages with students through individual meetings, group sessions, and consultations involving both faculty members and parents.

Comprised of two full-time counselors, the College Counseling Department is dedicated to guiding students through the intricacies of the college search and application process. Our counselors work diligently throughout the four-year journey to identify their academic strengths and interests, enabling and empowering them to seek out the college environment that aligns best with their aspirations.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS



Wellness Mind · Body · Spirit

The Wellness Curriculum at Gwynedd Mercy designed to support our focus of nurturing, motivating, and empowering future leaders in both their collegiate pursuits and life beyond. This initiative represents a collaboration across multiple departments, including School Counseling. Ministry & Service, Leadership, DEIJ, Alumnae Engagement, Health, and Physical Education.

THE **SOCIAL** INSTITUTE

Beginning in 2023, we have seamlessly integrated The Social Institute's curriculum, which is tailored to suit different grade levels, in order to comprehensively address the diverse needs of our students. Flexibility facilitated by our "Monarchs in Motion" schedule enables us to incorporate this program within our Seminar

and Community Periods, ensuring effective delivery and engagement.







WELLNESS WHEEL















FRESHMAN

Explore

SOPHOMORE

JUNIOR

Lead

SENIOR Launch

The Wellness Wheel concentrates on 8 domains of wellness with grade-appropriate programming that reflects the year's theme.

Leadership Department

WHERE GIRLS

Learn, Educate, Achieve, Develop.

This isn't your typical leadership program. It's a game changer.

In our leadership programs, students study, articulate, and learn practices and habits through teachable moments. This style of learning empowers Gwynedd women to become capable citizens and agents of change in the world.

The Leadership Department utilizes the Gardner Carney Leadership Lab method, developed by the Gardner Carney Leadership Institute (gcLi) in collaboration with the Graduate School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania.



ALL FACULTY + STAFF WILL BE **GCLI CERTIFIED** The gcLi method combines brain science, social and emotional intelligence, leadership studies, cultural competency, and developmental psychology.

students will graduate equipped with confidence and foundational leadership skills to thrive in any setting. The 6 Pillars of

COMMUNICATION SELF-AWARENESS SELF-REGULATION **MOTIVATION**

LEADERSHIP

By implementing the pedagogical leadership pillars, students graduate with a competency beyond the basic understanding of what leadership means. Students possess the real life skills and ability to exercise critical thinking, to speak and write, and communicate with peers and adults alike.

Community

This series bring topics to our community to further develop our values and deepen our connections. Students hosted Angela Duckworth, author of Grit, at the community Distinguished Speaker Series.



Gwynedd offers each student individualized opportunities to recognize and develop her leadership potential through experiential learning, guided instruction, and self-discovery.







Character Lab is a partnership with the University of Pennsylvania and Angela Duckworth.





EDWARD E. FORD

Culinary internships at Gwynedd.



lead-er-ship

noun

a life skill that is the core of education for our young women; a practice that is intentionally developed and learned



Lead4Change is a national leadership program with a community service framework open to grades 10 & 11.

INTERN & EXTERNSHIPS

Partnering with alumnae and local companies in various industries, Gwynedd students are invited to participate in professional externship opportunities to explore potential career paths. Participants in 2022-23:





MENTORSHIPS

This program pairs seniors and alumnae, equipped with professional experience, to provide guidance in college and career preparation through mentorship as they ready themselves for higher education and future careers.



121 MENTORSHIPS IN 2023

GWYNEDD FORCE

All members of the Gwynedd Mercy community — students, parents, alumnae, faculty, staff — are invited to join our private online professional networking platform, gwyneddforce.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The "Lifting Your Voice" (LYV) retreat in 2023 dedicated a day for the entire student body to focus on gratitude, resilience, acceptance, confidence and empathy.

LYV is hosted by NBC10's Tracy Davidson and motivational speaker Jen Croneberger.

Belonging

She belongs here.

At Gwynedd,

Diversity, Equity,

Inclusion, and Justice



We strive to create a space in which differences in culture, ethnicity, race, and other aspects of identity and opinion can be safely and authentically represented and celebrated.

We work to ensure that every student is visible seen and valued for their unique and special contributions to our shared community.

We believe in maintaining equal yet equitable space - removing barriers and safeguarding the ability for any student to access and engage in traditions, programs, curricula, athletics.



Camp Inspire is a week-long 'confidence camp' for 6-8 grade girls designed to expose them to a STEAM field while also teaching them to develop their sense of purpose & self-worth from within.

We value fairness and justice as demonstrated by our policies and desire to engage in restorative justice practices.

At Gwynedd, we educate, inspire and empower women to be their best selves - to lead with compassion and kindness as they prepare to enter life after Gwynedd as strong, merciful, global leaders.



Ministry & Service

What makes a Mercy Girl?

The spirit of a Mercy Girl is rooted in service.

We show love and compassion to all those around us in an attempt to make the world a better place than how we found it.

Although Gwynedd does not have a service requirement, there are over 1,300 acts of service completed each year by the students, faculty, and staff, which amass over 4,500 hours of service! Gwynedd Girls do not serve out of obligation — we serve because it is who we are!

From our front lobby to our classrooms to our Monarch Butterfly Garden, Gwynedd students grow to understand why their leadership is needed in the world, are educated to meet future challenges, and are guided toward becoming empowered leaders.



SERVICE
OPPORTUNITIES
locally, nationally &

globally





American Red Cross













Studentlife

Gwynedd Girls describe life at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School experience unlike any other. It's not just school - the red and gold corridors of Gwynedd become their second home.

Our Clubs and Activities at Gwynedd are categorized into four groups: Councils, Performing Arts, Academic, and Recreational.

CLUBS + **ACTIVITIES**

COUNCILS

- AAPI Alliance Club
- Diversity Club & Black Student Alliance
- Gwynedd **Ambassadors**
- L.E.A.D.
- Mercy Effect
- Ministry & Service
- . The Monarch Impact Podcast
- Monarch Media **Productions**
- PAL (Peer Advisory) League)
- Student Council
- Student Stewards

PERFORMING ARTS

• See full listing, page 15

Councils · Performing Arts Academic · Recreational

The list of Gwynedd's clubs and activities reflects interests of the student body that can vary each year. They are tiered based on levels of time commitment and activity anticipated for participants.





"I love Mercy Day because of the strong sense of family and the joy it brings me to be surrounded by my sisters having a great time all day." - Moran Fix '24











Scan the QR code for a full list of GMA's clubs and activities.

If you don't see a club that suits your interests...

start your own!

ACADEMIC

- Astronomy Club
- · Girls Who Code
- Latin Club
- Innovation & Invention Club
- Mathletes
- Model UN/World Affairs
- Mock Trial
- Pottery Club
- Robotics
- Respect Life Club
- · Speech & Debate
- ...and more!

RECREATIONAL

- Alchemy Club
- Dance Club
- Herstory
- Investment Club
- Spirit Club
- Tennis Club
- ...and more!



Visual and Arts Performing

Step into the vibrant world of artistic expression at Gwynedd! No matter where your creative interests lie, whether it's commanding the stage, diving into the creative process at the pottery wheel, or letting music ignite your soul, our program offers a welcoming and nurturing environment for all.

We believe that the arts play a crucial role in shaping well-rounded individuals, fostering creativity, and building confidence. As a Gwynedd student, you will be empowered to embrace your uniqueness, experiment with various art forms, and unleash your creative potential.

CLUBS AND
ACTIVITIES
FOCUSED ON
MUSIC & ARTS

STATE-OF-THE-ART
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



Our award-winning visual and performing arts departments provide Gwynedd students with unparalleled opportunities to explore their creative voices, showcase their talents, and unlock their full artistic potential.

All faculty in the Visual and Performing Arts departments are professional artists who practice their craft, bringing their expertise and experience to our students.





With state-of-the-art facilities and a diverse range of artistic disciplines, Gwynedd's Visual and Performing Arts programs foster an atmosphere of innovation and collaboration. We believe that creativity knows no boundaries, and we encourage our students to push their artistic boundaries and think beyond conventions.

Let your imagination run free and embrace the endless possibilities that await you in our dynamic and enriching artistic environment.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CLUBS

- Art Club
- Chorale
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Girls with Guitars
- Glee Club
- Fall Musical
- Jazz Band
- Liturgical Music
- **Mercy Melismatics** (a cappella)
- Orchestra
- Pottery Club
- Spring Play
- Stage Crew
- Lights & Sound
- String Ensemble
- Tri-M Music Honor Society





The Gwynedd Athletics Department believes that athletics are educational opportunities that contribute to the physical, personal, social, and spiritual growth of each student athlete.

> Athletics develop the unique talents and abilities of student athletes so they can become competent and compassionate Christian women.

COLLEGE SIGNINGS
Division I - 10

2022-2023

Division III - 6





Cross Country Field Hockey V/JV Golf Soccer V/JV Tennis Volleyball

Basketball V/JV Crew **Indoor Track** Swimming & Diving

Crew Flag Football Lacrosse V/JV Softball V/JV Track & Field



MULTI-SPORT TURF COMPLEX

Gwynedd's state-of-the-art synthetic turf field provides a consistent, year-round, all-weather playing and running surface, improving student-athlete safety and enabling improved athletic performance.

COMING SOON

Gwynedd is soaring to

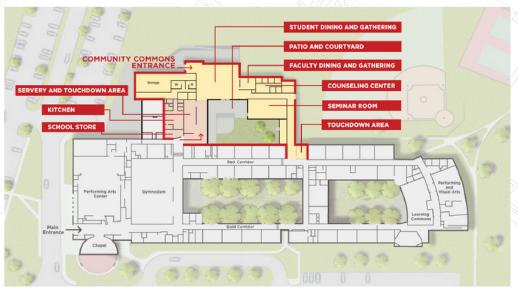
"A Place to Soar" is a historic campaign that will expand our ability to advance the vision of the Sisters of Mercy by delivering innovative programs; cultivating self-advocacy and leadership skills; and fostering collaboration and community connections. The campaign will transform our cafeteria into a state-of-the-art dining and community commons, and will fund a 20,000-square-foot wing dedicated to

academics, school and college counseling, and wellness to benefit all students.

New Heights!



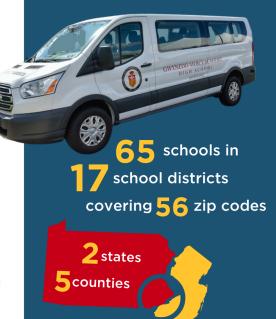
OUR NEW MONARCH WING FEATURES A DINING & COMMUNITY COMMONS, SEMINAR ROOM AND COUNSELING CENTER



Investing in Her Future

Future families of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School value education as a powerful investment in their daughters' academic and personal development, an investment that grows in value throughout their lifetime.

We recognize the financial commitment required, and we work with families to ease tuition payments whenever possible. Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School is committed to making a Gwynedd education accessible to students from a range of socio-economic backgrounds. Tuition assistance is available. Awards are based on demonstrated need and are revised on an annual basis.





2023-2024

Tuition \$22,800
Fees* \$475
Books** \$270
Uniforms** \$360
Athletic Fee Tiered

First sport: \$175; Second sport: \$150; Third sport: \$125

Exceptions to the Athletic Fees are Swimming & Diving (\$250) and Crew (fees determined each season).

- * Expenses such as the purchase of a device and consumable/digital textbooks are not included in tuition and fees.
- ** Approximate costs



FINANCIAL AID

We are committed to providing a quality education for young women of all economic backgrounds. All financial aid awards are need-based.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants who show significant strength in their 7th and 8th grade transcripts, on their Entrance-Scholarship exam, and music or art may be considered for academic and/or fine arts scholarships.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

GETTING TO GWYNEDD

It's easier than ever to get to Gwynedd....



BY TRAIN

Gwynedd Valley Train Station and a shuttle to school



BY CAR

Juniors and Seniors may register for a parking pass



BY BUS

Free School District Busing provided by a number of school districts



BY SHUTTLE

From the Chestnut Hill and Newton/Yardley area

Visit gmahs.org/transportation for complete details!

STEPS TO BECOMING A

She is the Future. Gwynedd Girl

Class of 2028

FALL 2023

September

Grade School Visits
Apply for Financial Aid
8th Grade Visitations Begin

Sept. 28

Extended-Time Testing
Documentation Due
Legacy Scholarship Applications Due

October

Oct. 1

Open House 11am - 2pm

Oct. 6

Art Scholarship Portfolio and Music Scholarship Audition Videos Uploaded to Admission Portal

Oct. 7 or 15

Entrance-Scholarship Exam

November

Acceptance Letters Mailed

December 3, 2023

Accepted Students' Reception

December 2023/January 2024

Deposits Deadline

*Dates and times are subject to change. Refer to gmahs.org/admissions for additional details.



SPRING 2024

February-April

Personal and Group Tours Half-Day Visits

April 27 or 28

6th and 7th Grade Practice Test

SUMMER 2024

June-August

Summer Camps
Athletics, Camp Inspire, Performing Arts

July

Gwynedd Summit - Class of 2029

August

Online Admissions Portal Opens – Application and Visitation Day Forms Available for Class of 2029



Opportunities FOR GRADES 6 AND 7





GWYNEDD PARENT AMBASSADORS (GPAs)

Our GPAs assist prospective and current families in learning about the admissions process, GMAHS programs, and parent and community involvement opportunities.

ACCELERATED SCHOLARS PROGRAM (ASP) — CLASS OF 2029

The Accelerated Scholars Program provides high-achieving 7th graders the opportunity for early admittance — apply, be accepted, and enroll — before the start of 8th grade. Students who take our 7th Grade Practice Test, who score in the top 10%, and show a strong desire in attending Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School will be invited to participate.

SUMMIT

The ASP will also offer academic scholarships.

GWYNEDD SUMMIT — CLASS OF 2029

Gwynedd's annual two-day empowerment conference is open to all 7th grade students who take

the Gwynedd Practice Test in the spring and who are interested in attending Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School. The event allows students to connect with accomplished Gwynedd alumnae, participate in hands-on activities, and learn about various career paths.

CLASS OF 2030 & BEYOND

- Attend a tour
- Spend the day at Gwynedd
- Connect with Gwynedd Parent Ambassadors
- Follow us on social media

Contact Admissions Today!

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CORE VALUES

The Hallmark of a Mercy Education



Mercy students, in the spirit of our foundress Catherine McAuley, are steadfastly determined to take Mercy into an interconnected world. Our shared sense of social consciousness is fortified by universal empathy and a conviction that all are worthy of God's mercy. This deep awareness and compassion move us to take principled action and serve the needs of others.



Mercy students welcome the challenge of pursuing their full potential in a culture of excellence, critical thinking, and curiosity. Their multifaceted journey builds character while it builds essential skills. Our holistic program expects engagement, a thirst for knowledge and personal responsibility, while preparing students to thrive for a lifetime.



Mercy students become living models of faith and forceful advocates for Gospel values. Grounded in our Catholic identity in the Mercy tradition, we welcome all faiths and are strengthened and shaped by these relationships. As we pursue a personal relationship with God, we strenuously follow Jesus Christ's example of social justice, love, and service.



Mercy students are poised to lead with their unique gifts. Prepared with an ethical and moral compass, we put Mercy values into action and work assertively for what is right. We're equipped to make difficult choices, learn from our mistakes, and develop high emotional intelligence. As an international community, we're confident in our ability to make a positive difference and push for systemic change.



Mercy students honor the intrinsic value of the individual and recognize God's presence in each person. We embrace a global vision, value differences of opinion, and are unafraid to confront hostile or hurtful attitudes. By standing up for those who can't, we go beyond acceptance to help make sure everyone feels recognized and heard.



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