



"If the Orchard Lake Schools did not exist, it would be necessary to create them"

Pope John Paul II

# We redefine college prep

St. Mary's Preparatory is a Catholic, all-boys, college preparatory high school with a Polish-American heritage and legacy since 1885

A.D. We exist to provide deserving young men the moral guidance, discipline, and education to become Christ-like models of service and leadership for the world.

We are St. Mary's, where we redefine what it means to be a college preparatory. We exist because each student brings something different to our culture. We are a community that thrives upon celebrating differences and encouraging potential. Join us, and let us help you be the best version of you.

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# "Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"

Pope Francis

#### **BROTHERHOOD**

Each and every student at St. Mary's Prep brings a unique set of talents, strengths, and capabilities that cannot be compared to those of anyone else. Our brotherhood is strong because of the diversity amongst the students. It is impactful because of the bond our students form through their individual abilities. It is incomparable to anyone else because of the uniqueness of our surroundings. As a student at St. Mary's Prep, YOU are the brotherhood.

#### **SPIRITUALITY**

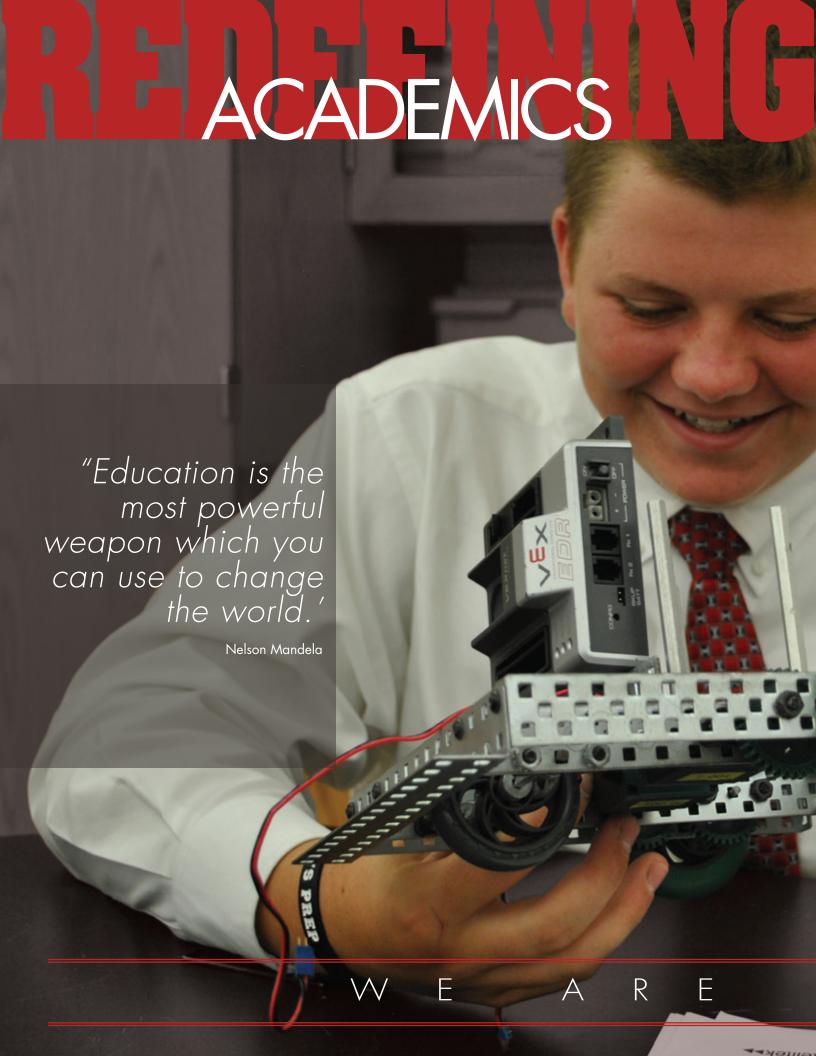
The beauty and prestige of our historic campus allows our spirituality to be reflective. The serenity of Orchard Lake, the holiness of our campus grotto, and the faith within our two campus chapels remind us that spirituality is the foundation of shaping our young men into pillars of society.

#### **EXCELLENCE**

St. Mary's Preparatory fosters an educational atmosphere that builds students to be national figures in society. With an academic model no other high school in the state can offer, our students are immersed in actual college classes located on our campus. Our affiliation with Madonna University creates an exceptional academic environment that provides an education you will find nowhere else.

#### **CHAMPIONS**

Both on and off the athletic field, students are afforded opportunities to utilize their God-given talents through a vast number of sports and extracurricular activities. Our students are part of a long-standing tradition of success, guided by exceptional teachers and coaches who whole-heartedly embody the mission of our institution.



#### We redefine academics

"Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."

William Shakespeare

St. Mary's Preparatory offers an educational experience incomparable to anyone else. Sharing a campus with Madonna University's satellite campus allows our students to take actual college courses at the high school level. The majority of Prep students seek this course of study and graduate with a high school diploma from one of the top preparatories in the Midwest, and a college transcript from a prestigious university. The typical St. Mary's Prep student will graduate with twelve college credits. Our students have the highest scholarship per student ratio amongst high schools in the state, with the average St. Mary's Prep senior earning \$48,900 in scholarship dollars upon graduation.

Our prestigious faculty contains Phd's, college professors, and published authors. Instructors stress dialogue over lecture, and incorporate a variety of pedagogies in their classrooms. A wide range of extracurricular activities are academic based: Robotics, Forensics and Debate, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Clubs, Math Club, and a one-of-a-kind student run radio station allows our students to express their classroom interests in a capacity not bound by walls. Our seniors are immersed in internships of their career interest, giving them field work experience and preparation

for their future endeavors.

# SPIRITUALITY

" the meaning of spirituality lays the seeds for our destiny and the path we must follow."

Dennis Banks

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# We redefine spirituality

"When spirituality is the basis of your life, it gives you the strength, wisdom and courage to surmount the many storms of life that could destroy a weaker person who doesn't have this foundation."

Radhanath Swami - Clergyman

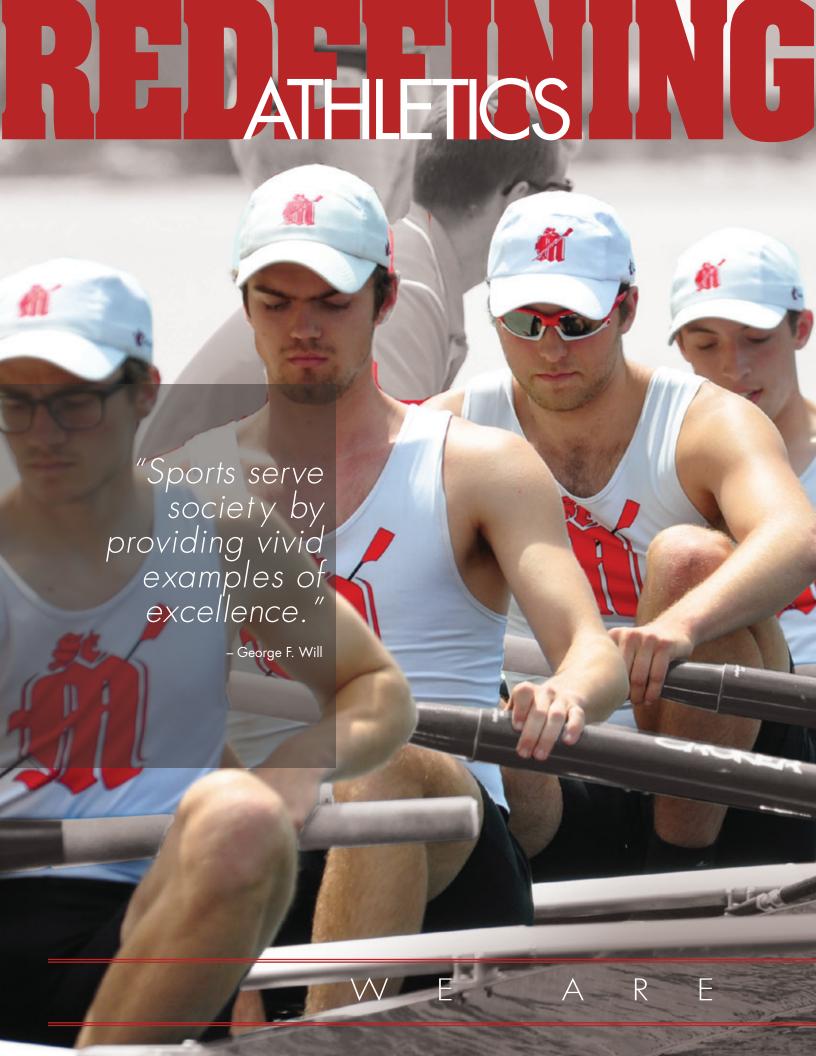
Our belief is that spirituality is the foundation of making great men. The physical assets of our campus define that. Our students walk along sidewalks that Pope John Paul II walked himself three times in his lifetime. Our students learn about faith in buildings where actual saints once sat as



students themselves. Adam Maida, Cardinal and former head of the Archdiocese of Detroit, graduated from the Prep in 1948. St. Mary's Prep students and faculty attend two full Catholic Masses a week.

We come together as a Christian community to provide our students with a spiritual experience that is impactful for the rest of their lives. It is "cool" to pray, it is "cool" to find your spiritual self, and it is "cool"

to profess your faith. Students come from a variety of spiritual backgrounds. We celebrate our spiritual diversity and believe that all are welcome. We share a campus with the prestigious SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, and we are blessed with the influence and support this institution has upon our ministry. Students are required to participate in community service yearly, and the organizations they involve themselves with are often reflective of their own personal passions. Our faculty and families also become involved in community service initiatives, as modeling behavior to our students is the best way for them to understand the value of their involvement in the community. Our very active Campus Ministry program works to keep our students involved in a multitude of spiritual activities. Students are often further blessed with visits and Mass celebrations from prominent Catholic figures. These include national and international cardinals and bishops.





"I feel honored to have been educated at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory, and will always attribute many of my successes to my alma mater"

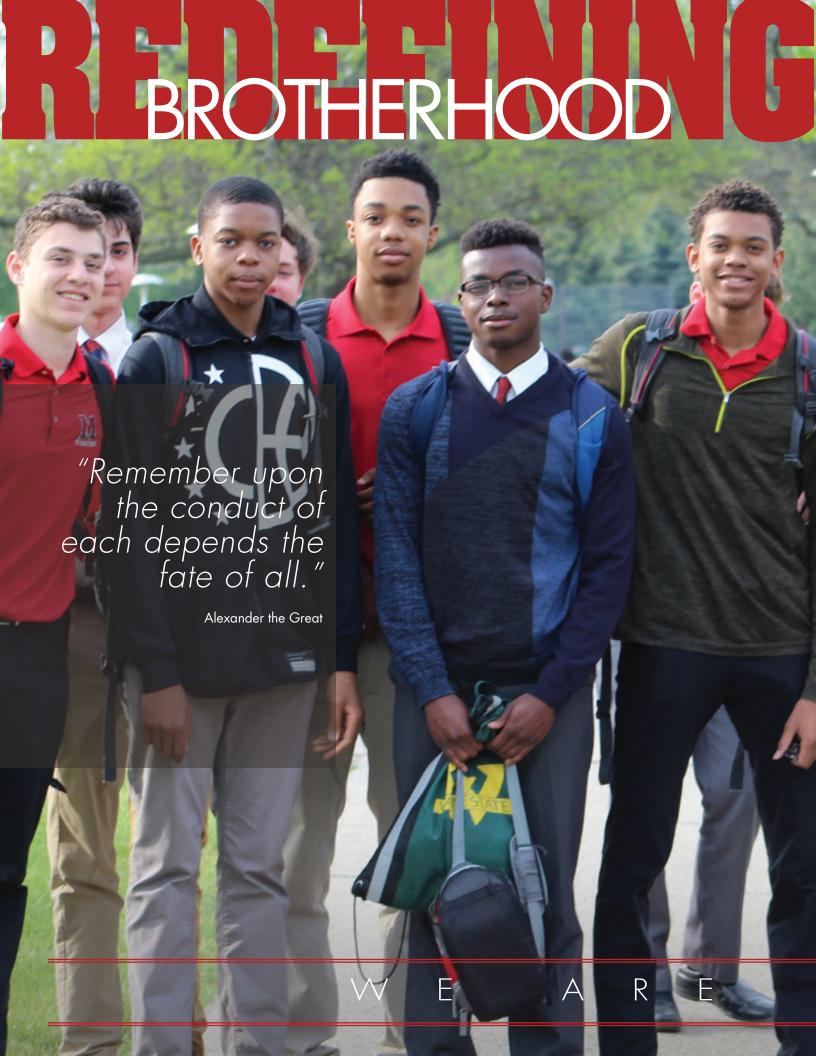
Allen Robinson, Class of 2011. Penn State University, NFL Football Player

Blessed with a history of long-standing athletic success, student are encouraged to participate in sports to both utilize their God-given talents and to share in the experience of serving as teammates. St. Mary's Prep offers fourteen different sports, and at least one sport each season is non-cut, giving all students an opportunity to participate.

Champions on and off the field, our coaches foster an environment encouraging our student athletes to challenge themselves while inspiring others. Our world champion crew program - that has participated in regattas on two continents - has produced olympians, multiple ivy league rowers, and countless state champions. This incredibly unique sport, which no other Catholic high school in the metro Detroit has, takes students who have never participated in rowing before and makes them ivy league athletes. Rowers train on Orchard Lake, as our campus is nestled upon its beautiful shoreline.

Our athletic facilities are a few of the jewels of our unique campus. Each and every sport has practice and game facilities on our campus. This provides efficiency for our athletes and coaches, and peace of mind for parents, as our campus provides everything that our student athletes need.







"Each and every one of us becomes part of campus - we are all writing school history"

Rowland Zhang, class of 2012, George Washington University, class of 2016

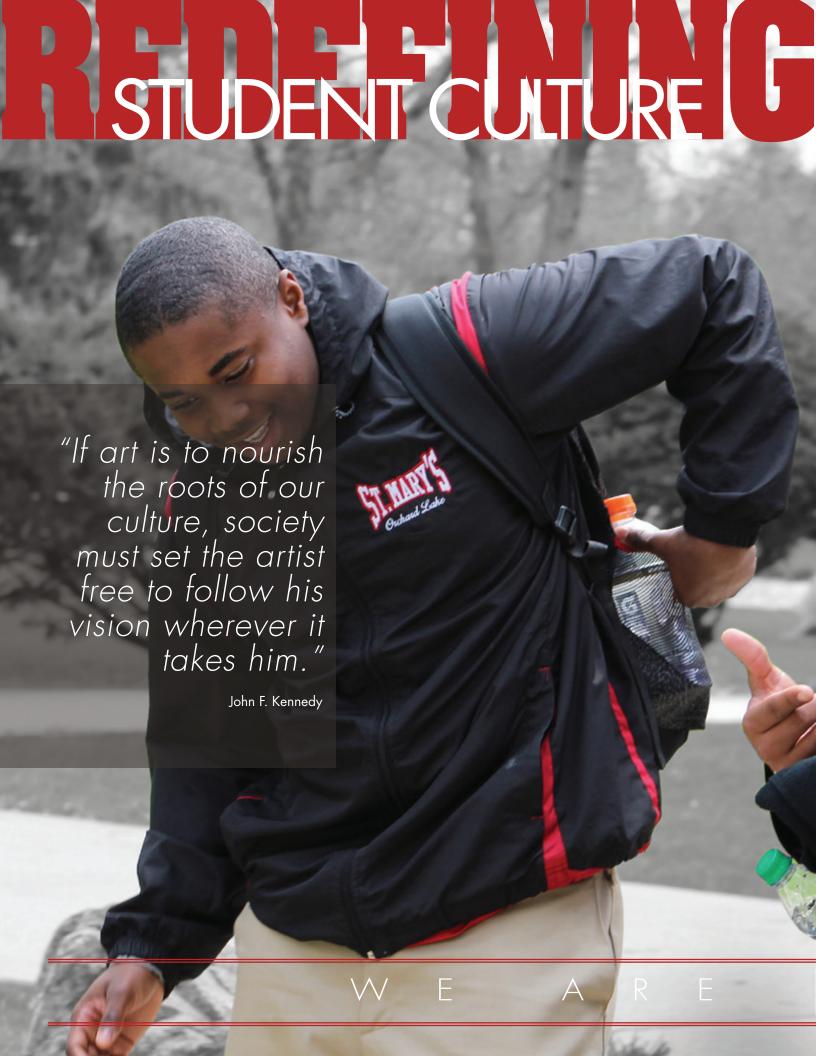
St. Mary's Prep is rich in student diversity. We want students to be part of a vision they identify with. We help young men develop themselves into respectable Christian gentlemen, pillars of society, community-minded men, and loyal friends. Bringing individuality to every aspect

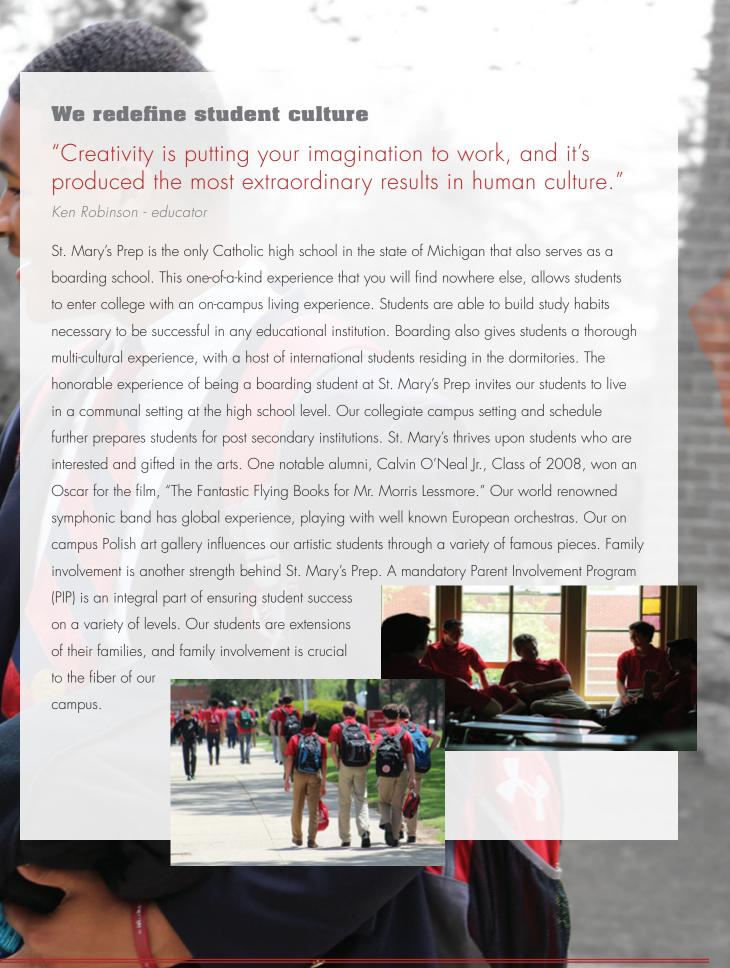
of our campus, our students create their own brotherhood with a goal to make a difference. A young man of St. Mary's is supportive, encouraging, and motivating. All our welcome into our brotherhood.

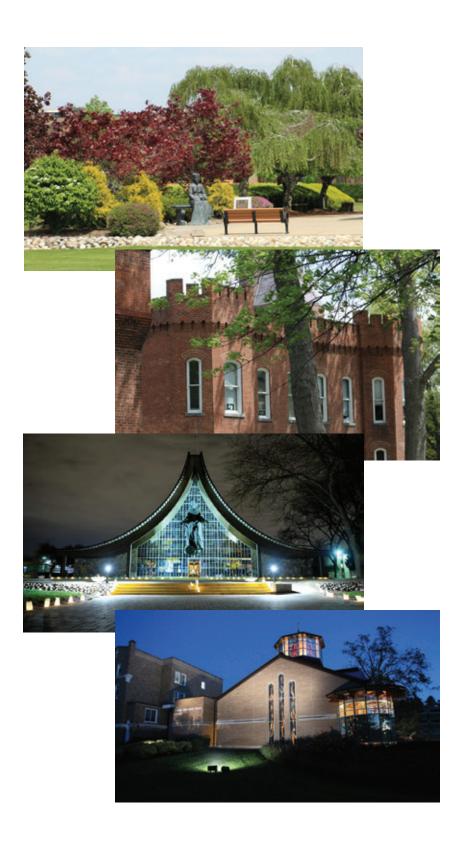


Our students reflect a sense of respect for

themselves, their peers, the academic and spiritual environment of our campus, and, collectively, they do extraordinary things. We educate students from across America and the world. Each one steps on campus with his own hopes for a successful high school experience, an experience that is impossible to have without the motivation and support of each other. Our focused and fun atmosphere, brings our brotherhood closer to God.







- 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
- 2 Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library
- 2a St. Mary's Campus Bookstore
- 2b Library Parking
- 3 St. Mary's Preparatory
- 4 Barracks South
- 4a Barracks North
- 5 Fr. John Rakoczy Gymnasium "Old Gym"
- 5a Maintenance Office
- 6 Castle Walnut Room
- 7 Orchard Lake Schools Administration
- 8 Galeria
- 9 Ark Polish Museums
- 10 Residence
- 11 Fr. Andrew Wotta Center
- 12 SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary
- 12a Seminary Chapel
- 13 Marian Hall





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