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#### SCHOOL MISSION

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#### STUDENT POPULATION

Of the 613 enrolled students in grades six through twelve, 427 are enrolled in the Upper School. The senior class consists of 113 students. Historically, 98% of our graduates attend four-year colleges. Notably, the student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 23% African American, 5% Hispanic, and 9% Asian.

#### ACCREDITATION

Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools (SACS) and Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Mount de Sales holds memberships in the following organizations: Georgia High School Association (GHSA), Mercy Secondary Education Association (MESA), National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), National Association for Independent Schools (NAIS), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Southern Association for College Admissions Counseling (SACAC).

Upper School Profile

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Theology	4 credits
World Languages	2 credits
P.E./Health	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Technology	.5 credit
Electives	1.5 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 Credits</b>

- ▶ Community outreach is a cornerstone of the school's mission. Mount de Sales requires all students to complete 20 hours of community service per year through our Mercy in Action program, embodying this mission in the practice of Servant Leadership.

## GRADING SCALE

A+	97-100	(4.0)	C+	77-79	(2.5)
A	93-96	(4.0)	C	73-76	(2.0)
A-	90-92	(4.0)	C-	70-72	(2.0)
B+	87-89	(3.5)	D	65-69	(1.0)
B	83-86	(3.0)	F	0-64	(0.0)
B-	80-82	(3.0)			

- ▶ In an effort to combat grade inflation, our rigorous curriculum has resulted in a non-weighted, academic cumulative grade point average with a mean of 3.33 on a 4.0 scale.
- ▶ No numerical weight is provided for honors classes. Advanced Placement courses are weighted with 4 points. If the resulting grade is over 100, then 4.5 quality points are used to determine the grade point average. We treat courses taken at Mercer University as AP courses.
- ▶ Due to the highly academic nature of our program, Mount de Sales does not establish a class rank for its students.

## CURRICULUM

**Diploma Endorsement Program:** Sophomores may choose to pursue a diploma endorsement in one of six concentrations: science, design, and technology; global studies; history and humanities; Mercy in Action; business management; and healthcare studies. Faculty members mentor students as they design a three-year research or creative project, pursue internships, take a concentrated course of study, and prepare a senior capstone presentation.

**Dual Enrollment Programs:** Mount de Sales partners with Mercer University, Georgia Tech, and Middle Georgia State University to allow high-achieving seniors joint enrollment privileges. Many of our seniors take a college-level English course administered through Middle Georgia and noted on transcripts as College English. Some seniors also take college-level math courses that are noted on transcripts as College Algebra and College Statistics.

### ENGLISH

English I: Genre and Composition  
English II: Literature and the Writing Process  
American Voices in Literature  
AP English Language and Composition  
British and Western Literature  
AP English Literature and Composition  
College English (H)\*

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I/Algebra II/Algebra II (H)  
Advanced Algebra  
Geometry/Geometry (H)  
Pre-Calculus (H)  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
Discrete Math  
Statistics/AP Statistics  
College Algebra (H)\*  
College Statistics (H)\*  
Mathematics of Industry and Government

### THEOLOGY

Theology I: Salvation History/Christology  
Theology II: The Church/Christian Morality  
Theology III: Social Justice/Faith and Reason  
History of Christianity  
Holocaust Studies  
Peer Ministry  
Prayer and Spirituality  
Theology and the Arts  
World Religions  
Advanced Social Justice STEP Program

### SCIENCE

Physics/Physics (H) AP Physics I/AP Physics II  
Biology/Biology (H)/AP Biology  
Chemistry/Chemistry (H)/AP Chemistry  
Organic Chemistry  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Forensic Science  
Astronomy

Genetics  
Geology  
AP Environmental Science

### TECHNOLOGY

Computer Assisted Design  
AP Computer Science  
Introduction to Programming  
Yearbook  
Video Game Design

### WORLD LANGUAGES

French I/French II/French III (H)/French IV-V (H)/AP French  
Spanish I/Spanish II/Spanish III (H)/Spanish IV (H)/AP Spanish  
Latin I/Latin II/Latin III (H)/AP Latin

### SOCIAL STUDIES

US History/AP US History  
World History/AP World History  
US Government/AP Government  
Economics/AP Macroeconomics  
AP European History

AP Art History  
Modern World History/Current Events  
History of the Middle East  
Philosophy (H)  
AP Psychology

### PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/Concert)  
Jazz Ensemble  
Garage Band  
Art I/Art II  
Artistic Design and Structure  
Water Color Exploratory  
Photography I/Photography II  
Portfolio Development  
Introduction to Dramatic Arts/Technical Drama  
Advanced Technical Drama  
Speech  
Introduction to Choral Music  
Concert Choir  
Chorale

*\*dual enrollment*

## AP COURSES

Registration for these courses requires departmental approval. Given the intensity of these courses, students are restricted to taking no more than one their tenth grade year, two for their eleventh grade year, and four for their twelfth grade year for a total of seven courses. Taking more AP courses than this requires strict administrative approval.

Art History English Language & Composition English Literature & Composition Biology	Chemistry Physics I Physics II Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics	Spanish United States History European History World History Government and Politics Psychology	Macroeconomics Computer Science Latin French Environmental Science
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## TOP DECILE OF 2016 GRADUATES

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.05	Average # of AP courses taken:	7
Average Academic GPA:	3.97	AP Exam Scores of 3:	19
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	17
Critical Reading	656	AP Exam Scores of 5:	14
Math	642	AP Scholars	28
Writing	660	AP Scholars with Honor:	5
SAT Composite	1958	AP Scholars with Distinction:	10

- These students were involved in an average of seven activities each, including athletic teams, honor societies, and clubs. All of these students held a leadership position within their chosen student activities.
- Students who take AP classes can get a grade above 100, which translates to a 4.5.
- AP Scholars information represents the entire number of students taking AP exams.
- AP exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5: 5 = extremely well qualified; 4 = well qualified; 3 = qualified; 2 = possibly qualified; 1 = no recommendation.

## AP EXAMINATION RESULTS

Year	Number Taken	Percent of Tests Scored 3-5
2012	426	63%
2013	400	54%
2014	401	59%
2015	413	56%
2016	405	53%

- All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course are required to take the exam.

## NATIONAL MERIT/ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2012-2013	3
2013-2014	3
2014-2015	5

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: CLASSES OF 2012-2016

<p> <b>Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College</b>  <b>Agnes Scott College</b>  <b>Albany State University</b>  <b>Allegheny College</b>  American Musical and Dramatic Academy  <b>American College of Dublin</b>  <b>American University</b>  Amherst College  Andrew College  <b>Armstrong State University</b>  <b>Auburn University</b>  <b>Augusta University</b>  Augustana University  Ave Maria University  <b>Bard College</b>  Barry University  Bates College  Baylor University  Belmont Abbey College  Belmont University  Benedictine University  <b>Berry College</b>  <b>Birmingham-Southern College</b>  Black Hills State University  Boston College  Boston University  Brandeis University  <b>Brenau University</b>  <b>Brewton-Parker College</b>  Brigham Young University  Brown University  Butler University  Cardinal Stritch University  Carnegie Mellon University  Carthage College  Centre College  Claflin University  <b>Clark Atlanta University</b>  Clark University  Clayton State University  <b>Clemson University</b>  Coastal Carolina University  College for Creative Studies  <b>College of Charleston</b>  <b>College of Coastal Georgia</b>  College of St. Scholastica  <b>College of William and Mary</b>  Colorado College  Colorado School of Mines  <b>Colorado State University</b>  Columbia College Chicago  Columbia College Hollywood  <b>Columbus State University</b>  Concordia College - Moorhead  Converse College  Creighton University  Crown College  Dalton State College  <b>Darton State College</b>  Davidson College  <b>Denison University</b>  <b>DePaul University</b>  Dickinson College  Dominican University  Drake University  Drew University </p>	<p> Drexel University  <b>Duke University</b>  East Georgia State College  Eastern Kentucky University  Eckerd College  Elmhurst College  Elon University  Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  Emerson College  Emmanuel College  <b>Emory University</b>  Emory University - Oxford College  Fisk University  <b>Florida A&amp;M University</b>  Florida Institute of Technology  Florida Southern College  Florida State University  <b>Fordham University</b>  <b>Fort Valley State University</b>  <b>Franciscan University of Steubenville</b>  Franklin &amp; Marshall College  <b>Furman University</b>  <b>George Mason University</b>  <b>Georgia College</b>  <b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>  <b>Georgia Military College</b>  <b>Georgia Southern University</b>  <b>Georgia Southwestern State University</b>  <b>Georgia State University</b>  <b>Gordon State College</b>  Greensboro College  Guilford College  Hampton University  Hanover College  Harvard University  Harvey Mudd College  <b>Howard University</b>  Huntingdon College  Indiana Tech  Johns Hopkins University  Johnson &amp; Wales University  <b>Kennesaw State University</b>  <b>Kingwood College</b>  LaGrange College  Lake Forest College  Lee University  Lees-McRae College  Lenoir-Rhyne University  <b>LeTourneau University</b>  Lewis University  <b>Limestone College</b>  Lone Star College  <b>Louisiana State University</b>  Loyola University Chicago  Loyola University Maryland  Mary Baldwin College  Maryville College  <b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>  <b>Mercer University</b>  <b>Meredith College</b>  Miami University, Oxford  <b>Middle Georgia State University</b>  Mills College  <b>Mississippi State University</b>  Missouri State University  <b>Morehouse College</b> </p>	<p> New College of Florida  <b>New York University</b>  Niagara University  <b>North Carolina State University</b>  North Central College  <b>North Park University</b>  Northeastern University  Nova Southeastern University  Oglethorpe University  Ohio Wesleyan University  Pacific Lutheran University  Palm Beach Atlantic University  <b>Pennsylvania State University</b>  Point University  <b>Pratt Institute</b>  <b>Presbyterian College</b>  Prescott College  Princeton University  Purdue University  <b>Queens University of Charlotte</b>  Reed College  Regis University  Reinhardt College  Rhodes College  Rice University  Roanoke College  <b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>  Rollins College  <b>Rutgers University-New Brunswick</b>  Saint Leo University  Saint Louis University  <b>Saint Mary's College</b>  Saint Michael's College  Saint Xavier University  <b>Samford University</b>  <b>Savannah College of Art and Design</b>  <b>Savannah State University</b>  School of the Art Institute of Chicago  <b>Sewanee: The University of the South</b>  <b>Shorter University</b>  <b>Siena Heights University</b>  Simmons College  Simpson College  <b>South Dakota School of Mines and Technology</b>  <b>South Dakota State University</b>  <b>South Georgia College</b>  Southern Methodist University  <b>Spelman College</b>  Spring Hill College  St. Bonaventure University  St. John Fisher College  <b>St. John's University</b>  Stanford University  <b>Stetson University</b>  <b>SUNY</b>  Tennessee State University  Texas A&amp;M University  <b>The Art Institute of Atlanta</b>  The Catholic University of America  <b>The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina</b>  The George Washington University  <b>The Ohio State University</b>  <b>The University of Alabama</b>  <b>The University of Alabama at Birmingham</b> </p>	<p> <b>The University of Georgia</b>  <b>The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b>  The University of Tampa  <b>The University of West Georgia</b>  Toccoa Falls College  Truett-McConnell College  Tufts University  Tulane University  <b>Tuskegee University</b>  <b>United States Air Force Academy</b>  United States Military Academy  <b>United States Naval Academy</b>  University of Arkansas  <b>University of California, Berkeley</b>  University of California, Los Angeles  University of California, Santa Barbara  <b>University of Central Missouri</b>  University of Dallas  University of Dayton  University of Denver  University of Florida  University of Illinois at Chicago  <b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b>  University of Kentucky  University of Miami  University of Minnesota  <b>University of Mississippi</b>  <b>University of Missouri Columbia</b>  University of New England  University of North Alabama  University of North Carolina at Wilmington  <b>University of North Georgia</b>  <b>University of Pennsylvania</b>  <b>University of Pittsburgh</b>  University of Rochester  University of San Francisco  University of South Carolina  University of Southern California  University of Tennessee  University of the Virgin Islands-St. Thomas  University of Utah  <b>University of Virginia</b>  <b>University of West Florida</b>  University of Wyoming  Ursinus College  Utah Valley University  Valdosta State University  Valparaiso University  <b>Vanderbilt University</b>  <b>Villanova University</b>  Virginia Tech  Wake Forest University  Wartburg College  Washington and Lee University  Washington College  <b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>  <b>Wesleyan College</b>  Wesleyan University  <b>Western Kentucky University</b>  <b>Wingate University</b>  Wittenberg University  Wright State University  <b>Xavier University of Louisiana</b>  <b>Yale University</b>  Young Harris College </p>
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\*Bold represents the Classes of 2012-2016 matriculation



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mrs. Kari Alderman  
Middle School Principal

Mr. Keith Bartlett  
Guidance Counselor

Ms. Carla Barwick  
Academic Support

Mrs. Susan Jones  
Administrative Assistant

## SCHOOL MISSION

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## STUDENT POPULATION

Of the 613 enrolled students in grades six through twelve, 186 are enrolled in the Middle School. Notably, the Middle School student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 18% African American, 2% Hispanic, and 2% Asian.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

- Create small communities of learning
- Teach a core academic program
- Ensure success of all students
- Empower teachers and parents
- Staff the school with specially prepared teachers
- Improve academic performance through health and fitness
- Engage families in education
- Connect schools with communities

# Middle School Profile

CURRICULUM

The MS curriculum is designed around the eight principles for middle school education, as identified by the Carnegie Council of Adolescent Development.

A strong advisory House program creates relationships and addresses individuality through smaller, multi-aged groups. During weekly “House” meetings, groups participate in student-directed activities, intramurals, and assemblies.

Parents are encouraged and expected to be active contributors in their child’s education through the Alumni Association, daily use of Moodle, communication with teachers, participation in Parents Association, and participation with school events.

Grade level community outreach programs are completed as part of the regular curriculum. Service projects by grade are: 6th—Heart Health Awareness, 7th—Local Hunger and Poverty Outreach, 8th—Literacy Readiness.

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student is invited to try out for the annual middle school drama production. In addition to actors, many students are needed for stage design and building, technical assistance, and general backstage management. This is in addition to opportunities to participate in fifteen school-sponsored teams.

Highlights:

- Small class sizes
- Values and virtues emphasized throughout all lessons
- Individual counseling: goal setting, career exploration, peer relationships, school environment, communication, healthy lifestyles, sex education
- Creative problem solving, group work and presentation
- Inquiry and discovery-based science practices
- Organization and study skills emphasized
- Integrated technology, including a 1:1 iPad program
- 8th grade leadership council, national ranking quiz bowl team, LEGO robotics team
- All students participate in Scripps spelling bee, National Geographic geography bee, and MathCounts competitions
- Writing across the curriculum in all grades with research skills in 7th and 8th grade

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GRADE 6 CORE

Math Applications  
Language Arts  
Earth Science  
World Geography  
Religion

GRADE 6 EXPLORATORY

World Languages  
Physical Education  
Art  
Band  
Chorus

GRADE 7 CORE

Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I  
Language Arts  
Life Science  
Foundations of Democracy  
Religion

GRADE 7 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education  
World Language: Spanish, French, Latin  
Art  
STEM Challenge

Beginning Instrumental Music  
Chorus  
Keyboarding

GRADE 8 CORE

Algebra Applications  
Algebra I  
Geometry  
Language Arts  
Physical Science  
American History  
Catholic Confirmation  
Religion

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education  
World Language: Spanish, French, Latin  
Intermediate Instrumental Music  
Chorus  
Art  
Theatre Arts  
Leadership