

SHATTUCK-ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Shattuck-St. Mary's School is a college prep boarding and day school enrolling boys and girls in grades 6-12 and a postgraduate program. Located in Faribault, Minnesota, the school features a demanding academic curriculum and nationally recognized programs in the performing arts and ice hockey.

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Shattuck-Saint Mary's School opened its 2008-2009 academic year with 434 students from 39 states and 17 countries. This was a record enrollment for the school which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2008. Of the 434 students, 314 are boarding and 120 are day students. Programs that draw students to the school include the athletic sports of hockey, soccer, and figure skating. In addition, the School's arts programming and rigorous college preparatory academics attract students from around the globe.

The School's Global Education Program serves international students and their families with a Family Exchange Program, home stay options, fall break travel opportunities, an international newsletter, cook fests with the Head of School and his family, and two special event days: Building Bridges Day and International Day. Launched in 2007, this program continues to develop ways to reach out and build a diverse community.

At both the upper and middle schools, there is a new academic schedule. Regular classes run Monday through Thursday. On Friday morning, students participate in departmental learning centers which provide innovative, flexible, and specific educational opportunities for exploration and creativity. Students also take field trips, work on projects, pursue independent research, work with their mentors in off-campus internships, and do service projects. For instance, one Friday, middle school students packed food for the needy at Feed My Starving Children. The flexibility and richness of the Friday schedule better meets the needs of our passionate, talented, and diverse student body.

Shattuck-Saint Mary's School is launching two exciting initiatives to better prepare our students for the 21st century economy. The School is building a STEM Center, scheduled to open in the fall of 2010. The STEM Center (Science, Technology, Engineering,

and Math) will offer state of the art labs and classrooms to provide students with exceptional educational opportunities in biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, and mathematics.

The Stem Center will also include Centers of Excellence in BioScience and Math. These Centers of Excellence will partner with regional organizations (St. Olaf and Carleton Colleges, the Mayo Clinic, and area companies) to extend student experiences to include scientific research, lectures, internships, and field work. In addition, the STEM Center will have dedicated research lab space to allow students to conduct ongoing research of their own.

Included in the STEM Center will be the weCreate Center, which will help students develop their creative and innovative skills. The weCreate Center is unique in that it has a very intentional strategy and extensive set of resources geared to develop students' design skills. weCreate will be located on the top floor of the STEM Center, in space designed to look and feel like an artist's loft.

That space will be equipped with a variety of studios focused on topics inherently interesting to adolescents: music, photography, video, animation, graphic design, architecture, etc. Studio resources will include computers and design software, workspace and collaboration space, mentors to help students think through problems, and that intangible energy found when students get together and collaborate.

The underlying fabric of the weCreate Center is weCreate.org, a website that will launch in late April. Any student can use the website for free. weCreate.org provides students access to design software, mentors, online whiteboards, chat rooms, message boards, and other tools to facilitate the creative process. Once projects are completed, students can upload them to a gallery where other students from around the world will be able to view, rate, and comment.

The Performing and Visual Arts curriculum offers a broad range of courses in music, dance, visual arts, and theatre arts. Students explore their interests through introductory courses and advanced study. Arch Dance Company, Pre-Conservatory Ensemble, the strings chamber group, Elements of Sound, the vocal ensemble, and Players, the theatre group, and Advanced Placement Art enable students to undertake an intensive study for their craft, which prepares them to enter a competitive degree program in the arts at the college or conservatory level. Students perform and exhibit their talents on the stage of Newhall Auditorium, in the school's galleries, Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis, and other venues. Last November, Shattuck-Saint Mary's junior, Magdalena Muellerperth, a pianist, performed with the Minnesota Orchestra. The entire student body attended one of her performances.

Students participate in a wide variety of sports within and outside the Minnesota State High School League. Student athletes in our centers of excellence – hockey, soccer, and figure skating – have most of their competition outside the state. Especially noteworthy is that the Girls' U19 Hockey Team won its fourth national title in five years.

After commencement in early June, the school welcomes young people from across the country and around the world to various summer programs: figure skating, hockey, soccer, English language, and others. Participants may be either boarding or day.

In April, we welcomed a second chaplain: The Rev. Eva Kopp Cavaleri, her husband, Jorma, and their two sons, Joseph Dominic (J.D.) and Elijah. For the 2009-2010 school year, Rev. Cavaleri will serve as the Upper School Chaplain and direct the Community Service Program. Fr. Henry Doyle will serve as the Middle School Chaplain and have responsibilities for outreach within the school community and beyond the Whitney Arch. Both chaplains will teach courses and develop curriculum, serve on the Spiritual Life Committee, and support the students, faculty, and staff.

Submitted by the Reverend Henry L. Doyle, Chaplain

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