



HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION CALENDAR

- Open House (on campus) Thursday, December 6, 2018 7:00 p.m.
- Applicant Visiting Days Beginning in October (call ahead to schedule)
- Application Deadline Friday, January 25, 2019

The following items must be submitted by the deadline:

- Family Application* (and *Sibling Application* if applicable)
- Parent copies of report cards or transcripts and standardized tests
- Completed *Authorization for Release of Student Records* (Official records to be requested after students are enrolled)
- Teacher Recommendation* (A teacher or administrator at applicant's current school must complete this form)

- Entrance Exam (for freshman) Saturday, January 19, 2019 8:00–11:00 a.m.
- Interviews During February 2019 (office will contact you to schedule)
- Admission Letters Sent Friday, March 1, 2019
- Enrollment Deadline Friday, March 8, 2019
Return signed contract with non-refundable registration fee. If the contract and registration fee are not received by the deadline, space may be offered to students on the wait list.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION AND FEES

TUITION (2018-19)

First child	\$10,450
Second child	9,450
Third Child	9,050
Fourth Child	Free

FEES

Registration fee of \$500 per student is due with signed contract.
Book fee of \$250 per student is due on June 3, 2019.

Families have the option of paying tuition in one payment with no additional fee, or, for a small processing fee of \$50. They may pay tuition in two payments due July 1 and January 1, or they may pay over the course of ten months with the first payment due July 1.



ADMISSION CRITERIA

Because of the challenging nature of the classical college-preparatory curriculum, students applying to the high school must be of average to above-average ability. Students applying to the grade school and parents of all students must display evidence of a serious commitment to scholarship and to growth in human and supernatural virtues.

St. Monica Academy welcomes families of all faiths. All students and parents must recognize, however, that the Catholic faith is central to the mission of St. Monica Academy and students must be willing to participate in the full range of activities at the school, including attending weekly Mass and participating in prayers. The applicant's parents must understand and be committed to investing the time, effort, and money necessary both for their child's education and for the support of the school. Qualified siblings of students already attending St. Monica Academy have precedence over new applicants.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Students must purchase uniforms from a vendor specified by the school. Tuition covers the cost of most field trips but each class may have one additional higher cost field trip (\$25-\$50), which will be collected at the time of the field trip. Tuition does not cover the cost of our high school travel program. For literature classes, high school students may be required to purchase a few paperback books, which are theirs to keep. All students are responsible for their personal supplies. Many of the extra-curricular programs have modest fees. Hot lunch is available for purchase five days per week (optional).

PARENT SERVICE

As is the case with the vast majority of independent schools, tuition does not cover the full cost of providing an education for our students. At St. Monica Academy, the full cost of the program averages \$2,600 per student more than the tuition collected. We therefore rely on the assistance and generosity of our parent body to fill the gap between what is collected in tuition and the actual cost of the program. There are a variety of ways in which our families pull together to meet this gap:

- Each family volunteers at least 40 service hours each year
- Each family purchases tickets to events throughout the year
- Each family procures or makes a donation to the annual auction
- Each family participates in the scrip program
- Each family participates in the annual fund campaign

There are innumerable other ways in which our parents generously serve the school with their time, talent, and treasure. We have been blessed with a devoted parent body which has enabled us to keep our tuition very low without compromising the instructional program.



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

St. Monica Academy provides a single program of college-preparatory studies that includes theology, literature & writing, history, mathematics, laboratory science, Latin, and performing arts.

THEOLOGY

During freshman year, the high school theology course is Dogmatic Theology, focusing on the doctrine of the Catholic Church. During sophomore year, the course is Sacred Scripture, covering both the Old and New Testament. During junior year, the course is Moral Theology. During senior year, the course is Apologetics and Comparative Religions. Each theology course has an apologetics component so students will learn to explain and defend the basic tenets of the Catholic faith.

INTEGRATED HUMANITIES CYCLE: ENGLISH AND HISTORY

The centerpiece of the academic program is the integrated humanities cycle. Each year, each high school grade level focuses on the history and literature of a specific era of Western civilization. During freshman year, the subject of study is the ancient world up to the year 500 A.D. During sophomore year, the medieval era is covered up to approximately 1400 A.D. During junior year, students study the Renaissance up to the emergence of modern Europe into the 20th century. During senior year, the focus is American history and literature. This literary and historical survey of the Western tradition inspires students through reading the great books, engaging the great ideas, and discovering the great figures who have formed our culture. While textbooks provide an overview, readings of major historians and writers, guest lectures, formal debates, formal essays and Socratic discussions make the subjects come alive and create an abiding interest in history and a love for literature. Each year of the integrated humanities program includes a full year course in history and a full year course in literature.

MATHEMATICS

The St. Monica Academy mathematics program follows the standard college preparatory sequence. Students generally begin with either Algebra I or Geometry as freshmen (depending on whether they have taken Algebra I as eighth graders) and then progress through Algebra II, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, and AP Calculus AB. In keeping with our classical methodology, the Geometry course includes a significant portion of Euclid's Elements.

LABORATORY SCIENCE

St. Monica Academy high school students take three years of laboratory science in order to develop understanding of and wonder towards God's creation. The science program features General Science, Biology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, Honors Physics.

LATIN

In keeping with St. Monica Academy's classical character, high school students study Latin as a window into the ancient world, to develop their vocabulary, and to reinforce their understanding of general grammatical principles. University of California standards mandate two years of foreign language. St. Monica Academy mandates three years of Latin, and also offers AP Latin focusing on the Roman authors Vergil and Caesar.

PERFORMING ARTS

St. Monica Academy high school students take four years of concert choir, perform two school concerts per year, provide sacred music for our First Friday masses, and perform at our annual auction gala. Our high school *Schola* vocal ensemble is a smaller, voluntary group that provides sacred music for our weekly Wednesday masses. St. Monica Academy stages a yearly Shakespeare production, with participation determined by audition. We also compete in the Poetry Out Loud organization, in which every high school student memorizes and recites poems in front of his or her peers at the class level, with the possibility of moving on to school, regional, and state competitions. Every high school student also participates in our annual literary-historical feasts, which are essentially educational and entertaining dinner theater presentations.

ELECTIVES

Each St. Monica Academy high school student takes one semester of Government and one semester of Economics as a junior or senior. One year of PE is taken as a freshman and a second as a sophomore.

CORE CURRICULUM

Freshman Year

Sacred Scripture
Ancient Literature
Ancient History
Algebra I or Geometry
Latin I or Latin II
General Science or Biology
Concert Choir I
Drama
PE 9

Sophomore Year

Doctrine
Medieval Literature
Medieval History
Geometry or Algebra II
Latin II or Latin III
Biology or Chemistry
Performance Choir I
PE 10

Junior Year

Apologetics
Renaissance and Modern Literature
Renaissance and Modern History
Algebra II or Trig/Pre-Calculus*
Latin III or AP Latin*
Chemistry or Physics*
Debate
Concert Choir II

**Not required for graduation.*

Senior Year

Moral Theology
American Literature
American History
Trig/Pre-Calculus, Calculus or AP Calculus*
Latin V*
Physics, Honors Physics or AP Chemistry*
U.S. Government/Economics
Performance Choir II

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Religion	40 units
English Literature	40 units
World History/U.S. History	40 units
Math (through Algebra II)	30 units
Latin (3-year requirement, through Latin II)	30 units
Science	30 units
Economics	5 units
Government	5 units
PE	10 units
Fine Arts	30 units
TOTAL	260 units



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The following is a partial list of colleges and universities to which St. Monica Academy graduates have been admitted in recent years:

Ave Maria University	San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Arizona State University	San Jose State University
Art Institute of San Diego	Santa Clara University
Avila University	Seattle University
Baylor University	St. John's University New York
Boise State University	St. Mary's College, California
California Institute of the Arts	St. Mary's College, Indiana
California Maritime Academy	Southern Methodist University
Cal Poly State University, Pomona	Texas Tech University
Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo	Thomas Aquinas College
California State University, Channel Islands	Thomas More College
California State University at Fullerton	United States Naval Academy
California State University at Long Beach	University of Alabama
California State University at Los Angeles	University of Arizona
California State University at Northridge	University of California at Berkeley
Catholic University of America	University of California at Davis
Chapman University	University of California at Irvine
Christendom College	University of California at Los Angeles
Cornish College of the Arts	University of California at Merced
Creighton University	University of California at Riverside
Drexel University	University of California at San Diego
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising	University of California at Santa Barbara
Fordham University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Franciscan University of Steubenville	University of Chicago
George Washington University	University of Dallas
Georgetown University	University of Evansville, Indiana
Gonzaga University	University of Louisville, Kentucky
Grand Canyon University	University of Michigan
Hawaii Pacific University	University of Minnesota
Holy Cross College	University of Mississippi
John Paul the Great Catholic University	University of Notre Dame
Johns Hopkins University	University of Oklahoma
Loyola Marymount University	University of Oregon
Loyola University of Chicago	University of Pittsburgh
Loyola University New Orleans	University of Portland
Marquette University	University of San Diego
Montana State University	University of San Francisco
Northern Arizona University	University of Southern California
Norwich University	University of St. Francis (Indiana)
Otis College of Art and Design	University of St. Joseph (Indiana)
Pennsylvania State University	University of St. Thomas
Pepperdine University	University of Virginia
Portland State University	Vanderbilt University
Providence College Rhode Island	Vienna Conservatory of Music
Purdue University	Washington State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Wheaton College
San Diego State University	Whittier College
San Francisco Art Institute	Wyoming Catholic College



FAMILY APPLICATION AND STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Application Fee of \$50.00 per child (non-refundable)

Date _____ Applying for Grade _____ School Year _____

Applicant's Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Phone No. (____) _____

Home Address _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Place of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____

Native Language _____ Religion _____ Parish or Church you attend _____

Date of Baptism _____ Date of First Communion _____ Date of Confirmation _____

How did you learn about St. Monica Academy? _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Both parents living Divorced Separated Remarried
Applicant lives with Both parents Mother Father Guardian
Is applicant adopted? ____ Do other adults live at home? ____ Names and role _____

Father's Name _____ E-mail address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
(if different from above)

Home Address _____ Religion _____
(if different from above)

Place of Work _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Work Address _____ Position or Title _____

College(s) Attended _____ Degree(s) Completed _____

Father's hobbies or special interests (including musical, dramatic, athletic, computer, crafts, etc.):

Mother's Name _____ E-mail address _____

Maiden Name _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
(if different from above)

Home Address _____ Religion _____

Place of Work _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Work Address _____ Position or Title _____

College(s) Attended _____ Degree(s) _____

Mother's hobbies or special interest (including musical, dramatic, athletic, computer, crafts, etc.):

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Please list special skills, talents or education that you could contribute as a volunteer at St. Monica Academy.

NAMES AND AGES OF SIBLINGS

SCHOOLS CURRENTLY ATTENDING

SCHOOL HISTORY

List names of schools applicant has attended. (Except for students applying for first grades, parent copies of student records are required while we wait for official transcripts.) If applicant has been home-schooled, please list length of time, grade levels, and curricula used.

School	Location	Attendance Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Has applicant ever skipped a grade? _____ If so, what grade? _____

Has applicant ever repeated a grade? _____ If so, what grade? _____

Does the applicant have any diagnosed physical or learning disabilities? _____ If yes, please describe: _____

Has he/she had academic or discipline problems in school? _____ If so, in what areas: _____

Has he/she ever had frequent absences or tardiness? _____ If so, explain: _____

Has he/she ever been subject to a suspension or expulsion? _____ If so, explain: _____

If you are transferring, why do you wish to transfer? _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

(A medical examination and certificate signed by your doctor are required upon enrollment.) Does applicant suffer from **any** specific health conditions that we should be aware of? _____

Please explain: _____

Does he/she require any special attention? _____

Is he/she currently taking any medication? _____ If so, what kind? _____

Has applicant ever had an operation? _____ If so, what and at what age? _____

Has he/she ever had a serious injury? _____ If so, what and at what age? _____

Has applicant stayed home from school repeatedly or for long periods due to illness? _____

Please explain: _____

Has applicant ever received special attention or evaluation from a psychologist, therapist or counselor? _____

If so, please list date, name and address of consultants and describe situation briefly. _____

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions with regard to all your children applying to St. Monica Academy. Taking into consideration our Mission Statement (found on the About Us / Mission & Philosophy page of our website), what are your expectations regarding your children's educational experience at St. Monica Academy?

What kinds of activities do you enjoy doing together as a family? _____

What kind of discipline/reward system do you practice at home? _____

Please answer the following question with regard to this applicant:

What would you say are your child's main assets, qualities, strengths and talents (academically, socially, physically, and/or morally)? _____

Further explanations to previous questions:

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

With the exception of students applying for first and second grade, the student applicant should answer these questions in the space below. Additional pages may be attached, if necessary. Parents of first and second grade applicants may assist the applicant in getting his or her responses onto paper.

What hobbies, sports, and activities do you most enjoy outside of school?

What is your favorite academic subject and why?

Please describe an event that has had a special impact or significance in your life.

STUDENT ESSAY

(For students applying to grades 2 through 12, please neatly handwrite your answer to the following question on a separate sheet of lined paper.)

Why do you want to come to St. Monica Academy?

I hereby certify that all information provided on this application and all information given to St. Monica Academy is complete and accurate, and I understand that falsification or omission of information may result in disqualification or dismissal. Furthermore, I understand that all information submitted to St. Monica Academy is confidential. The Director of Admission may disclose for official purposes, however, information necessary for the admission decision.

Parents' or guardians' signatures:

Mother _____ Date _____

Father _____ Date _____

(If only one parent is signing the application, please explain below. If the applicant's parents are divorced, the signature of at least the custodial parent is required.)

CHECKLIST: REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

For us to consider your application, the following items must be completed and/or submitted:

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- _____ \$50 application fee
- _____ Picture of applicant
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- _____ For applicants to grades 6-12, request that a teacher or administrator from the current school complete and submit a Teacher Recommendation directly to St. Monica Academy

Please deliver or mail application to:

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Montrose, CA 91020

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Applicant's Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Preferred Name _____ Phone No. (____) _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

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Home Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Student Name _____

This recommendation will be considered in the admission process for applicants for admission to grades 6-12 along with entrance exam scores, transcripts, application essay, and parent and student interviews.

Please indicate with a check mark your rating of the applicant in the following areas.

	Highly Recommend	Recommend	Recommend with Reservations	Do Not Recommend
Academics				
Commitment to Learning	_____	_____	_____	_____
Work and Study Habits	_____	_____	_____	_____
Discipline				
Cooperative, Follows Rules	_____	_____	_____	_____
Responsible	_____	_____	_____	_____
Attendance	_____	_____	_____	_____
General Conduct	_____	_____	_____	_____
Character				
Initiative/Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal Relationships	_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional Comments (Feel free to continue on reverse or add additional pages):

Teacher's Name Printed _____ Teacher's Signature _____

Teacher's School _____ Date _____

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS

Parents, please complete and return this form (make copies as necessary for each student applicant) to St. Monica Academy with each Application and Student Questionnaire. St. Monica Academy will contact the current school named below and request the following records:

- 1) Report cards (three consecutive years, including current academic year)
- 2) All Standardized Test Scores
- 3) Absence and tardy records (as they appear on cumulative report card)
- 4) Conduct and behavior records (we will request any information, positive or negative, concerning the applicant's behavior that might be helpful to our admission office when evaluating the applicant.)

Student Name _____

Birthdate _____

Current School _____

School Phone _____

Please check one of the following:

___ I hereby request that St. Monica Academy **not** contact my student's current school until my student is enrolled at St. Monica Academy. In the interim, I will provide my copies of my student's records for admission evaluation purposes.

___ I hereby authorize the release of my child's academic grades, standardized test scores, absence/tardy records, and any disciplinary records to St. Monica Academy.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Phone (____) _____