

CURIOUS COURAGEOUS COMPASSIONATE



# HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE

part of a school that educates, inspires, empowers and shapes the girls of today into tomorrow's confident female leaders of character?

Let us show you how.



# WHO WE ARE

An independent, Catholic school for girls in grades 5-12. We strive to always take the best aspects of Catholic teaching and interpret it in the modern context for the confident young woman of today, such that they are able to internalize these values and live them willingly. With us, girls are imbued with a strong work ethic, sense of purpose and a desire to change the world for the better. We cultivate competition with compassion — nurturing the desire to excel and get ahead, but not at any cost.



Founded in 1964 by the Felician Sisters, Holy Name of Mary rapidly built a reputation for academic excellence and commitment to social action and service — a thriving tradition maintained to this day. In 2008, the school was re-established as Holy Name of Mary College School, supported by St. Michael's College School of Toronto.

Today, we are a progressive, vibrant community that provides girls with rich educational opportunities and a multitude of co-curricular activities to ignite interests and broaden horizons. We continue to focus on academic excellence, building on the foundation established by the Felician Sisters, and offer an enriched university preparatory curriculum, fostering high academic standards for teaching and learning. This is enabled by our inspiring faculty, who are incredibly involved and invested, together with you, in your daughter's success.



# WHAT WE DO

At HNMCS, we take pride in a sustained culture of growth tailored to the individual learning style of each girl. Our enriched curriculum provides girls with a multitude of opportunities to develop their skills and interests in an environment that facilitates optimal learning.

Why should you choose an all-girls school? Because research shows that graduates from all-girls schools achieve greater academic success, possess more self-confidence and build stronger leadership skills. Further, our affiliation with St. Michael's College School gives us the benefits of co-ed activities such as theatre arts, symposiums, co-curricular activities, social justice initiatives, field trips and social events.

A vibrant palette of academics, athletics, the arts, outdoor initiatives, and co-curricular activities provides limitless opportunities for leadership and enriching experiences for our girls to find their voice as leaders. Our education also integrates issues of importance to today's young woman, such as environmental stewardship and sustainability. We believe in significant change, and are the catalyst for that change — helping each girl be the best that she can be and achieve more. This is why we are so confident that our formative education is unique and unparalleled in many respects.

It's time to ask the question: What matters to you?

## KEY FEATURES

- A Christ-Centred Catholic Culture
- Our ratio of faculty to students is high, comprising of inspiring and nurturing teachers
- University preparation and university level course selection
- Environmental stewardship and service leadership
- Embracing a global outlook
- Innovative programming
- · A whole-girl perspective



# WHY CHOOSE HNMCS

We all have potential. We're interested in nurturing yours, in an exciting, faith-focused, positive and compassionate environment. A connected community of values and inspiration engineered to forge Holy Name of future leaders.

Have a university in mind? We'll help you prepare to get there.

We are just the beginning. From here, you go on to inspire the world.

### **GRADUATE PROFILE**

100%

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE

\$6.1 MILLION

IN SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS



### **DESTINATIONS:**





## GIRLS' LEARNING



- Girls' schools open up opportunities for appropriate, educational risk-taking.
- A girls' school environment like ours reinforces a 'can-do-anything' philosophy.
- Girls' schools promote excellence in math, science and technology, to help you get ahead.
- Girls' schools promote athletic participation to encourage both leadership and team play.
- The girls' school culture provides strong female role models.
- In a girls' school, your personal growth takes centre-stage.



# MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome to Holy Name of Mary College School and the journey to finding the best school for your daughter. It is my distinct pleasure to open the doors to our school where you will see empowered, creative, and inspirational girls working together with educators to celebrate the uniqueness of each girl through innovative, student-centred university preparatory programming. Through our four pillars: compassion, justice, respect and transformation, each girl finds her confidence, joy, and personal and spiritual growth.

As a girls' school, we successfully tailor the curriculum to meet the needs of girls in the modern world. Understanding that an excellent education does not simply teach girls to be good test takers, but rather how to successfully collaborate, problem-solve, and find creative solutions. We foster a community that encourages exploration, intellectual risk-taking, and asks girls to be reflective and explore who they are authentically as leaders.

Our culture is one of a vibrant sacramental life built for today's girls. The moral compass that she will gain and develop works to not only help shape her mind, but also her heart. As change is one of the only certainties in today's world, our programme prepares her for dealing with the many different challenges, opportunities, and situations that will arrive for her in university and beyond.

Our school allows for the girl to be at the centre of everything that we do and we design her day to help her discover what brings her joy. From understanding that a girl's peers are just as important in her growth as her family and her teachers, we structure opportunities in and beyond the classroom to help facilitate her long term personal path. We help her to realize her strengths from the inside and surround her with bright, caring, and inspirational teachers to guide her through this journey of self-discovery. It is through these dynamic relationships that each girl is encouraged to challenge herself, to seize the opportunities around her while creating her own, and to optimize her learning potential to shape her own success. Although each girl's path is individual, we provide varied opportunities through our co-curriculars, STEM, specialized programmes, differentiated learning, and innovation time for the girls to explore the entire experiential and educational design process.

It is through a shared commitment between students, families, teachers, and administration that our school has become a special place to learn, grow, and thrive. Our achievements are built upon the strength of the whole community and we value these relationships with our students and her family.

I invite you to enter into our learning community where you will see that girls are at the centre of everything we do and are inspired to aim for the stars.

I look forward to meeting you,

Carrie Hughes-Grant, Head of School

# ADMISSIONS INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Holy Name of Mary College School welcomes applications from candidates eager to be a part of our collaborative, innovative, student-centred learning environment.



### **School Policies**

#### Academic:

When a candidate and her parents/guardians choose HNMCS, it is regarded as an expression of trust in the school's educational philosophy and its programme of studies. A student commits herself to completing each year of the programme in accordance with the academic policies of the school. If for enrichment a student wishes to take a course outside of the school, it must be pre-approved by the Director of Academics.

#### Religious:

As guided by our founding principles, we offer a high quality education hand-in-hand with faith formation. Being a Catholic school, HNMCS gives preference to Catholic candidates. Some members of our student body are non-Catholic students who are baptized Christians, however, it remains our endeavour to nurture the girls' relationship with their faith.

It is our expectation that all students will successfully complete one religion course each year, will participate in the religious life of the school, and will be an active participant in their faith. These policies are necessary in order to preserve the Catholic character of Holy Name of Mary College School and to ensure that the student will give herself as fully as possible to all its aspects – curricular and co-curricular. Our goal is to enable students to acquire a well-rounded liberal arts education and to prepare her for the demands of university studies.

### **Admission Criteria**

All applications received are evaluated based on criteria listed below and successful candidates are offered a place at HNMCS.

- 1. Academic standing as demonstrated by a candidate's report cards
- 2. Information from the Application Form
- 3. Information from the Confidential Student Profile
- 4. Results from our in-house admissions test or their SSAT results
- 5. Faith life of candidate and her family
- 6. Interview or meeting at an open house

### **Application Process**

- 1. Complete application online: apply.hnmcs.ca
- 2. Attach a recent student photograph.
- 3. Provide Academic Documents Online Scan and upload copies of the applicant's final report cards from the previous two years and the most recent report card for the current year and, if applicable, a current Ontario Student Transcript copy.
- 4. Complete the Confidential Student Profile and ensure that it is sent directly from the applicant's current principal, guidance counsellor or teacher to HNMCS.
- 5. Submit Application Fee Payment of a non-refundable \$125 application fee. Application fee for international students is \$250.
- 6. Please submit all the above application information by November 30. Applications received after this date will be accepted and reviewed based on available space.
- 7. Register for the Admissions Test, which will be written on December 11. To register for the test, go to: holynameofmarycollegeschool.com/admissions.
- 8. Once all requirements have been completed, the Office of Admissions will contact the family to schedule a one-on-one meeting with the candidate.
- 9. Offers of Admission will be sent out on February 16.

While Holy Name of Mary College School is an independent school, the tuition is not intended to exclude students on a financial basis. An income-based bursary programme is available for those in need and we encourage families to seek financial assistance when it is required. Applications for financial aid must be submitted by November 30.

For more information, contact admissions@hnmcs.ca



the transformative power of an all-girls education at HNMCS in a welcoming Catholic school community.





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