



For Faith, Scholarship and Community

Fall 2019

Dear Admission Colleagues:

Given the quantity of high schools from which you read applications and/or visit, we wanted to offer some highlights to accompany our school profile and offer a greater sense of our mission, students and community at Marquette University High School (MUHS).

1. We are **Diverse**. Our students come from over 150 different grade schools in a five-county area, which means more than a 60-minute commute one-way for some. Many students come to MUHS not knowing anyone else. Students of color number 28% of our population. This year, we awarded \$3.32 million in financial aid to 43% of the student body. Currently, 15% of our students are first generation and 8% qualify for free or reduced lunch.
2. We are **Competitive**. Each year, we have over 500 young men apply for admission to MUHS. We make admission decisions after careful review of an application, entrance testing, grade school transcripts and letters of recommendation. We have utilized a waiting list for over ten years.
3. We are **Rigorous**. All of our students take a rigorous college preparatory curriculum including four years of English, and 99% of students take four years of math. We offer 19 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 14 dual enrollment courses through the 1818 Advanced College Credit program at Saint Louis University. **We strongly encourage our students to take no more than three AP classes in one year to promote balance.**
4. We educate the **Whole Person**. In addition to our academic requirements, we require four years of Theology studies including challenging courses in Biblical Literature and Church History. Our students complete a minimum of 140 community service hours and participate in at least two retreat weekends before graduation. Our freshmen are also required to participate in a Fitness Program, which mandates at least 90 minutes of cardiovascular workouts per week when not participating in a varsity sport.
5. We are **Achieving**. Our students continue to average 27 on the ACT. Historically, 97% of our graduates enroll in four-year colleges, have successful careers and serve as community leaders.
6. We maintain **Integrity**. Our mean GPA of 3.08 has been consistent for almost twenty years. All courses are taught at the college preparatory level and the grading scale is extremely rigorous. Students are not ranked. Specific course grades are unweighted. AP/ dual enrollment courses are weighted, receiving additional grade points (1.0 per class). Both weighted and unweighted cumulative GPAs appear on the transcript.
7. We are **Academic and Creative**. While many of our students pursue career paths in business, engineering, sciences, healthcare and law, we also have graduates who have become writers, actors, journalists, teachers, artists and fashion designers.

We are grateful for our continued relationship and are happy to answer any questions that may arise. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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