

**President:**

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Senior High Enrollment: 881

Size of Senior Class: 214

School year: two semesters

High School Code: 242-202

School Newspaper:

www.BSMknightErrant.org

Accreditation and Membership:

- AdvancED
- National Catholic Educational Association
- National Association of College Admission Counseling
- Minnesota Association of College Admission Counseling

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Background

Benilde-St. Margaret's (BSM), founded in 1974, is the product of the merger of St. Margaret's Academy (founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1907) and Benilde High School (founded by the Christian Brothers in 1956). With an enrollment of approximately 1,172 students, grades 7-12, students come to BSM from throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area, including Minneapolis and 20 surrounding suburbs. BSM supports 18% of its student body with tuition assistance totaling nearly \$1.4M. BSM's class of 2015 went on to post-secondary education at a rate of 96%.

Mission

Benilde-St. Margaret's School is the premier Catholic, college-preparatory school in the Twin Cities. Located in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, we educate students in grades 7 - 12. BSM offers a challenging curriculum and a uniquely caring experience that includes faith formation, academic rigor, social responsibility and extensive extracurricular activities. Students have the opportunity to build a strong foundation for a successful future. BSM thrives in the traditions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the Christian Brothers and the Benedictines who have all shared in our history and developed our institutional character.

Faculty

Of the 78 senior high faculty members, 73% hold Master's degrees with 78% having studied beyond a Bachelor's degree. Nearly 75% have ten or more years of teaching experience. There is a student-faculty ratio of 11:1.

National Service Learning Leader School — BSM is one of only two schools in Minnesota recognized as a service-learning leader school. Through service-learning, students engage in intentionally organized experiences that meet real needs in the community and develop leadership skills while gaining an appreciation for the diversity of people's situations and experiences.

Apple Distinguished School Award — BSM received this award for its outstanding performance in transforming teaching and learning through the 1:1 laptop program. This designation is reserved for schools that show visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching, ongoing professional learning, flexible learning environments and compelling evidence of success.

National Scholastic Press Association Awards — BSM's students publish a nationally recognized print and online student newspaper. The paper has been recognized each year since 2009 by the National Scholastic Press Association, with six Pacemaker Awards, four Best of Show Awards and 12 awards from the Minnesota High School Press Association.

International Robocup Competition — Competing internationally eight times since 2005, BSM has been the only high school in the world to qualify for the world championship competition in rescue robotics. The competition's goal is to develop and demonstrate advanced robotic capabilities for emergency responders and to disseminate best-in-class robotic solutions. The BSM team has competed in Turkey, Japan, China, Mexico, the Netherlands, Singapore, and Germany.

National Forensic League 200 Club Award — Five years in a row, BSM's speech and debate teams have earned the designation of 200 Club, putting the program in the top 5% of NFL chapters.

School-Year Marking System

The school year consists of two semesters, each approximately 18 weeks in length.

BSM uses the following 12-point marking system:

A	4.0	C-	1.7
A-	3.7	D+	1.3
B+	3.3	D	1.0
B	3.0	D-	0.7
B-	2.7	F	0.0
C+	2.3	P/NP	no
C	2.0		GPA weight

No grades are weighted. Class rank is not calculated.

BSM is a college-preparatory school. Due to our high academic standards and individual student achievement, class ranking is not an accurate indicator of individual student progress and academic accomplishment.

Advanced Placement

BSM offers 17 Advanced Placement courses. For 2015, there were 36 AP Scholars with an average score of 3.57, 6 AP Scholars with Honors with an average score of 3.96 and 21 AP Scholars with Distinction with an average score of 3.90.

AP Five-Year Score Summary

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Students	189	188	217	209	249
Number of Exams	316	356	406	350	459
Percent with scores 3+	82.8	85.6	84.8	76.1	75.5

Note: the number of AP exams taken and AP courses offered at BSM increased by 45% from 2011 to 2015.

Matriculation

BSM's class of 2015 went on to post-secondary education at a rate of 96% (95% to four-year programs and 1% to two-year programs.)

Disciplinary Policies

It is the policy of BSM to not report disciplinary infractions to post-secondary institutions. However, it should be noted that serious infractions result in dismissal.

National Merit

In the last five years, 29 seniors have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation including five Commended Scholars from the Class of 2015. All juniors take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

SAT

Number of seniors taking the test: 39
Percent of the Class of 2015 taking the test: 18%

ACT

215 students from the Class of 2015 took the ACT; that represents 97% of the class. The average ACT for those students was 26.4, compared to the Minnesota average of 22.7 and the national average of 21.0.

In the Class of 2015, the average ACT score for the top 25 percent was 31.3, while the top 10 percent was 33.

Class of 2015 ACT Summary

Section	Middle 50%	Mean
English	24-31	27.4
Math	23-28	25.8
Reading	24-32	27.7
Science Reasoning	24-29	26.3
Composite	23-29	26.4



Extracurriculars

BSM is committed to the development of a student's highest potential in body, spirit and mind. 92% of our students choose to participate in some form of extracurricular program, and our athletics and activities are an integral part of our mission. BSM offers 29 varsity sports and over 35 extracurricular clubs and activities. Aligned with our service-learning curriculum, 380 students participated in 2015 in the Red Knight Volunteer Corps.

Senior High Curriculum Requirements

Following is a summary of the courses required for graduation by semester credit:

Fine Art	2	Religious Studies	8	Social Studies	6
English	8	College/Career	0.5	World Language	4
Health	1	Science	6	Electives	7
Wellness/PE	2.5	Mathematics	6	Total Credits:	51

In addition to the above requirements, juniors are required to take a career and college planning class, to explore their interests, abilities, values, and personality. This guides them in making well-informed decisions regarding their future education and career.

Courses are listed by department.

Key: Courses in bold are honors, accelerated or AP courses

* offered through 2014-2015

+ offered beginning 2015-2016

FINE ART

AP Studio Art: 2D Design Portfolio

AP Studio Art: 3D Design Portfolio

AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio

Art and Design

Clay I, II and Ceramic Studio

Digital Photography

Drawing I, II and Studio

Graphic Design and Studio

Painting I, II and Studio

Photography I, II and Studio

Photojournalism

Band

Choir

Music Theory

Orchestra

BUSINESS

Accounting

Business Management

Business and Personal Law

Personal Financial Management

Principles of Investing

Sports and Entertainment Marketing

ENGLISH

9th grade:

English 9

English Composition

Honors English 9

10th grade:

English 10

Honors English 10

11th grade:

Advanced Composition

American Literature

American Studies – English

AP English Language & Composition

12th grade (and electives for other grades):

AP English Literature & Composition

Advanced Film

Creative Writing

Debate

Editorial Leadership

Film Studies

Great American Novels

Immigrant Literature

Journalistic Writing

Mythology

Non-Fiction Writing

Science Fiction Literature

Twentieth Century Drama

Video Journalism

ENGINEERING

Engineering Level 1

Engineering Level 2

Engineering Level 3

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Acting

Stage Technology and Stage Craft

Yearbook I, II, and III

GUIDANCE

College/Career Planning

Learning Lab

Teacher Assistant

Think, Learn and Communicate

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health

Physical Education 9

Wellness 10, 11 and 12

MATHEMATICS

First-year algebra options:

Algebra Concepts

Algebra Plus

Geometry options:

Geometry Concepts

Formal Geometry

Honors Geometry

Second-year algebra options:

Intermediate Algebra

Advanced Algebra

Adv. Algebra Blended Online

Honors Advanced Algebra

Other courses:

Functions & Trigonometry

Statistics

Precalculus

Precalculus Blended Online

Honors Precalculus

AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

THEOLOGY

Christian Prayer

Christian Vocations

Faith in Action

Theology 9, 10 and 11

World Religions

SCIENCE

9th grade:

Physical Science Concepts

Physical Science

10th grade:

Biology Concepts

Biology

Honors Biology +

11th grade:

Applied Chemistry

Chemistry

Accelerated Chemistry *

Honors Chemistry +

AP Biology *

12th grade and electives for other grades:

Ecology

Environmental Science *

Forensic Science

Physics

Biomedical Science I +

SOCIAL STUDIES

9th grade:

Option of taking Geography

10th grade:

Geography *

Western Civilization *

World History – Thematic +

World History – Foundations +

11th grade:

United States History

AP United States History

American Studies – History

12th grade:

AP Comparative Government & Politics

AP European History

AP US Government & Politics

Psychology

Economics

US Government & Politics

WORLD LANGUAGES

Chinese:

Chinese I and II

Chinese III +

French:

French I, II, III, IV, V

AP French

Latin: Latin I, II, III, IV and V

Spanish:

Spanish I, II, III, IV, V

Advanced Spanish I, II, III *

AP Spanish Language

AP Spanish Literature

Honors Spanish I, II, III +

Espanol Para Hispanohablantes

College Matriculation 2011-2015

Amherst College
 Arizona State University *
 Auburn University
 Augsburg College *
 Augustana College
 Aveda Institute Minneapolis
 Ball State University
 Barnard College
 Baylor University
 Belmont University *
 Beloit College
 Bemidji State University *
 Benedictine College
 Bethany Lutheran College
 Bethel University-MN *
 Boston College *
 Boston Conservatory
 Boston University *
 Bowdoin College
 Bradley University
 Brown University *
 Butler University *
 California Lutheran University
 Carleton College *
 Central Michigan University
 Century Community and Technical College
 Chaminade University of Honolulu
 Chatham University
 Clarke University
 Coe College
 Colby College *
 Colgate University
 College of Saint Benedict *
 College of St. Scholastica
 College of the Holy Cross *
 College of William and Mary
 Colorado College
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University *
 Columbia College Chicago *
 Concordia College - Moorhead
 Cornell College *
 Cornell University *
 Creighton University *
 Dalhousie University
 DePaul University *
 DePauw University
 Drake University *
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Dunwoody College of Technology
 Elon University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Ferrum College
 Florida A&M University *
 Fordham University - Lincoln Center
 Campus/Rose Hill Campus
 Furman University
 Georgetown University
 Goucher College
 Grinnell College
 Gustavus Adolphus College *
 Hamilton College - NY *
 Hamline University *
 Harvard University
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Howard University
 Indiana University at Bloomington *
 Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
 Iowa State University *
 Johns Hopkins University *
 Knox College
 Lafayette College *
 Lake Region State College
 Lawrence University *
 Lehigh University
 Loras College *
 Loyola Marymount University *
 Loyola University Chicago *
 Loyola University Maryland
 Luther College *
 Lynn University
 Macalester College
 Marietta College
 Marist College *
 Marquette University *
 Marymount California University
 McGill University
 McNally Smith College of Music *
 Miami University, Oxford *
 Michigan Technological University *
 Millikin University
 Milwaukee School of Engineering
 Minneapolis College of Art and Design *
 Minneapolis Community and Technical College *
 Minnesota State University, Mankato *
 Minnesota State University, Moorhead *
 Montana State University, Bozeman *
 Mount Marty College
 Muscatine Community College
 New York University *
 Normandale Community College *
 North Central University
 North Dakota State College of Science
 North Dakota State University *
 Northeastern University *
 Northwestern University *
 Oberlin College *
 Occidental College
 Oglethorpe University
 Pennsylvania State University, University Park
 Pepperdine University
 Pomona College
 Providence College *
 Purdue University *
 Quinnipiac University
 Regis University *
 Relativity School
 Ripon College
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology *
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick
 Saint John's University *
 Saint Mary's College
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota *
 Saint Michael's College
 Salve Regina University *
 San Diego State University *
 San Francisco Conservatory of Music
 Santa Clara University *
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of Visual Arts
 Seton Hall University
 Sinclair Community College
 Smith College *
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology *
 South Dakota State University *
 Spelman College
 St. Ambrose University
 St. Catherine University - St. Paul *
 St. Cloud State University *
 St. Edward's University
 St. Lawrence University
 St. Norbert College *
 St. Olaf College *
 Syracuse University *
 Taylor University
 Texas Christian University *
 The George Washington University *
 The New School - Eugene Lang College
 The Ohio State University
 The University of Alabama at Birmingham
 The University of Alabama *
 The University of Georgia
 The University of Iowa *
 The University of Montana, Missoula *
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 The University of Tampa
 Tri-County Technical College
 Trinity University
 Trinity Western University
 Tufts University
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Military Academy - Army
 United States Naval Academy *
 University of Advancing Technology
 University of British Columbia *
 University of California, Berkeley *
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, San Diego *
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago
 University of Colorado at Boulder *
 University of Connecticut *
 University of Dayton
 University of Denver *
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *
 University of Jamestown
 University of Kansas *
 University of Manitoba *
 University of Maryland, College Park *
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Michigan *
 University of Minnesota, Duluth *
 University of Minnesota, Morris *
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities *
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri Columbia *
 University of Nebraska at Kearney
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln *
 University of New Hampshire *
 University of New Mexico *
 University of North Carolina at Wilmington
 University of North Dakota *
 University of Northern Iowa *
 University of Northwestern *
 University of Notre Dame *
 University of Oklahoma *
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania *
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland *
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Richmond *
 University of San Diego *
 University of San Francisco
 University of South Dakota
 University of Southern California *
 University of St. Thomas *
 University of Vermont *
 University of Washington *
 University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire *
 University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
 University of Wisconsin, Madison *
 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
 University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
 University of Wisconsin, Platteville *
 University of Wisconsin, River Falls *
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
 University of Wisconsin, Stout *
 University of Wisconsin, Superior
 Vanderbilt University *
 Villanova University *
 Viterbo University
 Wake Forest University *
 Washington and Lee University *
 Washington University in St. Louis *
 Wellesley College
 Wesleyan University
 Wheaton College IL *
 Whitman College
 William Woods University
 Winona State University *
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Xavier University *
 Yale University *

* indicates more than one student attending