



# High School

**Saint Mary School** is an **International Baccalaureate (IB)** institution whose goal is to educate young people who are supportive, informed and eager for knowledge, capable of contributing to creating a better and more peaceful world, within the framework of mutual understanding and intercultural respect.

Our approach to learning is based on education for life, in order for our Saint Mary School graduates to stand out and make a great difference both in college and in the world of work. Our students excel for their comprehensive formation. the **heart, mind and spirit** are strengthened through an innovative educational approach in which socio-emotional skills, cooperation, research, criticality and autonomy are promoted to achieve academic excellence. We offer the option of **National and International Baccalaureate**; both programs are of the highest quality.

Our academic, sports, cultural and artistic curriculum is complemented by elective subjects that allow students to cover comprehensive areas of knowledge such as health, finance, and programming, among others.

We also have supervised spaces, within regular hours, where critical thinking skills, time management, and management of academic responsibilities are fostered in students.

## Our Teaching Staff

Our staff is highly qualified and committed to the Saint Mary family. They are in constant professional training, looking for the best learning strategies according to new educational trends.

The Saint Mary teacher will always be willing to collaborate in the comprehensive and personalized education of their students. The focus is on how the student learns in order to adapt the teaching methods in favor of their physical, emotional, academic and spiritual well-being.

## Psychology Department

We have a Psychology Department composed of an interdisciplinary team that guides and offers emotional support and academics to the community in various subjects, as well as the necessary educational supports.

The Department organizes workshops on study techniques, anxiety management, eating disorders, alcohol and other drug use, bullying and sex education. Many of these topics are developed with

parents also in Family First meetings.

## Makerspace

It is a supervised space for work or independent study for students from seventh to ninth grade, in which values such as responsibility, time management, and honesty are reinforced.

## Inter-generation Committees

Inter-generation teams in which critical thinking is promoted through collaborative learning methodology, project development, debates, and research. Students choose the team of their interest: Urban Expression, Student Newspaper, Mathematics Applied to Everyday Life, Model United Nations, Peace Managers, Cultural Awareness, Digital Citizenship, Healthy Living, Scientific Thinking, and Saint Mary Radio.

## Regular Schedule

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 3: 00 p.m.

Friday: 8: 00 a.m. to 1:50 p.m

Gates open at 7: 00 a.m. to welcome students.

## Extracurricular Activities

We offer a variety of activities so that students can strengthen their physical, social, cultural and artistic skills.

The schedule in which extracurricular activities are taught is from 3:00 p.m. to 4: 00 p.m.

Currently, the following options are offered in Secondary:

- Men's football
- Women's football
- Mixed Volleyball
- Basketball
- Track and Field
- Band
- Piano, Guitar, Ukulele
- Arts Option
- Mathematics Olympiad
- Karate
- Preparation for Confirmation

# The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

The **Diploma Program of the International Baccalaureate** is an optional program. It is developed during two years, specifically in tenth and eleventh grade of high school. The main objective of this program is to train people with an excellent breadth and depth of knowledge, and hand in hand with physical, intellectual, emotional and ethical growth. Applicants to the IB Diploma will simultaneously receive their National Baccalaureate degree endorsed by the Ministry of Public Education, according to current regulations.

Our students can also opt for the subject certification model, with a minimum of three subjects from the International Baccalaureate Program.

**Our students do not need to take an additional year after eleventh year to obtain the International Baccalaureate Diploma.**

## Curriculum

IB Subjects
Core Components. Three requirements: Theory of Knowledge Creativity, Action and Service Extended Essay
Mathematics. We offer two options: Applications and Interpretation (Standard Level) Analysis and Approaches (Standard and High Level)
Spanish A Literature (High Level) Spanish Language AB Initio
Individuals and Societies: We offer three options. Psychology (Standard Level) Business Management (Standard Level) History (Standard and High Level)
Science: Introducing three options. Biology (Standard Level) Physics (Standard Level) Chemistry (Standard Level)
English B (High Level) Language A Literature (English) Standard and High Level
Other Subjects

Social Studies, Civics, Portuguese
<b>Non-core Subjects</b>
Religion, Physical Education

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Subjects	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	IB
Mathematics	7	7	7	8	8	8
Spanish	4	4	4	4	4	4

Social Studies	2	2	2	3	3	3
Civics	2	2	2	2	2	2
Integrated Science	5	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
History/Geography	2	2	2	NA	NA	5
English	7	7	5	5	5	5
Portuguese	3	3	3	2	2	NA
Physics	NA	NA	2	2	3	NA
Chemistry	NA	NA	2	2	3	5
Biology	NA	NA	2	2	3	5
Religion	1	1	1	1	1	1
Music / Band	1	1	1	1	1	NA
Art/ Drama	1	1	1	1	1	NA
Physical Education	2	2	2	2	2	2
Technology - Robotics	2	2	2	2	1	NA
Electives: Business/ Psychology/ History of Costa Rica / Statistics / Public speaking	NA	NA	2	2	2	NA
Psychology	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3
Business Management	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3
TOK (Theory of Knowledge)	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	2
CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Homeroom	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extended Essay	1	1	1	1	1	1
Makerspace*	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA
Inter-generation Committees	1	1	1	1	1	1

# Enrollment Requirements

1. Interview with parents by the Psychology Department
2. Admission Test

3. Report Cards from the previous two academic years.
4. Student Record from the institution of origin.
5. Photocopy of residence card or passport for foreign students
6. Three recent passport-sized photographs
7. Photocopy of identity card of the parents, residence card or passport if they are foreigners
8. Fill in the Registration Form and Service Contract
9. Complete image consent permissions
10. Student record from other institutions, when applicable
11. When applicable, a certification of financial records issued by the institution of origin

**Foreign Students:** It applies to Elementary and Secondary students.

In addition to the above mentioned requirements:

Report Card of the last school year the student attended. Documents must have an apostille.

Signature and seal of the school of origin

Signature and seal of the governmental entity regulating education in the country of origin

Signature and seal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country of origin