



Curriculum Overview: Stella Maris Academy

Grade-level	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Phase	Grammar			Grammar - Logic			Logic - Rhetoric		
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Level 1 (3-6yrs) & 2 (6-9yrs) -- Grades K-2 • Spirit of Truth curriculum from Sophia Institute — Grades 3-8 Word of Life, Ignatius Press / Augustine Institute 								
Character Development & Emotional Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education in Virtue curriculum from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist • The Mindful Catholic Classroom -- Dr. Greg Bottaro and the Catholic Psych Institute 								
— ELA — Reading, Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar Handwriting, Composition, Writing, Literature	Superkids Reading/Language Arts Program • Shurley English Grammar • Literature Selections			Junior Great Books Series/Great Books Middle School • Shared Inquiry discussions • Shurley English Grammar • Vocabulary from Classical Roots • The Circe Institute: The Lost Tools of Writing • Literature Selections					
Mathematics	Saxon Mathematics Program								
History, Culture, & Geography	Geography and American Institutions	Geography, Neighborhoods, Early Civilization	Ancient Greece	Ancient Rome & Christian Culture	California History Catholic Textbook Project	American History CTP	6: World History 7: The History of Christian Civilization 8: The Making of the Modern World (Europe & US) CTP		
Science Amplify Science hands-on/interactive literacy-rich • critical thinking, write/argue like real scientists and	Body, Plants & Animals, Mechanics, Sunlight, Weather	Animal & Plant mechanisms • Light and Sound • Spinning Earth	Plant & Animal Relationships • Matter—properties • Changing Landforms	Forces • Inheritance • Environment & Survival • Weather and Climate	Energy • Vision & Light • Earth • Waves, Energy, & Information	Earth and Sky • Modeling Matter • Ecosystems	Grade 6 • Engineering Internships • Biomes • Traits and Inheritance • Energy • Ocean, Atmosphere, & Climate • Weather Patterns Grade 7 • Engineering Internships • Mars Geology • Plate Motion • Phase Change • Chemical Reactions • Populations and Resources • Matter and Energy Grade 8		
Latin / Classical Studies	Introduction to the Latin language-- through prayer and song: traditional prayers and hymns, vocabulary, devotions & prayers of the Holy Mass, Introduction to the Latin Mass			Little Latin Readers Program — The Little Latin Readers program has been built from the ground up to focus on immersion, explanation of key terms, reinforcement of the most important grammar concepts, and a focus on studying and renewing Catholic identity through Latin. We use child-friendly examples in our Catholic Latin course, and focus our study on a wide variety of topics – including Catholic Europe, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and the lives of Jesus, the Apostles, and Mary.					
Music, Choir, Art, & Physical Education,	Music appreciation and theory, physical education, and art for all grades. Competitive sports and choir for grades 3 and up.								