

# BECOME UNSTOPPABLE



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL



## WELCOME

We are pleased that you are considering Villa Maria Academy High School.

Choosing the right high school is a major decision. It is not just about finding a welcoming learning community that nurtures success; it is about discovering a place where you feel you truly belong.

We invite you to visit our beautiful campus so you can experience our loving Catholic faith community, meet our outstanding faculty and staff, and feel the energy and vibrancy of our all-girls environment.

Your time at Villa Maria is your chance to discover your God-given gifts and become more knowledgeable, self-assured, compassionate, resilient, and strong. With these traits, you will become UNSTOPPABLE, and - like generations of Villa Maria graduates before you - you may even change the world!

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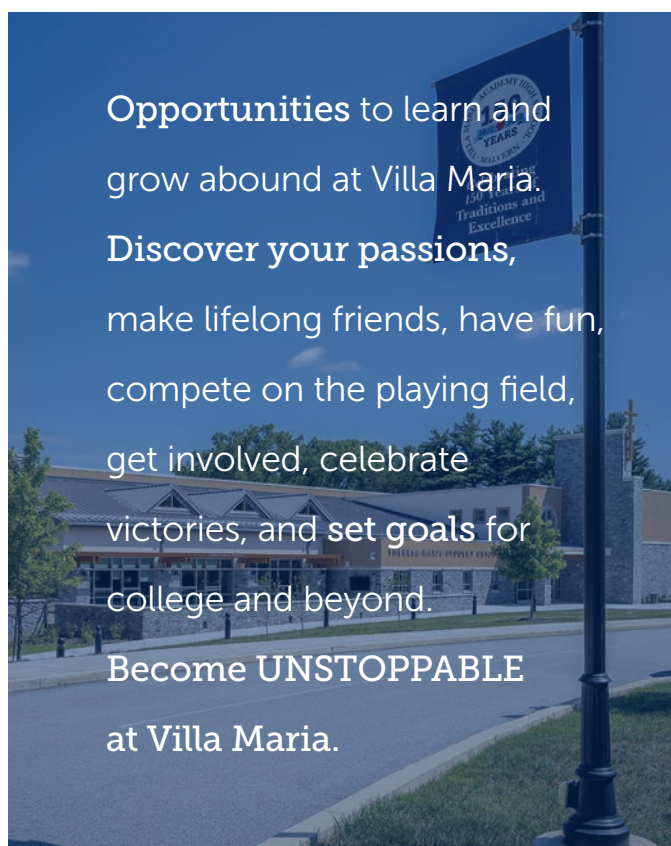
# You **BELONG** Here!





B E C O M E

# UNSTOPPABLE



Traditions solidify and nourish true sisterhood and a feeling of belonging throughout the year. Blue and White Field Day is the perfect kickoff event to the school year. Classmates reunite and new friends are made at a picnic featuring music, friendly competition, and a day full of fun and laughter.

The Carol and Ring ceremony, one of Villa Maria's oldest and most loved traditions, celebrates the distribution of junior class rings in December.

As the end of the school year approaches, the Daisy Chain and Senior Sing tradition exemplifies the bond between sisters. Seniors process through a pathway made by the juniors, who are connected to one another by a chain of daisies. In between, traditions like Fall Ball, Homecoming, Prom, Founders Day, and much more, provide unique and memorable moments.

## TRADITIONS & SISTERHOOD



# UNSTOPPABLE Heart



“All Villa Marians, past, present, and future share the experience of Daisy Chain and Senior Sing and is just one more connecting link in the sisterhood that makes Villa extraordinary.” Hannah King, '22





# UNSTOPPABLE Innovation

## ACADEMICS

At Villa Maria, students are encouraged to embrace new experiences, explore areas of interest, make discoveries, take risks, and allow themselves to feel **UNSTOPPABLE** in their quest to learn and grow.

Every student receives a unique academic experience with engaging instruction and a challenging curriculum offered by our exceptional faculty and administrators. Students are prepared to enter the world as confident communicators, tech-savvy problem solvers, and creative thinkers.

Villa Maria is a place of constant learning and innovation. New courses are regularly developed and added to the curriculum alongside more traditional coursework. Students are exposed to emerging trends, topics, and competencies that will serve them well as they move on to college, careers, and other pursuits.

The classroom experience combines listening, discussing, speaking, writing, and collaboration. Critical thinking is fostered and encouraged as students develop an appreciation and understanding of each topic.

The daily schedule follows an A/B intensive cycle model, allowing for longer class periods that ensure more meaningful learning at higher levels of retention and application. In addition, all students are supported by the daily Hurricane Huddle, which focuses on student mind, body, and spirit wellness, providing small group learning and a consistent community of support.

### FAST FACT:

Villa Maria's average class size is **13** STUDENTS

The student-to-teacher ratio is **10 TO 1**

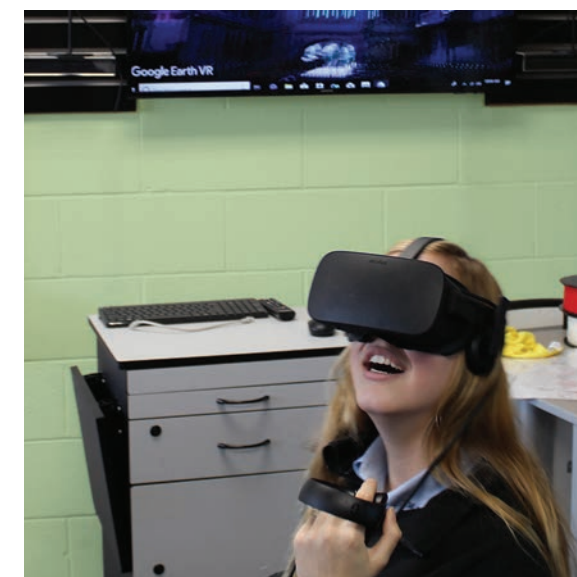


The opportunity for me through the Scholars Program to take more advanced courses, even in my freshman year, meant that I was really surrounded by students who were interested in the material we were learning, and I think that elevated my experience in the classroom and gave me more motivation to try hard." **Jordi De Jong, '23**



## TECHNOLOGY

Villa Maria offers AP classes in computer science principles and Java. The Lynch Design Lab enables students to build foundational skills for computer programming, discover coding, program robots, build websites and create apps. They can create and explore, enjoying classes that use virtual reality, augmented reality, and 3D printing.



## AP COURSES

For those students ready for college-level work, Villa Maria provides a broad range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.



## HONORS COURSES

Honors courses are taught at an accelerated pace to challenge the student who is able to engage in a more comprehensive level of study.



## SCHOLARS DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Selected students are invited to participate in the Villa Maria Scholars Diploma Program, which provides high-level coursework tailored to individual goals, as well as the opportunity for articulated supported research. Students who complete this rigorous four-year program graduate with Scholars Distinction.



## DUAL ENROLLMENT THROUGH IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY

Select dual enrollment courses are offered in partnership with Immaculata University onsite at Villa Maria. This enables high school students to take college-level courses, providing additional opportunities for our students to earn college credit outside of the AP courses.



## DISTINCTIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Villa Maria students achieve distinction as AP Scholars and AP Scholars with Honors, as well as National Merit Finalists, Semi-Finalists, and Commended Students. Students are also members of the National Honor Society, as well as subject-based honor societies, Tri-M International Music Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Writing Honor Society, and the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.







There is a strong commitment to winning at Villa Maria, but an even greater commitment to building confidence and character.



# UNSTOPPABLE Force

Basketball **CHEER**  
 Cross Country  
 Field Hockey **GOLF**  
 Indoor Track & Field  
**LACROSSE**  
**Rowing** Soccer  
 Softball  
**Swimming & Diving**  
**TENNIS**  
 Track & Field  
**Volleyball**



## ATHLETICS FAST FACT:

More than **78%** of the STUDENTS at Villa Maria participate in one or more of the **14** VARSITY SPORTS available.



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Put yourself out there and experience everything. These will be some of your fondest memories of high school, so don't let anything get in the way of having fun with your teammates.” Abigail Zarkoski '22



## ATHLETICS

The Hurricanes are a force to be reckoned with, having a long tradition of being UNSTOPPABLE. Villa Maria teams celebrate frequent wins at the league, district, and state levels, and a number of athletes go on to compete at the college level.

Competitive sports enhance the physical growth and development of Villa Maria students, as well as the qualities of grit and resilience necessary to compete at a high level. The athletic program enhances school spirit while teaching both athlete and spectator the value of fair competition and good sportsmanship.





FINE ARTS



ART

Villa Maria celebrates the visual arts with an annual Fine Arts Festival, opportunities for students to show work in the surrounding communities at restaurants, and via publication in Festival, the arts and literary magazine.



DANCE

The growing dance program offers opportunities for novice and experienced dancers as well as the opportunity to audition for the Villa Dance Company.



MUSIC

Students have the opportunity to participate in honor choirs, bands, and orchestras and also attend competitions at Hershey Park where they have earned top ratings.



THEATER

Students express themselves on stage, both at Villa Maria and in the programs at Malvern Preparatory School and Devon Preparatory School. The Light and Sound Crew learn how to focus lights, design light plots, operate state-of-the-art lighting and soundboards.

WATCH!



FAST FACT:

The music instruction program brings 9 music specialists in piano, guitar, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion to provide weekly instruction.



UNSTOPPABLE Passion

Students have access to extensive coursework and a myriad of opportunities to create beauty, stretch their imaginations, express themselves, and entertain others in the process.



UNSTOPPABLE Love



MINISTRY

Students are called to a way of life that is characterized by prayer, devotion to Mary, and service. Through participation in Campus Ministry, Service Learning, Social Justice initiatives and Outreach, students can deepen their spiritual identity and answer the call to serve others.

The beautiful chapel in the Theresa Maxis Student Union building provides a spiritual hub and inspirational oasis right in the center of campus.

Campus Ministry fosters an environment of prayer and spirituality for the school community through liturgical celebrations, prayer experiences and retreats. Service Learning is an instructional method that fosters student learning and service to one's community. Students apply knowledge and skills developed in the classroom to service opportunities in the community. Outreach is committed to four annual projects to serve those in need: Thanksgiving Food Drive, Mission Drive, Easter Project, and a Canned Food Drive.

WATCH!





# UNSTOPPABLE Mindset

The Counseling Department takes a team approach—every student has both a school counselor and a college counselor. The school counselor works with a student through her four years, getting to know and understand her, guiding her, and working together with her college counselor to help her achieve her personal goals.

Villa Maria's Counseling Program is the "I" of the Hurricane:

**Identify. Investigate.  
Implement. Imagine.**

**FRESHMEN** Identify their vision for a year of transition and success, academically, personally, and socially.

**SOPHOMORES** Investigate how they interact with the world around them. They are introduced to the college and career search platform to learn more about potential careers and majors.

**JUNIORS** Implement an individualized plan to position themselves for college and career goals. They learn to articulate their strengths and complete coursework in preparation for writing personal statements and essays and participating in college admissions interviews.

**SENIORS** Imagine their possibilities, building on their plans to complete the college application process and select a school. Students also prepare for the expectations of college and the transition from high school to greater independence.



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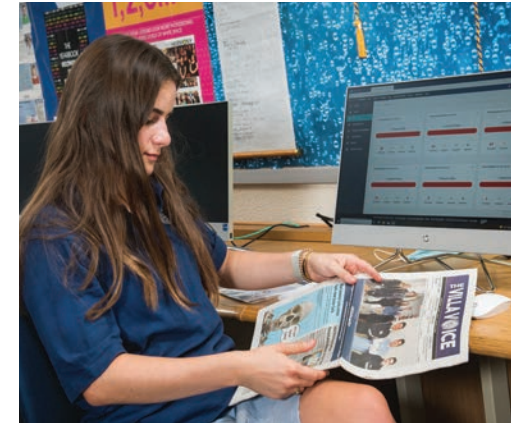
Villa Maria Academy is about preparing girls both psychologically, socially, academically for the rigors of college and beyond. It's definitely about empowering young women and it's about allowing them to explore all areas of interest that they may have in an environment where they feel very comfortable, feel very safe, and also feel very supported.” **Erin Gallagher, P '25**



# UNSTOPPABLE Involvement

Academic life is balanced by more than 40 clubs and activities, which tap into students' interests, help them find their passions, develop leadership and commitment skills, build relationships, and have fun. With options like Art Club, Chorus, Honor Societies, Student Council, Mock Trial Club, Women in Medicine, Book Club, The Villa Voice newspaper, Forensics Club or Mission and Ministry, there is a club or activity for every interested student.

Getting involved in clubs and activities enhances the academic experience at Villa Maria. It is an opportunity to discover what you love, gain confidence, and build relationships through shared experiences.



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I remember attending a Villa event and a Villa student spoke. She said Villa is a place where every girl has a voice – even the quiet ones. My younger daughter has found her voice here at Villa Maria, and that's been amazing to witness.” **Maria Yacovelli, 'P '20 '23**





# UNSTOPPABLE Achievements

The Senior Capstone Project is a culminating learning activity that combines critical thinking, problem-solving, research, and in-person experience. Each student selects an area of interest to explore, and engages in job shadowing to learn real-world applications that enrich and deepen her learning experience.

The areas of interest Villa Maria students have pursued include biomedical engineering, broadcasting, cardiology, creative writing, education, engineering, finance, game design, government, international law, marketing, neuroscience, and photojournalism, among many others.

As graduation day draws near, students can proudly look back on four years of incredible growth and achievement and look ahead to college experiences for which they are well-prepared.



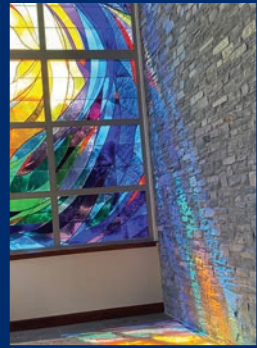
**FAST FACT:**

Seniors engage in a minimum of **25** HOURS of job shadowing or **25** HOURS of service work as part of their Capstone experiential learning phase.



Villa Maria graduates are truly **UNSTOPPABLE**.

YOU can be UNSTOPPABLE.  
Choose Villa Maria.  
You belong here, and our  
faculty, staff and your  
sisters are waiting to  
welcome you.



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I think any parent should consider sending your daughter to Villa Maria if they're looking for faith-filled education; a place where their daughter will be cherished; where her gifts and talents will be developed, and she'll find her niche.” **Sister Mary Jo Ely, Campus Minister, Theology teacher**



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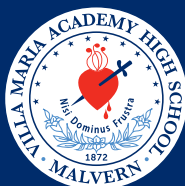
Villa Maria Academy High School is a Catholic college preparatory school rooted in the charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For 150 years, Villa Maria has empowered young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service.



**CORE VALUES**  
Commit to Learning  
REFLECT ON EXPERIENCE  
Contribute to Community  
EMBRACE THE TRUTH  
ACT WITH INTEGRITY  
Respect Self and Others  
Lead by Example  
Achieve Through Commitment



*Villa Maria is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse community that respects and promotes the integration of underrepresented groups. Villa Maria recognizes the many dimensions of diversity and the broad, complex, and dynamic nature of human difference and similarity. Diversity and inclusion are essential in an educational environment, including preparing students for citizenship in a global society, the sharing of cultural knowledge and wisdom, and promoting collective well-being.*



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