



VWA MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Villa Walsh Academy, a college preparatory Catholic school, is to inspire our young women to expand their intellectual breadth and depth and to enhance their sense of local and global concern, empowering them to influence their world in a Christian manner.

Villa Walsh Academy Stands Solidly on a Foundation of Tradition

Set within the lovely Morristown countryside atop rugged mountain terrain, Villa Walsh Academy provides a picturesque setting to enhance an exceptional academic curriculum. Discovery of truth, beauty, and knowledge, both within and beyond the classroom, marks the students' experiences as they explore the natural beauty of its 120 acres of rolling hills.

The best of old-world charm combined with modern facilities and resources, the magnificent estate on which Villa Walsh Academy is set is home to a 19th century administration building and the residence of the Religious Teachers Filippini, a chapel, a variety of academic buildings, an auditorium, Assembly Hall, and music rooms. Additionally, a state-of-the-art Athletic Center meets the needs of all student athletes. Perhaps the most notable and recognizable aspect of the Villa Walsh campus, is the 100-year old, six-story stone water tower from which water was pumped by steam engine to supply the estate. The campus, situated at the highest point in Morristown, sits proudly on Gillespie Hill and boasts a natural beauty and panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.



ACCREDITATION

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
New Jersey Department of Education
Paterson Catholic Diocese

2023 - 2024 | CEEB. NO. 310850

Principal: *Sr. Elaine Bebyn, M.P.F.*
Director of Curriculum: *Mrs. Maria Manley*
Director of Guidance & Academic Services:
Mrs. Elizabeth Devins



Founded in 1967, Villa Walsh Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory school for girls, Grades 7 through 12, conducted by the Religious Teachers Filipino. With a total enrollment of 200 students, young women attend from throughout the state of New Jersey to take part in a rigorous and supportive education through which they develop their intellectual and moral lives.

Villa Walsh Academy is consistently recognized for its academic achievements at national, state and university levels. National Merit Scholars and scholarship recipients attend top colleges and universities across the country armed with the comprehensive education that the school provides. Historically 100% of graduating students enter four-year colleges and universities.

Fully-equipped science laboratories, computer-equipped classrooms, and resource media centers are connected via a state-of-the-art local area network that maintains cutting-edge technology for optimum learning potential.

CURRICULUM

A Villa Walsh Academy education strives to combine an exceptional school curriculum with the basic expectation of a purposeful existence.

All students experience a well-rounded course of study in theology, math, computer science, humanities, social sciences and fine arts as preparation for college. Enrollment in Honors and AP courses is competitive and contingent on departmental approval. All students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses are required to take the examination in May.

Administrators and faculty regularly engage in professional curriculum development to deliver relevant and innovative material to students. The faculty, which collaborates on a departmental and interdepartmental level, boasts a 6:1 student/teacher ratio.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Theology _____ 4 Years Phys. Ed & Health _____ 4 Years World Language _____ 2 Years
 English _____ 4 Years History _____ 3 Years Financial Literacy _____ 1 Year
 Mathematics _____ 4 Years Lab Science _____ 3 Years Chorus | Art | Dance _____ 1 Year

School Year: Semesters | **Class Periods:** 42 minutes | **Major Subjects:** Minimum 3 Periods Weekly
Lab Sciences: Biology/AP, Chemistry/AP, Physics, Physics I AP + II AP | **Course Credits:** 5 or 6 Credits based on at least 180 minutes per week of classroom instruction with additional research assignments and/or independent study.*Additional electives may be selected from the following areas: Mathematics, History, Science, Computer Science, Arts & Humanities.

GRADING & GPA

Grade point averages, based on all subjects are cumulative from freshman year through senior year. The system used is weighted and based on a 4.0 scale:

GRADING	
Numerical Equivalent	Letter Mark
97-100	A+
93-96	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
65-69	D
64 and below	F

GRADE POINT AVERAGE				
College	Prep	Honors	AP	
A+	4.33	4.66	5.00	
A	4.00	4.33	4.67	
A-	3.67	4.00	4.34	
B+	3.33	3.66	4.00	
B	3.00	3.33	3.67	
B-	2.67	3.00	3.34	
C+	2.33	2.66	3.00	
C	2.00	2.33	2.67	
C-	1.67	2.00	2.34	
D	1.00	1.33	1.67	
F	0.00	0.00	0.00	

MEAN TEST SCORES <small>Class of 2023</small>	
SAT	Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	640
Math	612
Composite Score (1600)	1252
ACT	Mean
English	31.2
Math	25.7
Reading	30.9
Science Reading	27
Composite Score (36)	28.9

Villa Walsh Academy does not rank its students as the concept of rank does not accurately reflect the selective nature of our student body, our well-rounded college preparatory curriculum, or individual achievements. Student rankings can be misleading as an indication of a student's true academic quality and subsequent ability to perform successfully in college.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS 2016 - 2023

National Merit Scholar Finalists: 18 | National Merit Commended Students: 107

ADMISSIONS & SIZE

Very Selective. Approximately 50 enrolled from 140 applicants.

Students: 200 | Faculty: 35

Student-Teacher Ratio: 6:1

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Small Classes
- Individual Guidance Counseling
- Computer Science Courses
- Full Varsity Sports Program
- Emphasis on Fine Arts
- Robotics Team

AP COURSES (for those who qualify)

- 2D Art & Design
- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English 10: AP Seminar
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- European History
- French Language & Culture
- Italian Language & Culture
- Physics I and II
- Psychology
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Statistics
- U.S. History II
- World History

HONORS COURSES (for those who qualify)

- Algebra II
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English (All years)
- French III, IV
- Geometry
- Physics
- Precalculus
- Italian III, IV
- Spanish III, IV
- Statistics
- U.S. History I and II

The number of AP and Honors courses a student can take each year may vary due to scheduling conflicts.



Selected Colleges & Universities Accepting VWA Graduates

100% OF GRADUATES ACCEPTED AT 4-YEAR COLLEGES | 2019 - 2023

American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Bucknell University
Carnegie-Mellon University
Catholic University
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of New Jersey
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Drew University
Drexel University
East Carolina University
Eastman School of Music
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickerson University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Harvard College
High Point University
Indiana University - Bloomington
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University

Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Louisiana State University
Loyola College, IL
Loyola University, MD
Marist College
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Tech.
Miami University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
New England Conservatory
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Perdue University
Princeton University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Ins.
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Mary's College
Santa Clara University
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University
Saint Joseph's University
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Tech.
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Tulane University
Trinity College - Dublin
UC Berkeley
U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
University College - Dublin
University of Alabama

University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of North Carolina
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Scranton
University of Southern CA
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Texas-Austin
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech.
Wake Forest University
West Point Academy-Army
Xavier University
Yale University

The Total Amount of Academic Scholarship & Award Money presented to the Class of 2023:

**This value does not include Financial Aid awards*

\$10,000,000.00