



MSA

MOUNT SAINT AGNES ACADEMY



Welcome to Mount Saint Agnes Academy!



At Mount Saint Agnes Academy, education extends beyond academics to nurturing the whole child. From our Early Years Program through to Grade 12, students are immersed in a world-class learning environment that fosters intellectual growth, character development, and spiritual formation.

A message from the principal

Anna Faria-Machado P'23

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As Principal of Mount Saint Agnes Academy, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our vibrant school community.

MSA is more than just a place of learning; it is a place where students are nurtured, challenged, and inspired to become the best version of themselves. We are proud to offer internationally recognized academic programs and curriculum, grounded in excellence and designed to prepare students for success in a rapidly changing world.

Our approach equips students with the skills and mindset needed to navigate the complexities of an ever-evolving global landscape, while fostering a deep understanding of the importance of serving others with compassion and purpose.

Our students benefit from a rich array of extracurricular activities, from music to athletics and service opportunities, all of which help promote creativity, leadership, and a strong sense of community. These experiences complement our academic offerings

and contribute to the development of well-rounded individuals.

At the heart of MSA is our dedicated and highly qualified staff, who bring passion, care, and professionalism to everything they do. They are committed not only to academic excellence but also to the spiritual and moral development of each student, helping to uphold our Catholic identity and values in everyday life.

Whether your child is just beginning their educational journey or preparing for university and beyond, MSA provides a supportive and enriching environment where they can thrive. We invite you to explore all that our school has to offer, and to become part of a tradition that values faith, learning, and community.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mount Saint Agnes Academy.

School Mission

Our mission is to provide quality education in a caring, Christian environment. Belief in Christ and fidelity to Roman Catholic beliefs form the foundation upon which all academic learning and social interaction take place. To this end, we make a strong commitment to recognize each child as an individual. We help each student develop according to their own potential in order to become a responsible member of the community.



Faith and Values

At Mount Saint Agnes Academy, faith and values are woven into the fabric of daily life. Founded over 135 years ago by the Sisters of Charity, our school continues to be guided by their enduring legacy of compassion, service, and spiritual devotion. Rooted in our Catholic tradition, we help students develop a strong moral compass, a spirit of empathy, and a commitment to serving others. Through prayer, reflection, and community service, students grow in both character and faith. Our students learn to lead with integrity and live with purpose.



...The first thing that I tell people when they ask about MSA is that it teaches you much more than just academics. MSA teaches students faith in God and themselves, it promotes a respect for others and encourages charitable acts and service to your community as a whole.

MSA is the epitome of “it takes a village” as the school community is a family who are always there for each other and will lend a hand when needed, which is what I wanted for my children.”

- Jennifer Lopes '91, Parent of Lindsay Flood '17 and Mila Calko '25

Academic Excellence at MSA with the Canadian Alberta Curriculum

As an Alberta-accredited international school, we are proud to offer a world-class curriculum at Mount Saint Agnes Academy. Rooted in our Catholic values and commitment to holistic education, our academic program is designed to support students in achieving their full potential, preparing them not only for graduation but for successful futures in higher education and beyond.

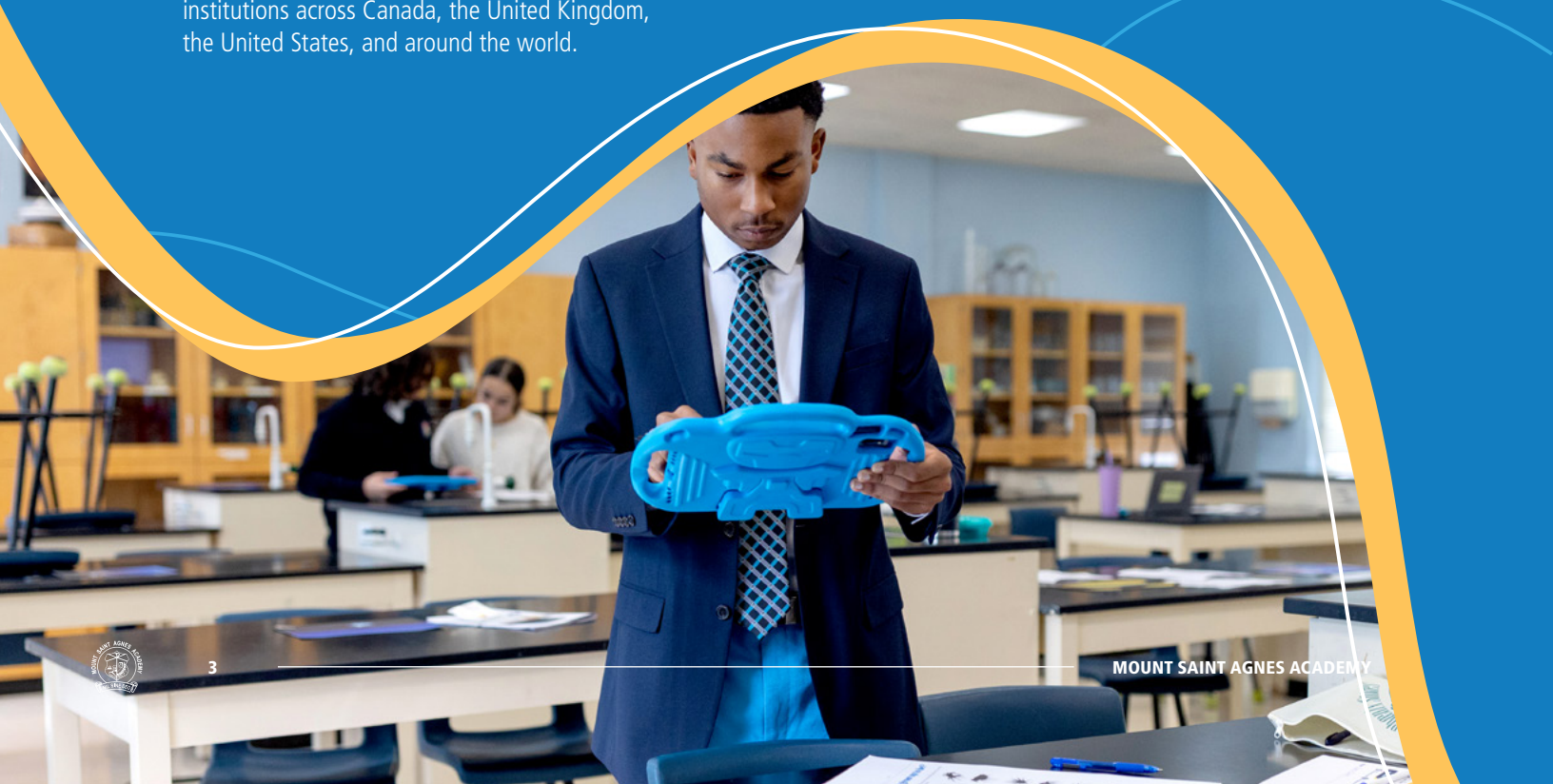
The Alberta curriculum is consistently ranked among the top globally, with outstanding results in international assessments such as PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) and OECD benchmarks. These accolades reflect the curriculum's rigorous standards, innovative teaching practices, and emphasis on critical thinking and lifelong learning. Benefiting from this excellence, MSA students gain the skills and credentials that open doors to prestigious post-secondary institutions across Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, and around the world.

Graduates of MSA earn the Alberta High School Diploma, an internationally respected qualification that signals academic readiness and achievement. Our graduates are thriving in diverse fields, supported by the strong foundation they built here.

Beyond academics, Alberta-accredited schools like MSA foster respectful, safe, and inclusive learning environments. We are more than a school. We are a welcoming family, where every student is known, valued, and encouraged to grow intellectually, spiritually, and socially.



Click the QR code to learn more about the Alberta Curriculum



Global Possibilities Begin with Alberta Education

With a prestigious Alberta High School Diploma, recognized internationally as one of the best in the world, MSA graduates unlock global possibilities for tertiary education and fulfilling careers.

Focused on Growth Grounded in Data

At MSA, we see each student as a capable and unique learner. In small classes of no more than 20 students, our teachers build strong relationships and provide personalized support that challenges and engages students.

Across all subjects, the Alberta curriculum identifies opportunities to develop literacy, numeracy, and competencies to prepare our students for success in their academic, work, and personal lives. The competencies include: critical thinking, problem solving, managing information, creativity and innovation, communication, collaboration, cultural and global citizenship, and personal growth and well-being.

Beyond academic achievement, Alberta-accredited schools provide respectful, safe, and inclusive learning environments. MSA is a warm, welcoming school that embodies this ethos and provides children with the support they need to flourish.

As an Alberta accredited school, MSA is committed to academic excellence. We use proven assessments and data tools to understand how each student learns best, then adapt our instruction to meet their needs. This responsive approach allows us to support a wide range of learning styles and help students thrive across all subject areas.

Our experienced educators work closely with families, using insight and care to guide each student's progress. Whether a student needs enrichment, targeted support, or simply the right kind of challenge, we are ready to meet them where they are — and move forward with them.

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Active Learning: The Reggio Emilia Approach

At MSA, we apply the Reggio Emilia philosophy while guiding learning through the Alberta Curriculum (ELP–Grade 5).

We believe every child is:

- Full of potential.
- Curious and capable.
- Able to learn and grow through relationships and experiences.



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How Children Learn in Our Classrooms

Our Reggio Emilia approach is visible in everyday classroom life.

- Teachers, children, and parents work together as partners in learning.
- Daily experiences include indoor and outdoor activities, small and large group projects, and child-inspired exploration.
- Children express themselves through the “100 Languages” of art, music, movement, building, photography, storytelling, and more.

Why Parents Love This Approach

Children benefit because they:

- Build confidence and creativity.
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving.
- Strengthen social and emotional skills.
- Learn through play, discovery, and hands-on activities.
- Are encouraged to explore the world in meaningful, joyful ways.

Our Focus

At MSA, our Reggio Emilia approach enables us to focus on:

- Whole-child development: academic, social, and emotional growth.
- Respect for each child’s unique abilities and voice.
- Developmentally appropriate materials and learning experiences that inspire curiosity and creativity.



Kagan Cooperative Learning: Engagement at Every Level



MSA uses the Kagan Cooperative Learning teaching methodology to promote maximum student engagement through structured, team-based activities.

Kagan structures apply across all grade levels and subjects. Students work together to build knowledge, achieve shared academic success, and develop essential social skills. Students' active involvement in their learning increases motivation and helps them become effective communicators and collaborators. This approach fosters a positive classroom environment, improves academic performance, and builds a supportive learning community where every student feels included and empowered.

Kagan



Mount Saint Agnes Academy is committed to Kagan Cooperative Learning. This methodology of teaching ensures maximum student engagement and promotes cooperation and communication in the classroom. By implementing Kagan structures, teachers foster collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills among students. Through cooperative learning, students learn to work together, respect diverse perspectives and contribute to each other's success. In addition to developing social skills, Kagan Cooperative Learning enhances academic achievement by providing students with opportunities to verbalize their learning and share their thoughts with their peers. This approach fosters a positive classroom environment where students feel valued and connected. "



- MSA Kagan Trainer, Lexi Rego '02, P'33, '36

Early Learning Program

Our Early Learning Program (ELP) is designed to spark curiosity and nurture a lifelong love of learning. Rooted in a child-led, play-based approach inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy, our vibrant classrooms encourage children to explore their interests, ask questions, and express themselves in meaningful ways.

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten program lays a strong foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing children's natural curiosity through purposeful play and structured activities.

Elementary

In Elementary, students continue to grow as lifelong learners engaged in our school community. The updated curriculum focuses on building strong foundations in literacy and numeracy while fostering critical thinking, creativity, and citizenship.

Teachers act as co-learners and guides, fostering creativity, confidence, and a strong sense of self through hands-on experiences and open-ended conversations.

As children prepare for kindergarten, we focus on building essential skills across the five key areas of the Early Years Evaluation (EYE): self-awareness, cognitive development, language and communication, physical growth, and social-emotional learning. Daily activities include literacy and numeracy through play, storytelling, and research-based experiences, complemented by classes in Art, Music, Spanish, French, and Wellness. Our goal is to ensure every child feels seen, supported, and ready to thrive in kindergarten and beyond.

It supports the development of essential skills in literacy, numeracy, social interaction, and physical well-being, while recognizing each child's unique background and learning style. Through engaging experiences, children build confidence, explore their environment, and prepare for a successful transition into elementary school as they grow into more independent learners. Regular classes take place in subjects such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Religion, as well as Physical Education and Wellness. Students also have exposure to complementary subjects weekly in Art, Music, Spanish, and French.

It emphasizes hands-on learning, real-world connections, and the development of essential life skills such as collaboration, resilience, and personal wellness. Students explore subjects through engaging, age-appropriate experiences that support their growth as confident, curious learners prepared for future success. Regular classes continue in subjects such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Religion, as well as Physical Education and Wellness. Students continue to study complementary subjects weekly in Art, Music, Spanish, and French.



Click the QR code to learn more about Elementary



Middle School

Middle school is a transformative time. At MSA, we guide students through these pivotal years with care and intention. We bridge the gap from elementary to high school while encouraging students to stretch academically, socially, and emotionally in a safe, supportive environment.



Subject-specialist teaching begins in middle school. Students rotate through classes like Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies, Religion, Physical Education, and Health. Each subject is led by dedicated educators. Grade 6 students have the option to study either French or Spanish for the remainder of Middle School and High School. They also explore such complementary courses as Art, Music, and Computers.

With homerooms as their anchor, students build a sense of belonging. Our teaching team fosters community and confidence, preparing them for the academic and social journey ahead.



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High School

At MSA, high school is more than academics; it's preparation for life.



From Grade 9, students build a personalized Four-Year Education Plan with support from parents and our career practitioner. The plan helps students to align their courses with their passions and goals.

Our students follow the rigorous Alberta Curriculum, developing critical thinking, curiosity, and resilience. They complete diploma exams in core subjects, held to high standards regardless of their post-graduation path.

MSA graduates leave ready to lead, question thoughtfully, and make a meaningful difference in a rapidly changing world.



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Complementary Subjects

At MSA, our focus on the “whole student” implores us to teach skills that our students can apply to their lives outside of school. Our complementary subjects stimulate creativity and improve these skills, which in turn enhance the educational processes established in core subjects.

Music

Research has shown that music education has far-reaching benefits to help students in multiple ways, including language development and spatial temporal intelligence.

In elementary, students explore the fundamentals of music:

- Describing sounds around them
- Echoing rhythms
- Expressing their feelings through action songs
- Singing games
- Rhythm instruments

As students progress through school, they learn how to play a musical instrument, or partake in choral music.

Performing and Visual Arts

MSA’s arts program provides enjoyable, creative pathways for students to express their feelings and ideas. Through our performing arts classes, students develop confidence in public speaking, creative problem solving, acting, and vocal skills.

Physical Education

A vital component of our mission is to foster a love for physical activity. Our students learn to understand the benefits of a healthy lifestyle that they can maintain for life.

MSA offers students a wide variety of opportunities to develop their physical skills, across three sports surfaces, to support movement and coordination. Students are introduced to a range of activities to inspire lifelong fitness, while students also compete in BSSF interschool events, including: Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Cross Country



Our visual arts classes introduce students to a variety of mediums and techniques used for expression, communication and representation. Students learn how to produce works of art that express their own individual identity, while simultaneously learning how to evaluate and critique the work of other artists.



Life Outside Academics



Much of the learning that shapes our children occurs outside of the classroom. To encourage well-rounded educational and social development, MSA offers many extracurricular programs and activities. Students learn new skills, enhance existing passions, practice sports, form friendships, and earn internationally recognized certifications.

Our extracurricular activities include:

- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Middle and high school student councils
- Performing arts – choir
- Rotary Interact
- Chess club
- Art club
- Basketball
- Netball
- Football
- Running club
- Jump rope

National Honor Society



The National Honor Society (NHS) honors high school students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership offers students the chance to grow as leaders while making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer work, service projects, and school involvement. NHS fosters civic responsibility, teamwork, and compassion, and can open doors to scholarships and college opportunities.

At Mount Saint Agnes, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA (85%) and complete 40 hours of community service annually to be eligible for the Elizabeth Seton Chapter. Members are selected by a Faculty Council and must uphold the Six Pillars of Character: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship.

During the 2024/2025 school year, MSA NHS members completed 510 hours of service across Bermuda, supporting organizations such as the Salvation Army, Bermuda Red Cross, and Meals on Wheels, while also leading initiatives like the Convex End-to-End and Railway Trail cleanup.





Why Choose Mount Saint Agnes Academy?



- Faith-Based Education rooted in Catholic values, nurturing character, compassion, and community.
- World-Class Curriculum aligned with Alberta Education standards, preparing students for global success.
- Whole-Child Approach that supports academic, emotional, social, and spiritual development.
- Rich Co-Curricular Programs including Art, Music, Spanish, French, and Wellness from early years onward.
- Safe & Supportive Environment where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to thrive.
- Dedicated Faculty & Staff who serve as mentors, guides, and co-learners in each student's journey.
- Strong Academic Outcomes with graduates accepted into top universities worldwide.
- Close-Knit Community that fosters lifelong friendships and meaningful family involvement.
- Vibrant Student Life with events, performances, and service opportunities that build confidence and leadership.
- Over 135 Years of Excellence in education, reflecting a legacy of trust, tradition, and enduring commitment to student success.

Choosing MSA means choosing a future where your child is inspired to grow, lead, and make a difference.







We'd Love to Meet You!

To book a tour or meeting:

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We hope this brief overview has given you an idea of what MSA has to offer. If you have any further questions or are interested in learning more about our admissions process, please visit:

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