

>Welcome

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A LEARNING COMMUNITY  
FOR GIRLS IN THE  
IHM TRADITION

VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

*where she can become her very best*



## *Welcome to Villa Maria Academy*

It is no secret that giving your child an excellent education is an important goal for you and your family. However, there is so much more Villa Maria Academy can give your precious daughter...like the confidence of a leader, the security of solid self-esteem and the mastery of her God-given gifts.

Villa Maria Academy is where she will find all this and more...on her way to becoming her very best self.

This highly-respected institution incorporates over 135 years of extraordinary contributions to the education of young women. The richness of its historical heritage exemplifies the clear vision that has led to the present formative, spiritual and academic experience.

### *Philosophy*

Villa Maria Academy is a private, Kindergarten through Grade Eight Catholic girls' school committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Possessing a vibrant apostolic commitment, Villa Maria Academy provides an environment where school administration, teachers, staff, and parents serve as role models committed to building a community of faith. The school's primary goal is to prepare girls to become Christian women assuming leadership and service roles within the family, the local and global community, and the universal Church.

While integrating spirituality with academics, Villa Maria Academy seeks to provide a love for life-long learning, the development of critical thinking skills, the nurturing of creativity, aesthetic appreciation, and reverence for the person as a unique creation of God.

*More Than an  
Excellent Education*

*A Remarkable  
History*

*Real Community*

*Developing True  
21st Century Skills*

Academic excellence is promoted through the teaching of basic skills complemented with exposure to creative processes, problem solving, and technological proficiency.

As they recognize and maximize their capabilities, students are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Christ, a positive attitude, and a global perspective. Diverse extra-curricular activities and numerous social opportunities contribute to a faith-filled environment where students are encouraged to reach their fullest potential.

Villa Maria Academy promotes an atmosphere that fosters respect and sensitivity for one another. This is embodied in the school pledge:

*I believe that Jesus is present in each of my classmates and in all my teachers; and therefore, all my actions will show my respect for Jesus.*

Within this Christ-centered framework, reflective practices enhance the totality of school processes that impact personal development and intellectual growth. The Villa Maria Academy community works cooperatively and collaboratively to develop the religious and educational character of its members by witnessing Catholic values, instilling an enthusiasm for learning and promoting academic excellence.

Under the direction of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the school administration and faculty ensure that the mandates of the Church, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are properly implemented in the school curriculum, policies, and procedures.

*“When I hear my  
daughter recite the  
school pledge with  
reverence and  
sincerity, I am  
convinced this  
is the best place  
on earth  
for her!”*

## *Academic Program*

Villa Maria Academy is approved by the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, holds membership in the National Catholic Educational Association, and is accredited by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

*Villa Maria Academy also has the distinction of having received the United States Department of Education Award for Academic Excellence.*

Here, our nearly 380 students receive expert instruction and gentle guidance from a faculty of 30 outstanding teaching professionals—in addition to numerous administrators, visiting professionals, and teaching assistants.

Realizing the need to prepare our young women for purposeful participation in the 21st century, the Academy places strong emphasis on the following Core Subjects:

*Religion, Integrated Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Information Technology*

Each and every Academy student also benefits from Added Value instruction in:

*Spanish, Wellness, Library and weekly classes in the fine arts—including music, classical ballet, modern dance and art*

*Award-Winning  
Academics*

*Core Subjects*

*Added Value*

## *Enrichment*

Additional enrichment includes:

- *Instrumental instruction—Brass & Woodwinds, Percussion, Piano & Keyboard, Guitar & Strings*
- *Choral Groups*
- *Handbell Choirs*
- *Tech Support Group*
- *Library-sponsored Video Production Group*
- *Forensics Team*
- *Academic Competitions, in such areas as Science, Spelling, Mathematics, and General Knowledge*
- *Intentional Leadership Program*
- *Opportunities for service & outreach*

## *Kindergarten*

*“From the very start, my daughter couldn’t wait to see her friends and teachers at school. Thanks so much for a great year!”*

Kindergarten at Villa Maria Academy embraces the intended goal of inviting children to learn with eagerness. The classroom environment is designed to foster a love for learning and challenge the student in a positive and dynamic atmosphere. The basic processes of inquiry expose the young mind to religion, math, reading, communications, and science, as well as a broad spectrum of enrichment activities.

We currently have one full-day Kindergarten class with approximately fifteen students. The class is directed by a teacher and a teacher aide.

## *Athletics*

Through the guidance of a dedicated coaching staff, winning records and good sportsmanship abound.

Villa Maria Academy fields one or more teams in the following sports:

- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Softball
- Track
- Lacrosse

Villa Maria Academy provides opportunities for athletic managers, as well. Baton twirling and swimming instruction (in our on-site swimming pool) are available for an additional fee.

## *Transportation*

Free-of-charge bus transportation is provided to Villa Maria Academy students who live within the limits of the following Delaware, Montgomery or Chester County school districts:

*Coatesville • Downingtown • Garnet Valley  
Great Valley • Marple Newtown • Phoenixville  
Owen J. Roberts • Radnor • Rose Tree-Media  
Spring-Ford • Tredyffrin-Easttown*

*Unionville-Chadds Ford • Upper Merion • West Chester*

A bus is available for transporting students between St. Aloysius Academy for Boys in Bryn Mawr and Villa Maria Academy. Arrangements are made through St. Aloysius.

Individual district transportation policy may differ for kindergarten students.

*"I am really impressed that, for a school with a strong reputation in athletics, there seems to be a place for girls of all skill levels to compete and enjoy."*

*Busing Provided*

*Private Bus*

*Kindergarten Transportation*

*The Preliminary  
Application*

*Admissions Procedure*

Parents interested in having their child considered for admission to Villa Maria Academy should request a Preliminary Application from the school's Admissions Office. The completion and return of this form will place the student's name on the list of applicants for the appropriate grade. Once this form is on file, the Admissions Director will confirm receipt of this preliminary application, and parents will be invited to a "Visit to Villa" day. Next, a follow-up communication will inform parents of the subsequent steps of the process. Arrangements can be made for potential students to spend time in the classroom to gain a firsthand perspective of the Villa experience. We will ask that a copy of the student's academic records be forwarded to the Villa Maria Academy Admissions Office. The Admissions Committee, comprised of faculty and administrators, will then review each application and make an admission decision. A record of satisfactory academic achievement, good effort and personal integrity is important. Priority for acceptance is given to Villa Maria Academy siblings and members of the Catholic faith. The Academy does not discriminate in the enrollment of students on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

*Registration*

Once the applicant has been approved for admission, a letter is sent to notify the parents and student of acceptance. Registration materials are provided at this time. Within two weeks of acceptance, a tuition deposit is requested to complete the registration process. A *Transition Day* is offered at the end of August to welcome new students and serve as an orientation program.

To be eligible for entrance into Kindergarten, a student must be five years of age by September 1. Parents are required to submit a *Pre-Admission Application* and attend a *Visit to Villa* day. Registration takes place in December or as soon as the two aforementioned requirements have been satisfied. In the spring, a kindergarten orientation is held for parents and students to provide a more complete understanding of the program. A kindergarten screening is conducted to assess each student's readiness level and to direct curriculum and instruction. Parents are informed of the screening results so that we may work together to ensure the complete development of each student. Villa Maria Academy reserves the right to decline admission or set conditions of enrollment.

*Kindergarten Applicants*

Children must be six by September 1st and have completed one full year of Kindergarten in Villa Maria Academy or another kindergarten with recommendations.

*First Grade*

Students are accepted to Villa Maria Academy as follows:

1. Siblings of students presently in Villa Maria Academy Lower School.
2. Children who are members of the Catholic Faith
3. Children who are Non-Catholic

Non-Catholic students are welcomed and required to participate in all religious-based classes, activities and functions, including daily prayer.

*Kindergarten to Eighth Grade*

## *Tuition & Fees for 2010-2011*

*“Villa Maria*

*Academy*

*truly is*

*a priceless*

*experience”*

### *Tuition K - 8*

1st Student	\$8590.00
2nd Student	\$8390.00
3rd Student	\$7990.00
4th Student	\$2200.00

### *Technology Fee*

Per Child	\$150.00
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### *Parent Guild Fee*

Per Family	\$125.00
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*Payment  
Arrangements*

Tuition may be paid directly to school, in full, by August, or it may be billed through a tuition management company during the school year.

*Visit Our Website*

*For more information, please visit:*

**WWW.VILLAMARIA.ORG**

*RSVP Today*

### *Visit to Villa*

Open House Days

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 9:30 am

Sunday, October 24, 2010 2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 9:30 am

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 9:30 am

*Thank you for your interest*

*in Villa Maria Academy!*



# VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

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# Pre-Admission Application

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting Admission for Grade \_\_\_\_\_ in September, \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Present School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

<i>Sacrament</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>City, State</i>
Baptism			
Penance			
Eucharist			
Confirmation			

What attracted you to Villa Maria Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your expectations of Villa Maria Academy for your daughter? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please include copies of Birth and Baptismal Certificates.*

*Please enclose a \$35.00 non-refundable fee per child.*

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Gr./Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ck. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Status \_\_\_\_\_