



H I L L - M U R R A Y



A D M I S S I O N S G U I D E

Known. Loved. Respected.

MISSION

HILL-MURRAY IS A CATHOLIC BENEDICTINE LEARNING COMMUNITY THAT COMMITS TO ACADEMIC DISTINCTION, FOSTERS THE GROWTH AND CELEBRATES THE TALENTS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, AND PREPARES ALL STUDENTS TO BE ETHICAL SERVANT LEADERS FOR OUR WORLD.



Challenge

Making the right educational choice for your child is a big decision and we know how stressful it can be. At Hill-Murray, a quality, personalized education is within reach.

We strive to provide an innovative academic experience that promotes creative thinking and encourages students to use their talents to the best of their ability. Our goal is to know each student so we can place them in courses that complement their strengths and learning styles.

At Hill-Murray, your student won't be just a number. They will be known. Our small class sizes means your student will get the time, attention and support they deserve. We want every student in our building to succeed, so grades are pulled every two weeks for each student and those who are struggling will be given the extra support they need. We want every student to be challenged, but we ensure success through offering individualized support to everyone.



COLLEGE READY

We offer a wide variety of courses including College In The Schools (CIS), AP and Honors classes. CIS and AP courses allow students to earn college credit while in high school. The Hill-Murray class of 2017 earned 1,244 college credits by taking CIS classes during their time here. Depending on their course load, your high school student could earn enough college credit to pay for their first semester of college or more.



790
TOTAL ENROLLMENT GRADES 6-12

14:1
STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
25

1:1
LAPTOP PROGRAM



42
TOTAL HONORS, CIS & AP COURSES

26
AVERAGE ACT SCORE

Innovative

At Hill-Murray, we take an innovative approach to learning by providing hands-on, real world experiences to our students. Our students design mobile applications, participate in internship programs and build 3-D printers.

If you've ever dreamed of working in the I.T. industry or the marketing field, then you should check out Hill-Murray's Academic Pathway programs. Completing these pathways will help set students apart from their peers in both college and the workforce at large.



FLEXIBLE LEARNING

To aid in classroom learning, every student in grades 6-12 receives a computer to be used during their time at Hill-Murray as part of our 1:1 Laptop Program. We use Virtual Reality as part of our curriculum to support lesson plans and we provide flexible learning spaces where students can gather to work on group projects, take a test or work on assignments.

INTRODUCING ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

ENTREPRENEURIAL ACADEMY CERTIFICATION

Hill-Murray offers a comprehensive Entrepreneurial Academy, giving students the opportunity to gain experience with career exploration, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, accounting and international business.

This pathway offers courses that will introduce students to advanced business topics and develop their interpersonal and problem solving skills by working in collaborative teams.

1 OUT OF 18
PEOPLE OWN THEIR OWN BUSINESS

TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY CERTIFICATION

Hill-Murray offers two comprehensive Technology Academies, which give students the opportunity to gain experience with STEM curriculum, computational thinking, 3D printing and design, web development and coding.

Both the Technology Certification and the Coding Certification, offer courses that will introduce students to advanced technology topics, and develop their technical skills with industry-standard software.

SINCE 2003, EMPLOYMENT IN THE I.T. INDUSTRY HAS GROWN BY 37%



Involvement

The best school experience is a combination of many things – challenging academics, athletic competition, participation in clubs and activities, service opportunities and a sense of belonging. We want your day-to-day experience to be fun, challenging and rewarding, so we offer our students 36 different clubs and activities so everyone has the opportunity to get involved and explore new things.

Try out for a play or join the flute choir. Join the tennis team or try lending an ear as a Peer Listener. At Hill-Murray, you will be encouraged and inspired. You will be respected for your achievements, for your effort or for just taking a chance and trying something new.



2016-17 COCURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Hill-Murray **Aquaponics Club** began in 2017 with a big splash as more than 40 students became permanent members.
- The Hill-Murray **Robotics Club**, called the PioNerds, finished the 2017-18 season ranked one of the top 200 teams out of 7,000 in the world.
- The **DECA** Chapter had five members represent Hill-Murray at the International Competition in 2017.
- February 2017 marked the sixth year that students from Hill-Murray have competed in the **American Scholastic Challenge**.



“At Hill-Murray there are endless opportunities to get involved and find what you love. I joined the Aquaponics team for fun and it sparked my passion for sustainability!”

Haley, class of 2017



At Hill-Murray, professional actors, musicians and artists share their knowledge and inspire our students. Our visual arts, theatre, vocal music and instrumental ensembles are great ways to discover and refine your talents and make life-long friendships.

The Hill-Murray Theatre program has won numerous awards for its dramatic and musical productions and is lead by a professional actor, choreographer and director. Our group of talented student actors perform six productions each year to sell-out crowds.

Our talented and dedicated choir and band directors have led students to claim some of the highest individual and ensemble awards. When other schools are cutting their band programs, we are adding to ours. Last year, we added flute choir and a strings ensemble – bringing our offering to ten instrumental ensembles.

Hill-Murray offers a wide variety of courses in the visual arts as well. We provide hands-on experiences including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography and graphic design courses. Students have the opportunity to gain local exposure by exhibiting their work in local art galleries and in our annual All-School Art Show.



5 CHOIRS

- CONCERT CHOIR
- CHORAL MUSIC
- HONORS CHORAL MUSIC
- MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR
- PIONEER PERFORMERS

6

ANNUAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

STUDIO ART COURSES

13

10 INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

- FLUTE CHOIR
- ORCHESTRA
- SYMPHONIC BAND
- MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND
- CONCERT BAND
- JAZZ BAND
- MARCHING BAND
- PEP BAND
- HONORS SYMPHONIC BAND
- STRINGS ENSEMBLE

Competitive

At Hill-Murray, 96% of our students are involved in cocurricular activities. Wearing the green and black signifies a long tradition of strong competition, successful teams and quality athletes.

Hill-Murray athletes are committed, dedicated and focused. These values are the foundation of our athletic program. With this strong foundation, our teams come together, work hard and are successful. Our 260 conferences, section and state tournament titles are proof of that success.

We hold our athletes to the highest standards and they know how to win with grace and lose with dignity. Our athletic program builds character, nurtures leadership and prepares students to make significant contributions to our world.



2016-17 ATHLETIC SUCCESS

- **Girls Hockey** alumni, Hannah and Marissa Brandt, will be playing hockey in the 2018 Olympics for the U.S. and South Korea respectively.
- Hill-Murray **Boys Hockey** alum, Jake Guentzel, was a major contributor to the Pittsburgh Penguin's Stanley Cup win in 2017.
- The **Girls Lacrosse** team was crowned Conference Champions in 2017.
- **Boys Hockey** claimed the Conference Championship, Section Championship and made it to the State Tournament.
- The **Girls Soccer** team won the Section Championship and participated in the State Tournament.
- The **Girls Hockey** team captured the Conference Championship, the Section Championship and took 4th place in the State Tournament.



ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

conference

section

state

167

82

11



ATHLETIC TITLES



260

Faith & Service

Hill-Murray is a Catholic Benedictine learning community that welcomes students from all cultures and faiths. We are rooted in the Benedictine values of service, spirituality, hospitality, self-awareness, conversation, stewardship and prayer.

At Hill-Murray, serving others is an important part of who we are. We help the homeless, care for the elderly, and provide resources to the poor and vulnerable. And because we are stewards of God's earth, we also take part in programs that protect and preserve the environment.

Students of all faiths are invited to explore, develop and deepen their relationship with God through curriculum, service experiences, Masses and retreats. Our Campus Ministry team, along with students from our Peer Minister Program, are always ready to guide and support our students.



MISSION TRIPS

Every year, Hill-Murray students take part in a mission trip to White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota. During this seven-day mission, students work around the Reservation by painting, cleaning, landscaping, repairing buildings and constructing terrace gardens. This mission trip is an opportunity for students to learn about the Native American culture and make a difference in the world.



Supportive

The Hill-Murray teaching staff use differentiated instruction and employ a range of innovative best practices to personalize the learning experience for each student. This team approach is based on a strong support system to help students develop independent learning, literacy and self-advocacy skills.

We want every Hill-Murray student to succeed, so twice a month, we pull grades for every student and those who are struggling will be given extra help. We want every student to be challenged, but we ensure success through offering individualized support to everyone.

Your student will be known at Hill-Murray, so they won't fall through the cracks. From the day your student arrives at Hill-Murray, we assign three adults in the building to support them until the day they graduate – a guidance counselor, an advisory teacher and a mentor. This group of staff members will support, challenge, encourage, listen to and care for your child.



A NEW KIND OF SUCCESS

The Nicholas Center provides programs and services to help students succeed in Hill-Murray's academically challenging environment. We focus on helping students work to their strengths and develop the personal learning strategies and capabilities they need to thrive. The Nicholas Center support services include counseling, college counseling, peer listeners and tutors, strategic study and reading labs and more.



Inquire

We invite you to join us for an open house, personal tour or shadow day. Please contact us if you have any questions or to schedule your visit!

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Activity Fees

Students participating in athletics and most other cocurricular activities are required to pay a participation fee based on the sport or activity.

Technology Fee

As part of our HMConnected program, High School students are charged \$125 per semester and Middle School students are charged \$50 per year.

Enrollment Fee

A \$500 fee is due at the time of enrollment.



HILL-MURRAY GRADUATES ATTEND SOME OF THE **TOP COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY**

ASU	THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
BOSTON COLLEGE	PennState
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY	PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Creighton UNIVERSITY	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	Rensselaer
Drake UNIVERSITY	COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT
HAMLINE UNIVERSITY	ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
LUTHER COLLEGE	STERN'S UNIVERSITY
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	ST-OLAF COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	TCU
UNLV	UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
UND NORTH DAKOTA	WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION
Northwestern University	U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME	YALE

HILL-MURRAY CLASS OF 2017

\$18.2 MILLION
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO THE CLASS OF 2017

1244
TOTAL COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED FROM CIS CLASSES IN 2017

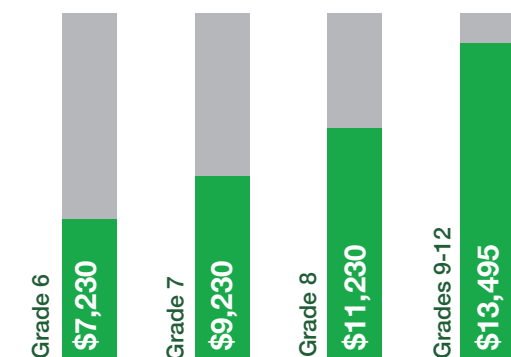
100%
2017 GRADUATES ARE ATTENDING A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

H-M STAFF WITH ADVANCED DEGREES



\$1 IN 3
H-M FAMILIES RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2017-18 TUITI ON



\$1.34 MILLION

AWARDED IN TUITION ASSISTANCE & SCHOLARSHIPS TO H-M STUDENTS LAST YEAR