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HISTORY OF AMHS

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School opened in 1988 as Holy Cross High School in Everett, Washington. The school was founded as an independent Catholic high school through the vision and energy of a small group of parents committed to providing their children with a college preparatory Catholic education within the Everett community.

In 1999, the school moved to its current campus in the South Everett/Mill Creek area. At that time, the school's name was changed to Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School in honor of the late Archbishop Murphy, a strong supporter of the school in its early years. For 30 years, AMHS has served families in the North Puget Sound area as an approved Catholic school under the auspices of the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle. AMHS is known for its faith-filled, rigorous college prep curriculum and supportive community atmosphere.

ACCREDITATION/MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC)
- Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS)
- Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA)
- Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)

MISSION STATEMENT

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school that welcomes students of all faiths. True to the spirit of the Gospel, Archbishop Murphy nurtures the full development of the gifts that God has given to each student, fosters service as an outgrowth of faith, and values diversity. Working with parents as partners in this educational ministry, we strive for academic excellence, spiritual enrichment, and Christlike leadership for the transformation of the world.

STUDENT BODY

- In the provision of all student programs and services, AMHS provides equal access to admissions.
- For the 2022-23 school year, there are 434 students in grades 9 through 12.
- Approximately 56% of the student body is Catholic.
- Of the student body, 24% receive tuition assistance.
- The average class size is 16.9 students (Range = 3 to 26).
- In 2023, 100% of the senior class graduated.
- 97% of the 2023 Graduates are pursuing post-secondary education.

FACULTY

At AMHS, we are proud of our faculty and their dedication to providing the best possible education to our students.

- There are 41 teaching faculty members; 88% have an advanced degree in their area of instruction; three have doctorates.
- The faculty/student ratio is 1:10.6.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The school operates on an eight-period block schedule, with a two-day rotation. It includes an optional zero-period and a non-credit Community Period. Students must earn 28 credits to graduate.

Subjects	Requirements	Recommended
English	4 years	4 years
Mathematics	3 years	4 years
Science	3 years	3-4 years
World Languages	2 years	3-4 years
Social Studies	3 years	3 years
Theology	4 years	4 years
Fine/Visual/Performing Arts	2 years	2 years
Health/PE	1.5 years	1.5 years
Vocational/Technology	.5 year	.5 year

CLASS OF 2023 HIGHLIGHTS (125 GRADUATES)

- The average cumulative grade point for all four years was 3.51.
- 78% of the class graduated with Academic Honors (cumulative GPA higher than 3.2).
- 63% were members of the National Honor Society.
- 29 seniors received the Washington State Honors Award.
- Members of the class took a total of 158 Advanced Placement exams.
- 29 seniors were named as AP Scholars (5 with Honor, 13 with Distinction).
- The class achieved an average SAT score of 1196.
- The class had a 100% graduation rate and 97% of the class is pursuing post-secondary education (90% to four-year institutions, 7% to two-year institutions, and 3% to other).
- Members of the class were offered college merit scholarships and awards totaling over \$24.5 million (on average, \$196,000 offered per student).

GRADING SYSTEM

It is important to note that Archbishop Murphy High School does not provide exact class rank. The AMHS grading scale is a means to communicate a student's level of individual accomplishment and should not be interpreted as a measure of intelligence or ability. In determining Grade Point Average, the following equivalents are:

GRADING SCALE:

93-100	A = 4.0	73-76	C = 2.2
90-92	A- = 3.8	70-72	C- = 1.9
87-89	B+ = 3.6	67-68	D+ = 1.5
83-86	B = 3.2	63-66	D = 1.0
80-82	B- = 2.8	60-62	D- = 0.8
77-79	C+ = 2.5	> 60	F = 0

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- AMHS requires all students to participate in direct service to people in need by serving at approved sites, compiling their experiences in journals, and completing a major project in their senior year. Service hours required for graduation are:
 - All students must complete 25 hours of service each year.
- In the 2022-23 school year, AMHS students provided a total of 10,918 hours of service.

SCHOOL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Throughout the entire 2022-23 academic year, AMHS continued using an unmodified A-F grading scale.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & COURSES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology	Government & Politics: U.S.
Calculus AB	Literature & Composition
Calculus BC	Macroeconomics
Chemistry	Modern World History
Computer Science A	Statistics
Computer Science Principles	United States History
French Language & Culture	

Since 2003, our students have taken 4,530 exams and 76.5% of these exams have received a score of "3" or higher, generating college credit. In 2023, 158 students took 292 exams with an average score of 3.2. 46 students earned the designation of AP Scholar, 19 of these with Distinction and 9 with Honor.

MATTEO RICCI PROGRAM

The Matteo Ricci Program is an integrated study of Literature, Civics, Political Theory, Economics, Sociology, Philosophy and Theology credit is awarded from the Matteo Ricci College of Seattle University as follows:

- English 12H = 5 credits in Humanities 150
- Social Science 12H = 5 credits in Core Interdis. Soc. Sci. 120

HEALTH STUDIES PROGRAM

The Health Studies Program fosters student interest in both health and health services by enhancing student understanding of the healthcare field. Through a specialized curriculum, as well as experiential learning, it aims to cultivate respect for life and compassion for those in need.

BUSINESS PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Committed to cultivating insight, the program enhances student understanding of business administration, marketing, finance, hospitality, and entrepreneurship through a specialized curriculum and experiential learning.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The Academic Resource Center envisions that students who desire a Catholic education can access one and those students who have been diagnosed with a learning difference may be eligible to receive AMHS approved accommodations. Students receive structured assistance within a rigorous academic setting.

COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

- AMHS Climate Change = 5 Univ. of WA credits in Atmos. Sciences
- AMHS French III = 5 Univ. of WA credits in French 103
- AMHS Pre-Calculus Honors = 10 Everett CC credits in Math 141 & 142
- AMHS Spanish III = 5 Univ. of WA credits in Spanish 103

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE & MATRICULATION

Three full time counselors provide academic, personal and college counseling to our students. Listed below are four-year colleges and universities to which our alumni have been accepted and/or have matriculated since 2012.

American University (DC)	St. John's University (NY)
Amherst College (MA)	Saint Louis University (MO)
Ball State University	Saint Martin's University (WA)
Baylor University (TX)	Saint Mary's College of California (CA)
Bellarimine University	San Diego State University (CA)
Belmont Abbey College (NC)	Santa Clara University (CA)
Benedictine University (KS)	Seattle Pacific University (WA)
Boise State University (ID)	Seattle University (WA)
Boston University (MA)	Seton Hall University (NJ)
Boston College (MA)	Stanford University (CA)
Brown University (RI)	Syracuse University (NY)
Bucknell University	Texas A & M University (TX)
Butler University	Texas Christian University (TX)
California Lutheran University (CA)	Texas Tech University (TX)
California Polytechnic State University (CA)	The College of Wooster
California Maritime University (CA)	Tulane University
California State University: East Bay (CA)	United States Air Force Academy (CO)
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	United States Military Academy (NY)
Carroll College (MT)	United States Naval Academy (MD)
Case Western Reserve	University of Alabama (AL)
Catholic University of America	University of Arizona (AZ)
Chapman University (CA)	University of Colorado Boulder (CO)
Claremont McKenna College (CA)	University of British Columbia (BC)
Clemson University (SC)	University of California: Berkeley (CA)
Colgate University (NY)	Univ. of California at Los Angeles (CA)
College of William & Mary (VA)	University of California: Irvine (CA)
Colorado School of the Mines (CO)	University of California: San Diego (CA)
Colorado State University (CO)	University of Durham (UK)
Columbia University (NY)	University of Denver (CO)
Cornell University (NY)	University of Idaho (ID)
Creighton University (NE)	University of Mary Washington
Dartmouth College (NH)	University of Michigan (MI)
DePaul University (IL)	University of Minn. Twin Cities (MN)
Drexel University (PA)	University of North Dakota (ND)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (AZ)	University of Notre Dame (IN)
Eastern Washington University (WA)	University of Oregon (OR)
George Washington University (DC)	University of Pennsylvania (PA)
Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)	University of Portland (OR)
Georgetown University	University of Puget Sound (WA)
Gonzaga University (WA)	University of Redlands (CA)
Grand Canyon University (AZ)	University of Saint Thomas (MN)
Harding University (AR)	University of San Diego (CA)
Harvard College (MA)	University of San Francisco (CA)
Kansas State University (KS)	University of Southern California (CA)
Linfield College (OR)	University of the Pacific (CA)
Loyola Marymount University (CA)	University of Texas: Austin (TX)
Loyola University Chicago (IL)	University of Utah (UT)
Marshall University (WV)	University of Victoria (BC)
Marquette University	University of Washington (WA)
Marymount University	University of Washington Bothell (WA)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Vanderbilt University
Michigan State University (MI)	Virginia Tech (VA)
Mills College (CA)	Washington State University (WA)
Mount St. Mary's University	Western Washington University (WA)
New York University (NY)	Westminster College
Northeastern University	Whitman College (WA)
Occidental College (CA)	William & Mary
Ohio State University (OH)	
Oregon State University (OR)	
Pacific Lutheran University (WA)	
Pacific University (OR)	
Pepperdine University (CA)	
Regis University (CO)	
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)	
Rhodes College (TN)	
Rose Hulman Institute	
Rutgers University (NJ)	

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