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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 35 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 2025-26 school year, there are 455 students in grades 9 through 12.
- Approximately 60% of the student body is Catholic.
- Of the student body, approximately 39% receive tuition assistance.
- The average class size is 16.8 students (Range = 3 to 25).
- In 2025, 100% of the senior class graduated.
- 94% of the 2025 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 39 teaching faculty members; 85% have an advanced degree in their area of instruction; 5% have doctorates.
- The faculty/student ratio is 1:11.

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
Career/Technology	.5 year	.5 year

CLASS OF 2025 HIGHLIGHTS (108 GRADUATES)

- The average cumulative grade point for all four years was 3.52.
- 77% of the class graduated with Academic Honors (cumulative GPA higher than 3.2).
- 71% were members of the National Honor Society.
- 28 seniors received the Washington State Honors Award.
- Members of the class took a total of 135 Advanced Placement exams.
- 34 seniors were named as AP Scholars (8 with Honor, 12 with Distinction).
- The class achieved an average SAT score of 1199.
- The class had a 100% graduation rate and 90% of the class is pursuing post-secondary education (90% to four-year institutions, 4% to two-year institutions, and 6% to other).
- Members of the class were offered college merit scholarships and awards totaling over \$16.1 million (on average, \$149,600 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- = 0.7
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 2024-25 school year, AMHS students provided a total of 16,893 hours of service.

SCHOOL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Throughout the entire 2024-25 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 2024, 155 students took 288 exams with an average score of 3.3. 21 students earned the designation of AP Scholar, 17 of these with Distinction and 12 with Honor.

MATTEO RICCI PROGRAM (HONORS)

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 (Single) = 5 credits in Humanities 1850
- English 12H (Cohort) = 5 credits in Humanities 1500
- Social Science 12H = 5 credits in Humanities 1315
- Theology 12H = 5 credits in Humanities 2910

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 Spanish III = 5 Univ. of WA credits in Spanish 103

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE & MATRICULATION

Four 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.

Adelphi University (NY)	Pace University: Westchester (NY)
Adrian College (MI)	Pacific Lutheran University (WA)
American University (DC)	Pacific University (OR)
Amherst College (MA)	Pennsylvania State University (PA)
Arizona State University: Tempe (AZ)	Pepperdine University (CA)
Azusa Pacific University (CA)	Pitzer College (CA)
Ave Maria University (FL)	Point Loma Nazarene University (CA)
Ball State University (IN)	Portland State University (OR)
Bard College (NY)	Regis University (CO)
Baylor University (TX)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)
Bellarmine University (KY)	Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
Bellevue College (WA)	Rhodes College (TN)
Belmont Abbey College (NC)	Rose Hulman Institute (IN)
Benedictine College (KS)	Rutgers University (NJ)
Benedictine University (KS)	Saint Joseph's University (PA)
Boise State University (ID)	Saint Louis University (MO)
Boston College (MA)	Saint Martin's University (WA)
Boston University (MA)	Saint Mary's College of California (CA)
Brown University (RI)	San Diego State University (CA)
Bucknell University (PA)	Santa Clara University (CA)
Butler University (IN)	Seattle Central College (WA)
California Lutheran University (CA)	Seattle Pacific University (WA)
California Maritime University (CA)	Seattle University (WA)
California Polytechnic State University (CA)	Seton Hall University (NJ)
California State University (CA)	Shoreline Community College (WA)
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	Southwest Baptist University (MO)
Carroll College (MT)	Spelman College (GA)
Case Western Reserve (OH)	St. Edward's University (TX)
Catholic University of America (WA DC)	St. John's College (BC)
Central Washington University (WA)	St. John's University (NY)
Chaminade University of Honolulu (HI)	Stanford University (CA)
Chapman University (CA)	Stonehill College (MA)
Clemson McKenna College (CA)	Stony Brook University (NY)
Clemson University (SC)	Syracuse University (NY)
Coe College (IA)	Texas A & M University (TX)
Colgate University (NY)	Texas Christian University (TX)
College of Charleston (SC)	The College of Wooster (OH)
College of the Siskiyous (CA)	Tulane University (LA)
College of William & Mary (VA)	United States Air Force Academy (CO)
Colorado School of the Mines (CO)	United States Military Academy (NY)
Colorado State University (CO)	United States Naval Academy (MD)
Columbia Basin College (WA)	University of Alabama (AL)
Columbia University (NY)	University of Alaska (AK)
Concordia University: Irvine (CA)	University of Arizona (AZ)
Cornell University (NY)	University of British Columbia (BC)
Creighton University (NE)	University of California (CA)
Dartmouth College (NH)	University of Central Florida (FL)
DePaul University (IL)	University of Colorado (CO)
Dominican University of California (CA)	University of Dayton (OH)
Drexel University (PA)	University of Denver (CO)
Duke Kunshan University (China)	University of Durham (UK)
Eastern Washington University (WA)	University of Hawaii: Manoa (HI)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (AZ)	University of Idaho (ID)
Everett Community College (WA)	University of Illinois (IL)
Florida State University (FL)	University of Iowa (IA)
Fordham University (NY)	University of Jamestown (ND)
Franciscan University of Steubenville (OH)	University of Mary (ND)
George Fox University (OR)	University of Mary Washington (VA)
George Mason University (VA)	University of Michigan (MI)
George Washington University (DC)	University of Minn, Twin Cities (MN)
Georgetown University (WA DC)	University of Montana (MT)
Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)	University of Nevada (NV)
Gonzaga University (WA)	University of North Dakota (ND)
Grand Canyon University (AZ)	University of Notre Dame (IN)
Harding University (AR)	University of Oregon (OR)
Hartwick College (NY)	University of Pennsylvania (PA)
Harvard College (MA)	University of Portland (OR)
Hawaii Pacific University (HI)	University of Puget Sound (WA)
High Point University (NC)	University of Redlands (CA)
Hofstra University (NY)	University of Saint Thomas (MN)
Iowa State University (IA)	University of San Diego (CA)
Kansas State University (KS)	University of San Francisco (CA)
Kettering University (MI)	University of Southern California (CA)
Lake Forest College (IL)	University of Tampa (FL)
Lewis & Clark College (OR)	University of Texas: Austin (TX)
Linfield University (OR)	University of Toronto (Canada)
Loyola Marymount University (CA)	University of the Pacific (CA)
Loyola University Chicago (IL)	University of Utah (UT)
Manhattan University (NY)	University of Victoria (BC)
Marquette University (WI)	University of Virginia (VA)
Mars Hill University (NC)	University of Washington (WA)
Marshall University (WV)	University of Wisconsin (WI)
Marymount University (VA)	University of Wyoming (WY)
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MA)	Utah Valley University (UT)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)	Vanderbilt University (TN)
Michigan State University (MI)	Vanguard University of Southern California (CA)
Mills College (CA)	Virginia Tech (VA)
Milwaukee School of Engineering (WI)	Washington State University (WA)
Missouri State University (MO)	Wellesley College (MA)
Montana State University (MT)	Wentworth Institute of Technology (MA)
Mount St. Mary's University (MD)	Western Oregon University (OR)
Nevada State University (NV)	Western Washington University (WA)
New Mexico State University (NM)	Westminster College (BC)
New York University (NY)	Westmont College (CA)
Northeastern University (MA)	Whitman College (WA)
Northern Arizona University (AZ)	Whitworth University (WA)
Northwest Lineman College (ID)	William & Mary (VA)
Northwest Nazarene University (ID)	Wingate University (NC)
Occidental College (CA)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)
Ohio State University (OH)	York University (Canada)
Oklahoma State University (OK)	
Oregon State University (OR)	

AMHS provides equal access to admissions. In the provision of all student programs and services, AMHS does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation or the presentation of any ability.