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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 38 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 2026-27 school year, there are 460 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 2026, 100% of the senior class graduated.
- 93% of the 2026 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	Reccomended
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 2026 Highlights (110 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.
- 32 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 93% of the class is pursuing post-secondary education (83% to four-year institutions, 10% to two-year institutions, and 7% to other).
- Members of the class were offered college merit scholarships and awards totaling \$15,825,846.

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 2025-26 school year, AMHS students provided a total of 12,862 hours of service.

Grading System

It is important to note that Archbishop Murphy High School does not provide exact class rank. The AMHS grading scale at 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	80-82	B- = 2.8	67-68	D+= 1.5
90-92	A- = 3.8	77-79	C+= 2.5	63-66	D = 1.0
87-89	B+= 3.6	73-76	C = 2.2	60-62	D- = 0.7
83-86	B = 3.2	70-72	C- = 1.9	> 60	F = 0

Special Academic Programs & Courses

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

Since 2003, our students have taken 5,140 exams and 81.3% of these exams have received a score of "3" or higher, generating college credit. In 2025, 180 students took 321 exams with an average score of 3.2. 26 students earned the designation of AP Scholar, 15 of these with Distinction and 13 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

Spanish III = 5 Univ. of WA credits	Anatomy = 5 UW credits
Chemistry = 5 Univ. of WA credits	Physiology = 5 UW credits

COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

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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.

College & University Acceptance & Matriculation

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

ASU FIDM/Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, LA	Ithaca College
Adelphi University	John Carroll University
Adrian College	John Paul the Great Catholic University
Alaska Pacific University	Kansas State University
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Kenyon College
American University	Kettering University
Appalachian State University	Knox College
Arizona Christian University	Lafayette College
Arizona State University- Tempe	Lake Forest College
Art Center College of Design	Landmark College
Auburn University	Lawrence University
Augustana College	Lehigh University
Ave Maria University	Lewis & Clark College
Azusa Pacific University	Lewis-Clark State College
Babson College	Liberty University
Baldwin Wallace University	Lincoln Memorial University
Ball State University	Lincoln University, California
Bard College	Linfield University - Online and Continuing Education
Barry University	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical Col.
Bates College	Loyola Marymount University
Baylor University	Loyola University Chicago
Beacon College	Loyola University Maryland
Bellarmine University	Luther College
Belleuve College	Macalester College
Belmont Abbey College	Magdalen College
Belmont University	Maine Maritime Academy
Benedictine College	Manhattan University
Benedictine University at Mesa	Marquette University
Bentley University	Mars Hill University
Binghamton University, State University of NY	Marymount Manhattan College
Biola University	Marymount University
Boise State University	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Borough of Manhattan Community College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Boston College	Miami University-Oxford
Boston University	Michigan State University
Brigham Young University	Middle Tennessee State University
Brigham Young University - Idaho	Middlebury College
Brooklyn College - CUNY	Milwaukee School of Engineering
Bryn Mawr College	Missoula College at University of Montana
Bucknell University	Missouri Southern State University
Buena Vista University	Missouri State University
Bushnell University	Monmouth University
Butler University	Montana State University
California Baptist University	Montana State University Billings
California Lutheran University	Morehouse College
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo	Mount Aloysius College
California Polytechnic University, Humboldt	Mount Holyoke College
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Muhlenberg College
California State University - East Bay	Nevada State University
California State University Maritime Academy	New Mexico State University
California State University, Fullerton	New York Institute of Technology
California State University, Long Beach	New York University
California State University, Los Angeles	North Seattle College
California State University, Monterey Bay	Northeastern University
California State University, Northridge	Northeastern University Oakland
California State University, San Marcos	Northern Arizona University
Carleton College	Northwest Lineman College
Carnegie Mellon University	Northwest Nazarene University
Carroll College	Northwest University
Carthage College	Northwestern Preparatory School (California)
Cascadia College	Northwestern University
Case Western Reserve University	Norwich University
Cedar Crest College	Notre Dame de Namur University
Central Washington University	Oberlin College
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Ohio Dominican University
Chapman University	Oklahoma Christian University
Chatham University	Oklahoma State University
Christopher Newport University	Olympic College
Clark Atlanta University	Orange Coast College
Clark University	Oregon Institute of Technology
Clarke University	Oregon State University
Clarkson University	Pace University
Clemson University	Pace University, Westchester Campus
Cochise College	Pacific Lutheran University
Coe College	Pacific Northwest College of Art
Colby College	Pacific University
College of Charleston	Palm Beach Atlantic University
College of the Atlantic	Park University
College of the Siskiyous	Penn State University Park
Colorado College	Pepperdine University
Colorado School of Mines	Pitzer College
Colorado State University	Point Loma Nazarene University
Colorado State University Pueblo	Pomona College
Columbia College	Portland State University
Columbia University	Presentation College
Concordia University Irvine	Providence College
Concordia University-Portland	Purdue Polytechnic Institute - West Lafayette
Connecticut College	Purdue University
Corban University	Quinnipiac University
Cornell College	Reed College
Cornish College of the Arts	Regent's University London
Creighton University	Regis College
Curry College	Regis University
Dakota Wesleyan University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Dartmouth College	Rhodes College
Davidson College	Rice University
DePaul University	Richmond American University London
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Ringling College of Art and Design
Dominican University	Ripon College
Dominican University of California	Rochester Institute of Technology
Drexel University	Rockford University
Duke Kunshan University	Rocky Mountain College, MT
Duke University	Roosevelt University
Eastern Oregon University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Eastern Washington University	Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Edmonds College	Saint Anselm College
Elon University	Saint Edward's University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach	Saint Elizabeth University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Saint Francis University
Emory University	Saint Joseph's University
Everett Community College	Saint Louis University
Fairfield University	Saint Martin's University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Saint Mary's College of California
Florida Institute of Technology	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Florida Polytechnic University	Salve Regina University
Florida State University	San Diego Christian College
Fordham University	San Diego State University
Fort Lewis College	San Jose State University
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Santa Clara University
George Fox University	Savannah College of Art and Design
George Mason University	Seattle Central College
Georgetown University	Seattle Pacific University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Seattle University
Georgia State University	Seton Hall University
Gonzaga University	Shoreline Community College
Grand Canyon University	Simon Fraser University
Grinnell College	Skagit Valley College
Grove City College	Skidmore College
Gustavus Adolphus College	South Carolina State University
Hamline University	Southern Methodist University
Harding University	Southwest Baptist University
Hartwick College	Southwestern Oregon Community College
Harvard University	Spelman College
Hawaii Pacific University	Spokane Community College
High Point University	Spokane Falls Community College
Hillsdale College	St. Catherine University
Hofstra University	St. John's College, Annapolis
Holy Names University	St. John's University
Houston Christian University	St. Mary's University
Howard University	Stanford University
Huston-Tillotson University	Stephen F. Austin State University
Idaho State University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Indiana University Bloomington	Stonhill College
Iona University	Stony Brook University, State University of NY
Iowa State University of Science and Technology	