



HER SUCCESS.



EXCELLENCE

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SERVITE IN CARITATE:

The Saint Margaret's legacy of excellence in endeavors of the heart & mind.

"I am proud of the fact that our girls thrive both academically and socially, embrace challenges with confidence and eagerly assume leadership roles at school and in the community."

Linda McGregor — HEAD OF SCHOOL.

Saint Margaret's is an international, non-denominational day and boarding school for girls located on a stunning 22-acre campus in Victoria, BC Canada. As the oldest remaining all-girl school of its kind in BC, we have been specializing in preparing young women for success in their personal lives and professional ambitions for over a century. St. Margaret's offers unparalleled education for girls from Early Childhood Education to Grade 12. The Junior School has been ranked as one of the top elementary schools in BC and the Senior School continues to achieve Provincial Exam scores far superior to both private and public schools. The vibrant local and international community of students, parents and educators that makes Saint Margaret's such a dynamic place to learn has much to celebrate.

The amazing journey of this remarkable school began in 1908 with three students in a house on Cook Street. The growing success of Saint Margaret's eventually led to the establishment of a campus at the corner of Fern and Fort Streets. The first building was designed for Saint Margaret's by legendary architect Francis Rattenbury who is best known for such landmark buildings as Victoria's Parliament buildings, the Empress Hotel and Chateau Lake Louise near Banff.

Over 100 years later, Saint Margaret's continues to inspire and nurture excellence in all endeavors, from academics and fine arts, to athletics and community service. Our mandate to inspire excellence of mind and strength of spirit in girls and young women is unique and one we uphold with pride.

ALL GIRL



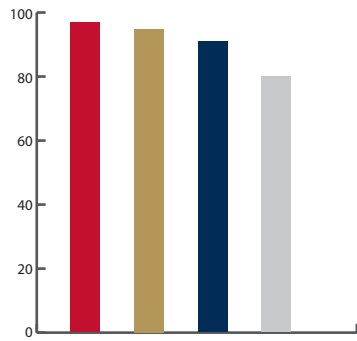
ADVANTAGE

OUR GRADUATES ARE GLOBAL LEADERS

Saint Margaret's graduates have a significant advantage. They have developed a global perspective, the ability to think critically and the skills necessary for cross-cultural leadership.

Saint Margaret's Senior School continues to be a top post-secondary preparatory school. We provide girls and young women with the experiences necessary to develop the tools they need to reach, and exceed their potential. Our students develop the lasting ability to tackle life's challenges with confidence and possess a life-long love of learning.

- In 2009, Saint Margaret's graduates were offered university entrance scholarships of over \$170,000.
- 97% of Saint Margaret's graduates go on to post-secondary pursuits, with university destinations spanning the globe.
- Our graduates are leaders in their fields, from Science and Technology to Business, Fine Arts and Medicine.



In a recent study of over 4,000 graduates of all-girl schools

- 97% felt more prepared for public speaking than those that had attended co-ed schools.
- 95% felt extremely satisfied with the strong academic curriculum provided.
- 91% cited their preparation for post-secondary school as excellent.
- 80% had held leadership positions since graduating.

— Goodman Research Group, 2005

Why an all-girl education is the best choice for your daughter.

Girls attending all-girl schools thrive in an environment where:

- A culture of achievement means that time in the classroom is spent exploring, analyzing and learning without the distractions present in a co-ed environment.
- Female role models abound and women in leadership roles are the norm.
- Every girl is given limitless opportunities to accept challenges in all areas of school life and express herself freely.
- Girls are more likely to choose and excel in math and science as well as perform at a high level in all areas of school life versus their counterparts in co-ed schools.





RESPONSIBILITY



OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL STORY

We are one of the top ranked schools in British Columbia for a reason.

Every little girl is exceptional and deserves an exceptional Saint Margaret's education.

The Saint Margaret's Junior School Academic Experience includes:

- A state-of-the-art Junior School building aiming for a LEED Silver designation from The Canada Green Building Council.
- An Early Childhood Education programme led by a recipient of the Premier's Award for Excellence in Education.
- Small class sizes to ensure individualized attention, with enrichment and learning support customized to the individual needs of each student.
- An environment where teachers develop strong relationships with students and parents.
- An integrated Information Technology programme using classroom laptops, wireless and Smart Board technology.
- The AIM French programme based on a whole language approach taught by a French specialist starting in Grade 1.
- An Art programme taught by an Art Education specialist beginning in Grade 4.
- A Science programme taught in a state-of-the-art Science lab by a Science specialist beginning in Grade 4.
- All Physical Education and Information Technology classes are taught by specialist teachers.
- Participation in the Annual Science Fair in Grades 4 through 6.
- Sports teams including cross-country, swimming and track and field beginning in Grade 3.
- A provincially recognized Robotics Club for Grades 4 through 6.
- From January to June, Drama is offered in Grade 5, Band in Grade 6, as well as noon time Choir for Grades 4 through 6.
- Endless opportunities for both collaboration and leadership as class captains, house captains and Junior School representatives to the Prefect Council.
- Annual outdoor education trips beginning in Grade 4.
- A Big Sister / Little Sister program where every Junior School student is paired with a Senior School student to maximize mentorship opportunities.
- Weekly Coffee Mornings that allow families and teachers to connect as a community on a consistent basis.

RESPONSIBILITY

"It's cool to be very good at anything in a girls school..."

— The Guardian, Wednesday March 18, 2009

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I am glad that my experience at Saint Margaret's has taught me to be a proactive person, who takes pleasure in learning and meeting new challenges... Saint Margaret's was a global community of its own and it has prepared me well for this exciting life I lead.

Sang-Ah Park —

PhD Student in Cross-Cultural Psychology (UK), SMS Grad 2000.

OUR SENIOR SCHOOL STORY

Preparation for a lifetime of achievement.

The Saint Margaret's Senior School Experience includes:

- An environment where teachers develop a history with students, parents and siblings which increases comfort, reduces anxiety, and establishes routines.
- Senior Honours programmes that compliment a multitude of accelerated course options to allow students to complete high school credits in a shorter amount of time.
- All Advanced Placement courses in subjects ranging from Physics to Psychology, allowing students to obtain university credits while still in high school.
- A High School Preparatory Programme for Grades 7 and 8.
- Small class sizes that allow for personal attention to ensure questions and concerns are always addressed.
- A vibrant Fine Arts department offering AP Studio Art, Visual Arts, Photography, Drama and Dance.
- Music course offerings including Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble.
- Relevant business education, including Youth Investment and Personal Finance and Economics.
- A high percentage of girls that want to take high level math courses, including Math 12 and Calculus, because they are encouraged to do so.
- On-campus SAT preparation.
- An ESL programme with an outstanding international reputation.
- An exceptional Leadership programme focusing on student initiated community-based projects.
- Modern Language courses offered in French, Spanish, Mandarin and Japanese.
- Basketball, soccer, field hockey, rowing, badminton, swimming, cross-country and volleyball teams recognized by peers for displaying outstanding sportsmanship.
- Annual Spring Break trips to Europe.
- Exchange opportunities with Canadian schools in Asia.
- Student initiatives that support a variety of organizations benefiting women and children, including Women in Need, The Cridge Centre for the Family and Women's Transition House.

COMMUNITY





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OUR BOARDING STORY

Learning to Live and Work in a Global Community.

The four beautiful residences at Saint Margaret's are named Fenwick, Pearce, Barton and French after former Saint Margaret's Head Mistresses. They are home to a vibrant community of girls from all over the world, including North America, Europe, Mexico, Asia and Central America.

The Saint Margaret's residences are among the finest in North America and boast comfortable rooms with private bathrooms. An inviting common room with a kitchen provides an ideal space where students can meet to participate in a variety of Residence Clubs, cook together or simply relax after a day at school.

Saint Margaret's boarding students have exclusive access to:

- An on-site female doctor and nurse.
- Teachers that will provide one-on-one assistance during mandatory evening prep.
- Outstanding food served at Alexis Hall featuring both local and internationally inspired cuisine.
- Compassionate and first-aid certified "House Moms" dedicated to the well-being of every student.
- Private on-site lessons in Fine Arts and Athletics.
- Private practice studios, tennis courts and fitness centre.
- Private weekend transportation provided by the school to and from the BC Ferries and downtown Victoria.

Boarding Students also have exclusive access to an exciting activities calendar that includes:

- Surfing trips to Tofino and ski trips to Whistler.
- Excursions to Seattle and West Edmonton Mall.
- Movie nights, hiking and beach outings.
- Weekly on-site fitness classes and use of the Saanich Commonwealth Pool.
- Local events, theatre and concerts.

Saint Margaret's Facilities

Our boarding facilities include four boarding houses, Alexis Dining Hall and the school Health Clinic. Saint Margaret's also has two state-of-the-art gymnasiums, a dance studio, private practice studios and tennis courts. The Senior School has a post-secondary counseling centre, computer labs, a library, music room and four specialized laboratories.

Clubs Offered at Saint Margaret's:

- Duke of Edinburgh Club
- Fitness Club
- Outreach Committee
- Rock Band
- Student Council
- Intramurals
- Multi-Cultural Committee
- Newspaper Club - (produces the monthly Tartan Times)



VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA

Saint Margaret's School is located in Victoria – one of the world's most attractive cities. Situated on Vancouver Island, Victoria is often referred to as "The City of Gardens". Its combination of natural beauty, modern facilities, clean streets, panoramic coast line, manicured gardens and British old-world charm make it a major attraction for visitors the world over.

Victoria has a population of over 330, 000 and offers many major cultural, shopping, athletics, arts, health and educational facilities and attractions. These include the University of Victoria, Royal Roads University, Camosun College, two major hospitals, the Victoria Symphony Orchestra,

the Victoria Conservatory of Music, the Royal British Columbia Museum, the National Geographic IMAX Theatre, Butchart Gardens and one of the finest indoor swimming facilities in Canada. The Victoria International Airport is a short twenty minute drive from the Saint Margaret's campus and there are regularly scheduled ferries to Vancouver and Seattle.



PARTNERING ASSOCIATIONS

