

## Marian Scholars Program Divine Savior Holy Angels High School

A student-centered, inclusive education program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- The Marian Scholars Program is inspired by Blessed Mary of the Apostles, founder of the Sisters of the Divine Savior, whose mission is to make known the goodness and kindness of Jesus Christ. Blessed Mary and Venerable Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan sought to build an inclusive community of religious men, women, and laity to further the kingdom of God. The Marian Scholars Program is rooted in this spirit of inclusivity. The Marian Scholars program also recognizes that Mary, Mother of Our Savior, who inspires our school chapel, embraced Jesus and all who came into her midst.
- The Marian Scholars Program supports the belief that all students deserve opportunities to maximize their academic, social and spiritual potential. Building upon our mission to educate young women in a Christ-centered community that values diversity, and to develop them to become women of faith, heart, and intellect, it seems only natural for DSHA to embrace the great mosaic of all God's children
- Students in the Marian Scholars Program participate in all aspects of the DSHA community. They take a variety of classes in the general education setting including English, Theology, Science, Social Studies, Specialized Studies, and the Arts. They join clubs, and athletics teams; serve at Mass; and participate in choir, dance concerts, and school plays,
- The Marian Scholars Program relies on a Peer Mentoring component. Students in the program are paired with Peer Mentors who help engage them in class, implement curriculum modifications, and lend other supports as needed. Peer mentors typically are members of our active <u>Best Buddies club</u>.

## **CURRICULUM**

At DSHA, each girl's schedule is carefully designed with input from parents/guardians, teachers, and the girls themselves. Every girl in the Marian Scholars Program has a schedule that includes a mixture of general education academic and elective classes, as well as special education classes in reading, writing, and math that are specifically designed for students in the program.

Here is an example of a freshman schedule:

1st period: Academic Reading\*
2nd period: Functional Math\*
3rd period: Language and Composition I\*
4th period: Applied Wellness/ Applied Wellness Seminar
5th period: Cultures and Civilizations
6th period: The Bible: The Living Word of God
7th period: Camerata Choir
8th period: World Language

\* Classes designed and taught specifically for students in the Marian Scholars Program

## TRANSITION

During the girls' junior and senior years at DSHA, they will work closely with teachers and counselors to explore their post high school options.

The Marian Scholars Program will culminate in achieving a certificate of completion and participation in the commencement ceremony.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

Students in the Marian Scholars Program pay the same tuition and fees as other students.

Students are not eligible via the Milwaukee Parental School Choice program as this is not a diploma program.

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