HOLY ROSARY ACADEMY

Formed in Faith. Educated for Truth.

UPPER SCHOOL
Academic Profile
2026–2027
Grades 9-12

MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Holy Rosary Academy seeks to complete what the attentive parent has begun by forming students in faith, reason, and virtue through a classical education in the Roman Catholic tradition. Students learn to live a vibrant Catholic life through attendance at Mass, prayer, study, camaraderie, and apostolic work.

Teachers employ the basic tools of the Trivium, a course of study that follows the three-lane path of grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Surrounded by well-qualified and faith-filled faculty and staff, students are prepared to pursue their vocation and continue a lifelong love of learning.

HISTORY AND RECOGNITION

Founded in 1987, Holy Rosary Academy is an independent, Catholic faith-integrated classical academy accredited by the National Association of Private Catholic and Independent Schools (NAPCIS). Holy Rosary Academy is one of 87 schools nationwide recognized in The Newman Guide.

CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

The Upper School introduces students to a rigorous college preparatory program that challenges them to solve problems creatively, make distinctions, and write insightfully. The curriculum follows the classical tradition of the Trivium.

Juniors and seniors demonstrate rhetorical skill by carefully considering, artfully writing, and successfully defending a self-selected philosophical thesis topic. The culminating exercise is a written and defended thesis in both the junior and senior year.

STUDENT LIFE

- Junior and Senior Thesis
- Community service, drama and musical performances, and cultural events
- National Latin Exam, Classical Learning Test, SAT, and PSAT
- Latin Declamation competition and Science Fair
- Athletics: soccer, volleyball, track, and basketball
- Annual retreats and all-school hikes
- Quarterly Upper School dances, Grad Ball, and game nights

SAT RESULTS, CLASSES OF 2022-2026 (FIVE YEAR AVERAGE)

Total

OF 1600



Reading and Writing

OF 800



Math

OF 800



COLLEGES AND MILITARY SERVICE

> 90% of HRA graduates attend four-year colleges, vocational schools, or a branch of the military.

- Aquinas College
- Ave Maria University
- Babson College
- Barnard College
- Benedictine College
- Carroll College
- The Catholic University of America
- Chapman University
- Christendom College
- Eastern Washington University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Gonzaga University
- Grand Canyon University
- Harmel Academy of the Trades
- Seattle Pacific University
- Thomas Aquinas College
- Thomas More College of Liberal Arts
- United States Military Academy, West Point
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- University of California, Irvine
- University of Dallas
- University of Dayton
- University of Idaho
- University of Washington
- Western Washington University
- Wheaton College
- Wyoming Catholic College

GRADING SCALE

GRADE	RANGE	PTS	GRADE	RANGE	PTS
A+	97–100%	4.0	**C**	73–76%	2.0
A	93–96%	4.0	**C-**	70–72%	2.0
A-	90–92%	4.0	**D+**	67–69%	1.0
B+	87–89%	3.0	**D**	63–66%	1.0
B	83–86%	3.0	**D-**	60–62%	1.0
B-	80–82%	3.0	**F**	Below 60%	0.0
C+	77–79%	2.0	**I**	Incomplete	0.0

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Upper School Course List

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Freshman

- Algebra I*
- Latin III*
- Sacred Scripture
- Ancient Seminar *(meets history requirement)*
- Composition 9
- Biology
- Choir *(2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Drama *(1 to 2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Fine Arts *(1 day per week, elective)*
- Yearbook *(1 day per week or more, elective)*

Sophomore

- Algebra II*
- Latin IV*
- Church History
- Medieval Seminar *(meets history requirement)*
- Composition 10
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Choir *(2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Drama *(1 to 2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Fine Arts *(1 day per week, elective)*
- Yearbook *(1 day per week or more, elective)*
- Personal Finance 1 *(1 day per week)*

Junior

- Euclidean Geometry* *(required for graduation)*
- Latin V *(elective)*
- Catholic Morality
- Modern Seminar *(meets history requirement)*
- Composition 11
- Junior Thesis *(equivalent workload to a one-semester class, personal advisor assigned)*
- Chemistry
- Choir *(2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Drama *(1 to 2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Fine Arts *(1 day per week, elective)*
- Yearbook *(1 day per week or more, elective)*
- Personal Finance 2 *(1 day per week)*

Senior

- Advanced Math*
- U.S. Government and Economics
- Catholic Entrepreneurship and Design Experience (CEDE) *(earns 3 college credits from The Catholic University of America)*
- Apologetics
- American Seminar *(meets history requirement)*
- Composition 12
- Senior Thesis *(equivalent workload to a one-semester class, personal advisor assigned)*
- Physics
- Choir *(2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Drama *(1 to 2 days per week, mandatory)*
- Fine Arts *(1 day per week, elective)*
- Yearbook *(1 day per week or more, elective)*

HRA Graduation Requirements

COURSE	CREDITS
Mathematics	4
Foreign Language / Latin	2
Theology	4
Composition	4
Thesis	0.5
Seminar	4
Science	4
U.S. Government, Economics, (CEDE)	1
Performing or Fine Arts	4
Physical Education	1
Total	**28.5**

Anchorage School District Requirements

COURSE	CREDITS
Mathematics	3
English and Composition	4
Social Studies and History	4
Science	3
P.E. and Health	1.5
Electives	7
Total	**22.5**

*Mathematics and language are taken at ability level. Available courses include Latin I-V, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus.
Transfer credits and students in need of remediation are addressed on a case-by-case basis.