



# MAGNIFICAT

**WOMEN OF FAITH WHO SERVE, LEAD AND SUCCEED**

## 2009-2010 Fast Facts

Largest all-girl Catholic high school in the state of Ohio

Magnificat has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as an Exemplary School

### Enrollment:

Seniors .....	200
Juniors .....	205
Sophomores .....	190
Freshmen .....	205
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>800</b>

### Ethnicity:

Asian/Pacific Islanders ...	30
Black .....	7
Caucasian .....	711
Hispanic .....	31
Middle Eastern .....	21

### Religious Background:

Catholic (92%) .....	736
Other Faiths (8%).....	64
• Christian .....	30
• Muslim.....	13
• Hindus.....	6
• Orthodox.....	5
• Sikh.....	2
• Other, N/A .....	8

Number of Communities students represent .....	38
Number of Parishes students represent .....	68
Number of Schools students represent .....	90

### Alumnae Information:

Total Number of Alumnae (Including Lourdes Academy Alumnae) .....	14,962
Alumnae with daughters who have graduated MHS .....	734
Alumnae with daughters presently at MHS .....	105
Alumnae with granddaughters presently at MHS .....	44
Alumnae with great-grand- daughters at MHS .....	2

### Faculty/Staff Information:

Faculty/Student Ratio ....	1:12
Total Professional Staff...	76
H.M. Sisters .....	2
Total Teaching Staff.....	67
State Aid Staff .....	6
Alumnae Teaching/ Administrative Staff.....	22
Average years at MHS .....	14

### Education:

PhD .....	1
MA or MS.....	49
BA or BS .....	25
Support Staff (full time + part-time) .....	30
Non-Teaching Coaches ..	48
Coaches.....	50

**Tuition:** \$9,800 (Actual cost is \$11,100)

Tuition assistance (all aid including scholarships) granted to: 38% of student body

Percent of Class of 2009 accepted to a 4-year college: 100%

80% of the Class of 2009 were offered over \$13.8M in scholarships.

Since 1955, Magnificat has been served by 109 Sisters of the Humility of Mary. Their roles as administrators and teachers kept tuition low for most of the first half-century of the school. Their lives and their service stand as a living endowment to the school.

### Our Students

- In the Class of 2010, three students have been recognized as National Merit Scholars, six as Commended Scholars.
- 80% of the Class of 2009 received over \$13.8M in scholarships.
- The new Magnificat curriculum offers students four different languages including Chinese and Arabic, 21 honors and AP courses, plus a variety of performing arts courses including vocal, drama and dance.
- Through our Campus Ministry programs, each week 108 Magnificat students are in the community tutoring grade-schoolers, visiting with residents of a nursing home, volunteering at the foodbank and serving meals to the needy.
- The 2009-10 Magnificat athletic teams have recently had state qualifying seasons in Golf and Volleyball, and State Championships in Cross Country and Tennis.

**“I have had a wonderful four years and although I know I am prepared and ready for college, I don’t want to leave this school.”** *Student, Class of ’10*

### Our Alumnae

- Over 850 alumnae have daughters, granddaughters or great-granddaughters who have graduated from or currently attend Magnificat.
- The 10,000 plus Magnificat graduates reside in 49 of the 50 states, as well as in over 15 countries around the world—continuing to serve, lead and succeed.
- Over 500 alumnae return to the school each year to participate in various activities, such as retreats, reunion weekend and career month.
- Distinguished alumnae positions include a U.S. Ambassador, a Federal Judge, performers on Broadway, doctors, authors and teachers.

**“I owe it all to Magnificat. I was very well-prepared for the business world right out of high school. It’s an exceptional school. My education at Magnificat was a definite building foundation contributing to my business success.”** *Rose Gates Jenne ’68, Chairman, Jenne Distributors, Inc.*

### Our Supporters

- Through a variety of income sources, Magnificat provides over \$850,000 of financial assistance to current students.
- Magnificat has over 135 Named Endowed Scholarships that provide financial assistance to more than 225 students each year.
- Generous contributions are made for special projects like new carpeting in the LGI or air conditioning in the math wing.

**“We believe strongly in Magnificat’s mission to form women for lives of growth, service and leadership and make our gift to help more girls in the future.”** *Nan McDonough Geschke ’60*  
*(In 2008 Nan and Chuck Geschke gave Magnificat its first \$1M gift.)*

## Six Goals of the New Curriculum

These six goals were the guiding principles for developing the new curriculum being implemented in 2009-10.

1. To integrate effectively Gospel values and Catholic social principles throughout all disciplines and courses.
2. To educate students holistically: intellectually, spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally.
3. To be relevant to the abilities, interests and needs of all students.
4. To develop the essential skills, knowledge and values needed by graduates as they transition to college.
5. To be rooted in women's ways of knowing and leading.
6. To be global-oriented.

## Recent Accomplishments

- Magnificat is proud to announce that it has achieved recognition as one of the Best Schools in Ohio in an independent analysis conducted by the Ohio Department of Education. This recognition is based on the school's superior performance on the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). The OGT tests are given annually to 10th grade students across the state. There are five parts — Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Science, and Social Studies. There were 1,005 schools included in the analysis and 114 were awarded the distinction of Best Schools in Ohio. Magnificat placed 25th in the state with the highest ranked score of any private or public high school on the west side of Cleveland.
- This past summer, 30 Magnificat students and eight teachers participated in summer immersion retreats in Cleveland, Kentucky and Ecuador. In these retreats, students immersed themselves in the complex realities of poverty and injustice, while recognizing God's presence in the people they met and in one another.
- Michelle Chakirelis '10 has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at High Point University.
- The St. Ed's Band, the Marching Eagles, received a Superior Rating at the recent OMEA State Marching Band Competition. Congratulations to the following Magnificat students who are members of the Marching Eagles: Lindsey Norman '11, Mary Nora Wolf '10, Meghan Slivka '11, Emily Hetman '12, Nicole Sattler '12, Hannah Shaefer '12, Natasha Corrigan '11, Megan Kelly '13, Rebecca Mainger '13 and Clare Neubert '13.
- The Chemistry Club participated in Young Astronaut Day at NASA Glenn. Congratulations to sophomores Callan Ganim and McKenna Brabanec for placing second in the Space Spud event.
- Brittney Balsler '11 was named *The Plain Dealer's Volleyball Player of the Week*. Madeline Chambers '10 was also named a *Player of the Week*, but for Cross Country. Hannah Shiekh '10 and Chelsea Girgash '10 were both named *Tennis Players of the Week*, and Victoria Bello '10 for Golf.
- Senior Stephanie Hollis was named *Plain Dealer Tennis Player of the Week*. Stephanie plays number one singles for the Blue Streaks. She was also on the Sports Time Ohio TV network in late October, interviewed for *High School Sports Insider*.

## **Magnificat High School FAQ's**

### **Magnificat is a college prep school. Aren't all schools college prep?**

A College Preparatory School implements a mission and follows a curriculum which prepares all students academically and personally to pursue a program of study at a four-year college or university. The rigors of the curriculum are such that all students exceed state standards and, as far as possible, are holistically prepared to accept the courses of study, self-discipline and time management needed to succeed in college and beyond.

### **Why does Magnificat not offer pre-packaged areas of study?**

Several high schools offer pre-packaged classes that introduce students to potential vocations. The Magnificat diverse and rigorous college prep curriculum and AP courses provide our students a superior foundation which prepares them fully for whatever major they choose to pursue in college.

### **Does Magnificat have a waiting list?**

When accepting our incoming freshman class, we accept all qualified candidates who have met the admissions requirements and deadlines in a timely fashion. Students who apply past deadlines and/or beyond capacity are not wait-listed. We do not want students on a list and disrupt the end of 8th grade or the beginning of their freshman year when admission is not guaranteed.

### **What kind of schedule does Magnificat have?**

At Magnificat we recognize that students learn in many different ways. In addition to the ways our faculty address this reality, our schedule does, too. If you look at a sample of our schedule, you'll notice that each day is different. This schedule format has been in use at Magnificat since 1968, and the reason is three-fold:

- The schedule makes allowances for different learning rhythms. Many people can identify themselves as morning or afternoon people. Our classes do not meet at the same time every day, so at least once or twice a week, the class should meet at the student's prime time.
- The schedule provides variety and variety produces energy!
- The schedule teaches time-management skills. Because every day is different, planning ahead becomes increasingly important. (Freshmen are scheduled in study halls during their non-class time, while sophomores, juniors and seniors are responsible for their own unscheduled time.)

### **Does Magnificat have a cell-phone policy?**

Yes. The official school day begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m. Within this time frame, students are granted the privilege of limited cell phone use. A student may use her cell phone during her scheduled free time only in the cafeteria.

Outside of the cafeteria, all cell phones must be turned off and stored in lockers/backpacks during school hours. Students may not have cell phones on their person (in their pockets, in their hands, etc.) anywhere outside the cafeteria.

### **Is everyone who attends Magnificat wealthy?**

Absolutely not. The vast majority of students who attend Magnificat High School come from middle-income households. Currently, nearly 40% of our student body is receiving some sort of tuition assistance, totaling over \$850,000.00 for the 2009-10 school year. Magnificat is also diverse; socio-economically, racially and religiously. Students come from 90 schools in 38 cities, reflecting a wide variety of backgrounds and incomes.