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School 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.

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 21 years, AMHS has served families in the North Puget Sound area as an approved Catholic school under the auspices of the Seattle Archdiocese. During this time, AMHS has steadily increased its enrollment and currently has a student body of just under 600 students in grades 9 through 12. AMHS is known for its faith-filled, rigorous college prep curriculum and supportive community atmosphere.

Student Body

- AMHS welcomes qualified young men and women of any race, color, ethnicity and religious backgrounds.
- For the 2009–2010 school year, there are 582 students in grades 9 through 12.
- Approximately 70% of the student body is Catholic and 25% receive tuition assistance.
- The average class size is 22.4.
- 98-100% of graduates attend college in the year following high school graduation.

Faculty

At AMHS, we are proud of our faculty and their dedication to providing the best possible education to our students.

- There are 47 faculty members; 71% have an advanced degree in their area of instruction; five have Doctorates.
- The faculty/student ratio is 1:14.

Graduation Requirements

The school operates on a six period per day schedule with an optional zero period. 24 credits are required for graduation.

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
English	4 years	4 years
Mathematics	3 years	4 years
Science	2 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	1 year	1 year
Health/PE	1.5 years	1.5 years
Vocational/Technology	.5 year	.5 year

Academics

Honors Courses

Geometry H	English 9 H
Algebra/Trigonometry H	English 10 H
Pre-Calculus H	English 11 H
U.S. History H	English 12 H
Social Science 12 H	Theology 12 H

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology	English Language & Composition
Calculus AB	Government & Politics: U.S.
Calculus BC	Physics
Chemistry	Statistics
Computer Science	(In addition, many students take the U.S. History AP exam.)

From 2007-2009, AMHS students have taken a total of 341 Advanced Placement exams on which 67% have earned a 3 or higher.

Honors Programs

American Studies: English 11 Honors & U.S. History Honors
An integrated study of the history, culture, literary tradition and arts in the United States with an emphasis on individual inquiry, critical thinking, and collaborative learning. College level texts are used.

Matteo Ricci Program: English 12 Honors, Social Science 12 Honors & Theology 12 Honors

An integrated study of literature, literary analysis, expository writing, civics, political theory, economics, sociology, philosophy and theology. Students produce rigorous written assignments and participate in weekly seminar discussions of classical and contemporary thinkers including Plato, Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Theresa, and John Rawls. Students who complete these three courses with a "B" or higher qualify for 10 college credits in humanities and social science from the Matteo Ricci College of Seattle University.

College in the High School

Students taking advanced classes in French and Spanish at AMHS may dual enroll in University of Washington world language classes. They will earn college credit from UW if they receive a "B" or higher in the AMHS course(s).

- AMHS French III = 5 UW credits in French 103
- AMHS French IV = 5 UW credits in French 201
- AMHS Spanish III = 5 UW credits in Spanish 103
- AMHS Spanish IV = 10 UW credits in Spanish 201 and 202

Community 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 senior year. Service hours required for graduation are:

Freshmen – 21 hours
 Sophomores – 24 hours
 Juniors – 30 hours
 Seniors – 35 hours

Grading System

It is important to note that the grading scale at Archbishop Murphy High School is a means to communicate a student's level of accomplishment and should not be interpreted as a measure of intelligence or ability. AMHS does not report class rank. In determining Grade Point Average, the following equivalents are:

4.0	A	93-100	2.0	C	73
3.9	A-	92	1.9	C-	72
3.8	A-	91	1.8	C-	71
3.7	A-	90	1.7	C-	70
3.6	B+	89	1.6	D+	68
3.5	B+	88	1.5	D+	68
3.4	B+	87	1.4	D+	67
3.3	B	86	1.3	D	66
3.2	B	85	1.2	D	65
3.1	B	84	1.1	D	64
3.0	B	83	1.0	D	63
2.9	B-	82	.9	D-	62
2.8	B-	81	.8	D-	61
2.7	B-	80	.7	D-	60
2.6	C+	79	0	F	Below 60
2.5	C+	78			
2.4	C+	77			
2.3	C	76	CR	Credit received	
2.2	C	75		but no letter grade	
2.1	C	74	INC	Incomplete	

Class of 2009 Highlights

- The average cumulative grade point for all four years was 3.35.
- 67% of the class took Advanced Placement and/or other courses that generated college credit while at AMHS.
- 55% of our seniors were offered merit scholarships totaling over \$7 million.
- Over 66% graduated with Academic Honors.
- Eight graduates were recognized as National Merit Commended students.
- The class achieved an average SAT score of 1110 (includes critical reading and math scores only).
- 100% of the Class of 2009 is pursuing post-secondary education. 85% are attending four year universities. 22% are attending a Catholic university.

Other areas of achievement:

- 16,000 hours of service were provided to over 100 organizations in our community.
- This class helped organize and lead the AMHS community in raising over \$14,000 for Operation Rice Bowl in 2009.
- This class helped lead our athletic teams to eight league championships and three district championships, and five teams placed within the top four at state competitions.
- Three teams earned recognition as 2A State Academic Champions for their team grade point average (volleyball, wrestling, boys' golf).
- The math team took first place at the state competition in two events.

Accreditation/Memberships

- Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS)
- Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC)

College Preparation

100% of our 2008-2009 seniors are continuing their education after graduation from AMHS. Three full time counselors provide personal guidance and selection advice to every student. Our recent graduates have been accepted at the following schools:

American University (DC)	Roger Williams University (RI)
Arizona State University (AZ)	Rutgers University (NJ)
Babson College (MA)	Saint Louis University (MO)
Baylor University (TX)	Santa Clara University (CA)
Boise State University (ID)	Sarah Lawrence College (NY)
Boston College (MA)	Seattle Pacific University (WA)
Boston University (MA)	Seattle University (WA)
Bridgewater College (VA)	Seton Hall University (NJ)
Brigham Young University (UT)	Saint John's University (NY)
California Institute of Technology (CA)	Saint Martin's University (WA)
California Lutheran University (CA)	Saint Mary's College of California (CA)
California Maritime Academy (CA)	Saint Mary's College (IN)
California Polytechnic State University (CA)	Simon Fraser University (Canada)
Carleton College (MN)	Southern Oregon University (OR)
Carroll College (MT)	Syracuse University (NY)
Catholic University of America (DC)	The Evergreen State College (WA)
Central Washington University (WA)	Trinity University (TX)
Chapman University (CA)	University of Alaska (AK)
Claremont McKenna College (CA)	University of Arizona (AZ)
College of the Holy Cross (MA)	University of British Columbia (Canada)
Colorado College (CO)	University of California, Davis (CA)
Colorado State University (CO)	University of California, Riverside (CA)
Creighton University (NE)	University of California, Santa Barbara (CA)
De Paul University (IL)	University of Chicago (IL)
Dominican University of California (CA)	University of Colorado (CO)
Drexel University (PA)	University of Denver (CO)
Eastern Washington University (WA)	University of Hawaii (HI)
Fordham University (NY)	University of Idaho (ID)
Furman University (SC)	University of Michigan (MI)
George Fox University (OR)	University of Montana (MT)
Georgetown University (DC)	University of Nevada (NV)
Gonzaga University (WA)	University of Notre Dame (IN)
Harvey Mudd College (CA)	University of Oregon (OR)
Hillsdale College (MI)	University of Pennsylvania (PA)
Hofstra University (NY)	University of Portland (OR)
Ithaca College (NY)	University of Puget Sound (WA)
Lawrence University (WI)	University of Redlands (CA)
Lewis & Clark College (OR)	University of Saint Thomas (MN)
Linfield College (OR)	University of San Diego (CA)
Loyola Marymount University (CA)	University of San Francisco (CA)
Loyola University Chicago (IL)	University of Southern California (CA)
Maclester College (MN)	University of Tulsa (OK)
Marquette University (WI)	University of Washington (WA)
McGill University (Canada)	University of Wisconsin (WI)
Mills College (CA)	US Air Force Academy (CO)
Montana State University (MT)	US Merchant Marine Academy (NY)
New York University (NY)	US Military Academy (NY)
Northeastern University (MA)	US Naval Academy (MD)
Northern Arizona University (AZ)	Washington State University (WA)
Occidental College (CA)	Western Washington University (WA)
Oregon State University (OR)	Westmont University (CA)
Pacific Lutheran University (WA)	Whitman College (WA)
Pacific University (OR)	Whittier College (CA)
Pepperdine University (CA)	Whitworth University (WA)
Pomona College (CA)	Willamette University (OR)
Purdue University (IN)	Williams College (MA)
Regis University (CO)	Xavier University (OH)
Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)	Yale University (CT)

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