

OUR LADY OF THE ELMS

2009-10 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE



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Enrollment: Current enrollment is 200. Our student body encompasses a five county reach in Northeast Ohio. Elms students reflect diverse cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Student/Faculty Ratio: 10:1

Faculty: Our long-tenured faculty possess the ability to effectively teach college-preparatory curriculum with a special emphasis on instructing the minds of young women. All faculty are certified/licensed. Many faculty are recognized leaders in their fields and 60% hold master's degrees or higher. Greater than one-third of our faculty have been on staff longer than 10 years.

Principal: Miss Lisa Massello, MA, MS, MA

Accreditation:

- Ohio Department of Education
- North Central Association Commission on Schools
- Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association
- State of Ohio College Preparatory School Charter

Member:

Dominican Association of Secondary Schools

Graduation Requirements

Units

English-----	4
Mathematics-----	4
Foreign Language-----	2
(Same language)	
Social Studies-----	3
(One unit must be American History and .5 unit must be Government)	
Science-----	3
Health & Physical Education-----	1
Theology-----	4
(One unit each year)	
Fine Arts-----	1
(At least one unit in performing or visual arts)	
Electives-----	1/2

Over Eighty Years of Tradition

Our Lady of the Elms is an independent Catholic college preparatory school founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic in 1923. The school is dedicated to meeting the intellectual, spiritual, social and personal needs of young women, grades 7 through 12. Immersed in the Dominican tradition of education, our graduates succeed. The 28 graduates of the class of 2009 received over \$4.4 million in scholarships and chose from over 110 college acceptances.

Curriculum

The college preparatory curriculum encourages young women to think critically and express themselves with confidence. Written and verbal skills are stressed across a core curriculum that features Math, Science, English/Literature, Religious Studies, Foreign Languages, Social Studies and Computer Technology. To graduate, Elms students complete a minimum of 24 credits. Furthermore, all students are required to perform community service during their tenure. Honors courses (noted on the transcript) are offered throughout the curriculum. Advanced Placement courses are offered in American and European History, Government, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Calculus, and English Literature. (Depending on students' requests some AP courses may be offered in alternate years, including French, Spanish, and Latin.) A post-secondary option is available.

Leadership at the Elms

Leadership is at the core of an Elms education. Students are introduced to leadership beginning in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade and continue through their high school years. Students have numerous opportunities for involvement through Coalition (Student Council), class officer positions, various club officer roles, and athletic leadership.

Student leaders set goals each semester, receive coaching from moderators and participate in their leadership evaluation each semester. Student leaders at the Elms participate in two leadership workshops per year. These workshops typically feature guest speakers and opportunities to further develop their leadership skills.

% of National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Students

- Compared to a national average of 2%, an average of 10% of an Elms graduating class achieves National Merit recognition.
- Compared to a national average of 1%, an average of 3% of an Elms graduating class are named National Merit Finalists.
- All Elms Semi-Finalists between 1995 - 2009 have gone on to earn National Merit Finalist awards.
- The class of 2009 represents 28 seniors, of whom 3 are recognized as a National Finalists and 1 is recognized as a National Merit Commended Student.

Grading Scale

The grade point average (GPA) includes all subjects for which credit is given. Students are no longer ranked; only AP courses are weighted.

Grade	Rating	Points	AP
93-100	A	4	5
85-92	B	3	4
78-84	C	2	3
70-77	D	1	

**Class of 2010 Top 25% GPA
Range: 3.79 - 4.04**

Educational Plans

For the class of 2009, 100% were accepted at four-year colleges or universities and the class received merit scholarships totaling over \$4.4 million.

College Acceptances

Over the last five years, Elms students have been accepted at most Ohio colleges and universities. Out-of-state colleges and universities where students have been accepted include:

Albion College, MI
Alfred University, NY
Allegheny College, PA
American University, DC
Appalachian State University, NC
Baylor University, TX
Ball State University, IN
Belmont Abby College, NC
Bennington College, VT
Boston College, MA
Boston University, MA
Bryn Mawr, PA
Bucknell University, PA
Butler University, IN
Canisius College, NY
Carlowe University, PA
Carlton College, MN
Catholic University of America, DC
Clark-Atlanta University, GA
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross, MA
Connecticut College, CT
Cornell University, NY
DePaul University, IL
DePauw University, IN
Drexel University, PA
Duquesne University, PA
Fordham University, NY
Gannon University, PA
Georgetown University, DC
George Washington University, DC
Georgia Southern University, GA
Grinnell College, IA
Grove City College, PA
Hanover College, IN
Illinois Wesleyan University, IL
Indiana University, IN
Ithaca College, NY
Lake Forest College, IL
Loyola of Chicago, IL
Loyola College, MD
Loyola University of New Orleans, LA
La Roche College, PA
La Salle University, PA
Marquette University, WI
Marymont University, VA
Mercyhurst, PA
Michigan State University, MI

Standardized Test Data

ACT

Class of 2009 - 23 students

Middle 50% Composite

Elms ----- 23-31

ACT no longer reports Middle 50% for state and national.

SAT I

Class of 2009 - 23 students

Middle 50% Composite

	Reading	Math	Writing
Elms	580-700	510-640	560-700
Ohio	470-610	470-620	450-590
National	420-580	430-600	420-570

Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement Program is sponsored by the National College Board to encourage gifted and motivated high school students to take AP classes in high school and, through testing, be eligible to receive college credit for specific courses.

Our Lady of the Elms offers AP courses in Literature, Government, U.S. History, European History, Calculus (AB), Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. In addition, students have participated in an Independent Study in AP Spanish and French.

AP Highlights:

- On average, greater than 85% of seniors taking Advanced Placement tests qualify for college credit.
- To be eligible for college credit, a student must score between 3-5 on each test.
- On average, 40-50 individual tests are administered yearly.
- 100% of students taking the AP US History, AP Chemistry, AP English Literature, AP Calculus, AP European History, and AP Government exams qualified for college credit.

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