



**MOUNT ABU**

# **St. Mary's High School**

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## Chapel



# St. Mary's : An Introduction

## PROSPECTUS

St. Mary's High School, Mount Abu, was established in 1887 and handed over to the Congregation of Christian Brothers in 1929. It is one of the many educational institutions in India conducted by the Congregation of Christian Brothers. This congregation was founded in 1802 in Ireland for the education of Catholic Children. The CCBI is a Registered Society under the Societies Registration Act and has its Head Office at New Delhi.

The Congregation of Christian Brothers manages schools and colleges throughout the world. The main objective of the Congregation is the provision of general and religious education to Catholic pupils. Consequently, admission to this school is primarily for Catholic boys, without excluding boys of other religious denominations, when accommodation is available. There is no interference whatever in the religious principles and beliefs of Non-Christian students. The Brothers recognize as the most important and sacred part of their duty the formation of character of those committed to their care. Moral and ethical instruction, therefore, forms a compulsory part of the curriculum.

St. Mary's High School is situated on an elevated plateau with an extensive view of hills and valleys and its locale is noted for its delightful walks. It is about three kilometers from the town of Mount Abu.

The school premises include a chapel, two large ventilated dormitories, a science lab, a multimedia room, a gymnasium, two fine blocks containing a dining room, airy classrooms & two halls, a library, a computer lab and an art & craft room. There is also a detached infirmary in the charge of a fully qualified nursing sister. The school has its own doctor who visits the school every day and as often as he is needed.

Provision is made for every outdoor activity. Facilities for hiking, football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, cricket, table tennis, badminton and swimming are available.

## CURRICULUM

1. Boys are prepared for the Indian School Certificate Education (ICSE) Examination. The Academic year is from February to December.

2. Courses through the School are so geared that the pupils are offered suitable combinations of English language, English Literature, Hindi, Social Studies (History & Civics and Geography), Mathematics, Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), Sanskrit, Physical Education, Computer Applications and Art. Competitions in Craft, Music, Dance, Elocution, Dramatics and General Knowledge are important parts of the curriculum.

3. ISC - Commerce & Science are part of the curriculum since 2014 & 2016 respectively for boys and girls.

## ASSESSMENT

Pupils of all Classes have regular class tests. The First Unit Test is followed by a mid-year examination in the month of June. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Test in August is followed by the Final Examination which takes place in November-December.

The Final Report Card is made out on the basis of the performance in all the tests together with the mid-year and final examination.

## Our founder, Bl. Edmund Rice

Edmund Rice, born in 1762 in Callan, Ireland, came from an unusual Catholic family, in that, they were prosperous. Under English rule, the vast majority of Irish Catholics were poor. He became a prosperous businessman, and married at the age of 25. Tragically, his young wife was killed in a riding accident & Edmund had the care of a mentally retarded daughter.

God led him in 1802 to devote his wealth & talents to uplift the poor, realizing that education alone would improve their lot. His system of education was geared to nurture the faith of the young. Attracted by his ideals, many young men joined his Institute of Christian Brothers. This Institution was approved by the Pope in 1820.

## Craft Fret-Work



## Infirmary



## Juniors' Picnic



## Concert



## Bal Vidya Mandir



## Science Lab



## Sports



## Computer Lab



## Rainbow Fest



## Swimming Pool





## RULES OF THE SCHOOL

### Curriculum, Examination and Promotions

1. Boys are prepared for the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination, Class X and Indian School Certificate in Commerce and Science, Classes XI & XII.
2. Regular tests are a feature. Attendance for these is compulsory as final results are declared on the cumulative marks obtained throughout the year.
3. The pass mark will be 40%. A student must pass in each subject including English. **Class X boarders must obtain 60% marks overall to be allowed to use the service of the boarding during the ICSE/ISC Board Exams.**
4. On the days when Unit Tests are held, attendance for the full day is essential. Students will NOT take the Unit Test and return home.
5. Special arrangements cannot be made for pupils who for any reason whatsoever are absent from the main examination or any part of it.
6. A student who uses unfair means during a test will be given zero marks for that subject. Repetition of the same will result in sterner action.

#### Admission And Withdrawal of Pupils

1. The Principal reserves to himself the right to refuse admission to any boy/girl without furnishing a reason.
2. No pupil will be admitted to the school without a transfer certificate from the last school which he/she has attended.
3. **Written application** for withdrawal of a pupil from the school / boarding must reach the School Office before 15 January. Any application that arrives after that but before the School re-opens, will be made with the payment of a month's fees. If a student is withdrawn in the first term then the fees will have to be paid for the full term. Any pupil who leaves the School on or after June 1 will pay for the whole year. The same rule will apply for any withdrawal from the boarding. Fees must be paid by the dates specified on the fee slip. A late fee of Rs 100/- will be charged per week of delay.
4. Transfer Certificates can be obtained only after all the dues have been paid. Duplicate copies of Transfer Certificate are ordinarily not issued. In special cases such certificates will be issued after verification, on payment of Rs. 100/-.
5. A duplicate copy of the report card can be obtained on payment of Rs. 100/-.
6. Duplicate transcripts will only be made available to a student if a photocopy of the original is attached.

7. Bona fide certificates / certificates of Tuition fee paid will be issued on payment of Rs. 20/-.
8. Students who remain absent without prior sanction for two consecutive school weeks shall be struck off the rolls without explanation.

#### Rules of Discipline

1. The Management, acting through the Principal, reserves the right to resigning the charge of any pupil, who is deemed unsatisfactory. In such cases the Principal is not bound to give any reason.
2. Late-comers and absentees must enter the late-for-school record or leave absence record in the diary, to be signed by the teacher and parents respectively.
3. In case of leave, written permission of the Principal must be obtained at least 15 days in advance. In case of illness, a medical certificate must be submitted within three days of absence.
4. Pupils are strictly forbidden to leave the school premises during the regular school hours. Permission to do so may be granted only by the Principal.
5. Irregular attendance, habitual idleness, neglect of homework, disobedience and disrespect towards the members of the school staff will be dealt with severely.
6. Attendance is compulsory on the first day of a new academic session and on the day before and the day after the Easter and Diwali holidays, the mid-term break and other holidays. Failure of the students to attend classes on the above mentioned days will be dealt with severely.
7. Attendance, adding upto 75% of the total number of working days, is compulsory for students.
8. Only in exceptional circumstances should Private Tutors be employed, with the written permission of the Principal. Teachers in this school are not permitted to give private tuitions without the permission of the Principal and definitely not to the pupils of their own classes.
9. Any kind of damage done to the school premises must be made good.
10. Parents and guardians are not allowed to visit their wards or teachers in the classroom without the permission of the Principal.

#### Non-Academic

Pupils must attend games and other activities outside school hours when required to do so and participation in such activities will be deemed compulsory by the School Authorities. Exemption may be granted on a written request from parents. Such exemption should not be lightly sought as games play an important part in the student's all-round formation.

## GENERAL INFORMATIONS IF ADMISSION IS GRANTED

- \* Boarders will write home once a fortnight.
- \* Friends or relatives are allowed to take boarders out only as per schedule in the calendar against a letter of authority from parents to the principal. Students must be accompanied by an adult when leaving from or arriving in the campus.
- \* All pupils are expected to be present in class on the first day of school after every break.
- \* Boys bringing books, comics, magazines or CDs into school should have these signed/ verified by the parents and then by the Principal/ Boarding-in-charge.
- \* Telephonic contact with boarders is a privilege offered by the school and cannot be guaranteed. It must not be claimed as a right. Boarders are to be provided with a simple non smart phone with no camera. Boarders may receive calls for birthdays or special occasions.
- \* As it gets quite cold in Abu please provide your son with adequate lip-guard, cold cream, gloves and monkey caps.
- \* All text books and note books are available in school.
- \* Pocket money: (a) All money should be deposited with the bursar. Money should not be left with teachers or with the boy himself. (b) Rs.60/- for small dorm & Rs.70/- for big dorm ONLY ONCE a week. (c) No negative pocko- your son has to inform you when the pocko is low. (d) excess pocko at the yearend will be carried over to next year.
- \* Holidays / visits: as per the schedule in the calendar only. Visits in between will not be allowed.
- \* Tuck- recommended: home-made snacks, pickles, sauces, tinned stuff, biscuits, chocolates. Not allowed: Maggi noodles. (No tuck to be kept with the child in the cupboard or classroom desk/ locker.)
- \* CD players and cameras are to be avoided but if brought MUST be kept with the Boarding-in-Charge and not with the boy. No other electronic items are allowed. The school will not be responsible if items are lost/ stolen, if the above is not followed.
- \* Birthday: only those boys whose birthdays fall within the academic year will be allowed to celebrate their birthday in school.
- \* NO CREDIT ACCOUNTS are to be kept with the canteen.

