## SHATTUCK-ST. MARY'S ONLINE DIVISION

NEW DIVISION, SAME COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE









## **ABOUT SSM ONLINE**

Shattuck-St. Mary's is a 163-year old independent school based in Faribault, Minnesota that has pioneered a rigorous academic curriculum that blends the best of traditional education with innovative and creative learning opportunities. The Shattuck-St. Mary's Online Division delivers a personalized online learning experience structured to give students the freedom to explore what truly motivates them and the flexibility to continue to pursue their established passions. In the Fall of 2021, we are launching an online division for grades 8 and 9. In the Fall of 2022, we will expand to grades 8-10, graduating our first class of students in May 2025.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Developing and applying the crucial 21st Century Skills that students need in today's world is at the heart of the academic program. Students gain knowledge through a student-centered interdisciplinary curriculum that covers math, science, literature, writing, history, the arts, and the social sciences. Then they must apply the knowledge they gain with precision and dexterity, while also reflecting on their growth as learners. Grades will be awarded based on the competency with which students meet our curriculum standards in project-based learning modules. It's not enough for students to know, they must *do*.

Our low-residency model allows faculty and students to build relationships and community through shared experiences, set up students' course of study for the term, and prepare them for success as they complete the term.

Our faculty are skilled at putting student choice and voice at the center of their instruction. They will put these skills to use in August with an in-person launch at the Faribault campus. Here, they will coach students through their transition to a student-centered, interdisciplinary online educational experience. While students work online from late August until spring, educators will support them through weekly individual and group advisory sessions as well as module-focused meetings.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Students attend school each day, but their days do not look like a traditional school day. Each day, students will have a mix of scheduled online meetings ("synchronous") with their teachers, advisors, and peers and independent work ("asynchronous" or according to each students' personal schedule). Our schedule is not divided up into class periods, like most of the schools our students attended previously. Instead, we work on the different academic disciplines in an interdisciplinary approach.

For more information on this online program, please visit www.s-sm.org/ssm-online to inquire about the program. For additional questions, please reach out to SSM Online Director, Matt Wolfgram at matt.wolfgram@s-sm.org.

