

# GUIDE TO Private, Independent Schools & Education Services

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Bryn Mawr

#### The Agnes Irwin School

275 S. Ithan Ave. 610-801-1869; [AgnesIrwin.org](http://AgnesIrwin.org)

Agnes Irwin says, WE KNOW GIRLS. Founded in 1869 by Miss Agnes Irwin, the great-great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin, The Agnes Irwin School is nationally recognized as an all-girls, independent college preparatory school for PreK–grade 12. They provide not only a rigorous academic experience for students, but also competitive athletic teams and robust STEM and visual and performing arts curriculum that allow girls to explore their creativity, think critically and become empowered leaders.

Admissions Open House: Oct. 21, 6 pm

Athletic Open House: Nov. 13, 7 pm



#### The Baldwin School

701 Montgomery Ave. 610-525-2700; [BaldwinSchool.org](http://BaldwinSchool.org)

Experience the Best in All-Girls Education at The Baldwin School. At Baldwin, they empower students to become leaders.

Their supportive community emphasizes social-emotional learning and offers dynamic co-curricular programs, creating numerous opportunities for girls to form lasting connections. Every aspect a student's experience is designed with her needs in mind. Baldwin seamlessly blends exceptional academics, renowned arts and competitive athletics. Visit to discover what sets them apart.

Open Houses: Middle and Upper School: Oct. 8

Lower School: Oct. 9



#### Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr

480 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-527-3915; [SHABrynMawr.org](http://SHABrynMawr.org)

Sacred Heart Academy, an all-girls Catholic, independent school, inspires young women to grow with courage, confidence and compassion. Serving students in Kindergarten through grade 12, SHA proudly announces—new for 2025–2026—a co-ed preschool for girls and boys. At SHA, “Where Every Girl is Known” is a lived experience that shapes tomorrow's leaders.

Schedule a tour: [Admissions@SHABrynMawr.org](mailto:Admissions@SHABrynMawr.org)



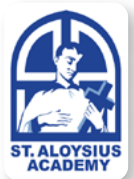
#### St. Aloysius Academy

401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-525-1670; [StAloysiusAcademy.org](http://StAloysiusAcademy.org)

Founded in 1895 by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Aloysius Academy is the only private, Catholic, all-boys K–8 school in the Philadelphia area. Boys thrive in an engaging and challenging academic environment designed to recognize their individual needs and nurture their unique gifts and talents. The faith-based approach fosters strong character, leadership and confidence. Experience the difference of an education built on tradition, faith and excellence.

Open House: Oct. 15, Jan. 28, Mar. 11, 9 am

Schedule a private tour, [Admissions@StAloysiusAcademy.org](mailto:Admissions@StAloysiusAcademy.org)



### Chester Springs

#### Montgomery School

1141 Kimberton Rd.

610-827-7222; [MontgomerySchool.org](http://MontgomerySchool.org)



Montgomery School nurtures students from preschool through 8th grade, valuing both childhood development and future success. Students engage in bold thinking, creative problem-solving and compassionate leadership, with teachers who model these important skills. As students advance, they build proficiency across subjects, gaining confidence, a strong knowledge base and essential life skills that set them up for future success.

Schedule your personal tour



### Gladwyne

#### Gladwyne Montessori

920 Youngs Ford Rd. 610-649-1761; [Gladwyne.org](http://Gladwyne.org)



At Gladwyne Montessori, they serve children from infancy through 6th grade, helping them discover independence, adaptability, focus and empathy—qualities that help them thrive today and grow tomorrow. Since 1962, they've guided families on Philadelphia's Main Line with an approach that blends Montessori's timeless philosophy and modern research, preparing children for academic strength, joyful learning and confident futures.



### Glen Mills

#### Ivybrook Academy Glen Mills

261 Brinton Lake Rd. 484-301-6080; [IvybrookAcademy.com](http://IvybrookAcademy.com)

See website for more locations



Ivybrook Academy is a half-day preschool serving children ages 18 months to 6 years. Their innovative curriculum blends Montessori and

Reggio Emilia philosophies, fostering curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. They offer toddler, preschool and pre-K programs, along with engaging summer camps. Families choose Ivybrook for their individualized approach, nurturing teachers and enriching environment that helps every child thrive.



### Haverford

#### Friends School Haverford

851 Buck Ln. 610-642-2334; [FriendsHaverford.org](http://FriendsHaverford.org)



Since 1885, FSH has nurtured children from ages 2 through 3rd grade through joyful, play-based learning and small class sizes based on the Quaker values of kindness, curiosity and respect. Come see what makes FSH extraordinary, where every child is known, valued and celebrated!

Open Houses: Oct. 18, 10 am; Nov. 6, 9 am

Register: [FriendsHaverford.org/Visit](http://FriendsHaverford.org/Visit)





Malvern

**Malvern Preparatory School**

418 S. Warren Ave.

484-595-1100; [MalvernPrep.org](http://MalvernPrep.org)

Malvern Preparatory School is an independent Augustinian school for young men in grades 6–12, offering its students a nurturing, Catholic community in which they can grow and become the best possible version of themselves. The curriculum balances rigorous academics, extracurricular commitment, spiritual development and Christian service, providing an experience that places students at the center of learning.

Open House: Oct. 18, 8:30 am

Entrance Exams: Oct. 5, Oct. 26, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, Jan. 11

Register: [MalvernPrep.org/Visit](http://MalvernPrep.org/Visit)



**Villa Maria Academy High School**

370 Central Ave. 610-644-2551; [VMAHS.org](http://VMAHS.org)

Villa Maria Academy High School is an independent Catholic college preparatory school founded by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, where motivated young women grow with intention and uplift others in a faith-filled and nurturing community. Located on 45 acres at the west end of the Main Line in Malvern, Villa Maria encourages students to build lives of purpose at a pivotal time in life through process-driven intellectual rigor, excellence in athletics and the arts, spiritual growth, and a commitment to service.

Fall Open House: Oct. 5, 9 am, register online

8th Grade Entrance-Scholarship Exams: Sept. 27, Oct. 19

8th Grade Visit Villa Days: Sept. 29, Oct. 7, 20, Nov. 4, 17

Register at [VMAHS.org/events](http://VMAHS.org/events)



**Villa Maria Academy Lower School**

280 IHM Dr. 610-644-4864; [VillaMaria.org](http://VillaMaria.org)

With a legacy of over 150 years of empowering young women through leadership and service, at Villa Maria Academy Lower School, they strive to maintain a culture rooted in the charism of the IHM Sisters, which is love, creative hope and fidelity. Villa is designed to meet the educational needs and unique learning style of each girl. The unrivaled academics, fine arts, athletics, student activities and service programs provide a foundation to discover individual passion and prepare for a lifetime of learning and leading.

Open House: (Preschool–8 Gr.): Oct. 16, Nov. 12, Jan. 28, Mar. 11

Private Tours available. Register at [VillaMaria.org](http://VillaMaria.org)



Media

**The Walden School**

901 N. Providence Rd.

610-892-8000; [TheWaldenSchool.org](http://TheWaldenSchool.org)



The Walden School welcomes children ages 2½ through 5th grade. Teachers are the heart of their students' success, cultivating even the youngest learners' intellectual curiosity. Montessori-based learning lets children thrive in a nurturing environment, fostering independence, collaboration, and peaceful and respectful communication. Students explore their interests and excel at their own pace to become self-motivated, empathetic decision-makers prepared for lifelong learning and community engagement.

Fall Open House: Nov. 3, 1 to 3 pm

Winter Open House: Jan. 11, 10 to noon

Spring Open House: Feb. 9, 1 to 3 pm



Newtown Square



**Episcopal Academy**

1785 Bishop White Dr.

484-424-1400; [EpiscopalAcademy.org](http://EpiscopalAcademy.org)

Since 1785, The Episcopal Academy has prepared bold leaders in mind, body and spirit. Students thrive through rigorous academics, character education, championship athletics and award-winning arts on a 123-acre campus. With personalized college counseling and a coeducational model that reflects the real world, EA graduates step confidently into life—joining accomplished alumni who are driven by purpose and curiosity.

Open Houses: Lower School, Pr-K to 5th: Oct. 18

Middle & Upper School, 6th–12th: Oct. 19

Register at [EpiscopalAcademy.org/Events](http://EpiscopalAcademy.org/Events)



Phoenixville

**Kimberton Waldorf School**

410 W. Seven Stars Rd.

610-933-3635; [Kimberton.org](http://Kimberton.org)



KWS's expansive 430-acre campus serves as the backdrop for preschool through 12th grade students who benefit from a holistic, experiential and academically rich approach to education. The intentional and carefully aligned curriculum integrates the arts and the natural world every day. Waldorf education preserves the most important elements of childhood and allows imagination and confidence to bloom. Register for an Open House today.

Open Houses: Early Childhood: Oct. 11

Lower School: Mar. 5

High School: Mar. 17



Villanova

**Academy of Notre Dame de Namur**

560 Sproul Rd. 610-971-0498; [NDAPA.org](http://NDAPA.org)

Discover an exceptional Catholic, college-preparatory education at the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur. Serving girls in grades 6–12, Notre Dame fosters confident leaders through a dynamic, faith-based program. From STEM innovation and award-winning arts to championship athletics and global travel, students uncover their passions, grow in purpose, and thrive in a supportive community.

Fall Open House: Oct. 5, 10 am

Experience ND Event: Oct. 15, 6 pm

Athletics Open House: Oct. 22, 6:30 pm

Walk-in Wednesdays: Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 9 am

Register at [NDAPA.org/Visit](http://NDAPA.org/Visit)



DELAWARE

Wilmington

**The Tatnall School**

1501 Barley Mill Rd.

302-998-2292; [Tatnall.org](http://Tatnall.org)



At Tatnall, students from age 2 through grade 12 experience an exceptional education that unlocks their passion for learning. Every student has opportunities to explore endless possibilities through challenging academic, artistic and athletic programs. The devoted teachers, coaches and community members are the driving force behind the school's success. The strong bonds formed at Tatnall between students and educators foster devotion to learning, enabling students to unleash their full potential and nurture their great minds.

Early Childhood Open House & Autumn Hayride:

Oct. 18, 10 am

Lower School Open House (Gr. K–5): Oct. 29, 4 pm

Middle and Upper School Open House: Nov. 1, 9 am





## Multiple Locations

### Tower Hill School

2813 W. 17th St.

302-657-8350; [TowerHill.org](http://TowerHill.org)

Ranked #1 Best Private K–12 School in Delaware by *Niche*, Tower Hill welcomes you to experience a place of boundless opportunity, deep commitment to community and a culture of mentorship in all that they do. At Tower Hill, you'll discover an exceptional liberal arts education every day. Their motto, *Multa Bene Facta*, or Many Things Done Well, is a philosophy about commitment, hard work, multifaceted learning and extraordinary achievement.

Open Houses: Oct. 19, Nov. 11

Register at [TowerHill.org/OpenHouse](http://TowerHill.org/OpenHouse)



TOWER HILL SCHOOL



## LEARNING DIFFERENCES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Malvern

### The Vanguard School & Services

1777 N. Valley Rd. 610-296-6700; [VSSPA.org](http://VSSPA.org)



For 65 years, The Vanguard School has supported students, ages 5–22, with autism, neurological impairments and related challenges.

Their year-round retreats, Extended School Year and Camp Vanguard allow students to build on academic, social and independent living in a fun, supported environment. Through alumni events, employment services and monthly adult social activities, they provide a full continuum of services for neurodiverse individuals regardless of Vanguard School affiliation.

Schedule a tour today



### Devereux Pennsylvania Children's Services



267-418-9623

[PAEducationReferrals@Devereux.org](mailto:PAEducationReferrals@Devereux.org)

Enrolling kindergarten through grade

12 in six PDE-approved Private Schools in Chester and Montgomery Counties. Small classroom ratios allow for individualized instruction/support in a safe and therapeutic setting for students with a variety of learning/emotional differences. Full-time mental health clinicians, Wilson reading intervention services and reading specialists in all schools. Devereux nurtures students' potential with school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and offers community-based instruction, school-based mental health and related services. PDE 4010 funding available.

Schedule a tour today



### Paoli

### Delaware Valley Friends School

19 E. Central Ave. 610-640-4150; [DVFriends.org](http://DVFriends.org)

DVFriends delivers a dynamic, student-centered education designed for learners in grades 1–12 with language-based learning differences. Grounded in evidence-based,

multisensory instruction, their program builds core academic and executive functioning skills while empowering students to become confident, independent learners. Beyond the classroom, students engage in a vibrant array of arts, athletics, service, leadership and experiential learning, supported by a close-knit, inclusive community rooted in Quaker values.

School Tours: Sept. 30, Oct. 22, Nov. 20, 9 am

Oct. 14, Dec. 2, 1 pm

Information Sessions: Nov. 2, 1 pm, Dec. 10, 10:30 am

