

## **INTRODUCTION**

Founded in 1921, St. Margaret's School is one of the six Church Schools in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, along with Christchurch, St. Catherine's, St. Christopher's, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes, and Stuart Hall schools. Margaret Robinson Broad became Head of School on July 1, 1989. She was preceded by The Rev. Paul B. Barthelemy (1984 - 1989), Viola H. Woolfolk (1950 - 1984), Rebecca Brockenbrough (1947 - 1950), Rebecca Craighill (1943 - 1947) and Edith Latané (1927 - 1943). Heads of School who preceded Miss Edith Latané were Bertha Latané, Emma Yerby, Laura Fowler, and Sarah Higginbotham.

### **THE SCHOOL MISSION**

“As we grow in age, may we grow in grace.” St. Margaret's motto reflects our commitment to the growth of young women in every area of their lives: intellectual ability, physical well being, social responsibility, and spiritual maturity. We offer a diverse student body a sound college preparatory curriculum, challenging to each individual. In a Christian environment, founded on the Episcopal tradition, both honor and character are developed. St. Margaret's seeks to inspire each student to make the best of herself and, in so doing, make a better world.

To accomplish its goals, St. Margaret's offers a program that is challenging academically, varied recreationally, stimulating socially, and rich spiritually. In addition, we offer the opportunity to open doors to new interests and pursuits. The particular safety net of a single-sex school allows

young women the opportunity to assume leadership roles and take personal risks both in and out of the classroom. Stretching and growing, they move toward independence. To educate our students for fulfilling lives of work, study, and service, we concentrate on teaching both content and an attitude of mind that will enable them to lay strong foundations and set viable goals throughout their lives. Learning, honor, character, and a sense of who you are—this is St. Margaret's!

## SCHOOL TRADITIONS

**Our Patron Saint.** St. Margaret's School is



named for St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland (1047 - 1093). Margaret and her husband, Malcolm III, succeeded Macbeth to the throne of Scotland. Margaret was known as an independent woman and encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

Together Margaret and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona and founded Dunfermline Abbey under the direction of Benedictine monks. Her work among the people and her reforms in the church made her Scotland's most beloved saint. She died on November 16, 1093 and was buried at Dunfermline Abbey. At St. Margaret's our school prayer, our school motto, and many of our school symbols reflect the tradition of Queen Margaret. These traditions

unite returning students, new students, and alumnae.

### **SCHOOL PRAYER**

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous and godly life; in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**School Motto.** *As we grow in age, may we grow in grace.*

**School Colors.** Blue and Grey

**School Song.** *Blue and Grey, we stand together  
Joined to honor thee.  
Loyalty the Blue is always,  
Grey fidelity.*

*Oh, St. Margaret's  
Oh, St. Margaret's  
Hear our song to thee.  
We, thy daughters carry onward  
faith and loyalty.*

(Sung to the tune of "Hail, All Hail, Cornell")

**School Nickname.** The Scotties



**School Seal.** The St. Margaret's School seal, displayed prominently on our school ring and publications, was designed by the members of the Class of 1946 under the direction of their English teacher, Barbara Wiggins Gent. The Bible and the chalice stand for the Church's ministries of word and sacrament that are central to St. Margaret's identity as a church school. The Celtic cross and the thistle stand for Scotland, home of our St. Margaret.

