

SPRINGSIDE CHESTNUT HILL ACADEMY



Independent College Preparatory Day School | Single-Sex Pre-K-8 | Coed 9-12



AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL WITH A BOLD EDUCATIONAL VISION

Every day our students are asked to think boldly, create, collaborate, and problem solve. To use their growing knowledge to deepen their understanding of themselves and the world around them. Through the hard but exciting work of learning, our students grow into self-aware, community-minded, confident young adults ready to apply their knowledge and talents to making a difference. And they do.

SCH's unique educational model is distinguished by single-sex education in grades Pre-K through 8 and a coed experience in grades 9 through 12. This blended structure ensures that our students are exploring and learning in classroom environments tailored to each stage of their social and intellectual development as they make the journey to becoming knowledgeable, productive citizens in our global society.





WELCOME TO SCH ACADEMY



LIKE THE SCULPTOR MICHAELANGELO WHO CAREFULLY STUDIED A STONE BEFORE TAKING UP HIS CHISEL TO REVEAL THE FIGURE WAITING WITHIN, OUR ROLE AS EDUCATORS IS TO DISCOVER THE POTENTIAL IN EACH CHILD AND TO NURTURE IT INTO BEING.

An SCH education is both a journey and a commitment. Our students make their own path through learning, guided by what is most relevant to their interests and goals. We are committed to making sure that their journey is abundant with opportunities for self-discovery and experiences that both challenge current understanding and offer new perspectives for consideration. This commitment is informed by a 160-year history of educating and helping to guide young people into adulthood. We are a school rich in tradition, rigor, and success in preparing students for their futures.

We hope that you will find SCH to be the right school for your child and family. Be assured that if you join our community, we will dedicate all of our resources to helping your student discover the exciting potential that lies within.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Druggan".

Stephen L. Druggan, Ed.D.
Head of School



FOUNDED IN
1861

160 YEARS OF TRADITION,
INNOVATION & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



FAST FACTS



62-acre green city campus bordering the Wissahickon Valley Watershed, including 1.5 miles of walking trails on school property & easy access to Philadelphia's premier natural habitat for science studies and outdoor education.



850+ SCH students have deepened their global citizenship skills through meaningful immersion & service experiences in countries such as Cuba, Cambodia, Thailand, Ecuador, France, Iceland, Peru, Italy, New Zealand, India, Mexico, Ethiopia & Senegal.



2019

ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONS

SCH's Upper School robotics team was part of FIRST's 2019 Detroit World Championship winning alliance. In the last 17 years, the team has finished 5 times in the top 10 at Worlds & won the coveted Chairman's Award 8 times. Robotics students have been accepted into the nation's top engineering programs, including Princeton, MIT, Caltech, Penn, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Carnegie Mellon, Johns Hopkins, Georgia Tech, Clemson, RPI, WPI, Rose Hulman & all three military academies.

10/4 PROGRESSION

SCH OFFERS A THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED PROGRESSION OF SINGLE-SEX-TO-COED LEARNING.

Our 10 single-sex grades, Pre-K–8, and our 4 coed grades, 9–12, are designed to enhance student learning at each stage of their social and intellectual development and to ensure they are prepared, socially and intellectually, for college and beyond.



90% of students in the Class of 2019 were accepted into one of their top 2 college choices.



WE'RE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

11 miles or less

from Center City, Jenkintown, Lower Gwynedd, and Bryn Mawr. SEPTA regional rail stop a 5-minute walk away. Center City SCHuttle service also available.



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS:

SCH offers a curriculum enriched by access to the historic & cultural resources of Philadelphia & the natural resources of the neighboring Wissahickon Valley.

ABOUT SCH



72%

of SCH faculty hold advanced degrees & an average of 18 years teaching experience.

40+

STUDENT-LED CLUBS, BOARDS & ACTIVITIES including Players (drama), Black Student Union, Mock Trial, Model UN, Robotics, Art Board, Book Club, Campus Lantern (student newspaper), Chinese Student Club, Current Events, Eco Club, Fashion Club, French Club, Investment Club, Jewish Cultural Club, Math Club, Multicultural Club, Odyssey of the Mind, SAGE (Students Advocate for Gender Equality), Social Theorists, Boulderling Club, and Anime Club.



SCH STUDENTS COME FROM

110+
ZIP CODES

100+

electives available to Upper School students, including Forensics, Architectural Design, Personal Finance, Songwriting & Musical Production, Global Economics & Multivariable Calculus.



1060
STUDENTS
PRE-K-12

RACIAL DIVERSITY OF STUDENT BODY: 35%

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 23

1ST PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TO OFFER CLASSES IN DESIGN AND FABRICATION.

SCH Academy's Arts and New Media program fosters student creativity across the arts. Students have won awards in the Greenfield Youth Film Festival, CAPPIES, Scholastic Art Awards, national DiscoverDesign Competition, Philadelphia Independence Awards & the WHYY Youth Media Awards. SCH students have been accepted into the leading U.S. colleges in the arts including NYU/Tisch, USC & Emerson.



#1 IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION

SCH's unique Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership curriculum teaches students critical life skills and an entrepreneurial mindset characterized by opportunity seeking, creative problem solving, resiliency & resourcefulness. This unique curriculum has just been licensed internationally to a school in Dubai.

GREEN FOOTPRINT



SCH is a leader in school environmental sustainability efforts, from our native arboreta, rain gardens, and certified LEED® Gold science & technology center to our rooftop solar panels & schoolwide waste-reduction initiatives. We have been recognized with a 3-Star Green Restaurant® rating for our school cafeterias & a Green Flag Award from the National Wildlife Federation.



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student-athletes were named to All-Inter-Ac teams in 2017-2019. Over the past two years, SCH teams also won 4 PAISAA state titles: boys soccer (2x), girls soccer, softball; 1 SEPA championship: girls soccer; & 4 Inter-Ac championships: boys soccer, softball, baseball & girls track & field.

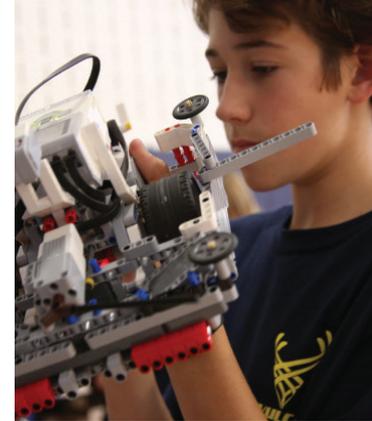


Rolling a big snowball up a hill takes perseverance and teamwork, qualities that SCH students learn early through our project-based curriculum.

HAVE BIG GOALS. PERSEVERE.

AN SCH EDUCATION IS AS RIGOROUS AS ANY WHEN IT COMES TO ACADEMICS AND PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE. IT'S ALSO MUCH MORE.

Coupled with a college preparatory curriculum that is high in expectations and challenging in delivery is a spirit of exploration and innovation that encourages students to think and analyze clearly, but also to act boldly and creatively. Our project-based teaching model enables students to deeply engage with their classroom subjects. Open-ended challenges, built into the curriculum and often real world in nature, provide them with opportunities to independently explore and devise their own solutions. Each of these self-directed learning experiences builds on others so that, over time, students build confidence in their intellectual capabilities and capacities as problem solvers.





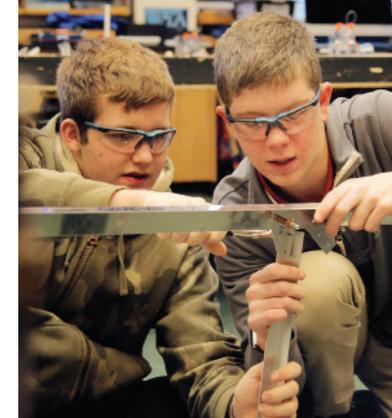
Lower School girls experience the excitement of scientific discovery as they extract DNA from a strawberry.

BE CURIOUS. SEEK ANSWERS.

AT SCH, TEACHERS ARE PRIMED TO LOOK FOR DOOR-OPENING MOMENTS—THOSE TIMES WHEN A STUDENT’S INTEREST OR CURIOSITY IN A TOPIC PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING AND DISCOVERY.

Letting students’ curiosity guide their acquisition of knowledge—what we call passion-based learning—is not a new concept in education. It was advocated by John Dewey, one of the early proponents of educational reform, who observed that interests are the “signs and symptoms of growing power” and “dawning capacities.”

Our faculty understand the enormous potential of these moments and are always on the lookout for ways to build on a student’s curiosity and help their passions come alive. When students explore a subject through the lens of something they’re curious about, exciting things can happen! Best of all, the sense of empowerment they feel through finding answers to their own questions can lead to deeper and more lasting learning.





Middle School boys experience the highs and lows of friendly competition as they pit their self-designed sumobots against each other in a robotics class.

TAKE RISKS. FAIL. TRY AGAIN.

AT SCH, STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO THINK BIG AND OUTSIDE THE BOX, AND TO NOT BE AFRAID OF TRYING NEW APPROACHES. BUT SOMETIMES THESE BIG, BOLD IDEAS DON'T GO AS EXPECTED.

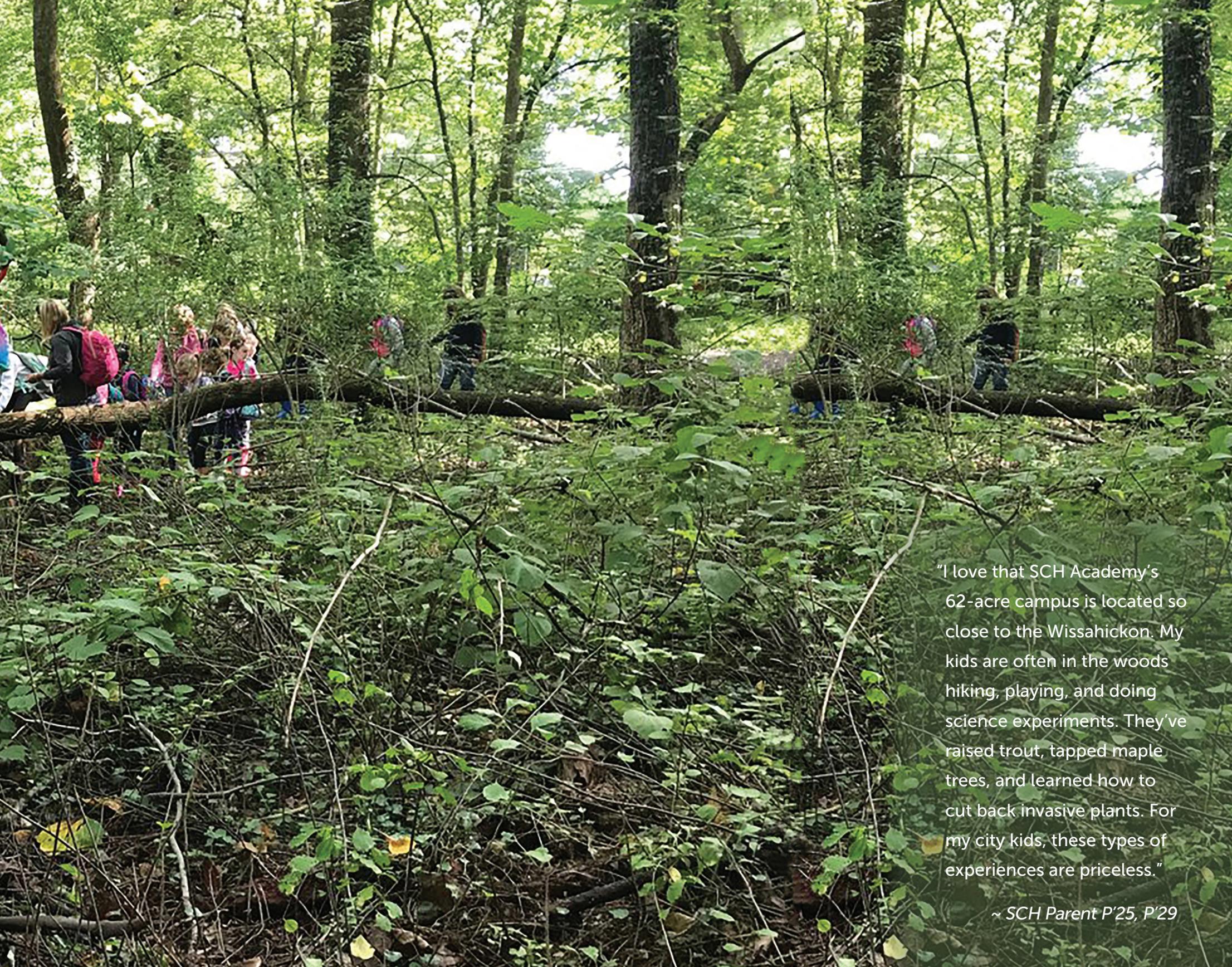
Sometimes there are failures along the way. Our students learn to see failure as a natural part of the problem-solving process. As one student explains it, "Just because we failed doesn't mean we didn't succeed. We don't let it stop us; we grow from it. We call this failing forward."

Others call this resiliency. By removing the fear of failure, by helping our students see it not as some inner deficiency but as an important opportunity for learning, we release their creative energy and help them develop the confidence to take intellectual risks, trust in their own abilities, and more importantly, persist through disappointments to success.





Lower School girls build confidence in navigating the outdoors as they explore the trails around school.



"I love that SCH Academy's 62-acre campus is located so close to the Wissahickon. My kids are often in the woods hiking, playing, and doing science experiments. They've raised trout, tapped maple trees, and learned how to cut back invasive plants. For my city kids, these types of experiences are priceless."

~ SCH Parent P'25, P'29



At the CEL Capstone Showcase event, sophomores present the ventures they've been working on during the semester. This student's project involved a mobile childcare facility that can travel to conferences and other events and provide care for the children of attendees.

THE SANDS CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP

BE A TRAILBLAZER. SOLVE PROBLEMS.

THROUGH THE SANDS CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP (CEL) STUDENTS BUILD THE SKILLS AND MINDSET THAT ENABLE THEM TO TACKLE PROBLEMS WITH RESILIENCY AND RESOURCEFULNESS AND TO VIEW CHALLENGES, NOT AS PROBLEMS, BUT AS OPPORTUNITIES.

The CEL experience is integrated into SCH Academy's Pre-K-12 curriculum. Project-based challenges and skill building in and out of the classroom provide opportunities for students to practice an entrepreneurial approach to problem solving in the areas of business, design, and technology.

The formal CEL curriculum begins in 5th grade and culminates in 10th with a Capstone experience in which all sophomores work over one semester to launch a venture of their choosing which they then present to the school community.

In 11th and 12th grade, students can continue to work on their ventures through a variety of electives and independent study opportunities.



CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Adventures in New Media	LEGO Robotics	Introduction to Coding	Environmental Technology	Electronics & Microprocessors	All SCH sophomores engage in the CEL Capstone—a unique, self-directed project design experience. With the support of dedicated faculty mentors and access to specialized studios, students bring ideas inspired by their personal passions to life using the entrepreneurial, design, and new media skills learned in previous CEL classes.
Digital Storytelling-Audio	Digital Storytelling-Video	Media & Presentation	Digital Publishing	Introduction to App Development	
Collaboration & Teamwork	Social Entrepreneurship	Graphic Design	Money Matters	Research, Data & Analysis	<h1>11th & 12th</h1>
				Design & Fabrication	

SKILLS ACQUIRED THROUGH CEL CURRICULUM:
BUSINESS | NEW MEDIA | COMMUNICATIONS | CODING | COLLABORATION | ENGINEERING



VENTURE INCUBATOR AND ACCELERATOR

The CEL Venture Incubator is an extracurricular opportunity open to students below 10th grade who are interested in learning how to develop a business venture.

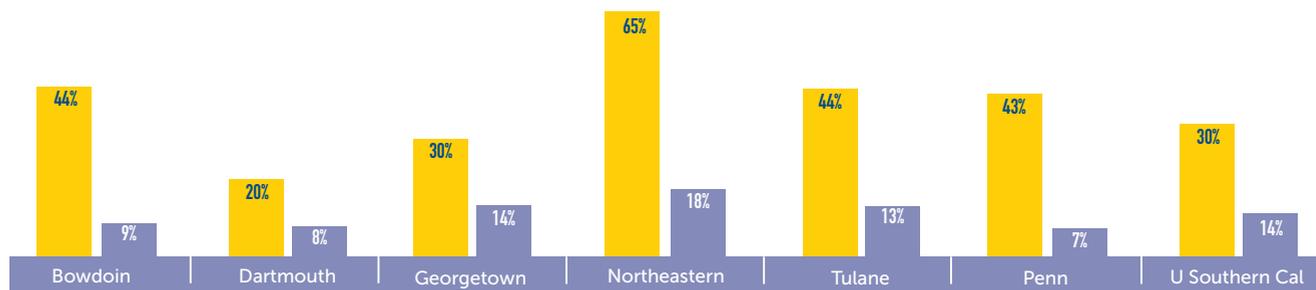
Students in 11th and 12th grade are eligible to apply for the Venture Accelerator, which gives them the chance to further develop their venture ideas and launch them into the marketplace.

 **LEARN MORE:** Go to sch.org/CEL to view more information about CEL.

NATIONAL VS SCH ADMIT RATES

National 2019 admittance rate to selected colleges and universities as compared to the SCH 5-year admittance rate to those institutions.

 SCH Academy  National



COLLEGE COUNSELING

FIND THE BEST FIT FOR YOUR FUTURE.

WITH THREE FULL-TIME COLLEGE COUNSELORS, SCH'S EXCEPTIONAL COUNSELOR-TO-STUDENT RATIO ENSURES THAT EACH STUDENT IS WELL KNOWN AND ENJOYS EASY ACCESS TO SUPPORT DURING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS.

Although the search for the right college or university has the potential to be confusing and intimidating, our college counseling staff equips students with the right questions, information, and tools to navigate the process smoothly.

They help to demystify the decision making behind college admissions and clarify the critical factors that colleges and universities consider when selecting a class. Most importantly, they help students focus in on what they want from their college experience and identify which institutions offer the best fit for their interests and goals.

While students are expected to take ownership of their college application process, our counselors are there all along the way to offer quality information, honest evaluation, and plenty of encouragement.



LEARN MORE: Visit sch.org/college to see more details about the college counseling process and our five-year college matriculation list.

The Class of 2019 enjoyed a **90%** admission rate to one of their 2 top college choices.

176 different colleges and universities offered admittance to the 114 members of the Class of 2019, who will be attending 70 different institutions.

Representatives from **140** colleges visited SCH to speak with students during the fall of 2018.



Investigating aspects of identity—their own and others'—is an important focus in Middle School. Seventh grade girls produce lifesize silhouette self-portraits created out of paint, collage, and other materials that they feel express who they are and that are displayed during the final assembly of the year.



ARTS AND NEW MEDIA

EXPRESS YOURSELF.

SCH ACADEMY'S ARTS AND NEW MEDIA CURRICULUM PROVIDES AN IMPRESSIVE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF CREATIVE EXPERIENCES FOR OUR STUDENTS IN PRE-K THROUGH 12TH GRADE.

Our arts faculty are working artists who understand the creative process—its joys, challenges, and frustrations. Not only do they teach our students the skills of art making across a wide range of disciplines, they teach—and model—the importance of courageously following one's creative vision and working through technical and mental obstacles to achieve it.

NEW MEDIA

In the belief that today's students need to be digital content creators as well as consumers, the new media program offers training in video and music production, coding, design and fabrication, 3D and interactive design, architecture, photography, and animation.

VISUAL ARTS

Classes offer a balance between solid foundational work and expressive freedom. Students move progressively through an exploration of both two- and three-dimensional work while being exposed to the art of many cultures and the skills of critiquing one's own and others' work.

PERFORMING ARTS

Music—Through the study of music and musical performance, students learn the joys of music making and essential skills, including how to communicate, collaborate, and listen while engaged in the musical language of world cultures.

Theatre—The performing arts curriculum combines a practical theatre education, both on and off stage, with the exploration of interdisciplinary connections and development of effective communication skills.



A critical play in one of the final games
leading up to the SCH 2018
PAISAA soccer championship.



ATHLETICS

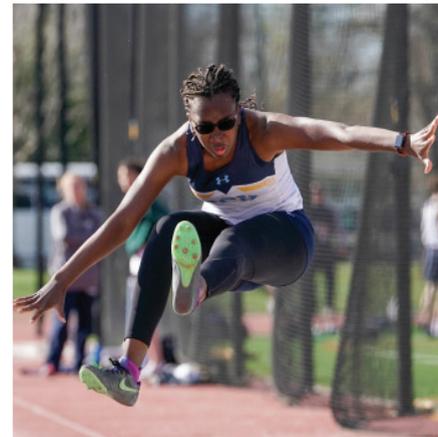
BE PART OF SOMETHING LARGER.

AT SCH WE STRESS TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, PERSONAL COMMITMENT, STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE, AND WINNING AND LOSING WITH HONOR AND DIGNITY.

Knowing that participation in athletics improves students' self-confidence and overall health, our coaching staff is committed to fostering each student-athlete's decision-making and leadership skills, confidence, and sense of responsibility—qualities that will serve them well throughout life.

The Athletic Department seeks to provide each student with a sense of affiliation, motivation, and accomplishment by balancing challenge and demand with support and encouragement. By taking advantage of the many positive experiences that sports have to offer, our students enjoy their time on the playing fields and courts while collecting memories that will last a lifetime.





SCH takes pride in being a member of the Inter-Academic League, the oldest secondary school athletic league in the nation, formed in 1887. The Inter-Ac comprises nine private schools in the Philadelphia area, and although it is one of the most competitive leagues in the country, the core of its purpose is still to educate the student-athlete. Our goal at the varsity level is to win Inter-Ac championships but also to teach the principles of good sportsmanship. Our coaches understand the profound impact they have on their athletes as they teach them how to prepare, compete, and react in victory and defeat; motivate them to be the best student-athletes they can be; and encourage them to develop the strength of character needed for success throughout their lives.

MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS OPTIONS

Upper School students can avail themselves of 19 sports, 15 of them offering junior varsity and varsity levels. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to participate in two sports, or one sport and one extracurricular, per year. Seniors are required to participate in one sport, either playing or managing. There are no substitutions.

Fall	Winter	Spring
Boys/Girls Cross Country*	Boys/Girls Basketball*	Boys Baseball*
Field Hockey*	Boys/Girls Ice Hockey*	Boys/Girls Crew
Football*	Boys/Girls Indoor Track	Boys/Girls Outdoor Track*
Boys Golf*	Boys/Girls Squash*	Boys/Girls Lacrosse*
Boys/Girls Soccer*	Boys Wrestling*	Girls Softball*
Girls Tennis*	Life Sports/Fitness+	Boys Tennis*
Girls Volleyball*	Boys/Girls Crew Training ‡	Boys/Girls PE
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*Also offered as interscholastic sport in Middle School +Middle School girls only ‡ 8th grade only

2017-2019 SCH UPPER SCHOOL ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS



9 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

PAISAA state titles: boys soccer (2x), girls soccer, softball
 1 SEPA championship: girls soccer
 4 Inter-Ac championships: boys soccer, baseball, softball, girls track and field



107 ALL-INTER-AC PLAYERS

Number of students nominated to 1st and 2nd All-Inter-Ac teams, including 2 Inter-Ac MVPs, 3 All-MASA athletes, and 1 US lacrosse All-American



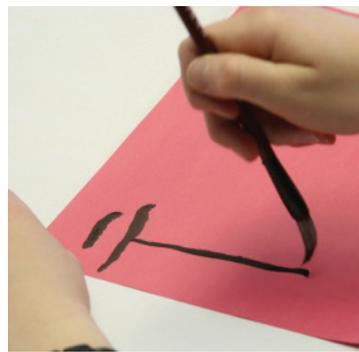
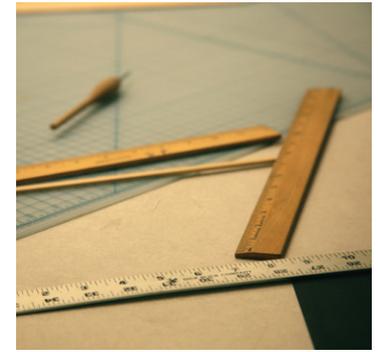
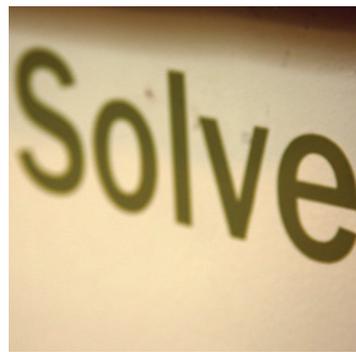
43 COLLEGE-RECRUITED ATHLETES

Number of students from Classes 2018 and 2019 playing a sport in college



56 TRI-VARSITY ATHLETES

Number of student-athletes who played at the highest level in three different sports



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3. Upper School

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