

THE UPPER SCHOOL

EXPERIENCE



ST. FRANCIS
Episcopal School

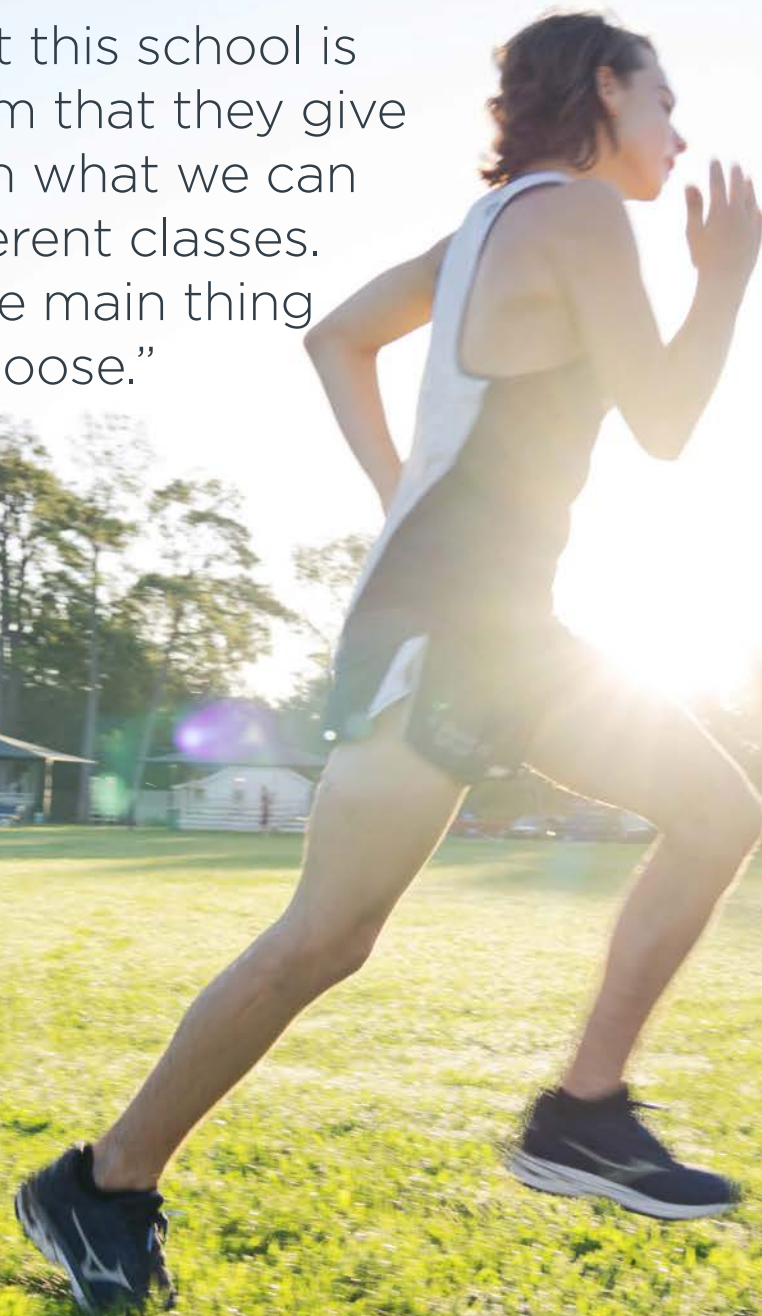


Blaze your trail.

Are you looking for more from your high school? More opportunity? More adventure? Whatever you're seeking, you're bound to find it at St. Francis Episcopal Upper School—an independent, faith-based high school with rigorous academics, enriching extracurricular activities, and dedicated faculty ready to help you explore the many paths to your future.

“My favorite part about this school is the amount of freedom that they give us. Freedom/variety in what we can wear. Freedom in different classes. Many other things. The main thing I like is that I get to choose.”

– JONATHAN M., JUNIOR



Student Life Building (coming 2022)



UPPER SCHOOL TENETS

We believe...

A STUDENT-CENTERED EXPERIENCE LAYS THE GROUNDWORK
FOR THE UPPER SCHOOL

EDUCATION SHOULD BE BALANCED

- Faith is foundational
- In depth over breadth
- Arts and athletics complement one another
- Social/emotional is as critical as solid academic principles

THE BEST LEARNING COMES THROUGH CONNECTING EXPERIENCES

- Interdisciplinary curriculum connects subjects, people, and concepts and promotes collaboration
- Learning that emphasizes students' passions promotes retention
- Relevance to real-world applications means there's always "a point"
- Entrepreneurship, internships, and two-week intensives provide practical and real-world experience



A young woman with long brown hair is captured in a dynamic pose, likely a ballet pirouette or a similar dance move. She is wearing a black leotard and a long, flowing purple skirt that is caught in motion, creating a sense of grace and movement. She is barefoot and standing on a light-colored floor. The background features large windows that let in bright, natural light, illuminating the room. The overall atmosphere is one of elegance and artistic expression.

FINE ARTS



Step into the spotlight.

There is no reward without risk. Our arts program will challenge you to make bold, creative choices for yourself and embrace your imaginative gifts and spirit. From performing Shakespeare under the stars to pliés at the ballet barre, students learn to become expressive, imaginative, and informed storytellers.



Cross Country
BOYS, GIRLS

Swimming
BOYS, GIRLS

Volleyball
BOYS, GIRLS

Track and Field
BOYS, GIRLS


Basketball
BOYS, GIRLS

Golf
BOYS, GIRLS



Get in the game.

There are no benchwarmers here—every student-athlete is considered a valuable member of the team. Experienced and accomplished coaches motivate our Wolves to set records, break boundaries, and make history. We offer a mixture of competitive team and individual sports designed to meet the needs of our student body.

A photograph of four young athletes, two women and two men, standing in a row on a grassy field. They are all wearing dark blue athletic singlets and shorts with "St. FRANCIS Episcopal" printed on them. The background shows a bright sunset with trees and a building in the distance. The word "ATHLETICS" is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

ATHLETICS

A man with a beard, wearing a light blue button-down shirt and a red patterned tie, is sitting and looking down at a book he is holding. The book is titled "College CHOICE THAT'S THE College Finder". He is wearing a name tag that says "MR. VALES". To his right, a young man with curly hair, wearing a dark blue shirt, is looking at him. They are in a room with large windows in the background. The word "COLLEGE" is written in large white letters across the middle of the image, and "COUNSELING" is written in smaller white letters below it.

COLLEGE

COUNSELING



“It’s great to be in an environment that makes students feel independent and in control of their own education.”

- PAYTON B., SOPHOMORE

Set your course.

Whether you have a specific destination in mind or several paths to explore, we are here to help you on your journey. Our director of college counseling works with you through every step of the process—including college recommendations, essays, resumes, the college list, standardized test prep advice, and much more.





Dive in deep.

In these two-week intensives, we go beyond the confines of the classroom and into the Houston community. Students explore everything from building an art car to building a business.

As students progress through high school, they can focus their attention toward areas of interest including academic study, health and wellness, and service learning.



IMMERSIONS AND EXPLORATIONS

A female teacher with long dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt and grey plaid pants, stands in a classroom pointing at a whiteboard. The whiteboard has handwritten Spanish verb conjugations for 'Ir' and 'Ser y Estar'. In the foreground, a student's hand is visible on the left, and a male student is on the right looking at a laptop. The word 'SPANISH' is overlaid in large white letters.

SPANISH

Expand your world.

Our Spanish language courses are designed to build student capacity in both receptive (listening and reading) and productive (speaking and writing) skills. Students use real-world tasks and authentic materials within a cultural framework to achieve ever-increasing proficiency levels. In addition, students learn about the diversity of Spanish-speaking cultures through history, geography, music, art, and literature.





“St. Francis is the hidden gem of Houston independent high schools.”

- ST. FRANCIS UPPER SCHOOL PARENT

Connect the pieces.

Whether using geometry to build a stage or learning the language of mathematics, you'll have safe spaces to explore thought-provoking mistakes, collaboratively discover solutions, and develop reasoning skills. Students study algebra, data analysis, and geometry together, forming a deeper understanding of these concepts and creating a stronger foundation for further study in fields such as engineering, economics, statistics, and medicine.



MATHEMATICS



SCIENCE

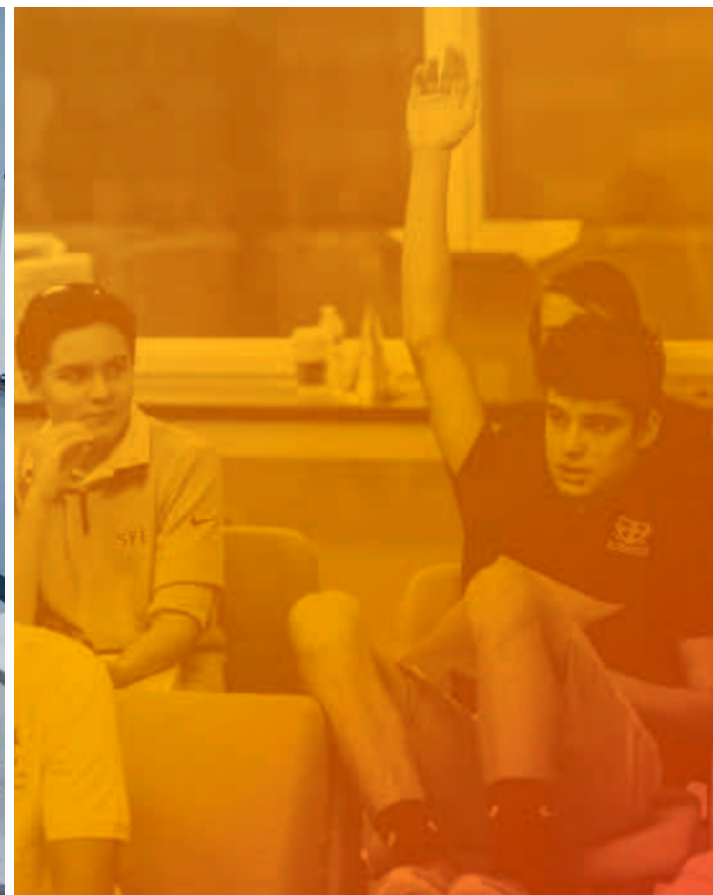
Explore the possibilities.

Using Houston as an extension of the classroom, our science program places a strong emphasis on the application and relevance of scientific concepts in the real world. From collecting samples in the bayou, to studying the structure and behavior of the matter that surrounds us, the overall experience teaches observation, exploration, experimentation, data analysis, and creative problem solving.



Deepen your understanding.

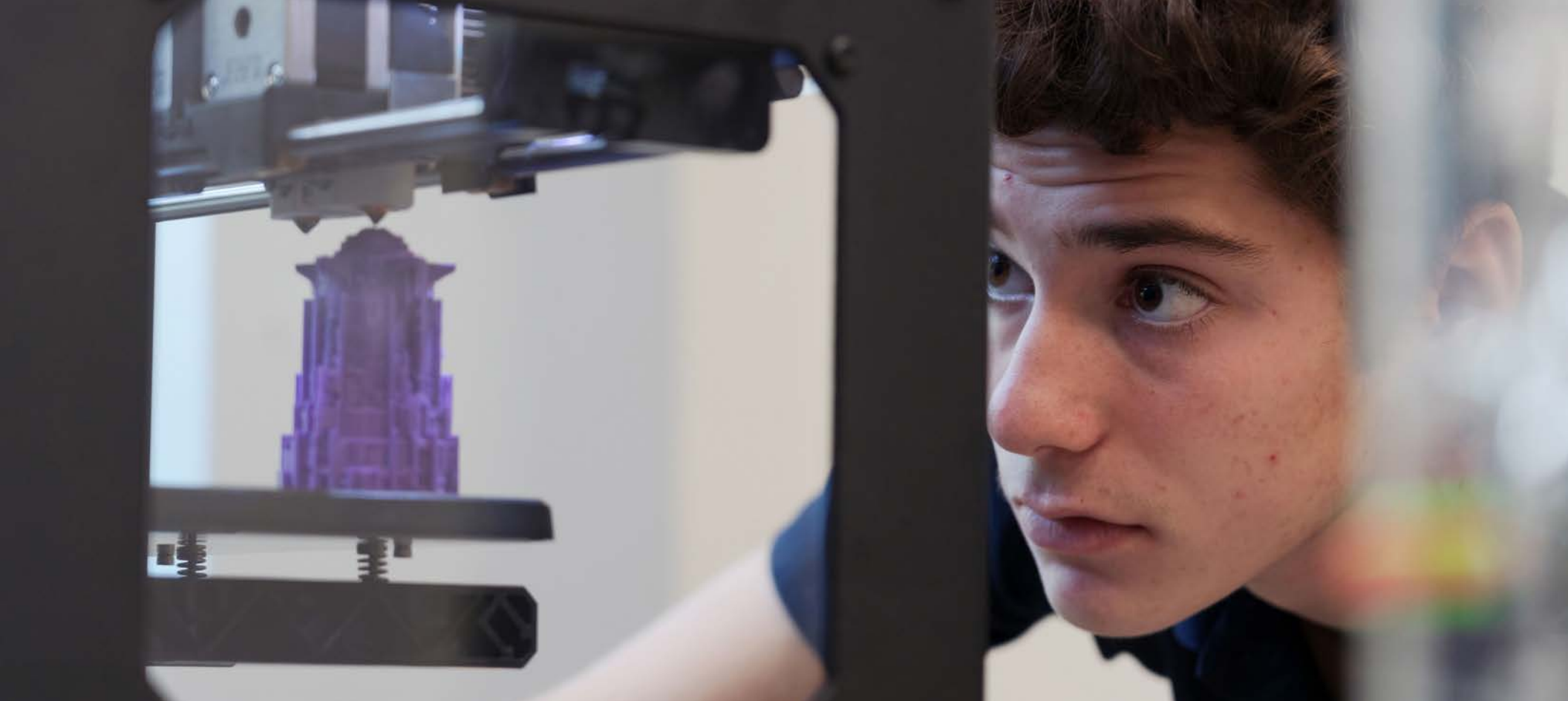
Humanities studies the significance of cultural expression in the areas of literature, history, rhetoric, drama, music, film, and cultural studies. Breaking with traditional practice, study begins at the local level, using city centers as laboratories. In their junior year, students analyze social issues, examining them through the lenses of science, math, cultural studies, and art. They gain experience in creative and argumentative writing, dynamic group presentation, experiential learning, interdisciplinary project work, and internships.



HUMANITIES

A photograph of a classroom setting. In the foreground, a male teacher with glasses and a beard, wearing a maroon shirt, is leaning over a desk, interacting with a student. The student is wearing a light blue shirt and has their arms raised. Other students are seated at desks in the background, some looking towards the teacher. A bookshelf is visible on the left side of the frame.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING



Crack the code.

Computer science is a core subject every student needs to thrive in an increasingly digital world. By separating computer science from engineering and weaving concepts from each into disciplinary work, we provide students with a clear picture of how current technology influences our daily lives. This gives them the tools they need to envision the future—think 3-D printed cities, creating your own virtual-reality games, and building apps.



Strengthen your spirit.

Students continue to grow as *people for others* through real-world service opportunities, regular chapel attendance, and ongoing religious education throughout their high school career. While St. Francis incorporates religious and spiritual formation into daily life, we invite students of all faiths and beliefs to attend. We model and encourage respect for all people and embrace every member of our community as family.



RELIGION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE



PHYSICAL

EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Stay sharp.

Our physical education classes infuse an assortment of aerobic-based workouts to improve key fitness components including cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and body composition. Students learn to develop their own exercise plans while incorporating nutritional guidelines and wellness principles geared toward modeling healthy, active habits. This includes social and emotional health, too. Through a partnership with The Fontaine Center, based at the University of Georgia, our Upper School offers programming on wellness and confronting high-risk behaviors for Upper School students.





GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	CREDITS	NOTES
ENGLISH	4	Includes Humanities I, II, III and Writing Seminar in grade 9
SOCIAL SCIENCES	3	Includes Humanities I, II, and ASI: Culture Studies
MATH	3	Through Integrated Math III
SCIENCE	3	Includes Biology, Chemistry, and one advanced science course
WORLD LANGUAGES	2	Through Level II of the same language
ARTS	2	Required freshman strand and two subsequent trimester electives
COMPUTER SCIENCE	.66	Two trimester courses, one each in grades 9 and 10
ENGINEERING	.66	Two trimester courses, one each in grades 9 and 10
RELIGION	1.33	One trimester course is required in grades 9 – 12
PE/ATHLETICS	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three trimesters of PE and/or dance electives • Participation in three sports (can include up to one trimester of team management)
HEALTH/WELLNESS	.33	One trimester course in grade 10

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In the Anglican tradition, St. Francis
Episcopal School challenges and
motivates students in an academically
and spiritually stimulating
environment to become imaginative,
critical thinkers and *people for others*.





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