





TAKING THE LEAD

In their last four years at SCH, students assume increasingly greater responsibility and independence as they build toward college-level academic expectations and performance. Guided by a deeply committed faculty and supportive college counseling staff, students complete their core academic work and choose from a robust array of electives and activities that will help them assemble academic résumés that speak to their strengths and earn them entrance to the nation's top colleges and universities.

Through experiences like the 9th grade Outward Bound trip, sophomore CEL Capstone course, and project-based work in their classes, students deepen their problem-solving and leadership skills while exercising the resilience, perseverance, and initiative they have been encouraged to develop throughout their time at SCH.

Older students also assume greater role-modeling responsibilities as leaders of the school, helping to articulate and embody important school values for those who look up to them and one day will take their place.

Upper School course electives and extracurricular activities provide an opportunity for students to engage more deeply with a personal interest or passion, whether it's creating a thought-provoking video, leading a club on diversity, crafting a scientific experiment, building circuitry for a robot, developing a venture idea, or competing on the athletic field.

Both in and out of the classroom, SCH students are developing the intellectual discipline, skills, empathy, breadth of perspective, and self-confidence that will ensure their readiness for the challenges of college and beyond.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Leadership is a dynamic and important part of Upper School life. It is the difficult, sometimes messy, and rewarding tasks of leadership that challenge our students to grow and prepare themselves for the world beyond SCH. There are a multitude of opportunities for SCH students to engage in authentic leadership opportunities and to model the values that have guided their education.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

There are more than 40 activities and clubs to match almost every student's interest. Activities include Players (drama), Black Student Union, Mock Trial, Model UN, Pub (literary magazine), robotics, and Yearbook. Clubs are student-led and driven by the interests and passions of those involved in them. Current club options range from Book Club, Math Club, Current Events, Eco Club, Fashion Club, and French Club to Investment Club, Black Student Union, Jewish Cultural Club, Young Republicans, Multicultural Club, and SAGE (Students Advocate for Gender Equality.)

In addition to these clubs and activities, students also organize and lead many service initiatives throughout the year from fundraising efforts for pediatric cancer to food and clothing drives.

ADVISING

On entering Upper School, students are placed into single-sex groups of 10-12 and paired with a faculty advisor who stays with them for the four years of Upper School. Advisories meet on average twice per week. Discussions, reflective projects, and individual and group activities during advisory time are guided by four themes: identity, leadership, resilience, and studentship. There's also plenty of time for students to just hang out, chat among themselves, and bond over donuts and bagels.

Advisors oversee the academic and extracurricular life of their students and act as the first point of contact on campus for students' families. Special bonds often develop between our students and their advisors, nurtured over the four years that they spend together.

“AT SCH, YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND AS A LEADER. YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE RISKS, LEARN FROM FAILURE, AND MEET THE GOALS YOU SET FOR YOURSELF.

~ MATT NORCINI, HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL

COLLEGE COUNSELING

The SCH College Counseling Office believes that students' unique passions, strengths, and quirks are at the heart of a successful college search process—a journey during which students, their parents, and counselors work together to identify those colleges that will nurture students' interests and foster their continued self-discovery. Three full-time college counselors with a combined 66+ years of experience ensure that each student is well known and enjoys easy access to counselor support.

During 9th grade, students meet with the college counselors as a class to learn about transcripts, summer opportunities, and extracurricular pursuits—information that will help them plot a purposeful course through the next three years. In the winter of 10th grade, students are paired with an individual counselor and begin the self-reflection process that will help them identify their appropriate college targets.

In their junior and senior years, students attend regular college counseling classes and enjoy unlimited one-on-one time with their counselor when they are pushed to think about who they are and want to become. This line of questioning helps lead students to select colleges that promise to be good “fits” and where the intellectual and emotional growth they began at SCH can continue to blossom.



Agnes Scott College	Dartmouth College (3)	Lafayette College (8)	Pratt Institute-Main	University of California-Berkeley (2)	University of Tsukuba, Japan
American University (5)	Davidson College	Le Moyne College	Princeton University (4)	University of California-Davis	University of Utah
Amherst College (3)	Delaware State University (2)	Lehigh University (5)	Proctor Academy	University of California-San Diego (2)	University of Vermont (2)
Arcadia University	Dickinson College (9)	Lewis & Clark College	Providence College (2)	University of California-Santa Barbara (2)	University of Virginia (3)
Arizona State University-Tempe (4)	Drexel University (21)	Loughborough University	Queen's University, Canada	University of California-Santa Cruz	University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Auburn University	Duquesne University (2)	Loyola Marymount University	Quinnipiac University (2)	University of Central Florida	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ave Maria University	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Loyola University Chicago	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)	University of Chicago (3)	Ursinus College (13)
Babson College (3)	Elizabethtown College	Loyola University Maryland (2)	Rhodes College	University of Cincinnati	Vanderbilt University
Bard College	Elon University (13)	Marywood University	Rider University	University of Colorado Boulder (4)	Vassar College
Barnard College (2)	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-FL	Miami University-Oxford	Saint Joseph's University (6)	University of Denver	Villanova University (4)
Bates College (2)	Emory University	Michigan State University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Georgia	Virginia State University
Berklee College of Music	Fisk University	Millersville University of Pennsylvania	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Virginia Tech (2)
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Fordham University (4)	Monmouth University	Seton Hall University (2)	University of Maryland-Baltimore County	Wagner College
Boston College (2)	Franklin and Marshall College (4)	Montgomery County Community College (2)	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	University of Maryland-College Park (6)	Wake Forest University (5)
Boston University (4)	Furman University	Moravian College (2)	Smith College	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	Washington and Lee University (2)
Bowdoin College	George Washington University (9)	Morgan State University (3)	Southern Methodist University (3)	University of Miami (7)	Washington College (2)
Brandeis University (2)	Georgetown University (2)	Mount Holyoke College	Southern University and A&M College	University of Michigan (3)	Washington State University
Brown University (2)	Georgetown University	Muhlenberg College (2)	Spelman College (3)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (3)	Washington University in St Louis
Bryant University	Georgia Institute of Technology (3)	New York University (8)	Springfield College	University of Notre Dame	Wellesley College (3)
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Gettysburg College (3)	North Carolina State University (2)	St Bonaventure University	University of Pennsylvania (34)	Wesley College
Bucknell University (5)	Grinnell College	Northeastern University (7)	Swarthmore College (2)	University of Pittsburgh (12)	Wesleyan University (3)
California University of Pennsylvania	Hamilton College (3)	Norwich University	Syracuse University (10)	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	West Chester University of Pennsylvania (6)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Hampden-Sydney College	Oberlin College (2)	Temple University (12)	University of Richmond (6)	Wheaton College
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Hampshire College	Ohio State University (2)	The New School, All Divisions	University of Scranton	Widener University (3)
Catholic University of America (3)	Hampton University (2)	Pennsylvania State University, Abington (2)	Towson University (2)	University of St Andrews	Williams College
Chapman University	Haverford College (2)	Pennsylvania State University, Altoona	Trinity College (4)	University of South Carolina (4)	Woodbury University
Chestnut Hill College	High Point University (4)	Pennsylvania State University, JPM	Trinity College Dublin (2)	University of Southern California (4)	Xavier University of Louisiana
Clark University	Hobart William Smith Colleges (7)	Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College (2)	Tufts University (3)	University of Tampa (2)	Yale University (2)
Clemson University (4)	Hofstra University	Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus (35)	Tulane University (6)	University of Tennessee, Knoxville (2)	
Colgate University (4)	Holy Family University (2)	Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University (2)	Union College (2)	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	
College of Charleston (7)	Howard University (5)	Point Park University	United States Merchant Marine Academy		
College of Wooster	Hult International Business School (2)		United States Military Academy		
Colorado College (3)	Indiana University-Bloomington (5)		United States Naval Academy		
Colorado College Chicago	Ithaca College (5)		USNA Prep School		
Columbia College Chicago	Jacksonville University		Universita Bocconi, Italy		
Columbia University, Columbia College (3)	James Madison University		University of Alabama		
Connecticut College	Johns Hopkins University (6)				
Cornell University (4)	King's College				
	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (2)				
	La Salle University (4)				



ENGLISH

The Individual and Society
Reading the World*
American Stories*

ELECTIVES

Introduction to Creative Writing
Monsters and the Monstrous in Literature
Rhetorical Theory: Persuasion in Prose and Poetry
Advanced Creative Writing
Dystopian Literature
Film as Text: The Analysis of Cinematic Language
Intertextuality: Convening at the Intersection of Literature and Social Justice
Introduction to Journalism
Advanced Journalism
Modern Love
Narrative Nonfiction
Radical Love in African-American Literature: Reading and Writing Nonfiction and Poetry



Violence as Art: An Analysis of Crime Stories in Literature and Nonfiction
AP Literature and Composition
AP Language and Composition

HISTORY

Foundations of the Modern World*
Modern World History*
U.S. History*/AP U.S. History

ELECTIVES

Global Economics: An Introduction
International Relations: Managing Anarchy in a Globalized World
Global Slavery (H)
Pop Culture in America
World War II in Europe and Beyond
Race, Gender, and Sexuality in American Society
Diseases throughout History
The Civil Rights Movement
Hidden in Philadelphia
The Historical Roots of Contemporary Africa
AP United States Government



SCIENCE

Physics*
Chemistry*
Biology*

ELECTIVES

Environmental Science
Oceanography
Forensic Science
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics
Chemistry 2 (H)
Human Physiology
Pharmacology
Physics 2: Explorations In Physics (H)
Physics 2: Astrophysics (H)
Zoology
Psychology
Independent Research for Science Competitions



MATHEMATICS

Concepts of Algebra and Geometry
Geometry*
Algebra 2*
Accelerated Algebra 2/Trigonometry (H)
Linear Algebra (H)
Discrete Math (H)
Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry*
Pre-BC Calculus (H)
Calculus (H)
Differential Calculus
AP Calculus (AB)
AP Calculus (BC)
Statistics*
AP Statistics

ARTS AND NEW MEDIA

Introduction to Drawing and Painting
Introduction to Sculpture and Ceramics
Introduction to Woodworking and Printmaking
Introduction to Video Production, Animation, and Gaming
Introduction to Songwriting and Music Production
Digital Photography and Photoshop
Theatre Production
Ceramics 1–3
Ceramics Portfolio
Drawing, Design, Painting 1–3
Drawing, Design, Painting and/or Printmaking Portfolio
Printmaking 1–3
Woodworking 1–3
Woodworking Portfolio
3D Modeling and Animation 1
Architectural Design 1–3
Design Portfolio
Digital Art and Graphic Design 1, 2

Coding: Introduction to App Development
Coding 2, 3: App Development
Coding: App Development Portfolio
Photography 1–3
Photography Portfolio
Video Production 1–3
Video Production Portfolio
Chorale
Show Choir/Concert Choir
Chamber Singers (H) (Hilltones and Laurelei)
Orchestra
Chamber Ensemble (H)
Jazz Ensemble (H)
Songwriting and Music Production 1–3
Private Instrumental Lessons
Theatre Production: Acting
Theatre Production: Advanced Acting (H)
Theatre Production: Technical Design
Theatre Production: Directing (H)
Theatre Production: Playwriting (H)

LANGUAGE

Chinese 1–3+
French 1–3+
Latin 1–3+
Spanish 1–3+

ELECTIVES

Chinese 4*, 5
AP Chinese
French 4*, 5
AP French
Latin 4*, 5*
Spanish 4*, 5
AP Spanish

ENGINEERING AND ROBOTICS

Mechanical Engineering, CAD, and CAM
Engineering, Design, and Robotics*
Programming Real-World Systems
Mechatronics 301
Aeronautical Engineering and Private Pilot "Ground School"
SCH Robotics Activity

CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP

Product Design
Introduction to Microprocessors and Coding
Business Fundamentals
Introduction to App Development
CEL Capstone

ELECTIVES

Personal Finance
The Psychology of Happiness
Venture Accelerator



OVER 100 ELECTIVES!



REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

English: 4 years | History: 3 years | Language: 3 levels of a foreign language |
Math: 4 years | Science: 3 years | Arts: 4 semesters (2 in 9th) |
Entrepreneurial Leadership Seminars (9th), Entrepreneurial Leadership Capstone (10th) | Health and Wellness: 1 quarter (9th) | Senior Projects: 1/year (12th) | Athletics: 2/year (9th, 10th, 11th); 1/year (12th)

(H) = Honors level only * Also offered at Honors level + Level 3 offered at Honors level

