





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, Student Council, Asian Student Association, GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) 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 Alliance Group, Math Club, Women in STEM, Current Events Club, Eco Club, Fashion Club, and French Club to Library Club, Investment Club, and Jewish Cultural Club.

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 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 help nurture students' knowledge of themselves and the world.

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.



COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2018-2022

American University (4)	Davidson College	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College (3)	United States Merchant Marine Academy	University of Rhode Island
Amherst College (3)	Delaware State University (3)	La Salle University (3)	Point Park University	United States Military Academy	University of Richmond (4)
Arcadia University (2)	Dickinson College (9)	Lafayette College (6)	Pratt Institute-Main	United States Naval Academy	University of Rochester
Arizona State University (5)	Drexel University (14)	Le Moyne College	Princeton University (4)	United States Naval Academy Prep School	University of South Carolina (6)
Auburn University	Duquesne University (2)	Lehigh University (6)	Providence College		University of Southern California (4)
Ave Maria University	East Stroudsburg University	Lewis & Clark College	Queen's University, Canada	Universita Bocconi, Italy	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2)
Babson College (5)	Elizabethtown College	Loughborough University, UK	Quinnipiac University	University of Alabama (3)	The University of the South (2)
Bard College	Elon University (11)	Loyola Marymount University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (4)	University of California-Berkeley	University of Tsukuba, Japan
Barnard College (2)	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	Loyola University Chicago (2)	Rhodes College (2)	University of California-Davis	University of Utah
Bates College (2)	Emory University (2)	Loyola University Maryland (2)	Rider University	University of California-San Diego (2)	University of Vermont (2)
Belmont University	Fairfield University	Lynn University	Rollins College	University of California-Santa Barbara (2)	University of Virginia
Berklee College of Music	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Chicago (3)	University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Boston College (2)	Florida Atlantic University	Miami University, Oxford	Sacred Heart University	University of Cincinnati	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Boston University (2)	Florida Gulf Coast University	Middlebury College	Saint Joseph's University (5)	University of Colorado Boulder (6)	Ursinus College (10)
Bowdoin College (2)	Fordham University (5)	Millersville University of Pennsylvania (2)	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Denver	Vanderbilt University (3)
Brandeis University (2)	Franklin and Marshall College (4)	Monmouth University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Hartford	Vassar College
Brown University (2)	George Washington University (6)	Montgomery County Community College (2)	Seton Hall University (2)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)	Villanova University (4)
Bryant University	Georgetown University (2)	Moravian University (2)	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	University of Louisville	Virginia Military Institute
Bucknell University (7)	Georgia Institute of Technology (3)	Morgan State University (5)	Smith College (2)	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (4)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (3)
California Polytechnic State U.-San Luis Obispo	Georgia State University	Mount Holyoke College (2)	Southern Methodist University (2)	University of Maine	Virginia State University
California University of Pennsylvania	Georgian Court University	Muhlenberg College (2)	Southern University and A & M College	University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Wake Forest University (5)
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	Gettysburg College (3)	Neumann University	Spelman College (3)	University of Maryland-Baltimore County (2)	Washington and Lee University (2)
Case Western Reserve University	Grinnell College (2)	New York University (5)	Springfield College	University of Maryland-College Park (5)	Washington College (2)
Catholic University of America (3)	Hamilton College (2)	North Carolina State University (2)	Stanford University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2)	Washington State University
Chapman University	Hampden-Sydney College	Northeastern University (9)	Swarthmore College (2)	University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2)	Washington University in St. Louis
Chestnut Hill College (3)	Hampshire College	Norwich University	Syracuse University (12)	University of Miami (8)	Wellesley College
Clark University	Hampton University	Oberlin College (2)	Temple University (10)	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (4)	Wesleyan University (4)
Clemson University (5)	Haverford College (2)	Ohio State University-Main Campus (3)	The New School (3)	University of Notre Dame	West Chester University of Pennsylvania (11)
Colgate University (2)	High Point University (4)	Pennsylvania State University-Abington (2)	Thomas Jefferson University (3)	University of Pennsylvania (26)	Wheaton College-Massachusetts
College of Charleston (6)	Hobart William Smith Colleges (6)	Pennsylvania State University-Altoona	Towson University (2)	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Widener University (2)
College of Wooster	Holy Family University (2)	Pennsylvania State University-(BS/MD)	Trinity College (4)	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus (12)	Williams College
Colorado College (6)	Howard University (6)	Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus (33)	Trinity College Dublin (2)		Woodbury University
Colorado School of Mines	Hult International Business School (2)		Tufts University		Xavier University of Louisiana
Columbia College Chicago	Indiana University-Bloomington (4)		Tulane University (5)		Yale University (3)
Columbia University, NYC	Ithaca College (5)		Union College (2)		
Connecticut College	Jacksonville University				
Cornell University (5)	James Madison University				
Dartmouth College (4)	Johns Hopkins University (5)				
	Kenyon College				
	King's College				

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM



ENGLISH

The Individual and Society
Reading the World*
American Stories*

ELECTIVES

Introduction to Creative Writing
Monsters and the Monstrous in
Literature
The Animal Within
Literature of the Americas
Rhetorical Theory: Persuasion in Prose
and Poetry
Advanced Creative Writing
Dystopian Literature
Film as Text: The Analysis of Cinematic
Language
Intertextuality: Convening at the Inter-
section of Literature and Social Justice
Introduction to Journalism
Advanced Journalism
Narrative Nonfiction



Radical Love in African-American
Literature: Reading and Writing
Nonfiction and Poetry
Crime, Punishment, and Justice in
American Literature
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)
Global Slavery and Emancipation (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 Philadelphia
Unnatural Disasters: Humans and
the Environment
AP United States Government
AP Art History**

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)**
Multivariable Calculus (H)**
Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry*
Pre-BC Calculus (H)
Calculus (H)
Differential Calculus
AP Calculus (AB)
AP Calculus (BC)
Statistics*
AP Statistics

(H) = Honors level only

* Also offered at Honors level

** Offered Every Other Year

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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
History of Musical Theatre
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
Chorus/Vocal Workshop
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