



ST. BRENDAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Brendan High School provides a Catholic educational experience to young men and women that inspires a passion for learning by fostering intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual development through academic excellence and mutual respect.

ADMINISTRATION

Ivette G. Alvarez, MS
Principal

Guillermo Ramos, EdS
Assistant Principal

Maria Victoria Chacon, MS
Director of Curriculum and School Improvement

Patricia Alvarez, MS
Director of Academics and Instruction

Robert Del Riego, M.Ed
Director of Student Affairs

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Amanda Parlade, MSW
Grade Level Counselor, 9th grade

Aymee Vives, MS
Grade Level Counselor, 10th grade

Lily Kirschner-Sanchez, LCSW
Director of Guidance, 11th grade

Athenas Gonzalez, MS
Grade Level Counselor, 12th grade

Jennifer Mendez, EdS
Director of College & Career Counseling

Lethicia Acevedo, MS
College Counselor

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1975, St. Brendan High School is an archdiocesan school in a suburban area of Miami, Florida whose primary objective is to provide a secondary Catholic education to young women and men in grades 9 through 12. Students of Hispanic descent comprise 96% of the student population. Females comprise 73% of the student body, while male students make up 27%. A tuition-based school, 84% of students receive Florida state scholarships and 15% of students receive additional financial aid. Students at St. Brendan High School are served by 8 administrators, 6 school counselors, and 82 instructors. The majority of whom hold graduate and post-graduate degrees. St. Brendan High School is a College Board AP Capstone School, Pre-AP School and the recipient of the Female Diveristy Award. It is also a Green Apple School, Florida Green School, STEM certified and fully accredited by Cognia.

ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment in grades 9-12	1321
Class of 2024	303
Class of 2025	323
Class of 2026	337
Class of 2027	358

GRADING SYSTEM

Un-weighted GPAs are based on the standard 4.0 point scale.

Weighted GPAs are based on the level of the course taken.

Rank is exact, weighted, and is reported on transcript and school reports.

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SCALE</u>	<u>PHASE 1 STANDARD</u>	<u>PHASE 2 COLLEGE PREP</u>	<u>PHASE 3 HONORS</u>	<u>PHASE 4 AP</u>
A	100-90	4	4.5	5.0	6.0
B	89-80	3	3.5	4.0	5.0
C	79-70	2	2.5	3.0	4.0
D	69-60	1	1.5	2.0	3.0
F	59-0	0	0	0	0

SCHOOL ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

St. Brendan High School is affiliated with the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA), competing interscholastically in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, track, cheerleading, dance, and volleyball. Students who meet the academic requirements can be inducted into the 16 Honor Societies. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in over 30 clubs whose primary focus is service learning.

CURRICULUM (2023-2024)

HONORS LEVEL COURSES

Accounting I	Chemistry	French III	Spanish Speakers IV
American Mosaic	Computer Programming I Java	Health Explorations	Spanish III
Anatomy and Physiology	Constitutional Law Studies	Italian III	Spanish IV
Applied Engineering Technology I	Criminal Justice	Mandarin III	Speech I
Applied Engineering Technology II	Dance Technique III	Physics	Speech II
Art History	Debate	Portfolio	Statistics
Biology I	Economics	Pre-Calculus	United States Government
Broadcasting III	English I	Psychology I/II	United States History
Business Law	English II	Robotics I	Vocal Ensemble IV
Business Management	English III	Robotics II	Web Design
Calculus	English IV	Spanish Speakers III	World History

PRE-AP COURSES

Algebra I	Biology	Geometry with Statistics	English II
Algebra II	Chemistry	English I	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Art History	Computer Science A	Human Geography	Spanish Literature & Culture
Biology	Computer Science Principles	Italian Language & Culture	Statistics
Calculus AB	Drawing	Microeconomics	United States Government & Politics
Calculus BC	English Language & Composition	Physics I	United States History
Capstone Research	English Literature & Composition	Physics C: Mechanics	World History: Modern
Capstone Seminar	Environmental Science	Pre-Calculus	
Chemistry	European History	Psychology	
Chinese Language & Culture	French Language & Culture	Spanish Language & Culture	

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED THROUGH ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

Pre-Calculus Honors	Criminal Justice H	Spanish IV H	Theology III/Sociology
Anatomy and Physiology H	Spanish III H	Spanish Speakers IV H	United States History H
Calculus I H	Physics I H		

TESTING DATA AND AWARDS (2022-2023)

National Merit Scholarship Program	SAT	Score	ACT	Score	AP	Students
7 Merit	SBHS Top 5%	1450	SBHS Top 5%	30	Number of AP Students	290
48 Hispanic	SBHS Top 50%	1270	SBHS Top 50%	25	Exams Passed	514
2 African American	Florida Mean	980	Florida Mean	19	AP Total Scholars	118
	National Mean	1050	National Mean	21	AP Capstone Diploma	20

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

100% matriculation to college
 90% matriculation to 4-year Florida college or university
 10% matriculation to 4-year out-of-state university

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES' SCHOLARSHIP

69 Academic Scholars
 68 Medallion Scholars

ACADEMIES PROGRAM

St. Brendan is the only Catholic high school in South Florida offering a comprehensive Academies Program. Academies work similar to college majors, with students enrolling in one of four programs that focus on specific areas:

Law and Global Business

Medical Sciences

STEM

Visual and Performing Arts

St. Brendan offers the Alpha Program for students who have demonstrated high achievement and the Champagnat Program for students with special learning needs. St. Brendan offers an International Program for students from select European Schools. These students are paired with host families and enroll at the school for one marking period in the fall. St. Brendan also offers four world languages: Spanish, French, Italian, and Chinese. St. Brendan utilizes a semester academic calendar. Seven credits per year is the maximum course load. The academic program is organized on a full block schedule, as follows:

Monday – Periods 1 – 7

Tuesday and Thursday – Periods 1 – 4

Wednesday and Friday – Periods 5 – 7

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a range of credits between 26 – 28 credits, maintain a 2.0 un-weighted grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and earn 100 hours of community service learning. Students must earn:

English – 4 credits

Mathematics – 4 credits

Theology – 4 credits

Science – 3 credits

Social Sciences – 3 credits

World Languages – 2 credits

Personal Fitness and Health – 1 credit

Fine Art – 0.5 credit

Computer Science – 0.5 credit

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

Students are required to fulfill a minimum of 25 hours of community service per year, with a graduation requirement of 100 hours. There is no limit to the number of hours students can earn. Every graduating class, on average, completes approximately 65,000 hours of community service learning. In the second semester, students must present a project outlining their community service learning experience in conjunction with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. St. Brendan High School's Community Service Learning Program is intended not simply as an exercise in the satisfaction of a certain number of hours of service to the community, but rather is intended to help students learn from service in a real and meaningful way, and grow in their Catholic faith.

IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

[St. Brendan High School Homepage](#)

[Curriculum Guide](#)

[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

[College Visits - SCOIR](#)

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"Led by Christ, who changes our hearts and the world"

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