



The seal is our school's official identifying mark. It is an original design made up of elements that include our name and founding date and more symbolic elements that reflect the rich history, traditions, and values of The Savannah Country Day School.

#### Elements of the School's seal:

**Lamp of learning:** The lamp signifies the search for knowledge and wisdom. It is central to what we do as a school; therefore, its placement is central within the seal. It is defended by the use of the shield and embraced and supported by the use of the laurel. The cornerstone for the lamp is the 1905 date of the founding of The Pape School. This gives rise to The Savannah Country Day School at the top of the seal. Our lamp is lit, signifying active learning and our mission to promote life-long learners. This element has been repeatedly used in School seals dating back to The Pape School's logo of 1905.

**Crest:** The crest first appeared in the 1955 School seal, and its inclusion pays homage to the incorporators of The Savannah Country Day School. The crest represents the defender; it defends the mission of our School to create life-long learners, symbolized by the lamp of learning. The lined border around the crest is meant to emphasize the shield and what lies within.

**Laurel:** The laurel signifies success, high honor, and glory. Along with the crest, the laurel was used in previous School seals. Accordingly, using these two elements conveys the School's long history of graduating students to be honorable, achieve honors, and serve.

In our seal, the laurel is meant to be a conceptual design of an oak leaf laurel. It reflects the live oaks prevalent throughout our 65-acre campus and the "country day" concept upon which the School was founded. In addition, the live oak symbolizes strength, dominance, courage, and continuous growth, all of which are characteristics of The Savannah Country Day School.

**Usus Per Scientiam Moresque:** The Latin motto of the School translates as "Service through knowledge and character." The use of Latin alludes to the value we place on blending classical education with more modern curricula. The motto's placement at the base of the seal represents its fundamental importance as the foundation of the School's mission.

**1905:** Savannah Country Day traces its origins back to the 1905 founding of The Pape School. Founder Nina Anderson Pape was revered for her progressive approach to education and her philosophy continues today at The Savannah Country Day School. The Savannah Country Day School is the clear successor to Pape's recognized tradition of academic excellence and as such, in 2008 the Board of Trustees formally recognized 1905 as the founding date of the School.

**Circle, lines and colors:** The circular shape represents that we are all one School, bound together by a strong, bold line.

The use of the lines is purposeful. The outer line represents the greater Savannah community and the greater community of the world, including alumni and friends of Country Day. The middle line represents the community of our families, administrators, faculty and staff. The inner line represents our students, supported by the outer two lines.

The colors of green and gold are central to the School. Gold symbolizes generosity and elevation of mind. Green symbolizes hope, joy, and loyalty. The use of white in the seal symbolizes peace and sincerity.