



# Great Neck Public Schools

## **William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School**

### Profile: Class of 2009

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Gillian Chapman  
Christopher Erickson  
Allison Gottfried  
Jo-Ann Eyre McNeil  
Stacey Rosenstock  
Dr. Joseph Stopanio

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**COMMUNITY** Great Neck is a residential community of some 40,000 people on the North Shore of Long Island (in Nassau County), within easy commuting distance of Manhattan. Great Neck residents, typically well-educated, are concerned about education and have high expectations for their school system.

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**SCHOOLS** About 6,200 students, grades K–12, attend the Great Neck Public Schools. There are three high schools: North (with an alternative program, Community School), South, and Village (a small alternative high school), and SEAL Academy (Supportive Environment for All Learners), a districtwide, alternative high school program. There are two middle schools and four elementary schools. Our students have diverse backgrounds; they come from over 40 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 1,300 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2008–2009 academic year.

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**NATIONAL RECOGNITION** National publications often include Great Neck South High School among the top secondary schools in the country. These publications have based their conclusions on surveys of groups such as college admissions officers, the Carnegie Foundation, the Institute for Educational Leadership at George Washington University, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** More than 83 percent of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Almost 98 percent of the South High School Class of 2008 entered college. Nine percent were recognized as Finalists or received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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**CURRICULUM** South High School offers major sequences in several fields of study. In addition to courses required for graduation, students elect many others according to their abilities, interests, and future plans. Also offered are an independent study program that provides an opportunity for students to explore their own academic pursuits, guided by a teacher; a music program that has earned international, national, and state awards; and a choral program that results in a full-scale opera. Educational opportunities include Advanced Placement (AP), Independent Study, Honors, Regents, accelerated courses, career training, special education, TESL, nine languages, including Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language, and remedial education. AP courses are available in art, art history, biology, chemistry, Chinese, computer science, economics, English, French, government, history, Italian, Latin, mathematics, music, physics, psychology, Spanish, and statistics.

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**EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS** Participation in extracurricular activities is actively encouraged and supported. Ninety percent of the students participate in 28 interscholastic athletic teams and over 60 clubs and activities. A sampling of the latter includes: Academic Team, African-American Culture Club, Asian Cultural Society, Astronomy Club, Community Action Committee, Computer Club, Debate Team, DECA, Government Club, Hebrew Culture Club, Italian Culture Club, Key Club, Model Congress, Science Olympiad, and Spanish Culture Club.

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**ACCREDITATION AND INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS** Great Neck South High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and certified by the New York State Education Department. The School holds institutional memberships with the College Entrance Examination Board, the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

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**VISITS BY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES** College representatives are always welcome in our School to meet with counselors and interested students. Schedules for these events are available each spring for the following year. They can be obtained by contacting the guidance office.

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**Board of Education:** Barbara Berkowitz, *president*; Fran Langsner, *vice president*; Donald L. Ashkenase, Lawrence R. Gross, Susan Miner-Healy

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### CUMULATIVE AVERAGE

The cumulative average, computed at the end of eleventh grade, includes all subjects in which a student received a final numerical grade. **There is no weighting of grades for honors and advanced placement courses.**

### CLASS RANK

In accordance with Great Neck Board of Education policy, **students are not ranked by cumulative averages relative to their classmates.** A distribution of cumulative averages for the South High School Class of 2007, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

### DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2009

| Cumulative Averages | % of Class |
|---------------------|------------|
| 95 & above          | 3.5        |
| 90–94.9             | 28.1       |
| 85–89.9             | 36.2       |
| 80–84.9             | 16.2       |
| 75–79.9             | 10.5       |
| 70–74.9             | 3.5        |
| 65–69.9             | 2.0        |

*Correlation between scores on New York State Regents Examinations and final course grades is +.80.*

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

| Subject Area                    | 22 Units of Credit |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| English                         | 4                  |
| Social Studies                  | 4                  |
| Mathematics                     | 2                  |
| Science                         | 2                  |
| Foreign Language                | 1                  |
| Health Education                | 1                  |
| Physical Education              | 2                  |
| Art / Music / Drama             | 1                  |
| Computer Ed. or Word Processing | .5                 |
| Electives                       | 4.5                |

### FUTURE PLANS

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2008

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Higher Education   | 97.9% |
| Four-Year Colleges | 90.8% |
| Two-Year Colleges  | 7.1%  |
| Other              | 2.1%  |

### SCHOLARSHIP DATA

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2008

| Program                                | Recipients |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| National Merit Scholarship Competition |            |
| Finalists                              | 9          |
| Commended Students                     | 18         |
| Intel Science Talent Search            |            |
| Semifinalists                          | 1          |

### COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2008

| Test                  | Number Tested | School Mean | National Mean |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| SAT–Critical Reading  | 289*          | 576         | 502           |
| SAT–Math              | 289*          | 627         | 515           |
| SAT–Writing           | 289*          | 589         | 494           |
| SAT II: Subject Tests |               |             |               |
| American History      | 77            | 672         | 632           |
| Biology E             | 56            | 644         | 608           |
| Biology M             | 60            | 680         | 646           |
| Chemistry             | 49            | 691         | 649           |
| Chinese               | 13            | 787         | 771           |
| English Literature    | 16            | 658         | 607           |
| Hebrew                | 5             | 568         | 640           |
| Latin                 | 7             | 744         | 647           |
| Math–Level Ic         | 86            | 669         | 624           |
| Math–Level Iic        | 72            | 719         | 682           |
| Physics               | 24            | 725         | 657           |
| Spanish               | 5             | 668         | 637           |
| World History         | 17            | 665         | 617           |

\* Represents 98% of class.

### ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2008

| Test        | Number Tested | School Mean | National Mean |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| English     | 82            | 25.9        | 20.7          |
| Mathematics | 82            | 27.4        | 21.0          |
| Reading     | 82            | 26.2        | 21.5          |
| Science     | 82            | 25.6        | 21.0          |
| Composite   | 82            | 26.4        | 21.2          |
| Writing     | 79            | 25.4        | State: 22.9   |

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – 2007–2008

| Subject                          | Number Tested* | % With 3 or Better |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Art: 2D                          | 11             | 45                 |
| Art: 3D                          | 1              | 100                |
| Art: Drawing                     | 17             | 94                 |
| Art History                      | 12             | 92                 |
| Biology                          | 43             | 91                 |
| Chemistry                        | 17             | 88                 |
| Chinese                          | 13             | 100                |
| Computer Science AB              | 8              | 63                 |
| Economics: Macro                 | 86             | 77                 |
| Economics: Micro                 | 86             | 90                 |
| English Language & Composition   | 108            | 93                 |
| English Literature & Composition | 102            | 77                 |
| French                           | 7              | 86                 |
| Government & Politics: US        | 56             | 73                 |
| History: European                | 67             | 78                 |
| History: United States           | 130            | 71                 |
| Italian                          | 6              | 83                 |
| Latin: Vergil                    | 15             | 80                 |
| Math: Calculus AB                | 70             | 86                 |
| Math: Calculus BC                | 32             | 94                 |
| Music Theory                     | 3              | 100                |
| Physics B                        | 58             | 97                 |
| Physics C: E&M                   | 16             | 94                 |
| Physics C: Mechanics             | 16             | 100                |
| Psychology                       | 166            | 94                 |
| Spanish Language                 | 29             | 52                 |
| Statistics                       | 67             | 61                 |
| World History                    | 41             | 85                 |

\* 509 students, representing 40% of the school, took one or more AP tests.