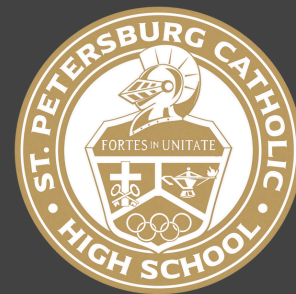


ST. PETERSBURG CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025



CEEB CODE: 101523

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Petersburg Catholic High School is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school rooted in a firm foundation of Catholic faith, family, tradition, and excellence. As a diverse teaching and learning community, we are committed to forming young men and women in spirit, mind, and body for future leadership and compassionate service.

ADMINISTRATION

ROSS BUBOLZ

President
rbubolz@spchs.org

KEITH GALLEY

Principal
kgalley@spchs.org

JILL HUDSON '95

Assistant Principal of Academics
jHUDSON@spchs.org

DORIAN BENNETT

Assistant Principal of Formation
echristian@spchs.org

ELAINE CHRISTIAN

Director of School Counseling
echristian@spchs.org

EVAN SCHROEDER

School Counselor
eschroeder@spchs.org

COURTNEY TANIS

Director Of Enrollment
ctanis@spchs.org

TERRY KERR

Registrar
tkerr@spchs.org

STUDENT LIFE AT SPCHS

St. Petersburg Catholic High School students benefit from an active campus life outside the classroom. Athletes compete on 26 varsity sports teams for both boys and girls.

Academic Interest: Students explore their intellectual passions more deeply through organizations such as Great Books, Robotics Club, Model United Nations, DECA and 10 academic honor societies.

Convocation: The school community prays together, recites the pledge allegiance to the flag, and hears motivational words from SPCHS alumni, community leaders, students, faculty, and staff. Most of our speakers tell their own story through the lens of our core virtues: authenticity, compassion, fortitude, humility, and wisdom. In doing this, students have been able to comprehend what living out the virtues truly looks like, through the witness of speakers that possess them.

Faith: Retreats are planned and led by student members of the Senior Leadership Honors students. Campus Ministry has an active presence on campus that seeks to provide spiritual support, community outreach, and a sense of belonging for students of all backgrounds. Rooted in Catholic faith, Campus Ministry is open to students of all religious beliefs and offers a safe space to discuss spiritual questions, engage in service projects, and foster connections with peers.

Service: Students serve both the school and the local community through their focus on promoting life issues rooted in Catholic social teaching by fulfilling service hours yearly.

Performing and Fine Arts: Students engaged in the arts find additional opportunities to pursue their artistry through the Art Club, Thespian Troupe, Praise Band and the Yearbook.

FAST FACTS

- Founded 1957
- Administered by the Diocese of St. Petersburg
- 97% of students benefit from over \$4 million in financial assistance programs
- 58% of faculty hold Masters degree or higher
- Faculty to student ratio 1:11
- 1:1 student iPad program



ELITE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

Students have the opportunity to earn a College Board AP Capstone Diploma. AP Research and AP Seminar use an interdisciplinary approach to develop critical thinking, research collaboration, time management and presentation skills needed for advanced college-level work. Highly selective admissions process.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY:

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE OR ENGINEERING

Students enrolled in the 4 year program are awarded a PLTW endorsement on their diploma, demonstrating preparedness for Pre-Med or Engineering programs at the college/university level. Highly selective admissions process.

ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

St. Petersburg Catholic High School is accredited by Cognia, NCA CASI, NWAC, SACS CASI, the Florida Catholic Conference and is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the Florida High School Athletic Association and the Sunshine State Athletic Association.

HONORS & AP COURSES

Honors and AP courses are not available for open enrollment. If students desire a more challenging curriculum than their initial placement, they can request to join a more advanced class. However, not every request is approved. It's mandatory for students in an AP course to take the related AP exam. Students collaborate with their counselors to assess their overall commitments, including extracurricular activities, jobs, family duties and service obligations. Consequently, they might be advised to moderate the number of AP courses they take. While we always support students pursuing challenges, we emphasize the importance of a balanced routine and manageable schedule for thorough understanding of subjects and enduring success. Please note: only one AP course is available to eligible freshmen (Human Geography).

SPCHS offers College Board approved Advanced Placement Courses and Dual Enrollment courses in partnership with St. Petersburg College.

19 Advanced Placement courses* are offered:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Biology | Pre-Calculus |
| Calculus AB | Psychology |
| Calculus BC | Spanish Language & Culture |
| Capstone - Research | Statistics |
| Capstone - Seminar | Studio Art: 2-D Design |
| Chemistry | Studio Art: 3-D Design |
| English Language & Composition | U.S. Government & Politics |
| English Literature & Composition | U.S. History |
| Human Geography | World History |
| Physics- Mechanics | |

**Not all courses run each year*

8 Dual Enrollment courses are offered:

- Composition I (3 Credits)
- Composition II (3 credits)
- Elementary Spanish I (4 credits)
- Elementary Spanish II (4 credits)
- Intermediate Spanish I (3 credits)
- Intermediate Spanish II (3 credits)
- World Religions (3 credits)
- Applied Ethics (3 credits)

| PSAT/NMSQT NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOGNITION AWARDS 2024 | |
|--|---|
| First Generation | 4 |
| Hispanic | 6 |
| Indigenous | 1 |

| AP AWARDS & STATISTICS 2024 | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| AP Scholars | 26 |
| AP Scholars with Honors | 9 |
| AP Scholars with Distinction | 18 |
| AP Capstone Diploma | 10 |
| AP Exam Pass Rate | 77% |

GRADING & CLASS RANK

St. Petersburg Catholic High School does not provide student rankings or a distribution of GPAs. However, during graduation, we acknowledge a valedictorian and salutatorian solely to honor academic excellence. Every transcript displays a cumulative weighted GPA. For our weighted GPA system, an additional 0.5 is added for each Honors course and 1.0 for each AP or DE course, as long as the semester grade is C or above. The final semester grades are presented as whole letter grades without any +/- distinctions.

Grades are awarded using the following system:

| Grade | Scale | Quality Points |
|-------|-----------|----------------|
| A | 90-100% | 4.0 |
| B | 80-89% | 3.0 |
| C | 70-79% | 2.0 |
| D | 60-69% | 1.0 |
| F | Below 60% | 0 |

AWARD LEVELS

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

No semester grade below an A.

ACADEMIC HONORS

No semester grade below a B.



42%

OF GRADUATES
OVER 4.0 GPA

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Each student must complete the following requirements in order to earn a SPCHS diploma. A unit of 0.5 credits corresponds to one semester in any given subject.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| English | 4 credits |
| Mathematics | 4 credits |
| Social Studies | 4 credits |
| Theology | 4 credits |
| Science | 3 credits |
| World Language (Same Language) | 2 credits |
| Fine Art | 1 credit |
| Physical Education & Personal Fitness | 1 credit |
| Electives | 5 credits |



CURRICULUM

All courses at St. Petersburg Catholic High School are designed for the college and university-bound student. One school year includes two 18-week semesters. Students are required to attend a minimum of eight academic courses per day.

SCHEDULE

An extended block schedule is utilized to provide for a more student-centered approach. Students have more time and opportunities for active engagement and interactive, applicable learning that mirrors collegiate academics.



ST. PETERSBURG CATHOLIC VIRTUES

At St. Petersburg Catholic High School we form our students academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. What sets us apart from other secular schools is that we strive to form our students in virtue, so they become authentic witnesses of the Gospel and the Church. Below you will find the core virtues we strive to instill in each one of our graduates. As a school, we look to the inner life of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to serve as the model of Christian character we should strive to achieve.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

Class of 2024

| SAT Mean Scores | |
|-----------------|------|
| EBRW | 589 |
| Math | 559 |
| Total | 1148 |

| ACT Mean Scores | |
|-----------------|----|
| English | 24 |
| Math | 22 |
| Reading | 25 |
| Science | 23 |
| Composite | 24 |



Test Prep Program
RECENTLY LAUNCHED

RECENT COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

American Musical & Dramatic Academy
 American University
 Appalachian State University
 Arizona State University
 Auburn University
 Ave Maria University
 Baylor University
 Bethune-Cookman University
 Bucknell University
 Catholic University of America
 Clemson University
 Colorado State University
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Duquesne University
 Eckerd College
 Embry Riddle Aeronautic University
 Flagler College
 Florida Atlantic University
 Wilkes Honor College
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida International University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida Polytechnic University
 Florida Southern College
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Franciscan University of Steubenville
 Full Sail University
 George Washington University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Georgia Southern University
 Hampton University
 Hofstra University
 Howard University
 Jacksonville University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Lehigh University
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University
 Chicago, Maryland & New Orleans
 Manhattan College
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Massachusetts Maritime Academy
 Michigan State University
 Northwestern University

Nova Southeastern University
 Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences
 Pace University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rice University
 Ringling College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
 Savannah College of Art & Design
 St. John's University
 St. Joseph's University
 St. Thomas University
 Saint Leo University
 Seton Hall University
 Stetson University
 Stony Brook University, SUNY
 Syracuse University
 Towson University
 Tulane University
 United States Naval Academy
 United States Coast Guard Academy
 University of Alabama
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Connecticut
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
 University of Georgia
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maryland
 Baltimore & College Park
 University of Memphis
 University of Miami
 University of Mississippi
 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
 University of North Florida
 University of Notre Dame
 University of South Florida
 University of Tampa
 University of Tennessee-Knoxville
 Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 Washington University-St. Louis

Class of 2024 Highlights



90% Graduates attending
4 year college or university

5% Graduates attending
2 year college

\$3.5M

Total
Scholarship
Dollars Awarded

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholars **19**
 Medallion Scholars **22**



40%

FORTES IN UNITATE | STRENGTH IN UNITY
 authenticity | compassion | fortitude | humility | wisdom