

# ST. PETERSBURG CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



## PROFILE 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.

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### 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 of 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
- 99% of students benefit from over \$5 million in financial assistance programs
- 63% of faculty hold Masters degree or higher
- Faculty to student ratio 1:10
- 1:1 student iPad program



**504**  
ENROLLMENT

### PREMIER 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	<i>*Not all courses run each year</i>

### 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	
First Generation	4
Hispanic	5
Indigenous	1

AP AWARDS & STATISTICS	
AP Scholars	23
AP Scholars with Honors	16
AP Scholars with Distinction	16
AP Capstone Diploma	12
AP Exam Pass Rate	80%

## 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.



**46%**

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 3-Year Average

SAT Mean Scores	
EBRW	578
Math	542
Total	1119

ACT Mean Scores	
English	24
Math	22
Reading	24
Science	23
Composite	23



**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 2025 Highlights



94% Graduates attending  
4 year college or university

3% Graduates attending  
2 year college

**\$3.1M**

Total  
Scholarship  
Dollars Awarded

### FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS\*

Academic Scholars **15**  
 Medallion Scholars **21**  
*\*3-Year Average*



**35%**

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