



## 2026-2027 PROFILE

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Gill St. Bernard's School is the result of the 1972 merger of the Gill School (1934) and the St. Bernard's School (1900). Today the school is a Preschool-Grade 12 co-educational, college preparatory, non-sectarian, day school enrolling approximately 600 students from about sixty northcentral New Jersey communities. This year's senior class has approximately 90 students.

The Upper School academic program offers a rich and varied curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences. Opportunities for enrichment and advanced study encourage students to achieve their personal best. Extracurricular activities are vital to the Gill St. Bernard's experience. Students actively engage in campus life through 18 varsity sports, community service, theater and music, entrepreneurship initiatives, academic competitions, robotics, debate, student government, peer mentoring, cultural organizations, and student-led publications. This involvement fosters the vitality, warmth, and sense of community among students, faculty, and administration that characterizes the school. GSB encourages each student to fully participate in its program offerings.

The school's motto, The World Is Our Classroom, reflects an important component of a Gill St. Bernard's education. The school regularly sponsors activities that bring world affairs to the attention of the student body. In addition, Upper School students spend the last two weeks of the academic year in an intensive learning experience, the Spring Unit, which often includes travel or independent study.

### Gill St. Bernard's School Statement of Philosophy

"The school is committed to developing intelligent, capable young people who can find success in higher education and who can think critically and analytically, act with integrity and compassion, and become responsible citizens of the world."

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### ACCREDITATION/MEMBERSHIPS

Gill St. Bernard's is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools. Among the organizations to which the school holds memberships are: College Entrance Examination Board, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, National Association for College Admission Counseling, National Association of Independent Schools, New Jersey Association of Independent Schools, New Jersey Independent Schools Athletic Association, and New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 23 academic credits are required for graduation. Eighteen of these are specified as follows: four (4) English, three (3) history, three (3) science, three (3) math, three (3) world language, one (1) Ninth Grade Seminar, and one (1) Fine or Performing Art. Beyond these minimums, at least five (5) additional credits are required.

### SCHEDULE

The GSB Upper School utilizes a seven-day schedule. Academic classes meet for one hour each day, and the schedule includes meeting time for advisory and co-curricular activity.

### RANKING/GPA

Gill St. Bernard's does not rank its students. A cumulative weighted grade point average is calculated at the end of the junior year, based on a +4.0 scale. Only Gill St. Bernard's School course work is used in computing the GPA.

### HONORS AND AP COURSES

Honors and Advanced Placement courses are labeled as such on the transcript. Grades in Honors courses carry more weight in computing the grade point average (.33 is added to the numerical equivalent of the letter grade). Advanced Placement courses are also weighted as the GPA is computed (.67 is added to the numerical equivalent of the letter grade). Gill St. Bernard's School is fully compliant with the AP audit process as established by the College Board.

A member of the Class of 2027 would have the following advanced course work available through four years of high school:

**Honors Courses:** Algebra II/Trigonometry, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Choir, English, French, Geometry, Latin, Physics, Precalculus, Spanish

**AP Courses:** 2-D Art and Design, Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, English Language and Composition, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Human Geography, Latin, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, and World History: Modern. Advanced Topics in Computer Science is an upper level course, not a College Board AP course; however, we weight it as such due to the rigor of this course.

*(Note: Final test is required for AP distinction.)*

### PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

GSB enjoys a partnership program with New Jersey Institute of Technology through which students can access college level math classes by recommendation of the faculty. Courses have included: Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Multivariable Calculus, and Discrete Mathematics. Both GSB credit and college credit are awarded to students who complete these courses. These classes are weighted the same as AP level classes.

GSB entertains requests for students to pursue a world language outside of those offered as part of our curriculum as a second language. Students have pursued language studies in Arabic, American Sign Language, Chinese, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, etc.

COURSES OF INTEREST

Several required courses in our Upper School are distinctive. In the ninth grade, students take either Comparative World Culture (CWC) or AP World History: Modern for their history class. These courses place a premium on interdisciplinary learning and actively integrate the disciplines of geography, history, anthropology, evolutionary biology, art history, and environmental science. In the same year, students take a ninth-grade seminar course that covers various units including: learning strategies, cultural competency, financial literacy, mental health and wellness, digital literacy, and research methodology. Public speaking skills are emphasized in this course, as presentations are a regular component of the class.

In sophomore year, each student engages in a formal research project. Topics are often, but not exclusively, based in the humanities. This project allows students to deepen their understanding of research techniques to include sources of literary criticism or artistic criticism. Writing and research skills are further developed as part of junior year science course work. As juniors, each student undertakes a research project that includes a literature review of peer reviewed journals and other pertinent sources.

For the last two weeks of the school year, all Upper School students pursue the Spring Unit. This is a two-week experiential learning program that allows students and faculty to cooperatively engage in opportunities, such as intensive studio art time, community service work, cultural learning, environmental study, professional work in various fields, etc. Regularly, experts are brought to campus or are consulted for their expertise to enrich the Unit experience. Some Unit programs are locally based. Others take students and faculty out of state or even abroad. Unit courses earn grades but not academic credit.

STATEMENT ON DISCLOSURE

Gill St. Bernard's believes in maintaining confidentiality in matters of student discipline. Our main interests are in helping students learn from inappropriate behavior and in refocusing their actions toward more positive outcomes. Therefore, it is our policy not to respond to specific inquiries regarding a student's disciplinary history. Exceptions may be made when the safety of students could be affected, when the criminal code is violated, when grave disciplinary offenses occur, when the student has been expelled from GSB, or when the student requests disclosure.

COLLEGE LIST

100% of all GSB students are granted matriculation to schools of higher education. The following is a list of recent enrollments.

|                                                        |                                         |                                              |                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| American Academy of Dramatic Arts                      | Fairleigh Dickinson University          | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute             | University of Central Florida                       |
| American University                                    | Fordham University                      | Rochester Institute of Technology            | University of Colorado Boulder                      |
| Arcadia University                                     | Franklin & Marshall College             | Rollins College                              | University of Connecticut                           |
| Arizona State University                               | Gannon University                       | Rutgers University                           | University of Delaware                              |
| Auburn University                                      | Georgetown University                   | Sacred Heart University                      | University of Florida                               |
| Babson College                                         | Georgia Institute of Technology         | Saint Elizabeth University                   | University of Lynchburg                             |
| Barnard College                                        | Gettysburg College                      | Saint Joseph's University                    | University of Massachusetts Amherst                 |
| Baylor University                                      | Hamilton College                        | Salve Regina University                      | University of Miami                                 |
| Belmont University                                     | Haverford College                       | San Diego State University                   | University of Michigan                              |
| Bentley University                                     | High Point University                   | Savannah College of Art and Design           | University of Minnesota Twin Cities                 |
| Boston College                                         | Hobart and William Smith Colleges       | Seton Hall University                        | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill         |
| Boston Conservatory at Berklee                         | Hofstra University                      | Skidmore College                             | University of North Dakota                          |
| Boston University                                      | Illinois Institute of Technology        | Southern Methodist University                | University of Notre Dame                            |
| Brandeis University                                    | Indiana University Bloomington          | Springfield College                          | University of Oregon                                |
| Brown University                                       | Iona University                         | Stanford University                          | University of Oxford                                |
| Bucknell University                                    | Ithaca College                          | Stevens Institute of Technology              | University of Pennsylvania                          |
| Canisius University                                    | James Madison University                | Susquehanna University                       | University of Pittsburgh                            |
| Carleton College                                       | Johns Hopkins University                | Swarthmore College                           | University of Richmond                              |
| Carnegie Mellon University                             | Juniata College                         | Syracuse University                          | University of Rochester                             |
| Case Western Reserve University                        | Kansas State University                 | Temple University                            | University of South Carolina                        |
| Chapman University                                     | Kenyon College                          | Texas Christian University                   | University of South Florida                         |
| City St. George's, University of London                | Lafayette College                       | The George Washington University             | University of Southern California                   |
| Clemson University                                     | Lehigh University                       | The Ohio State University                    | University of Vermont                               |
| Coastal Carolina University                            | Loyola Marymount University             | The Pennsylvania State University            | University of Virginia                              |
| Colgate University                                     | Manhattan University                    | The University of Alabama                    | University of Wisconsin-Madison                     |
| College of Charleston                                  | Massachusetts Institute of Technology   | The University of Arizona                    | University of Wyoming                               |
| College of the Holy Cross                              | Miami University                        | The University of Chicago                    | Ursinus College                                     |
| Colorado College                                       | Middlebury College                      | The University of Mississippi                | Vassar College                                      |
| Colorado State University                              | Millersville University of Pennsylvania | The University of Scranton                   | Villanova University                                |
| Cornell University                                     | Moravian University                     | The University of Tampa                      | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University |
| Dartmouth College                                      | Morgan State University                 | Thomas Jefferson University                  | Wagner College                                      |
| Dickinson College                                      | Muhlenberg College                      | Trinity College                              | Wake Forest University                              |
| Drew University                                        | New Jersey Institute of Technology      | Tufts University                             | Washington and Lee University                       |
| Drexel University                                      | New York University                     | Tulane University                            | Washington College                                  |
| Duke University                                        | Northeastern University                 | United States Air Force Academy              | Washington University in St. Louis                  |
| Elon University                                        | Pace University                         | United States Coast Guard Academy            | West Virginia University                            |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University,<br>Daytona Beach | Pepperdine University                   | United States Military Academy at West Point | Western Connecticut State University                |
| Emerson College                                        | Princeton University                    | United States Naval Academy                  | Wheaton College (MA)                                |
| Emory University                                       | Providence College                      | University of California, Davis              | William & Mary                                      |
| Endicott College                                       | Purdue University                       | University of California, Los Angeles        | Williams College                                    |
| Fairfield University                                   | Quinnipiac University                   | University of California, San Diego          | Yale University                                     |
|                                                        | Ramapo College of New Jersey            | University of California, Santa Barbara      |                                                     |