St. James High School

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Home of the Sharks!



Academic Opportunities

The St. James High School Middle College, launched for the 2026-2027 school year, gives students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma while pursuing advanced college credit, industry certifications, and apprenticeships that lead to careers in in-demand technical fields. Through the Middle College Academic Institute, students complete a rigorous course of study, including honors and Advanced Placement coursework on campus at SJHS in addition to online dual-enrollment opportunities provided in partnership with USC Upstate. The Middle College Technical Scholars Institute is designed to provide students with training opportunities and apprenticeships in high-needs technical skills areas. This includes coursework and training experiences in conjunction with Horry Georgetown Technical College and Apprenticeship Carolina.

In addition, St. James High offers a rigorous program of studies across all areas of the curriculum. Our school has earned STEM certification through Cognia, and we offer career pathways in Agriculture & Natural Resource Management, Architecture & Construction, Business Management & Administration, Health Science, Human Services, Information Technology, Marketing, and PLTW Engineering.

Entrance Requirements

St. James High School does not have any formal entrance requirements. Students wishing to participate in the Middle College program at SJHS must complete an application for admission.

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

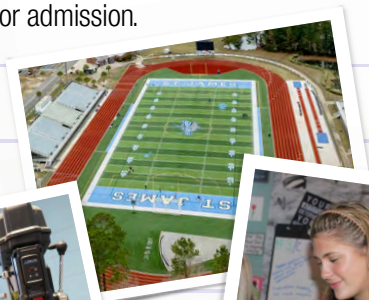
In March 2016, St. James High School was announced as the winner of the prestigious Palmetto's Finest Award from SCASA. In 2025, we were once again named a Palmetto's Finest finalist. Over the last decade, St. James High has been recognized several times as being among the top high schools nationally by U.S. News & World Report. The graduating class of 2026 earned over $9.5 million in scholarships, and more than 60% of them planned to enroll in a two- or four-year college or university. Since 2019, St. James High School has been home to ten National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and finalists. SJHS has had FIVE teachers named as top-five finalists for Horry County Schools Teacher of the Year, including the district's 2021 winner!

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Our school offers a large number of clubs and organizations, appealing to our diverse and growing student body. The St. James High School chapter of the National Honor Society is one of the largest and most active in the state. The Shark Academic Team has won the HCS Academic Olympics twice since 2015. We also have clubs for students interested in surfing, video games, health science, tabletop gaming, and archery, among many other areas! Students are encouraged to get involved as members of the Shark family!









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ATHLETICS

Our school offers 43 sports teams at the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels. These include football, cross country, golf, tennis, volleyball, swimming, basketball, soccer, softball, baseball, track & field, wrestling, lacrosse, and competitive cheerleading.

ATHLETIC AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Shark athletes continue to swim forward on the field, on the court, and in the classroom! Competing in Division AAAA, our student-athletes have the opportunity to compete against some of the top schools in the state. Our varsity baseball team is a perennial contender in the region and state. The girls golf team has won multiple state titles. Our competition cheerleading and boys wrestling squads have also advanced to the state finals in recent years. Our newest varsity sport, boys volleyball, has grown in popularity over the last three seasons. Since 2016, more than three dozen Shark athletes have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the post-secondary level.



FINE ARTS

St. James High School offers a variety of visual and performing arts options. Students interested in the visual arts may study painting and drawing, photography, ceramics, or sculpture and design. We proudly offer several high-level art classes, including AP Art Studio in 2D and 3D media. Students may also be interested in joining our award-winning drama and choir programs or engaging in our instrumental music options, which include marching band, orchestra, concert band, piano, and guitar classes.













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Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a learning environment in which every student who enters our schools will graduate college- and career-ready, prepared to launch forward with a plan, equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to serve as good citizens and succeed in an ever-changing society..

Additional Information

Once you've joined the St. James High School Shark Family, you're a Shark for life! While our faculty and staff work hard to provide every student with a rigorous and engaging learning experience, we know this is impossible without building strong, positive relationships with our students. At St. James High School, you will never be just a standardized test score or a face in the crowd!

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