



Upper School Profile 2018-2019

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OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Saint Stephen's Episcopal School was founded in 1970 as a coeducational, college preparatory, independent day school affiliated with the Episcopal Church. The school is located in Bradenton, Florida, an area with a population of 315,000 on the central west coast of Florida. The school is accredited by FCIS, AdvancED-SACS and FKC and maintains memberships in ACCIS, NAIS, NAES, NACAC, SACAC and the College Board.

Today, the 720 students in grades PK3-12 come from a wide variety of religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. The majority of the student body comes from Manatee and Sarasota counties, while the remaining students represent other states and more than 20 foreign countries. A number of student-athletes train at the IMG Academy and other elite sports academies in and around Bradenton, simultaneously pursuing a rigorous college preparatory program and world class athletic training.

At Saint Stephen's, 77% of our students participate in interscholastic athletics in 21 varsity sports. We offer more than 30 clubs and activities ranging from Academic Team and Mock Trial, to Astronomy Club, Chapel Council, and Sports Statistics Club. We have school chapters for 8 honor societies, most notably *Cum Laude Society*.

Throughout its history, Saint Stephen's has maintained a strong academic reputation consistently surpassing local, state, and national test scores. 100% of the school's graduates are admitted to colleges and universities, and today our graduates are enrolled in over 145 throughout the world.

HONOR CODE & HONOR COUNCIL

Members of the Saint Stephen's community hold themselves to the highest ideals of integrity, respect and honor. The honor code embodies principles that guide, enrich, and elevate the quality of our lives, and lead us towards building the sort of society in which we most want to live. The Honor Council is a committee of students and faculty that hears cases of Honor Code violations and makes recommendations to the administration.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Interim Quest—Interim Quest (IQ) is a week-long program at the end of second semester where students can enroll in an array of specialized courses allowing them to explore areas of interest or curiosity. Designed to enhance and enrich the experience of Saint Stephen's Upper School students by promoting learning and growth beyond the classroom, IQ is an essential part of the Saint Stephen's experience. In the past, IQ options have included an art history trip to Paris, a service trip to the Dominican Republic, and a course exploring the physics of roller coasters.

iPad Initiative—Saint Stephen's is a 1-to-1 iPad school for grades 4-12. iPads are an important tool for our students and faculty to help supplement and enhance our classrooms.

Marine Science—Our campus, located on the McLewis Bayou, is home to the new Marine Science Center featuring state-of-the-art resources and direct access to the Manatee River and the Gulf of Mexico. *One Ocean*, our custom-designed marine science curriculum, enables all of our students to study the wonders of the ocean environment.

Global Education—Saint Stephen's is committed to developing informed, global citizens. Through our curriculum, sister school partnerships, academic lessons using Skype and travel opportunities, we aim to develop a broad understanding of global issues, different cultures, and languages to enable our students to better connect cross-culturally.

Emotional Intelligence—We believe in developing our students socially and emotionally, as well as academically. Our students benefit from an advisory program, an emphasis on community service and our honor code as vehicles for developing empathy.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

	Class of 2018	Class of 2019*
SAT Results	SAT Mean Score 58 Tested	SAT Mean Score Through June 2018 65 Tested*
ERW	630	630
MSS	625	660
Wrtg	32	31
Total	1270	1270

Class of 2018	Class of 2019*
ACT 53 Students Tested	ACT Through June 2018 43 Tested*
Mid 50% Composite - 23-30	Mid 50% Composite - 24-31
Avg Composite - 26	Avg Composite - 27

*The scores presented for the class of 2019 represent their first sitting for each test. We anticipate that each student will retake the SAT and ACT and subsequently improve upon their initial scores.

SUBJECT TESTS MEAN SCORES (Class of 2018)

English Lit	700	U.S. History	687
Math Level II	705	World History	660

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Classes of 2013-2017: 12 Finalists; 13 Commended
Class of 2018: 3 Finalists; 2 Commended; 1 NMSC Scholarship Winner

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

In May 2018, 125 students took 264 tests. 91% of the scores were a 3 or higher. 91% of our students who took at least one test scored a 3 or higher.

AP Score	Total Number	Percentage
5	98	37%
4	86	33%
3	55	21%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Foreign Language	3
Electives	3
Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1

Community Service: Upon graduation, all Saint Stephen's students have served a minimum of 100 hours of community service. A total of 13,182 service hours were accumulated by the class of 2018 for an average of 191 hours per senior, almost double the graduation requirement.

GRADING

Saint Stephen's calculates both a weighted and unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) for all students. A student's GPA is calculated using all courses except for inter-scholastic athletics. The weighted GPA is calculated as follows: +1.0 for AP and +.5 for Honors.

In keeping with the school's mission and as a reflection of the small size of the graduating class, **Saint Stephen's does not rank its students.**

GRADING SYSTEM		
A+ 4.33	A 4.00	A- 3.67
B+ 3.33	B 3.00	B- 2.67
C+ 2.33	C 2.00	C- 1.67
D+ 1.33	D 1.00	D- 0.67
	F 0.00	

GRADE DISTRIBUTION—Class (#students)		
Weighted GPA	Class 2017 (76)	Class 2018 (69)
4.5+	8%	5%
4.0– 4.49	22%	29%
3.5– 3.99	37%	36%
3.0– 3.49	24%	19%
2.5– 2.99	7%	10%
2.0– 2.49	2%	1%

COURSES OFFERED 2017-2018

Saint Stephen's students must take a minimum of five courses during each of their four years. All of our courses are considered rigorous and are taught at an advanced college preparatory level, regardless of distinction.

Advanced Placement Policy: Juniors may enroll in a maximum of 2 AP courses and seniors in a maximum of 3. Participation in AP classes is contingent upon an application process. Students who wish to exceed the recommended number of AP classes may do so only rarely.

English

College Prep:

- Bridge English
- English 9, 10
- Newspaper Journalism

Advanced Placement:

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature

Seminars 11/12:

- Creative Writing: The Human Experience*
- Directing Literature*

- Dystopian Literature*

- English Language and Composition*
- Literary Legends in England and America*
- Literary Perspectives on Human Nature*
- Modernism*
- Mythic Literature of Ancient Cultures*
- Mythic Lit in Non-Western Tradition*
- Nobel Laureates: The Development of Modern World Literature
- Philosophy in Literature
- Through the Looking Glass: Cultural Traditions in England and America

Modern and Classical Languages

College Prep:

- French 4, 5
- Latin 1, 2, 3
- Mandarin 1, 2
- Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Honors

- Classical Greek Honors

- Advanced Latin 4 Honors

Advanced Placement:

- AP French
- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

Science

College Prep:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Marine Science 1, 2

Honors:

- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors

- Physics Honors
- Ocean Academy: Marine Science 3 Honors

Advanced Placement:

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C
- AP Environmental Science

Mathematics

College Prep:

- Algebra 1, 2
- Geometry
- Advanced Algebra 2
- Analysis of Functions
- Statistics

Honors:

- Geometry Honors

- Algebra 2 & Trigonometry Honors
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Introduction to Calculus Honors

Advanced Placement:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

Engineering and Applied Technology

College Prep:

- Engineering
- Intro to Computer Science
- Technology Internship

Honors

- Computer Science Honors

Advanced Placement:

- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles

Social Science

Performing and Visual Arts

College Prep:

- Art 1, 2
- Ceramics
- Band
- Chorus
- Theater 1, 2, 3, 4
- Filmmaking
- Photography

- Yearbook Publications

Honors:

- Art 3 Honors, 4 Honors
- Advanced Photography Honors
- Advanced Ceramics Honors
- Ceramics 3 Honors

Advanced Placement:

- AP Studio Art (2D, 3D)

Physical Education

College Prep:

- PE Internship

- Credit for athletic participation

Additional Courses

College Prep:

- Lower School Internship
- Independent Study

Directed Independent Research:

- Capstone

* Denotes semester course.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2014-2018

Albion College
 American University
 American University of Paris (FR)
 Amherst College
 Appalachian State University
 Auburn University
 Augsburg College
 Austin Peay State University
 Bentley University
 Berry College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Bucknell University
 California State University Fresno
 Centre College
 Colby College
 College of Charleston
 Columbia College Chicago
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 Denison University
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 East Tennessee State University
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emory University
 European University Barcelona (ES)
 Fairfield University
 Flagler College
 Flathead Valley Community College
 Florida A&M University
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida International University
 Florida Southern College
 Florida SouthWestern State College
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Furman University
 Gardner-Webb University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Guilford College
 HEC Montreal (CN)

High Point University
 Hillsborough Community College
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Indiana University at Bloomington
 Ithaca College
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson & Wales University
 Lake Forest College
 Lehigh University
 Lynn University
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Mercer University
 Miami University, Oxford
 Michigan State University
 Neumann University
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Ohio University
 Oxford College of Emory University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Prague College (CZ)
 Princeton University
 Purdue University
 Queens University of Charlotte
 Reed College
 Rhodes College
 Rice University
 Ringling College of Art & Design
 Rollins College
 Saint Leo University
 Sante Fe College
 Savannah College of Art & Design
 Sewanee: University of the South
 Simmons College
 Southern Methodist University
 Spring Hill College
 State College of Florida, Bradenton
 Stetson University
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Christian University
 The Citadel
 Trinity University
 Tulane University
 United States Military Academy
 University of Alabama

University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago
 University of Colorado, Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
 University of Illinois
 University of Louisiana
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota
 University of Mississippi
 University of New Hampshire
 University of New York in Prague (CZ)
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Rochester
 University of St. Andrews (UK)
 University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee
 University of South Florida, St. Pete
 University of South Florida, Tampa
 University of Southern California
 University of Sydney (AU)
 University of Tampa
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 University of Waterloo (CN)
 University of Wisconsin
 Vanderbilt University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute
 Wake Forest University
 Washington & Lee University
 Webber International University
 West Virginia University
 Western Michigan University
 Wheaton College (MA)
 Williams College
 Wingate University
 Yale University
 York University (CN)

