



Upper School Profile 2019-2020

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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 700 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 25 clubs and activities ranging from Academic Team and Mock Trial, to Sailing Club, Chapel Council, and Heart Safe Club. We have school chapters for 5 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 135 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 AND GRADUATION DISTINCTIONS

Technology 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 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. Students completing a rigorous series of Marine and AP Environmental Science courses, along with independent research earn the Ocean Academy graduation distinction.

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. Students completing a rigorous series of advanced coursework and participating in cultural exchange programs earn the Global Scholar graduation distinction.

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.

Capstone Program - Seniors may request approval to conduct directed independent research with the support of an SSES faculty advisor and university mentor. Capstone researchers present their findings to students, faculty, community members and experts in the field at Saint Stephen's annual RISE symposium.

Visual Arts - Students completing a series of Honors and Advanced Placement courses in studio art earn the Visual Arts Conservatory graduation distinction.

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.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT Mean Scores 2017-2018			
	SSES	Florida	National
Rdg/Wrtg	594	522	536
Math	622	493	531
Total	1216	1014	1068

Mean ACT Scores 2017-2018			
	SSES	Florida	National
English	26.7	19.2	20.2
Math	25.9	19.3	20.5
Reading	26.9	21.1	21.3
Science	25.4	19.5	20.7
Composite	26.4	19.9	20.8

SUBJECT TESTS MEAN SCORES (Class of 2018)

English Lit	718
Math Level II	714
U.S. History	703

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Classes of 2014-2018: 14 Finalists; 11 Commended;
1 National Hispanic Scholar

Class of 2019: 4 Finalists; 4 Commended; 1 National Hispanic Scholar

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

In May 2019, 144 students took 281 tests. 89% of the scores were a 3 or higher. 87% of our students who took at least one test scored a 3 or higher.

AP Score	Total Number	Percentage
5	87	31%
4	103	36%
3	61	22%

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 9,587 service hours were accumulated by the class of 2019 for an average of 135 hours per senior, well above 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 — Cum. End of Jr. Year		
Weighted GPA	Class 2018 (69)	Class 2019 (70)
4.5+	4%	4%
4.0–4.49	20%	22%
3.5–3.99	41%	30%
3.0–3.49	21%	30%
2.5–2.99	10%	11%
2.0–2.49	4%	3%

COURSES OFFERED 2018-2019

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: It is recommended that Juniors 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 through an appeal process.

English

College Prep:

- Bridge English
- English 9, 10
- Newspaper Journalism

Advanced Placement:

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature

Seminars 11/12:

- Creative Non-Fiction
- Creative Writing
- Creative Writing: The Human Experience*

- Directing Literature*
- Dystopian Literature*
- Literary Legends in England and America*
- Literature of Conflict
- Kurt Vonnegut
- The Modern Essay
- Mythic Literature of Ancient Cultures*
- Mythic Lit in Non-Western Tradition*
- Otherness in Literature
- Through the Looking Glass: Cultural Traditions in England and America

Modern and Classical Languages

College Prep:

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

Honors

- Classical Greek Honors
- Advanced Latin 4 Honors

- Advanced Latin 5 Honors

Advanced Placement:

- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature

Social Science

College Prep:

- World History 1
- World History 2
- US History
- Economics
- American Government*
- International Relations*

- Humanities

Advanced Placement:

- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP European History

Performing and Visual

College Prep:

- Art 1, 2
- Ceramics
- Creative Solutions
- Band
- Chorus
- Theater 1, 2, 3, 4
- 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.

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

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2015 -2019

Albion College
 American University
 Amherst College
 Appalachian State University
 Auburn University
 Babson College
 Berry College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Bucknell University
 California State University Fresno
 Centre 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
 Elon University
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emory University
 Fairfield University
 Flagler College
 Florida A&M University
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida International University
 Florida Polytechnic 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
 HEC Montreal (CN)
 High Point University
 Hillsborough Community College
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Indiana University at Bloomington
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Lehigh University
 Lynn University
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Mercer University
 Michigan State University
 Neumann University
 New College of Florida
 New York University
 Northeastern 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
 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
 St. Olaf College
 State College of Florida
 Stetson University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Stockholm School of Economics
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Christian University
 The Citadel
 Trinity University
 Tulane University
 United States Military Academy
 University of Alabama
 University of Arizona
 University of Arkansas

University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 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 Maryland, College Park
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 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 Richmond
 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 Virginia
 University of Washington
 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
 Williams College
 Wingate University
 Yale University
 York University (CN)

