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Understanding that individual families are experiencing a range of challenges, St. Paul's School for Girls is working closely with each student to ensure she has all the support necessary.

Technology: Our school is 1:1 in the upper school, and students were provided with school laptops or personal hotspots if needed.

SPRING 2020: SPSG closed campus on Friday, March 13 and switched to distance (online) learning upon return from spring break and never returned to in-person classes. SPSG maintained strong academic expectations and rigor.

Hybrid Synchronous/Asynchronous: Students were required to turn in assignments each day their class was scheduled to meet. If teachers ran live sessions, the sessions did not require attendance and were recorded.

Grading: Teachers continued to give students grades on their assignments. The 2nd semester grade was an average of 3rd quarter (last week of which was distance learning) and 4th quarter (all of which was distance learning). Exams were cancelled. SPSG did NOT allow students to take their 3rd quarter grade as their 4th quarter grade if their 4th quarter grade was lower. AP exams were optional.

Support: Teachers, counselors, and advisors provided live online support sessions and our learning specialists remained available to the students.

Extra-curricular: The IAAM, our athletic league, cancelled all sports for the spring. Our theater program ran a virtual play, and our dance program produced a [virtual dance concert](#). Looking to build on the strong sense of campus community, many activities including prayers, chapel, school meetings, and clubs moved to a virtual environment.

FALL 2020: SPSG begins the year virtually for all upper school students and will move to a hybrid model; upper school classes will be held in person for two days of each week. Classes meet for 45 or 80 minutes each.

Teaching/Grading: Teachers are trained and poised to deliver hybrid or distance learning as necessary. Grading will follow normal protocols.

Community Service: Requirements for seniors have been reduced to 15 hours. This year, we are not requiring students to differentiate between direct and indirect service.

Senior information: Seniors will deliver senior speeches virtually and complete their 10–15 page senior term papers with virtual mentoring from assigned faculty. Due date remains in November.

Extracurricular: The IAAM has postponed the fall season. Our theater and dance productions are moving forward with auditions and potential virtual showcases. Clubs will be online for the fall.

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History and Mission

The school traces its roots to 1799 when the Benevolent Society of the City and County of Baltimore, founded by a group of parishioners from Old St. Paul's Church, established an institution for the care and education of indigent or orphaned girls.

The purpose of the school is clearly articulated in the school's mission statement:

St. Paul's School for Girls educates hearts and minds in an inclusive community that is grounded in the Episcopal values of respect, integrity, and spiritual growth. We empower voice, nurture intellectual curiosity and creativity, and inspire confident leaders who serve in the world.

We believe that "every child is a child of God" and that mutual respect lies at the heart of our community. St. Paul's School for Girls is committed to valuing the multiple perspectives deriving from differences in race, national and ethnic origin, religion, class, gender, sexual orientation, and physical characteristics.

School and Community

SPSG is an Episcopal day school for grades 5 through 12, which enrolls 452 college-bound students with a wide range of abilities and talents. The upper school has 298 students in grades 9–12, with 70 students in the senior class. SPSG welcomes students of all races, religions, and economic backgrounds. Students of color make up 23% of the student body, and 37% of the student body receives some kind of financial aid. In addition, we welcome a few students from other countries into our International Student Program.

As of July 1, 2019, St. Paul's School for Girls and St. Paul's School for Boys (SP) have unified under the umbrella of The St. Paul's Schools. This unification included the creation of a new St. Paul's Pre and Lower School. Among the three schools, 1,300 students are enrolled on campus. Within the new structure, SP and SPSG will maintain their distinct identities and commitment to single-sex education while strategically uniting to enhance coordinated academic and social offerings.

SPSG Upper School



83%

of upper school faculty members have advanced degrees

40
faculty members

11:1
student to faculty ratio

15
average class size

Community Service



60 / 40

Every student completes **60 hours of community service**. In keeping with our Episcopal tradition, **40 of those hours are direct work with the people served** and are completed in cooperation with the same agency or program.

Global Community



Argentina



Australia



China



France



Germany



Japan



Scotland



Spain

SPSG students experience our vibrant global community by participating in 1–4 week **academic exchange** partnerships. Countries include Argentina, Australia, China, France, Germany, Japan, Scotland, and Spain.

Extracurricular Offerings (in a normal school year)

SPSG supports the student athlete and encourages multi-sport participation.



of students participate in school-sponsored teams

15

varsity sports teams

8

JV teams

2

club sports

12% of the class of 2020 are playing a collegiate sport



43%

of seniors have participated in visual arts, graphic arts, dance, theater, technical theater, and music beyond the requirement

29 clubs provide opportunities for students to practice leadership, responsibility, and initiative





The Academic Program

Our normal school year is divided into two semesters of approximately 18 weeks. Academic classes meet an average of 205 minutes per week in either 50 or 70 minute blocks. Students enroll in both semester and year-long classes. All students are required to take a minimum of five credits per year. To receive an SPSG diploma, a student must fulfill 21 credits.

English = 4 credits

Mathematics = 4 credits

Laboratory Science = 3 credits (including Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

World Language = 3 credits (1 language consecutively)

History = 3 credits

Fine Arts = 1.5 credits

Religious Studies = 1 credit

Physical Education requirements: students are required to take a Lifetime Fitness & Wellness Class and be active for a significant part of their upper school years.



Grading

A+ = 97–100

A = 93–96

A- = 90–92

B+ = 87–89

B = 83–86

B- = 80–82

C+ = 77–79

C = 73–76

C- = 70–72

Failing = 59 or below

- St. Paul's School for Girls does not report a class rank.
- Honors, AP, and IB classes are given additional weight in the GPA calculation equivalent to 5 points on a 100 point scale.

Class of 2021 Weighted GPA

Top 10%

97.14

Mean

89.73

Lowest 10%

80.37



Standardized Test Scores

Mid 50% Range

Class	Evidence Based Reading and Writing	Math	ACT Composite Approximately 25 students tested
2020	560 – 690	520 – 690	21 – 31
2019	580 – 670	530 – 660	21 – 28
2018	560 – 660	510 – 600	22 – 28



AP Program

In keeping with our dedication to educating girls in a developmentally appropriate way, SPSG students are restricted to three AP (or IB HL) courses per year. In an effort to maximize accessibility, enrollment into some AP courses is intentionally more flexible. All students enrolling in an AP class are typically required to take the exam.

AP Exam Summary (2020)*

Number of students taking AP exams: 100 Total

Total number of exams taken: 196

Percentage of exams scoring 3 or higher: 90%

AP Scholars

2019		2020*	
AP Scholar	21	AP Scholar	16
AP Scholar with Honor	11	AP Scholar with Honor	8
AP Scholar with Distinction	11	AP Scholar with Distinction	18
National AP Scholar	1	National AP Scholar	2

*AP Exams were optional in 2020

Disciplinary Statement

Honor and integrity are the foundation of our community. The student-signed Honor Code and student-run Honor Board allow students to serve as models and stewards of their community value system. SPSG reports all serious breaches of community standards or potentially harmful patterns of behavior resulting in suspension or dismissal.

SPSG is accredited by the Association of Independent Schools of Maryland and the District, as well as approved by the Maryland State Board of Education. (The school holds memberships in NACAC, AIMS, ACCIS, PCACAC, NAIS, NAES, the Cum Laude Society, National Coalition of Girls' Schools, and College Board.)



2020 Curriculum Offerings

ENGLISH

English 9, 10, 11

Grade 12 Electives:

Black Contemporary Literature
Comparative Nonfiction and Lit
Comparative Literature 1
Comparative Literature 2
Contemporary Women Authors
Creative Writing
Gothic Literature
Literature and the Self

Honors/AP/IB:

English 9, 10

AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Modern World History

United States History

Grade 11/12 Electives:

Constitutional Issues
History of the Atlantic World
History of the World: Cultural Pers.
Issues in International Diplomacy
Latin America
Macroeconomics
Psychology
Sociology
Women's History
US & Comparative Government

Honors/AP/IB:

Modern World History

The Cold War
World History into the 21st Century
AP European History
AP Psychology
AP US History
AP World History
IB Global Politics SL1
IB History HL1
IB Psychology HL1, HL2

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

World Religions
Applied Ethics
Religion in Politics
The Holocaust
The Prophets as Social Reformers
Women in the Bible

MATHEMATICS

Geometry, Algebra

Algebra 2

Algebra 3/Trigonometry
Precalculus
Calculus
Statistics

Honors/AP/IB:

Geometry, Algebra 2

Precalculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science Principals
IB Computer Science SL1

SCIENCE

Biology, Chemistry

Physics

Grade 11/12 Electives:

Anatomy
Astronomy
Design Thinking
Electrical Engineering
Entrepreneurship & Tech Innovation
Environmental Science
Forensic Science
Marine Biology
Mechanical Engineering
Microbiology

Honors/AP/IB:

Biology, Chemistry

Physics

AP Biology, AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Mechanics
IB Biology HL1
IB Design Technology SL1, SL2
IB Environmental Systems SL1

WORLD LANGUAGE

Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
French 1, 2, 3, 4
German 1, 2
Japanese 2, 3
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
Advanced Spanish Ind. Study

Honors/AP/IB:

French 2, 3, 4
German 2, 3, 4, 5
Spanish 2, 3, 4, 5
AP French
AP Spanish
IB German SL1, SL2
IB Japanese SL1, SL2
IB Spanish SL1, SL2, HL1, HL2

VISUAL ARTS

Digital Photography 1-2, 2-3
Graphic Art 1, 2-3
Visual Art 1, 2, 3-4

PERFORMING ARTS

Acting 1, 2/3
Dance 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Inertia
Movement for the Athlete
Musical Theater Performance 1-2
Jazz Band 1-2, 3-4
Ivynotes 1-2 Choral Ensemble
Saints – Adv. Choral Ensemble
Technical Theater 1, 2,
IB Theater HL1

OTHER

PLUS: Preparing for Life in Upper School
Health

Sophomore Seminar Series

Lifetime Fitness & Wellness

SPIRITUS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Scholars: Internship
Research Methods

Courses in Bold = required for graduation (at standard or honors level)

IB: Our partner school, St. Paul's School for Boys, runs an International Baccalaureate Program. An SPSG student may take a class at SP to supplement her curriculum or to address a schedule conflict, in which case, their course name is used.

***One Schoolhouse course:** A student may supplement her curriculum with an elective for an additional fee from this online independent school, or she may take a class for which there is not sufficient enrollment in school.

Special Programs

- Emphasizing independent and authentic learning experiences, every SPSG senior completes an **analytical research paper** (10–15 pages) independent of their English class and with the guidance of a department mentor. Every senior develops and practices a **senior speech** with a mentor and delivers it to a school-wide audience. Seniors also spend two weeks off campus for their **senior project** work experience in the spring.
- SPIRITUS Scholars:** The SPIRITUS Scholars Program promotes individualized learning by providing an inquiry-based research endeavor culminating in positive change. Students apply to the highly competitive program as sophomores and **present their project at the end of senior year.**



Acceptance and Matriculation List 2016–2020

The classes of 2016–2020 were accepted to the following four-year colleges and universities. Our 77 graduates from the class of 2020 are attending 59 different institutions in 24 states (indicated below with an asterisk).

Albright College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Quinnipiac University	University of Delaware*
Allegheny College	Georgia Southern University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Denver*
American University	Georgia State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Florida
Arizona State University	Gettysburg College	Rhodes College	University of Georgia*
Auburn University	Goucher College	Rice University	University of Hartford
Ball State University	Hampton University*	Roanoke College*	University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)
Barry University	Haverford College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Iowa
Belmont University	High Point University	Roger Williams University	University of Kentucky
Bennett College	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Rollins College*	University of Louisville*
Birmingham Southern College	Hofstra University	Rosemont College	University of Lynchburg*
Boston College*	Hood College	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)*	University of Mary Washington
Boston University	Howard University	Saint Edward's University	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
Bowdoin College*	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Saint Joseph's University	University of Maryland (College Park)*
Bowie State University	Ithaca College*	Saint Leo University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Bowling Green State University	Jacksonville University	Saint Michael's College	University of Miami*
Brigham Young University	James Madison University*	Salisbury University*	University of Michigan*
Bryn Athyn College	Johns Hopkins University*	Samford University	University of Minnesota
Bryn Mawr College	Kennesaw State University	San Diego State University	University of Mississippi*
Bucknell University*	Kenyon College	Santa Clara University	University of Nevada
Butler University*	King's College London (UK)	Sarah Lawrence College	University of New Hampshire
California Polytechnic State University*	La Salle University*	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of New Haven
Carleton College	Lafayette College	Seattle University	University of North Carolina (Asheville)
Case Western Reserve University	Lehigh University	Seton Hall University	University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
Catholic University of America	Lincoln University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of North Carolina (Greensboro)
Centre College	Louisiana State University	Shepherd University	University of North Carolina
Chapman University	Loyola Marymount University*	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	School of the Arts
Charleston Southern University	Loyola University Chicago	Siena College	University of North Carolina
Chatham University	Loyola University Maryland*	Sierra Nevada University	(Wilmington)*
Christopher Newport University	Loyola University New Orleans	Skidmore College	University of Notre Dame
Clark Atlanta University*	Lycoming College	Smith College	University of Oregon
Clark University	Lynn University*	Southern Methodist University	University of Pennsylvania
Clemson University*	Macalester College	Spelman College*	University of Pittsburgh*
Coastal Carolina University	Manhattan College	St John's University (New York)*	University of Rhode Island
College of Charleston*	Manhattanville College	St Mary's College of Maryland	University of Richmond
College of the Holy Cross	Marist College	Stetson University*	University of Rochester
College of William & Mary*	Marquette University	Stevenson University*	University of San Diego
Colorado State University	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY at Binghamton University	University of San Francisco
Columbia College (Chicago)	Marymount University	SUNY at Purchase College	University of South Carolina*
Concordia University (Montreal)	McDaniel College*	Susquehanna University	University of Southern California*
Connecticut College	McGill University (Montreal)	Swarthmore College	University of South Florida
CUNY Hunter College	Mercer University	Syracuse University	University of St. Andrews (UK)
Curry College	Merrimack College	Temple University	University of Utah
Dartmouth College	Miami University (Ohio)*	Texas Christian University	University of Vermont*
Davidson College*	Middlebury College*	Texas State University	University of Virginia*
Denison University	Millikin University	The Boston Conservatory at Berklee	University of Washington (Seattle)
DePaul University	Mississippi State University	The College of New Jersey	University of Wisconsin (Madison)*
Dickinson College	Monmouth University	The College of Saint Rose	Ursinus College
Dominican University of California	Montana State University	The College of Wooster	Utah State University
Drew University	Morgan State University	The New School: Parsons School of Design	Vassar College
Drexel University*	Mount St Mary's University	The Ohio State University	Villanova University
Duquesne University	Muhlenberg College	The University of Alabama*	Virginia Commonwealth University
East Carolina University*	New York University	The University of Tampa*	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
Eastern Mennonite University	Niagara University	The University of Tennessee	State University*
Elizabethtown College	Norfolk State University	The University of Texas at Austin	Wagner College
Elon University*	North Carolina A&T State University*	Towson University	Wake Forest University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)	North Carolina Central University*	Trinity University	Washington and Lee University
Emerson College	North Carolina State University	Tulane University	Washington College
Emory University	Northeastern University	Union College	Washington University in St Louis
Fairfield University	Notre Dame of Maryland University	University College London (UK)	Webster University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Oakwood University	University of Arizona	Wesleyan University
Flagler College	Oberlin College*	University of Arkansas	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Florida A&M University	Ohio University	University of Bristol (UK)	West Virginia University*
Florida Atlantic University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of California (Davis)	Western Carolina University
Florida Gulf Coast University	Old Dominion University	University of California (Irvine)	Western Washington University
Florida Southern College	Otterbein University	University of California (Los Angeles)	Whitworth University
Florida State University	Pace University (New York City)	University of California (Merced)	Widener University
Fordham University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of California (Riverside)	Williams College
Franklin & Marshall College	Pennsylvania State University*	University of California (San Diego)	Wittenberg University
Frostburg State University	Pennsylvania State University (York)	University of California (Santa Barbara)	Wright State University
Furman University	Piedmont International University	University of California (Santa Cruz)	Xavier University of Louisiana*
George Mason University	Point Park University	University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)	Yale University
George Washington University	Providence College	University of Colorado Boulder	York College (Pennsylvania)
Georgetown University	Purdue University	University of Connecticut	
	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Dayton*	