

# SPSG Adjustments to COVID-19

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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 switched to distance (online) learning from spring break through the end of the school year. AP exams were optional for this year only.

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. Many activities including prayers, chapel, school meetings, and clubs moved to a virtual environment.

**SY 2020–2021**: SPSG began the year virtually for all upper school students and moved to a hybrid model for a majority of the year, attending in-person classes 2 days per week. We were able to end the school year fully in-person. Students and families with Covid-related challenges had the option to attend virtually throughout the year.

Letters of Recommendation: Student-teacher relationships were more slow in developing, due to our virtual format for much of the year.

**Teaching/Grading**: Teachers were trained and poised to deliver hybrid or distance learning as necessary. Grading followed normal protocols.

**Extra-curricular**: The IAAM postponed the fall season, but offered abbreviated seasons. Our theater and dance productions moved forward with virtual showcases. Clubs were conducted online for most of the school year.

SY 2021–2022: SPSG has fully resumed in-person learning. We hope to continue along this path, but will adjust if needed.

Community Service requirements for seniors have been reduced to 30 hours. We are not requiring students to differentiate between direct and indirect service at this time.



# School Profile 2021–2022

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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:

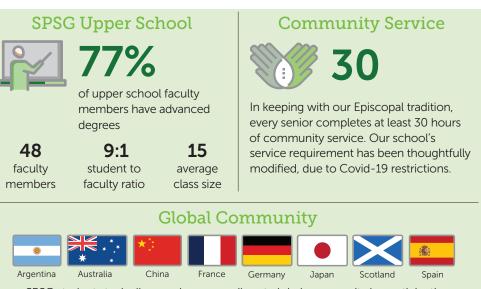
St. Paul's School for Girls educates hearts and minds in an inclusive community that is grounded in the Episcopal values of respect, integrity, and spiritual growth. We empower voice, nurture intellectual curiosity and creativity, and inspire confident leaders who serve in the world.

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 448 college-bound students with a wide range of abilities and talents. The upper school has 303 students in grades 9-12, with 72 students in the senior class. SPSG welcomes students of all races, religions, and economic backgrounds. Students of color make up 21% of the student body, and 38% 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, 1,377 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 students typically 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. 14 of seniors have participated in visual arts, varsity sports teams graphic arts, dance, 8 theater, technical theater, and music beyond the JV teams requirement of students participate in 1 school-sponsored 29 clubs provide teams club sport opportunities for students to practice 12% of the class of 2021 are playing a leadership, responsibility, collegiate sport 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 six classes per semester. 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.



# **Standardized Test Scores**

Grading						
	A+	=	97-	-100		
	А	=	93-	-96		
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At	-	97-100
А	=	93–96
A-	=	90-92
B+	=	87-89
В	=	83-86
В-	=	80-82
C+	=	77–79
С	=	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 HL classes are given additional weight in the GPA calculation equivalent to 5 points on a 100 point scale.

### Class of 2022 Weighted GPA

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Top 10%	Mean	Lowest 10%		
97.49	91.29	84.36		

Mid 50% Range				
Class	Evidence Based Reading and Writing	Math	ACT Composite Approximately 25 students tested	
2021	540 - 680	510 - 660	19 – 30	
2020	560 - 690	520 - 690	21 - 31	
2019	580 - 670	530 - 660	21 – 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 required to take the exam.

## AP Exam Summary (2021)\*

Number of students taking AP exams: 102 Total Total number of exams taken: 185 Percentage of exams scoring 3 or higher: 71%

### **AP Scholars**

2020	*
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AP Scholar	16	
AP Scholar with Honor	8	
AP Scholar with Distinction	18	
National AP Scholar	2	

#### 2021

AP Scholar	17	
AP Scholar with Honor	8	
AP Scholar with Distinction	10	
National AP Scholar		

# **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.)



\*AP Exams were optional in 2020



# 2021 Curriculum Offerings

#### ENGLISH English 9, 10, 11

#### Grade 12 Electives:

Asian Literature Autobiographical Essays and Writing Black Contemporary Literature Comparative Literature Creative Writing Gothic Literature Latinx Literature Short Story

#### 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:

African American History Art History: Western World in Perspective Global Migration & Immigration History of Modern East Asia Issues in International Diplomacy Psychology Social Justice Topics in History Women's History

#### Honors/AP/IB:

#### Modern World History

The Cold War World History into the 21st Century AP European History AP Macroeconomics AP Psychology AP US History AP World History IB Global Politics SL1, SL2 IB History SL2 IB Psychology HL1, HL2

#### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

World Religions Applied Ethics The Holocaust Women in the Bible

#### MATHEMATICS

#### **Geometry, Algebra Algebra 2** Algebra 3/Trigonometry

Precalculus Calculus Statistics OSH\*

#### 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 Electrical Engineering Environmental Science Forensic Science Human Anatomy Investigative Science Neuroscience OSH\*

#### Honors/AP/IB:

**Biology, Chemistry Physics** AP Biology AP Chemistry

#### WORLD LANGUAGE

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

#### Honors/AP/IB:

French 2, 3, 4 German 2, 3 Japanese 5, 6 Spanish 2, 3, 4 AP Chinese OSH\* AP French AP Japanese AP Spanish AP Spanish Literature OSH\* IB Spanish SL

#### **VISUAL ARTS**

AP Studio Art Digital Art 1, 2 Visual Art 1, 2, 3-4

#### PERFORMING ARTS

Acting 1, 2/3 Dance 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Directing 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, HL2

#### ELECTIVE

Design Thinking Entrepreneurship & Tech Innovation Global Innovation Theory of Knowledge Website Design

#### 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, runs an International Baccalaureate Program. An SPSG student may take a class at St. Paul's School to supplement her curriculum or to address a schedule conflict.

**\*OSH: One Schoolhouse:** A student may supplement her curriculum with an elective for an additional fee, 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 a 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.



Albright College

## Acceptance and Matriculation List 2017–2021

The classes of 2017–2021 were accepted to the following four-year colleges and universities. Our 69 graduates from the class of 2021 are attending 52 different institutions in 27 states plus D.C. and Canada (matriculations are indicated below with an asterisk).

Allegheny College Alvernia University\* American University\* Amherst College\* Arizona State University Auburn University\* Ball State University Barry University **Baylor University** Belmont University Bennett College Birmingham Southern College Boston College Boston University Bowdoin College Bowie State University Bowling Green State University Brandeis University Bryant University\* Brigham Young University Bryn Athyn College Bryn Mawr College Bucknell University\* Butler University CUNY Hunter College California Polytechnic State University Carolina University Case Western Reserve University Catholic University of America Champlain College Chapman University Charleston Southern University Chatham University Christopher Newport University Clark Atlanta University Clark University Clemson University\* Coastal Carolina University\* College of Charleston College of the Holy Cross College of William & Mary\* The College of Wooster Colorado State University Columbia College (Chicago) Connecticut College Dartmouth College Davidson College DePaul University Denison University Dickinson College Drew University Drexel University Duke University Duquesne University East Carolina University\* Eastern Mennonite University Eckerd College Elizabethtown College Elon University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL) Emerson College Emory University Fairfield University Fairleigh Dickinson University Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Florida Institute of Technology\* Florida Southern College Florida State University\* Fordham University\* Franklin & Marshall College Frostburg State University Furman University George Mason University

George Washington University Georgetown University\* Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Southern University Georgia State University Gettysburg College Goucher College Hamilton College\* Hampton University\* Haverford College High Point University\* Hobart William Smith Colleges Hofstra University Hood College Howard University Indiana University Ithaca College\* Jacksonville University James Madison University\* Johns Hopkins University\* Kennesaw State University Kenyon College La Salle University Lafayette College\* Lehigh University\* Lincoln University Louisiana State University Lovola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago Loyola University Maryland Loyola University New Orleans Lycoming College Lvnn University Macalester College Manhattan College Manhattanville College Marist College Marquette University\* Maryland Institute College of Art\* Marymount Manhattan College Marymount University Massachusetts College of Art and Design McDaniel College McGill University (Canada)\* Merrimack College Miami University (OH)\* Middlebury College Millikin University Mississippi State University Monmouth University Montana State University Morgan State University Mount Holyoke College\* Mount St Mary's University\* Muhlenberg College New York University Niagara University Norfolk State University North Carolina A & T State University North Carolina Central University\* North Carolina State University Northeastern University<sup>3</sup> Notre Dame of Maryland University Oakwood University Oberlin College Ohio University Old Dominion University Otterbein University Pace University (New York City) Pacific Lutheran University Pennsylvania State University\* Pennsylvania State University (York) Providence College Purdue University

Queens University of Charlotte Quinnipiac University Radford University Randolph-Macon College\* Rhodes College Rice University **Rider University** Roanoke College Rochester Institute of Technology Roger Williams University Rollins College<sup>3</sup> Rosemont College Rutgers University SUNY at Binghamton SUNY at Purchase College Saint Edward's University Saint Joseph's University Saint Leo University Saint Michael's College Salisbury University\* Samford University San Diego State University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago Seton Hall University Sewanee: The University of the South Shenandoah University Shepherd University Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania Siena College\* Sierra Nevada University Skidmore College Smith College Southern Methodist University\* Spelman College Springfield College St John's University St. Lawrence University St Mary's College of Maryland Stetson University Stevenson University Susquehanna University Syracuse University\* Temple University' Texas A&M University Texas Christian University Texas State University The Boston Conservatory at Berklee The College of New Jersey The College of Saint Rose The New School The Ohio State University\* Towson University Trinity University\* Tulane University Union College University of Alabama University of Arizona University of Arkansas University of British Columbia (Canada) University of California (Davis) University of California (Irvine) University of California (Los Angeles) University of California (Merced) University of California (Riverside) University of California (San Diego) University of California (Santa Barbara) University of California (Santa Cruz) University of Cincinnati University of Colorado (Colorado Springs) University of Colorado (Boulder) University of Connecticut University of Dayton

University of Delaware\* University of Denver University of Detroit Mercy\* University of Florida\* University of Georgia\* University of Hartford University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Iowa University of Kentucky University of Louisville University of Lynchburg University of Mary Washington University of Maryland (Baltimore County) University of Maryland, College Park\* University of Massachusetts (Amherst) University of Miami University of Michigan University of Mississippi University of Nevada (Reno) University of New Hampshire University of New Haven University of North Carolina School of the Arts University of North Carolina Wilmington University of North Carolina at Asheville University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of North Carolina at Greensboro University of North Carolina at Pembroke University of Notre Dame University of Oregon University of Pittsburgh\* University of Rhode Island University of Richmond University of Rochester University of San Diego University of San Francisco University of South Carolina\* University of South Florida University of Southern California\* University of St Andrews (Scotland) University of Tampa\* University of Tennessee\* University of Texas at Austin University of Toronto (Canada) University of Utah University of Vermont University of Virginia\* University of Washington University of Wisconsin Ursinus College Utah State University Vassar College Villanova University Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Wagner College Wake Forest University Washington College Washington University in St Louis Washington and Lee University Webster University Wesleyan University West Chester University of Pennsylvania West Virginia University Western Carolina University Western Washington University Widener University William and Mary Williams College Winthrop University Wittenberg University Xavier University of Louisiana Yale University York College Pennsylvania