

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2018/2019

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Saint Gertrude High School, a Catholic school and ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, is an independent, private, college-preparatory day school for girls in grades 9 through 12. The mission of the school is to prepare and inspire young women to answer the challenges of their changing world. Building on our tradition of excellence, we offer students the opportunity to develop critical thinking, leadership potential, creative expression, and reflective faith.

Since its founding in 1922, Saint Gertrude High School has remained committed to the Benedictine Sisters' dedication to building a strong community through *ora et labora*, prayer and work. The school's location in Richmond's historic Museum District provides a unique opportunity for use of cultural and community resources.

Admission to Saint Gertrude is selective. The process requires a completed application (including the most recent standardized test scores), recommendations from school officials, and an interview with admission personnel.

### Associations

- National Association of Independent Schools
- National Catholic Education Association
- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education
- The National Coalition of Girls' Schools
- National Association for College Admission Counseling
- The Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling

### Accreditations

- Virginia Association of Independent Schools
- AdvancEd

### Faculty

30 members; 80% holding advanced degrees

### Enrollment

197 students  
Student/Teacher Ratio: 6 to 1  
Average class size is 15

### Diversity

24% Ethnicity  
70% Catholic  
60% Receive financial aid

### Grade Distribution - Class of 2018 (through Junior Year)

Grade	Percentage of Students
A+	6%
A	14%
A-	19%
B+	30%
B	19%
B-	4%
C+	6%
C	<2%

Median GPA = 3.63  
Max GPA = 4.48

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Curriculum

*SGHS offers an engaging college preparatory program that fosters intellectual curiosity, hard work, leadership and academic excellence. Honors and Advanced Placement courses are offered for those students qualifying for increased rigor and challenge.*

Minimum graduation requirements are listed below.

Description	Required Credits
English	4
Mathematics	3
Laboratory Science	3
History and Social Science	4
World Language	3
Electives	1
Theology	4
Visual & Performing Arts	1/2
Technology	1/2
Health and Wellness	1

### Special Requirements\*

Personal Fitness	7 units
Service to the Community	40 hours

\*Not factored into GPA

### Grading Systems

Report cards are issued every nine weeks. Interim reports are also issued the middle of the nine weeks to report student progress. Exams are given at the end of each semester. The grading system is as follows:

A+ 97-100	A 93-96	A- 90-92	A grade point average (A = 4.00) and decile standing are computed at the end of the Junior year. Advanced Placement courses are weighted +1.0 and Honors courses are weighted +0.5 in computation of the GPA. A weighted GPA is reported.
B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80-82	
C+ 77-79	C 73-76	C- 70-72	
D+ 67-69	D 63-66	D- 60-62	
F Below 60			

### Scholastic Achievement-Class of 2018

Students enrolled in Honors classes: 63%

Students enrolled in AP courses: 46%  
Scores of 3, 4, or 5 on AP exam: 88%

SAT mid 50%: 1070-1265  
ACT mid 50% composite: 21-27

National Merit Commended Scholars: 1

AP Scholars: 4  
AP Scholars with Honor: 6  
AP Scholars with Distinction: 6

## Courses Offered

### Theology

Theology 9: *Overview of the Bible, New Testament and Jesus' Mission & Ministry*  
 Theology 10: *Salvation History with emphasis on Old Testament, Morality, Theology of the Body*  
 Theology 11: *Church History, Sacraments*  
 Theology 12: *Capstone Project, World Religions, Vocations*

### English

English 9 / Honors  
 English 10 / Honors  
 English 11 / Honors  
 English 12 / AP  
 Creative Expressions

### Mathematics

Algebra I  
 Algebra II / Honors  
 Geometry / Honors  
 Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry / Honors  
 Probability & Statistics  
 Intro to Calculus  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Computer Science Principle

### Science

Physics I / Honor  
 Chemistry / Honors  
 Biology / Honors  
 Anatomy & Physiology  
 Physics II / Honors  
 Environmental Science  
 AP Biology

### Social Studies

World Regions/Honors  
 Contemporary World History/Honors  
 Sociology  
 US History  
 AP US History  
 US Government  
 AP Government & Politics

### Visual & Performing Arts / Electives

Belle Tones  
 Ceramics  
 Chorus  
 Contemporary Commercial Music  
 Dance  
 Drawing  
 Introduction to Art  
 Graphic Design  
 Honors Ensemble  
 Honors Portfolio Art  
 Music Technology  
 Painting  
 Tower Ringers

### World Language

Latin II, III, Honors IV  
 Spanish I, II, III, Honors IV, V/AP Spanish  
 French I, II, III, Honors IV, V

Additional elective courses offered in health & wellness and technology

AP represents Advanced Placement; AP enrollment determined by teacher recommendation.

## Clubs and Organizations

Book Club  
 CALM (Contributing Actively to Liturgy and Music)  
 Golf  
 GORP (Gators' Outdoor Recreation Program)  
 Joint Events Committee (*with Benedictine College Prep*)  
 Media Club  
 Model General Assembly  
 Model Judiciary  
 Model UN  
 Robotics  
 SCA and Honor Council (*Student Government*)  
 Spirit Club  
 Sponsors (*with Benedictine College Prep*)  
 Stuart Avenue Players Theatre Club  
 Student Ambassadors  
 Tower (*Yearbook*)  
 Women for A Cause  
 World Languages Club

### Co-Curricular Highlights

*Student Outreach to Society*  
 Community Service Program

### LIFT

Four Year Curriculum and Mentorship

### Cultural Travel Program

### Song Contest

Student-run musical competition

### Richmond is Our Campus!

### Freshmen Friends

Student-run Honor Council

### Competitive Athletics

27 Teams

Theology courses are designed to encourage factual and philosophical understanding of Christian ideals, to question and to analyze personal beliefs, and to promote an understanding of Catholic doctrine and living the gospel message.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES *for* RECENT GRADUATES

100% of 2018 graduates college bound

The University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of Florida	Miami University, Oxford	Shenandoah University
The University of Alabama	Fordham University	University of Miami	Sophia University - Japan
Allegheny College	Franklin & Marshall College	Michigan Technological University	University of South Carolina
American University	Furman University	University of Mississippi	University of Southern California
Appalachian State University	Gardner-Webb University	University of Montana, Missoula	Southern Methodist University
Assumption College	George Mason University	Mount Saint Mary's University	Spelman College
Auburn University	The George Washington University	Nagoya University - Japan	St. John's University/Queens
Ave Maria University	Georgetown University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	University of St. Thomas
Averett University	Georgia Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina, Charlotte	Stevenson University
Bard College	The University of Georgia	University of North Carolina, Wilmington	Sweet Briar College
Belmont University	Gonzaga University	North Carolina State University	Syracuse University
Beloit College	Goucher College	University of North Florida	The University of Tampa
Bridgewater College	Greensboro College	Northeastern University	Temple University
Bucknell University	Hamilton College—NY	Northern Arizona University	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of California, Los Angeles	Hampshire College	Norwich University	Texas A & M University
University of California, San Diego	Hampton University	University of Notre Dame	Texas Christian University
California State Polytechnic, Pomona	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Occidental College	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
California State University, Fullerton	High Point University	Old Dominion University	The Ohio State University
Campbell University	Hofstra University	Olivet College	Vanderbilt University
Case Western Reserve University	Hollins University	Oregon State University	University of Vermont
The Catholic University of America	Howard University	University of Oregon	Villanova University
College of Charleston	Illinois Institute of Technology	Pace University, New York City	Virginia Commonwealth University
Christendom College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Pennsylvania State University, Univ. Park	Virginia Military Institute
Christopher Newport University	J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	University of Pittsburgh	Virginia Tech
The Citadel, The Military College of SC	James Madison University	Pratt Institute	Virginia Wesleyan College
Clemson University	John Tyler Community College	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Virginia
Coastal Carolina University	University of Kentucky	Radford University	University of Virginia's College at Wise
University of Colorado at Boulder	La Salle University	Randolph College	Wake Forest University
Colorado State University	Lake Forest College	Randolph-Macon College	Warren Wilson College
University of Dayton	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Regent University	Waseda University - Japan
Delaware Valley University	Liberty University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Washington College
University of Delaware	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	University of Richmond	Washington University in St. Louis
Denison University	University of Limerick	Roanoke College	West Virginia University
University of Denver	Longwood University	Rollins College	Wheelock College
DePaul University	Louisiana State University	Sacred Heart University	Widener University
Dickinson College	Loyola University Chicago	College of Saint Benedict	College of William and Mary
Drexel University	University of Lynchburg	Saint Joseph's University	University of Wisconsin
East Carolina University	Lynn University	Saint Louis University	Xavier University
Eastern Mennonite University	University of Maine	Saint Michael's College	
Elon University	Marist College	Salve Regina University	
Emerson College	Marquette University	Samford University	
Emory University	Mary Baldwin College	University of San Diego	
Fashion Institute of Technology	University of Mary Washington	University of San Francisco	
Ferrum College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Santa Clara University	
Flagler College	Marymount Manhattan College	Savannah College of Art and Design	
Florida Atlantic University	Marymount University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	
Florida State University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Sewanee: The University of the South	