



SCHOOL PROFILE FOR 2009-2010

School and its Mission

Founded in 1964 by Dr. John O. Patterson, former Headmaster of Kent School, St. Stephen's is a non-denominational, coeducational boarding and day school (grades 9-12, post graduate year) established to "epitomize the best elements of the classical liberal arts education." Situated in the historic center of Rome, steps from the Forum and Coliseum, the majority of students come from government, business and professional families who live and work in Rome. The school's diverse and international student body encompasses students from over 30 different nations; 35% are U.S. citizens, 33% are Italian nationals, 18% are from other European countries, and 7% are from Asia. The remaining 7% come from 12 different countries.

St. Stephen's School is small by design. We stress the development of personal and social integrity; creativity and self-discipline in the fine and performing arts; concern for others through community service; and the spirit of cooperation and healthy competition in our sports program. We believe that the purposes of the school and of individual students are best served by concentrating time and resources on a small student body.

The school's central location and modified block schedule offer students unique cultural, historical and educational advantages. Regular field trips allow students to take advantage of Rome's archeological sites, museums and monuments as a kind of "living laboratory." St. Stephen's students are each assigned a faculty advisor whose role is to offer guidance and support in personal and academic matters and to keep parents apprised of the student's progress.

Enrollment.....	251	Size of Senior Class	73
Number of Teaching Faculty.....	43	Average Class Size	13
Number of Full time Faculty.....	28	Pattern of School Year	2 semesters
Number of Part-time Faculty (arts/specialized courses).....	15	CEEB Code	748600
Number of Faculty with Advanced Degrees.....	29		

Co-curricular Program

An active co-curricular program complements the high school curriculum. St. Stephen's participates annually in several International Model United Nations conferences including The Hague as well as the ISMTF (Int'l Schools Math Teacher's Foundation) competition. The Student Council and Disciplinary Committee encourage student involvement in decisions affecting student life and a variety of social service clubs involve students in community awareness and action. Student activities include two literary magazines, a yearbook club, a political activist group, a Down Syndrome theater group, various fundraising initiatives, an environmental awareness group, a student newspaper, a film club, and a newly formed debate club. St. Stephen's has four athletic teams: girls and boys soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Other activities include a semi-annual trip program that enables students and faculty to explore other cities and towns in Italy, Europe and the Mediterranean region.

Accreditation

The school is a member of ECIS, CIS, NAIS, NACAC, and is accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS).

Calendar

The school year consists of two semesters with exams in December and early June. All courses meet four times a week (three 45-minute periods and one 90-minute period).

Graduation Requirements

19 credits, including 4 in English, 3 in Mathematics, 3 in Foreign Language, 3 in Experimental Science, 3 in History, 1 in the Arts (in the Arts, ½ credit is awarded for a full year course), are needed to graduate.

Other graduation requirements include physical education or participation in the sports program (no credits are given), a computer proficiency test and a health and wellness course, and a Senior Essay, an independent research paper on a topic of their choice. Every year each full-time student is expected to take five one credit courses; seniors may take four one credit courses, if they are carrying a heavy AP or IB load.

Academic Program

St. Stephen's provides a demanding liberal arts education taking full advantage of its location in the historic center of Rome. The school is modeled on the American independent school tradition, and offers a well-rounded rigorous program based on comprehensive preparation by each student in six major academic areas: English, Foreign or Classical Language, History, Experimental Science, Mathematics, Arts. Primary objectives are academic excellence, fellowship and cooperation among students and faculty, and the development of students as independent, responsible, and involved members of the larger world community. The curriculum prepares students for the American high school diploma, including a variety of Advanced Placements (AP) subjects, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) which allows students to enter universities worldwide. Typically, over 75% of juniors and seniors opt to do the full IB diploma. Others may choose to do a combination of IB/AP certificates or to follow the requirements of the St. Stephen's diploma. Our pass rate for 2004-2009 is 96% with 85% of students scoring 30 and above points.

Ranking and GPA

St. Stephen's does not rank students. Small class size, the high rate of student turnover in international schools, and the diversity of assessment practices and procedures in the systems from which our students come, make formal ranking inaccurate.

St. Stephen's School does not calculate a GPA for its students.

External Examination Statistics

International Baccalaureate (40 diploma candidates; 249 examinations): 2009 Results

Score 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

No. of HL
exams: 13 34 40 17 13 0 0

No. of SL
Exams: 23 42 36 13 7 0 0

*% of
Total* 14 31 31 16 8 0 0

98% of students passed
75% of students scored above 30
Average score is 33 points
The average points obtained in a subject is 5.19

Advanced Placement Program Results (23 candidates; 39 examinations; 8 subjects): 2009 Results

Score 5 4 3 2 1

No.
of Exams 13 16 7 2 1

*% of
Total* 33 41 18 5 3

Standardized Tests

SAT Subject Tests Range (Class of 2009 and 2010 combined)

Subject	Middle 50%	# Tested
Biology - Ecology	550 – 690	2
Biology - Molecular	590 – 630	3
Chemistry	640 – 670	4
English Literature	620 – 730	9
French	620 – 740	7
German	800 – 800	1
Italian	720 – 780	7
Latin	570 – 570	1
Math Level I	420 – 680	4
Math Level II	620 – 690	8
Physics	500 – 720	3
Spanish	710 – 800	2
U.S. History	600 – 690	2

SAT Scores – Middle 50% Range

Class of 2008:
CR 570 – 650 M 540 – 650 WR 550 – 650

Class of 2009:
CR 530 – 670 M 460 – 630 W 510 – 620

Class of 2010*:
CR 600 – 700 M 540 – 660 W 570 – 670

* Tests taken in spring 2009

Grade Distribution

The following is a grade distribution for courses in which juniors and seniors were enrolled during the most recent semester.

Assessment at St. Stephen's is rigorous, and on a scale of A to F. Almost all 11th and 12th grade courses are IB or AP level. The median grade for a St. Stephen's student is a B. Students are given academic commendation if they have received all As and Bs, or given a 1 for effort in all of their classes for any given marking period.

ENGLISH	Median	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
English 3	B	2	11	19	16	16	5	4	1	-	-	-	-
English 4	B	3	3	7	12	8	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
English 4 A2	B+/B	2	1	5	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
MATH	Median	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Geometry	B	10	4	3	12	7	2	4	6	-	2	-	1
Algebra 2/Trig	B	13	6	-	9	4	2	3	8	-	3	4	1
Math Studies	B	2	3	4	3	4	1	-	2	-	1	3	-
Precalculus	B	13	7	1	6	3	3	6	5	3	1	2	1
Calculus	B-/C+	1	1	-	6	5	5	2	5	1	-	-	-
SCIENCE	Median	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Biology 1	B	12	10	4	8	10	3	2	3	1	-	-	-
Biology 2	A-	7	9	3	2	2	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
Biology 3	B-/C+	6	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	-
Chemistry 2	B+	5	12	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	-	1	-
Found. Physics	B	2	5	4	7	4	3	3	2	-	-	-	-
Physics 2	B	-	-	5	11	4	6	4	-	-	-	-	-
Physics 3	C	1	-	-	2	2	1	4	1	-	2	1	-
HISTORY	Median	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Modern European	B	1	11	6	10	6	1	1	3	-	-	1	-
Cont. European	A-/B+	-	8	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Economics 1	B	-	8	7	5	7	4	2	2	-	1	-	-
Economics 2	A-	12	3	5	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Art History	B	-	3	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baroque Rome	B	-	6	1	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
CGRS	B	1	2	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. History	B+	3	3	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Islamic History	B-	-	1	5	1	4	-	5	-	-	-	1	-
LANGUAGE	Median	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
French 1	B+	2	2	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
French 2	B+/B	3	3	5	6	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
French 3	B+	6	4	8	2	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
French 4 Studies	A-	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French 4	A-/B+	-	6	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French 4 IB	B	1	-	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
French 5	B	1	1	1	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Italian Conv.	A-	1	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Italian 1	C+/C-	7	-	1	2	-	1	9	1	-	1	-	-
Italian 2	A-	4	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italian 3	A-/B+	2	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Italian 3 Lit	B+	1	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italian 4 Lit	B+	8	3	3	2	4	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
Italian 5	B+	3	4	6	6	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	-
Italian 6	B+	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Latin 3 SL	B+	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Latin 3 HL	B+	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latin 4 HL	C-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Japanese	A-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jap indep. st.	B+	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spanish	A	6	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
German	B+	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dutch	A	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ART	Median	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Photography	A	5	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-D	A-/B+	8	11	12	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
2-D	A	20	1	10	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Art	A	8	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visual Art	A	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chorus	A	19	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music													
Appreciation	A	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drama	A	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dance	A	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOK	Median	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
TOK Year 1	B-	4	3	9	11	15	8	7	3	-	-	-	-

Matriculation for the Classes of 2007-2009

Approximately 100% of St. Stephen's School graduates enroll into four-year colleges or universities. In the past three years, 87% have enrolled immediately and 13% have elected either volunteer work or a year of travel prior to university. Graduates of St. Stephen's school from the past three years have matriculated to the following colleges and universities:

USA/Canada: Allegheny College; Arizona State University; Bard College; Barnard College; Beloit College; Boston College; Boston University; Brown University; Connecticut College; Dickinson College; Duke University; Eugene Lang College; Evergreen State College; Fort Lewis College; George Mason University; The George Washington University; Georgetown University; Grinnell College; Gustavus Adolphus College; Hampshire College; Johns Hopkins University; Lewis & Clark College; McGill University; Michigan Technological University; Middlebury College; New York University; University of North Florida; University of Notre Dame; Ohio Wesleyan University; Parsons School of Design; Pace University; Plattsburgh State University; Reed College; Santa Clara University; Sarah Lawrence College; School; Texas A&M University, Texas State University; Corpus Christi; University of Toronto; Tufts University; Trinity College; Vassar College; University of Vermont; West Virginia University; Wesleyan University; University of Wisconsin; Yale University.

Worldwide: American University of Paris (France); American University of Rome (IT); Architectural Association School of Architecture (UK); University of the Arts London (UK); University of Bath (UK); Università Bocconi (IT); University of Brighton (UK); University of Bristol (UK); Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College (UK); University of Cambridge (UK); City University (UK); University College London (UK); Courtauld Institute of Art (UK); University of Cumbria (UK); University of Durham (UK); University of Edinburgh (UK); European Institute of Design (SP); Goldsmiths College (UK); University of Glasgow (UK); University of Greenwich (UK); Heriot Watt University (UK); Imperial College of Science and Technology (UK); Istituto Marangoni (IT); John Cabot University (IT); Keele University (UK); University of Kent (UK); King's College (UK); Kingston University (UK); Les Roches (SZ); University of Leeds (UK); University of London (UK); London School of Economics (UK); LUISS (IT); Newcastle University (UK); University of Nottingham (UK); University of Oxford (UK); University of Reading (UK); Royal Holloway University (UK); University of Southampton (UK); School of Oriental and African Studies (UK); University of St. Andrews (UK); St. George's College (UK); University of Stirling (UK); University of Surrey (UK); University of Sussex (UK); University of Warwick (UK); University of Westminster (UK); National Universities in Australia, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Venezuela.