

ST. PETERSBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in St. Petersburg Christian School.

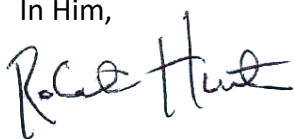
St. Petersburg Christian School has served families of this community since 1971. As we make our way through the different stages of the enrollment process, I hope you will see our love for the Lord, our love for each other and our love for you and your family.

Choosing a school for your child is a very important decision. I trust that you will see St. Petersburg Christian School as your number one option to partner with in Christian Education. You will find us to be a school with a stellar reputation, solid financial standing, and great academic, athletic, fine arts, and leadership successes.

St. Petersburg Christian School is an educational institution with a vision to be a lighthouse in St. Petersburg and beyond. The campus is growing and we are thankful for families who are anxious to be a part of what God is doing here. We are continually making great strides in our academic life. With a commitment to integrating technology, updating and upgrading curriculum materials, and creating deeper relationships with our God, we believe you will be happy to be a part of our St. Petersburg Christian School family.

I look forward to welcoming you to our SPCS family very soon.

In Him,



ROBERT HUNTER
Head of School

OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Petersburg Christian School is to provide an excellent education in a safe and nurturing environment, equipping students to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

OUR PURPOSE

Founded in 1971, St. Petersburg Christian School embraces a Christ-centered philosophy of education with the Bible being the standard for all moral, social, and ethical training, as well as the guideline for discipline. Our program is built upon a tradition of excellence by providing strong academic skills, an accelerated curriculum and a variety of enriching programs dedicated to student achievement. Established to be an evangelical outreach to the community, we serve families representing many churches, nationalities and creeds. While seeking to be ecumenical, the purpose of St.

Petersburg Christian School is to provide educational excellence in a Christ-centered atmosphere.



OUR TEAM

God has brought an exceptionally qualified team of professionals to St. Petersburg Christian School. Each has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a commitment to young people. In addition to a Bachelor's Degree, all faculty members are state certified or meet SACS/Florida teaching requirements. A commitment to life-long learning is evident in the number of faculty who hold advanced degrees.

SPCS educators understand the power of their role in a student's life as teacher, leader, mentor, and role model.

Our faculty and staff are committed to excellence in academics, in spiritual growth, and in preparing students to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

OUR PARTNERS

St. Petersburg Christian School regards each family's partnership with school administrators and faculty as vitally important to the academic, social, and spiritual development of their child. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the educational process; a true partner in developing the unique giftedness and abilities of their child.

Parental involvement is reflected in virtually every area of the school, allowing family members the opportunity to invest their time and talents at the level they desire. From fine arts to athletics, classroom celebrations to instructional collaboration, connections with other SPCS families, teachers, and staff is fostered in an inviting and supportive environment. Focusing on our commitment to safety, we require that all volunteers complete a Level II background screening. We invite you to join us as we nurture and support the outstanding student body and faculty that are the heart of St. Petersburg Christian School.



GRADE LEVELS - Kindergarten through Grade 8

STUDENT BODY - St. Petersburg Christian School serves young people representing more than 80 churches as well as many nationalities and creeds.

SCHOOL HOURS - Kindergarten - Grade 1	8:15AM - 2:45PM
Grades 2 - 4	8:15AM - 3:00PM
Grades 5 - 8	8:15AM - 3:15PM

For convenience, drop-off is up to 30 minutes prior to start time and pick-up is up to 15 minutes after end time without extended care fees. Extended Care is available at a nominal fee from 7:00AM—6:00PM if needed.

DRESS CODE - School colors of red, white and navy are reflected in the dress at all grade levels. Khaki and navy bottoms provide a pleasing option in combination with required embroidered polo shirts of school colors. School uniforms are required at all grade levels.

CAFE - Our lunch program is offered by Saltwater Catering.

EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT - At all grades, challenging curriculum stretches children to above grade level performance. Classes routinely score significantly above grade level on the standardized test that measures student achievement annually.



The buildings on our campus are home to many activities and the security of those on campus is of utmost importance. Our campus is secured behind fencing with locked entrance points and is patrolled by a School Protection Officer. All visitors to campus enter through our Main Office that is secured with a point of entry system. The campus is also video monitored. All visitors are screened through our on-line visitor management system.

GYMNASIUM

The student body takes advantage of one of the finest athletic facilities in St. Petersburg. Its stage and audio/visual system invite dual use of the facility for athletics and other special large group assemblies. It is the home to our Physical Education Department and hosts for our weekly Chapel Services for all grades.

COMPUTER LAB

The computer lab is equipped with computers with the most up-to-date operating systems and productivity software. From Kindergarten through Grade 8, students develop digital citizenship, gain skills in typing and use of business applications, and experience the newest developments in technology. Technology integration into core curriculum is a primary focus for all grades.

MEDIA CENTER

The Media Center consists of over 9,000 books and resource materials. It is a welcoming environment for all students. Elementary classes gather in the inviting instructional area to enjoy stories and participate in Smart Board activities.

FINE ARTS

Our general music program for Kindergarten through 4th Grade uses interactive, energetic lessons that help to build musical literacy and appreciation. Students in 5th through 8th Grade are encouraged to choose band to continue their musical studies.

Students receive specialized art instruction beginning in Kindergarten. Students are encouraged to express themselves while learning the attributes of art, using a variety of mediums and exploring Art History. Upper Division students may choose Art as an elective where more in depth studies are offered.

Musical Theater is offered to students in Grades 5-8. The class introduces students to the basic fundamentals of acting, staging, costuming, choreography, and chorus studies. Students have the opportunity to perform in the community as well as their annual Spring production.

CLASSROOMS

Individual classrooms meet the instructional needs of our students. Each classroom is equipped with student laptops and interactive Smart Boards. Mobile devices are also utilized to enhance instructional content and provide a technology rich, engaging, learning environment.





Our Lower Division consists of Kindergarten through Fourth Grade.

Each classroom is creatively designed to provide an environment where children feel safe and secure. Our classrooms create a community of learners who respect each other as they participate in thoughtful and productive collaborative experiences. These experiences encourage students to become problem solvers and to think critically.

Our teachers are highly qualified and committed to serving students and their families! Teachers strive to provide engaging learning experiences that inspire and challenge students. A strong emphasis is placed on Reading, Writing, and Math. Science and Social Studies go beyond the textbook, incorporating projects and research. Character development and biblical principles are integrated throughout the content areas. In addition, our educational program provides differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners.

Technology is utilized to enhance instruction and to help prepare students for the demanding digital world of the 21st century.

Field trips and guest speakers enrich specific units of study and provide real-life application

opportunities. Students benefit from a full range of resource classes provided by skilled instructors, including Computer, Art, Physical Education, Music, Instrumental Studies, Library and Spanish.

— LOWER DIVISION —

St. Petersburg Christian School offers a comprehensive and focused curriculum taught by quality educators from a distinctly Christian perspective within the context of a safe and supportive community.

UPPER DIVISION

Students in 5th Grade begin the transition to Upper Division by changing classes on a modified schedule. Students continue to receive resource classes in Computer, Foreign Language, Art and Physical Education. Students also have the opportunity to participate in select electives during the last period of each day.

Upper Division students receive a challenging core curriculum that provides a competitive edge when applying to area High School programs. Eighth Grade students may have the opportunity to receive an Algebra 1 credit, as well as earning high school credits in Foreign Language and Physical Science.

Students receive a solid academic and spiritual foundation through our core curriculum and daily Bible classes. In addition, all students take Computer Science and a Foreign Language (American Sign Language or Spanish) as well as Physical Education and Health. Students also participate in a variety of electives, exposing them to the Fine Arts, Athletics, and other Learning Enrichment Opportunities. Electives include WSPC (our news program), Yearbook, Advanced Art, Band, Saints Journal (Literary and Art Magazine) and Wheel (a rotation of various electives throughout the year).



ATHLETICS

Good sportsmanship and winning teams go hand-in-hand at SPCS! Our competitive sports programs promote both skill development and teamwork.

**Basketball Baseball Bowling Cheerleading Flag Football Golf Softball Soccer
Track Volleyball**

SERVICE

St. Petersburg Christian School's Vision is to be a lighthouse to the city of St. Petersburg and beyond. In recent years, our school has endeavored to positively impact our community through various outreach projects and initiatives. These efforts have not only supported our Vision, but equally our Mission to equip students to fulfill God's plan for their lives. We believe that providing opportunities for our students to serve others is essential to equipping them for God's plan as He has called us all to love and serve others.

We have had the opportunity to partner with a number of local, national, and international organizations through our outreach efforts. These organizations include: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, The Kind Mouse, Go Gold, The Children's Dream Fund, John Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Moffitt Cancer Centers, Heifer International, and many more.

Our prayer is that our students graduate from our school knowing that God has uniquely gifted each one of them to make a difference in our world.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Our extracurricular options are designed to provide students the chance to grow outside of the classroom through sports, clubs, and service opportunities. These activities expand their educational experience at St. Petersburg Christian School and provide opportunity to develop their talents and gifts, leadership qualities, academic skills and spiritual development.



EXTENDED CARE



SPCS offers a program that students are sure to enjoy for families that need extended hours of care for their children.

Our Extended Care program offers families the opportunity to drop their child off at school as early as 7:00 am and pick up as late as 6:00 pm. The Extended Care program is not included in tuition, and as such requires an extra fee. Families in need of before-school care may participate as needed, however, families needing after-school care must pre-register.

Extended Care provides children a safe environment to enjoy indoor and outdoor recreational time with friends, make fun crafts, eat snack, spend extra time in the computer and maker space labs, and have the opportunity to work on homework.

Throughout the school year, SPCS has scheduled days off for students. Extended Care is available from 7:30-5:00 on those days. This is open to any SPCS student, whether they are enrolled in the Extended Care program or not. Registration information is provided several weeks before each of the days.

Please visit www.stpetechristian.org for the most up-to-date information.

*"It is fun to spend time
after school
playing with my
friends."*

~ SPCS Student



“Making the investment in an education at SPCS is one of the best decisions I’ve made for my child.”
~ SPCS Parent

TUITION

Please visit www.stpetechristian.com for the most up to date tuition amounts.

PAYMENTS

Full payment by July 1, prior to the start of the school year, will result in a 3% tuition discount; otherwise, tuition will be divided into 11 monthly payments. The payments are due the 1st or the 15th of each month, July through May. All payments are made via FACTS ACH withdrawal. No cash or credit card payments are accepted.

ASSISTANCE

Applicants in need of tuition assistance may complete a financial aid application available from the Admissions Office. Information provided is handled in strictest confidence. Individual awards are based on need and availability of funds.

SCHOLARSHIPS

McKay Scholarship
www.floridaschoolchoice.org

Step up for Students Scholarship
www.stepupforstudents.org

Family Empowerment Scholarship
www.fldoe.org

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

APPLICATION

Submit the on-line application with \$50.00 application fee. Applications are available at www.stpetechristian.com.

Along with the application we require copies of each applicant's:

- Birth certificate
- End of year report card and most current report card (Grades 1-8)
- Most recent standardized test results (Grades 1-8)
- Completed School Reference Form from previous school

Originals are required of these forms:

- Immunization Form DH680
- Health Physical Form DH3040

TESTING

All Kindergarten and 1st Grade applicants require testing. Applicants in Grades 2 through 8 require a recent standardized achievement test. If such results are not available, testing is required. A fee of \$40.00 is due at the time of testing. Testing is scheduled through the Admissions Director.

SHADOW DAY

Arrangements to shadow are made in advance by calling the school or visiting our website. Students are to dress as close to the SPCS dress code as possible. SPCS dress is navy or khaki pants and a red, white or blue Polo shirt. SPCS will provide a lunch for each shadow student. Please arrive with your student in the Main Office between 7:50 -8:00 am on the scheduled day.

INTERVIEW

Once the application and fee are submitted and the requested documents are received, you will be contacted to schedule an interview with the respective Administrator. At least one parent must be present with their student at the interview.

NOTIFICATION

Decisions for acceptance are made after all steps of the application process are complete.

The Admissions Director will notify the applicant's parent by phone, email or letter. If accepted, an email link will be sent to complete the enrollment process online. This includes accepting contractual and financial requirements.



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