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School Profile - Class of 2009

The Community

Spotswood Borough is a small suburban residential community located in central New Jersey midway between New York City and Philadelphia. Our 8,500 residents live on 1,472 acres located in the southern half of Middlesex County. This is a solid middle class community where both parents in most families are employed. The residents understand the value of an excellent education and have high aspirations for their children.

Spotswood High School

Spotswood High School has served our residents and the districts of Helmetta and Milltown since 1976. The school is accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education. The curriculum is challenging and rigorous including Advanced Placement, Honors, and Career/Technical Art courses. Spotswood High School, in conjunction with Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Middlesex County College, offers the opportunity for exceptional students to earn college credits when registered in the following courses: College Accounting, Honors Biology II, Honors Chemistry II, Honors Calculus, College Composition, and Journalism/Mass Media. Approximately 97% of the Class of 2008 pursued higher education.

Post Secondary Destinations: Class of 2008

4 year colleges:	45.0%	Workforce:	4.0%
2 year colleges:	39.0%	Undecided:	9.0%
Business/Technical Colleges:	3.0%		

The Class of 2008 earned over \$3,700,000.00 in scholarships.

Curriculum Overview

English: Successful completion of four years of study is required for graduation. Comprehensive, College Preparatory, and Honors courses are available at each grade level as well as AP Literature and Composition for seniors. Students may also select an elective course such as Creative Writing, S.A.T. Preparation, and Journalism/Mass Media.

Social Studies: Three years of study are required. All students must complete World History and two years of United States History. Seniors may elect to study Advanced Placement U.S. History. Electives including Criminal Justice, Sociology and History of Psychology, and AP Psychology are available.

Mathematics: Three years are required. A full sequence of college preparatory courses are offered. Most college bound students study at least four years of college preparatory math. Additional mathematics courses that SHS offers are AP Statistics, AP Calculus, Honors Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus, and Probability/Statistics and Discrete Math for this year's graduating seniors.

Science: Three years are required for graduation; however, college bound students normally elect three or four years of lab science. Students have the opportunity of electing honors courses in Biology II, Chemistry II and Physics. Students may elect Advance Placement Chemistry, and/or AP Biology.

World Language: Spotswood High School offers four years of instruction in French, German, and Spanish. While one year of successful study is required for graduation, students are encouraged to take Level II, III, and Honors Level IV courses in order to better prepare themselves for success in today's rapidly changing world.

Physical Education and Health: Four years of PE and Health are required at SHS. Our curriculum is timely and interesting, providing valuable information so that students may make wise choices for a positive lifestyle.

Art, Business, Family & Consumer Science, Music and Technology: SHS offers a wide range of superior elective courses in these areas to suit the needs of all students. AP courses are available in Computer Science A, Computer Science AB, Art Studio, AP Music Theory and College Accounting, and AP Art History.



Recent SHS graduates were accepted at the following institutions of higher learning:

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| Albright College | Curry College | Hawaii Pacific University | Montclair State University | Salisbury State University | University of Miami (OH) |
| Alvernia College | DeVry University | Hofstra University | Mount St. Mary of Md. | Saint Joseph's University | University of Michigan |
| Arizona State University | Drew University | John Jay University | Muhlenberg College | Seton Hall University | University of Massachusetts |
| Art Institute of Philadelphia | Drexel University | Johns Hopkins University | New Jersey Institute of Technology | St. John's University | University of North Carolina |
| Arcadia University | Duquesne University | Johnson & Wales University | New York Institute of Technology | State University of NY | University of Pennsylvania |
| Berkeley College of Music | East Stroudsburg University | Kean University | New York University | Stevens Institute of Technology | University of Rhode Island |
| Binghamton University | Elizabethtown College | King's College | Northeastern University | Stockton State College | University of Scranton |
| Bloomfield University | Fairleigh Dickinson University | Kutztown University | Northwestern University | Syracuse University | University of Vermont |
| Boston University | Flagler College | Lafayette College | Pace University | Towson University | Villanova University |
| Brookdale College | Fashion Institute of Technology | Lehigh University | Pennsylvania State University | Ursinus College | Wagner University |
| Bryn Mawr College | Felican College | Loyola College | Prince George College | University of Central Florida | Wilkes University |
| Caldwell College | Florida Institute of Technology | Marist College | Ramapo College of NJ | University of Chicago | West Chester University |
| Centenary College | Florida State University | Marshall University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of Connecticut | West Virginia University |
| College of St. Elizabeth | Fordham University | Miami University | Rider University | University of Delaware | Widener University |
| College of New Jersey | Georgian Court University | Middlesex County College | Rowan University | University of Hartford | William Patterson University |
| Coastal Carolina University | Gettysburg College | Monmouth University | Rutgers, The State University of NJ | University of Maryland | York College |

Grading System

From 2005 - 2008 grades were awarded using a letter system with the following numerical equivalents:

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| A = 90 - 100 | Outstanding | WP = Withdrew Passing |
| B = 80 - 89 | Above Average | WF = Withdrew Failing |
| C = 70 - 79 | Average | W = Withdrawn (prior to 3 rd Friday in September) |
| D = 65 - 69 | Below Average | NM = No Mark |
| F = Below 65 | Failure | NC = No Credit |

At the end of the 2007 - 2008 academic year Spotswood High School instituted a new grading system. In the 2008-2009 academic school year, grades reflect using the following letter system with the coordinate numerical values:

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
	100	97	93	90	87	83	80	77	73	70	67	64
	99	96	92	89	86	82	79	76	72	69	66	OR
	98	95	91	88	85	81	78	75	71	68	65	LOWER
		94		84				74				
GPA	4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.0
(H) GPA	4.83	4.5	4.17	3.83	3.5	3.17	2.83	2.5	2.17	1.83	1.5	0.0
(AP) GPA	5.33	5.0	4.67	4.33	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	0.0

Excellent – Masters all course standards/ cumulative progress indicators:

- A+ 98-100
- A 94-97
- A- 91-93

Good – Masters a major portion of course proficiencies:

- B+ 88-90
- B 84-87
- B- 81-83

Fair – Masters the minimum course proficiencies:

- C+ 78-80
- C 74-77
- C- 71-73

Poor – Completes the minimum:

- D+ 68-70
- D 65-67

Failing:

- F 64 or Below

Incomplete Work: INC Withdraw: W

Withdraw Failing: WF

Pass/Fail: P/F

Withdraw Passing: WP

Note: If a student attends an institution of higher learning while attending SHS and registers for a course which is not offered at our school, the student will not receive high school credit for the course nor will any grade be averaged into the student's G.P.A. However, the course will be noted on the student's high school record.

Class Rank

Grade point average (GPA) based upon all subjects attempted in grades 9-12, determines class rank. All students are ranked at the end of their sophomore, junior and senior years.

Fully-weighted subjects available for the 2008-2009 academic school year include:

Honors Biology I, Honors Biology II, Honors Chemistry I, Honors Chemistry II, Honors Physics, Honors Pre-Calculus, Honors Calculus, Honors Algebra II, Honors Geometry, Honors World History, Honors US History I, Honors US History II, Honors English 9, 10, 11, and 12, AP English 11, Honors Computer Programming, and Applications II, Honors Advanced Computer Networking, College Accounting, Honors Accounting II, Honors Marketing III, Honors Spanish I, Honors Spanish IV, Honors German IV, Honors French IV, Honors Fine Arts II and III, Honors Wind Ensemble, and Honors Music Theory.

Advanced Placement courses available for the 2008/2009 academic school year include:

English Literature and Composition, U.S. History, Psychology, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Music Theory, Computer Science, Art Studio, and Art History.

There are 173 students in the class of 2009.