



SOUTH KENT
SCHOOL

UNDERSTANDING
THE WAY BOYS
LEARN

WELCOME LETTER





It is my honor and privilege to serve as the tenth Head of School at South Kent School, a special place we will introduce you to in the following pages. I start my Head of School tenure on the 100th academic year since the School's founding and look forward to leading South Kent in the next successful chapter of our School's history.

Our aspirations are high for the coming years, as we recognize that to succeed in the future, we must embrace innovation while staying true to our core values, which have not wavered since our founding a century ago. We have always been, and will always be, a community guided by our Trinity of Values: Simplicity of Life, Self-Reliance, and Directness of Purpose.

We look to our Mission and take an innovative approach to teaching and caring for young men. This starts with a foundational understanding of the way boys learn. This understanding has helped fuel the evolution of our campus, facilities, and programs over the decades to support and prepare our students to succeed in college and thrive as thoughtful and engaged citizens in this rapidly changing and intensely competitive world that we live in.

To become an industry leader in small-school, all-boy education, we dedicate ourselves to realizing the needs of our people, programs, and place in a 21st-century world and supporting the growth and advancement of all aspects of School life. To help with this, we have adopted a forward-thinking educational model that engages the whole student with a competency-based curriculum that suits the next generation of learners. This innovative approach, combined with our founding principles, allows us to be intentional in our teaching, not only in the classroom but in all areas of life, to ensure that we will always remain steadfast in our Mission.

BRIAN D. SULLIVAN

HEAD OF SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

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TRINITY OF VALUES

In 1923, when South Kent School was founded one hundred years ago, the School's first headmaster, Samuel S. Bartlett, introduced the same guiding principles that he had followed as a student at Kent School, the Trinity of Values.

SIMPLICITY
OF LIFE

SELF-
RELIANCE

DIRECTNESS
OF PURPOSE

These fundamental principles, along with the lessons and traditions passed down by our earliest leaders, form the foundation of the School. Throughout the years, as the School has changed and grown, our Values and Mission remain relevant and continue to serve as a guide for all we do.





GET TO KNOW SOUTH KENT SCHOOL



150 STUDENTS FROM 24 STATES AND 24 COUNTRIES



95% BOARDING STUDENTS



\$3.5 MILLION OF FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE



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90% OF FACULTY LIVING ON CAMPUS

UNDERSTANDING THE WAY BOYS LEARN

Guided by the Mission and Trinity of Values, South Kent School believes in education that goes beyond traditional boundaries, focusing on developing competencies that prepare students for a rapidly changing and intensely competitive world. This commitment has inspired the School to examine how twenty-first-century boys learn best. Studies show that learning takes place over time with intentional and continuous practice. Results-based feedback and letter grades alone tend to reduce students' interest in the learning itself and lead to a fixed mindset. With this knowledge, South Kent has evolved its academic programming to include an innovative curriculum that is competency-based, interdisciplinary, and project-focused. We inspire learning that fosters the development of a growth mindset, where students get to explore content, receive feedback, and focus on progress versus the end result.

COMPETENCY-BASED MASTERY LEARNING

The Mastery Learning model asks students to develop knowledge and master competencies that can be easily transferred to a real-world context. Instead of focusing on content management and retention of siloed subject matter, our interdisciplinary approach encourages students to make connections across subjects, fostering a holistic understanding of everyday challenges. Through project-based learning, students gain practical experience and problem-solving skills, applying their knowledge in meaningful ways so that they are well-positioned for the world that awaits them. This dynamic curriculum equips students with the tools they need to excel in a diverse and ever-evolving landscape.



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STUDENTS BUILD
REAL-WORLD SKILLS FOR
THE 21ST-CENTURY WORLD.



SOUTH KENT'S CORE COMPETENCIES

South Kent's teaching methods are aimed at educating the whole student through the development of South Kent's Core Competencies.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students analyze, examine, evaluate, and interpret information and apply creative thought to form an argument, solve a problem, or reach a conclusion.

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

Students recognize and manage their emotions and empathize with others to nurture healthy relationships and make responsible decisions.

COLLABORATION

Students leverage the diverse strengths of their learning community, take responsibility for their actions, and hold each other accountable to fulfill a common purpose.

STEWARDSHIP

Students connect their behavior, values, and individual growth to their beliefs through reflection and appreciation of the traditions and faiths of others.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PROJECT ADVANCE (SUPA)

Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) courses offer high school students an invaluable opportunity to engage in college-level coursework while still in high school. These courses, offered in collaboration with Syracuse University, provide students with challenging academic experiences, college credit, and exposure to the rigor of higher education. By participating in SUPA, high school students can accelerate their college progress, reduce the cost of higher education, and gain a competitive edge in the college admissions process, all while honing their academic skills.



ELECTIVES, ARTS, AND FUTURES LITERACY

South Kent School's electives, arts, and futures literacy offerings provide our students with additional opportunities to expand and develop their interests and passions. The block schedule allows our students to explore offerings outside of the school's compulsory courses, such as visual art and music, engineering and design, finance, entrepreneurship, and computer science.

The arts and electives curriculum is a critical component in our students' school experience as it empowers the imagination and enhances the boys' ability to prepare, adapt, innovate, and thrive in an ever-changing world. Whether they enter with prior knowledge or never having been exposed to the material, South Kent offers a range of courses and options that allow us to help spark creativity and develop the interests of all students as they plan and practice skills for the future.

FUTURES LITERACY

The futures literacy program is an innovative educational initiative designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge required to thrive in our 21st-century world. This program offers a unique curriculum encompassing a wide range of disciplines, including engineering, robotics, technology, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, finance, mental health, and healthy living. Students engage in project-based learning, problem-solving challenges, and real-world applications to gain experience in these critical areas. By preparing students for the literacies of the future, this curriculum empowers them to adapt, innovate, and excel in a dynamic and increasingly technology-driven global landscape.



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THINKING MINDS TO
CULTIVATE CREATIVITY
AND DISCOVER
INTELLECTUAL PASSIONS.



COLLEGE COUNSELING

South Kent School's College Counseling Office provides students and their families with a proactive and informed program designed to navigate the ever-changing and complex college search and application process. Our personalized approach to college counseling enables students to find purpose, discern what is important, and take the initiative in their preparation for college so that they can thrive and succeed beyond South Kent School. Students are introduced to the college process early in their South Kent School career through seminars and conversations with advisors. This program helps distinguish our boys in an increasingly competitive college selection process.



STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

With an overall mission to improve student learning, South Kent School's Student Success Center offers strategic support services and additional academic resources to students looking to further develop the skills they need to thrive and succeed at South Kent and the world beyond. The Student Success Center is available to all students on an as-needed basis. The support model empowers students to practice toward the next level of skill development and academic success with programming that complements classroom study and offers specific help for those who need extra support in their regular courses. Our learning support staff consults with students to assist with organization and time management techniques, communication skills, reading comprehension and study strategies, project preparation, and working effectively with others and independently.

ATHLETICS

At South Kent School, athletics are integral to a student's everyday life. Our athletics program has been intentionally designed to build character and a passion for the game while supporting student-athletes as they train and compete at every level.

South Kent offers a range of sports programming for every type of student-athlete, from club and intramural teams to high performance. Whether they aspire to compete at the collegiate and professional levels or are simply looking for physical activity to stay in shape, our student-athletes are encouraged to develop, build self-esteem, and recognize their goals.

Our academic block schedule enables seamless integration of athletics into student life. It accommodates the most demanding, competitive athletic schedules, including sports that involve frequent travel and competition with top-tier schools and programs. Students learn the significance of balancing their course load with practice and play to maximize their success in every school setting.





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CURIOUS STUDENTS
OF THE GAME WITH
A DAILY DESIRE
TO DEVELOP AND
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CHAPEL AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Rooted in the Episcopal tradition, Community Life at South Kent School is shaped by the Trinity of Values – *Simplicity of Life, Self-Reliance, and Directness of Purpose* – and designed to ensure that teaching and learning are not limited to our classrooms or playing fields. Our chapel program includes three all-school services a week and welcomes students of all backgrounds and religions. St. Michael’s Chapel is a special place on campus where the school community can reflect upon our place in the world and find comfort, inspiration, and peace.

Like in all other areas of school life, South Kent’s singular curriculum helps strengthen the community and enhance our students’ skills with frequent feedback from caring peers and adults to ensure our boys are best prepared to make positive contributions after graduating. Our students are encouraged to pursue their passions and contribute to the greater good while cultivating meaningful relationships and forming a better understanding of self.

South Kent’s extracurricular offerings add energy and discovery to campus life, including everything from student government, robotics, and the yearbook to game night, outdoor adventure trips, and dance groups. With many clubs and activities to choose from, our students can expand their knowledge, develop skills, and express themselves creatively, all while having fun.



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AND VALUES OF
THE SOUTH KENT
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Community service and giving back to others are core to the ethos of South Kent School. Our civic engagement programs foster generosity, thoughtfulness, and a sense of purpose among our community members. Whether participating in daily jobs on campus or volunteering for community service trips, students have many opportunities to answer the call to serve, learn, and grow from their experiences.

SOUTH KENT WEEKENDS AND ACTIVITIES

Whether our students are looking for their next outdoor adventure, cultural trips and off-campus excursions, creative freedom in the studio, or an opportunity to try something new, South Kent weekends are designed to give students time to explore their interests while keeping them busy and entertained during their free time. South Kent activities offer opportunities for students to break from their daily routines, have new experiences, and connect with different people and places to broaden their horizons while having fun.





APPLY TO SOUTH KENT SCHOOL

- Visit our Admissions pages at www.southkentschool.org to fill out an online inquiry form.
- Contact the **Admission Office** to schedule your campus visit and interview
- Admission Application Deadline: **January 15**
- Need-Based Financial Aid Application Deadline: **February 1**
- Receive Admission Decision **on March 10**
- Finalize Enrollment Decision **by April 10**

Contact Admissions Office:

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