

# **UPPER SCHOOL**

## **GRADES 9-12 CURRICULUM**

Our Upper School's rotating block schedule is built intentionally to accommodate our rigorous core academic requirements while providing students space to pursue their passions and interests through elective courses, clubs, and other co-curricular activities. This unique approach fosters student agency, ensures their investment in the educational experience, and prepares them well for college and beyond.

In all disciplines, we stress key skills and competencies that will best prepare our students for their lives after Park: critical thinking and problem solving; clear, cogent expression in written and oral communication; diligence and work ethic; and collaboration and teamwork.



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## **ENGLISH**

Dark Descent: Studies in Horror Literature; Women Writers & the Wild Woman Archetype; Harlem: Collective Creativity in the 20th Century; More Than a Game: Literature & Ethics Through Sports; Multicultural Perspectives in Science Fiction

## **HISTORY**

AP Modern World History; AP United States Government and Politics; Ancient Africa; Principles of Economics; Presidential Character; World Religions



Calculus I, II, and III; Integrated I, II, and III; Logic; Pre-Calculus; Statistics

### **SCIENCE**

AP Physics: Algebra-Based; Biology; Chemistry; Electricity & Magnetism; Engineering; Forensics; Physics; PH 120 Environmental Science; The Science Behind Food; Waves

## WORLD LANGUAGES

Novice French/Spanish; Intermediate French/Spanish A and B; Advanced French/Spanish A and B; AP French/Spanish; Hebrew



CHARLES HARTNEY
HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL





47
HONORS/AP
courses offered
in Upper School

96

UNIQUE COLLEGES accepted our 2024 Park graduates **290** 

STUDENTS 44 ZIP codes, five countries \$5,000,000+

IN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS combined, awarded our 2024 Park graduates

# 100% **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE**

# CORNELL

## INDIVIDUALIZED COLLEGE COUNSELING

With a 100% acceptance rate, our past five graduating classes have been admitted to 80+ colleges each year, including multiple Ivy League acceptances. As early as Grade 9, Upper School students have access to the resources necessary to familiarize themselves with the college application process at Park. Students receive one-on-one college counseling from our Director of College and Life Counseling. In addition, our College and Life Counseling Center holds seminar classes for Grades 9-12. In seminar classes, students learn about college admissions, career exploration, mental health awareness, and study skills. Starting in Grade 9, students gain access to their Naviance account, which follows students through Upper School and is an important tool in the college search process.



# **AWARD-WINNING ATHLETICS**

## PARK OFFERS 23 DIFFERENT TEAMS **ACROSS MULTIPLE SEASONS:**

Led by Director of Athletics Turner Battle, our athletic program strengthens our students both physically and mentally while also allowing them to develop life skills including commitment, teamwork, and accountability.

# **MMERSION**



Park's Immersion programs are not vacations or class trips. Rather, they involve year-long academic study for students in a world outside their own, offering opportunities to learn, discover, and explore. For each Immersion, students spend their year on an in-depth study of their destination's history, literature, science, culture, and practices. Immersion trips vary from local and regional options to historical and cultural tours of other countries such as Greece, Japan, and Peru. Most Immersion experiences incorporate some form of community service as well.

## **CO-CURRICULARS**

- American Sign Language Club
- **BABEL Book Club**
- Chess Club
- Earth Spirit Educational Services
- Engineering Club
- Environmental Stewardship Club Visual Arts
- **GSA**
- Model UN
- Performing Arts
- Sino-American Fusion
- Student Government

...and many more!

