



SAINT PETER'S PREP

NEW JERSEY'S JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 1872

Dear Parents of Heritage Speakers:

Soon your son will receive information on the four languages offered here at St. Peter's Prep. It is important that you, the parents, help your son make an informed decision as to the Spanish program he should sign up for. Please read the attached information.

The growth of the Hispanic population has created an increased demand for Spanish language media: radio, television, newspaper and magazines. These fields require the person to be specialized in these areas. In addition, there is a great demand in both the legal and medical field for certified interpreters and translators. There are a variety of programs available in the Metropolitan area; however, a student must be completely bilingual to pass both a written and oral exam.

Faced with this demand, I, Ms. García, developed a program for Heritage Speakers to take the student from basic reading development, orthography, formal grammar, lexical expressions and general facility of composition, to the in-depth studies of the different literary genres. While emphasis is placed on fully exposing students to world-standard Spanish, at no time is the student's home language "extripated"; instead it is used as a point of departure, demonstrating that the student's mode of expression is often not as different from the written standard Spanish as might have been thought.

First the student must take a placement exam to determine if he can be a part of this program. If he passes this exam he will be placed in Spanish I Honors where he will learn all the basics such as accents, spelling, verb forms, etc. The class will be taught in Spanish. In addition to the grammar lessons, the students will learn how to express themselves properly when discussing current events. The students are also introduced to the great masterpieces of our literature as per the requisite of the College Board and Educational Testing Service and the Advanced Placement Program.

In junior year the student will move to Advanced Placement Language where he will continue an in-depth study of the grammar, and continue reading other literary masterpieces. In May the students take the Advanced Placement Exam. The results of this exam – a grade of four (4) or five (5) – gives the student the opportunity to receive language credits at some colleges and universities. The money you save on the language credits can be used towards another course. Some universities accept a score of three (3).

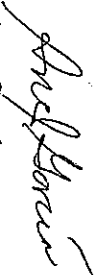
In senior year, the student will move to Advanced Placement Literature. The last year is dedicated to the completion of the literary masterpieces. Each of the works presents the student with the current problems encountered by the Hispanic world. However, every single theme discussed in class is applicable to mankind in general, thus forming the student into a more fully empathetic man for others.

To further enhance the student's culture, there will be a number of extracurricular activities as they become available in the Metropolitan area. Please read the attached information to see what we have done in the past.

Take notice of the Study Abroad Program and the Internship Program in Bilbao. These are opportunities not to be missed. Currently there are students that have received at least three (3) credits for their work in Salamanca, Spain.

If you have any questions please call me at: 1-201-547-2333 between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. or contact me via email at: garciaA@sppprep.org

Sincerely,



Ana Garcia

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STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN SPAIN (35 days)

This program is offered to freshmen, sophomores and juniors who want to grow and expand their knowledge of the Spanish culture through the study of grammar, history, architecture, art, food, theater and other activities.

The goal of this program is to prepare the students to be for and with others. It will provide an opportunity for him to mature, become independent, become intellectually inquisitive of the different life style he is living in, and be open and loving with the families and other students he is encountering.

Spanish civilization is taught in English by a professor licensed in history and philology. This class covers Spanish art, history, and geography, with special emphasis on those areas of Spain that the students will visit.

Spanish instruction is done in groups of 15. Conversational skills are highly stressed, with much role-playing and group discussions. Audio-visual learning systems are also used to help improve comprehension of the spoken word.

UPON COMPLETION of the course students will be awarded a Language Proficiency Certificate, which can often prove useful in regard to future studies and employment.

COLLEGE CREDITS

Should the student wish to receive college credits, the student may choose from the following directed study course given by Eastern Washington University:

1. Comparing Cultures and Societies *
2. Exploring Cultural Diversity: A focus on Communication *
3. Mass Media and Cultures *
4. World of Arts: An Introduction
5. World of Arts
6. Photography for Communicating Experiences.

The tuition fee in 2004 was \$99.00 per credit. The course marked with an asterisk requires the International Field Study Workbook which costs \$15.00.

PROFESSIONS FOR SPANISH SPEAKING INDIVIDUALS
Police Officer

Detective

Controller

FBI

Savings and Loan Counselor

INS

DEA

Payroll Supervisor

CIA

Income Tax Specialist

NASA

Social Worker

Political Campaign Manager

Stockbroker

Fire Fighter

Attorney

Sales

Judges

Forest Recreation Management
Officer

Medical Technician

X-ray Technician

Optician

Advertising Agent

Electrician

Optometrist

Pharmacist

Airplane Mechanic

Pilot

Biologist

Flight Attendant

Dietician

Travel Agent

Doctor (any field)

Nurse

Photographer

Veterinarian

Reporter

Nuclear Medicine

Printer

Chemical Engineer
Computer

Publishing House Production
Manager

Programming

Civil Engineer

Real Estate Agent
Title Insurance Officer
Insurance Agent

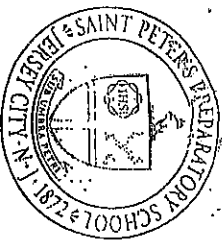
Architect

Computer Systems
Engineer

Geologist

Meteorologist

Landscape Architect
CPA



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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED TO

THE SPANISH STUDENTS IN SPANISH I HONORS, AP SPANISH
LANGUAGE, AND AP SPANISH LITERATURE

ATTEND PERFORMANCES AT THE REPERTORIO ESPAÑOL

1. *Cronica de una muerte anunciada* de Gabriel García Márques
2. *La casa de Bernarda Alba*, *Bodas de sangre*, y *Yerma* de Federico García Lorca.
3. *Pilar Rioja* – The students receive a history of Flamenco.

LECTURES IN SPANISH

These are organized by Instituto Cervantes at Prestigious Institutions such as New York University and Colombia University. The following are two of the ones the students attended this past year.

- Every year the institute offers new lectures and the students will attend the ones that advance their knowledge of the masters of literature they are studying in Spanish I Honors, Advanced Placement Language and Advanced Placement Literature.
1. *Las mujeres en El Quijote: Un abanico de tipos literarios para la eternidad.*
 2. *Lorca y el Flamenco*

THE STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS

ATTEND PERFORMANCES AT:

1. NJPAC
2. Lincoln Center
3. The Town Hall – World Music Institute
4. City Center

MUSEUM

1. Metropolitan Museum of Art

RESTAURANTS

1. Don Pepe in Newark -- Spanish Cuisine

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

The students do voluntary service at the Harborage, North Bergen, New Jersey. The students work with the Hispanic elders of the community. While they assist the staff at the Harborage with the variety of activities, they reinforce their speaking skill in the Spanish language and learn from the elders of our community.