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2024-2025 End of Year Report

Spring Creek Community School

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College Applications Summary

93% of the Class of 2025 were accepted to college!

13.6

average applications per student

600

total college applications submitted



68.6 %

of those applications were acceptances

CBI College Application Milestones

Milestone	% Completed	Students
Applied to CUNY	93.3 %	42 out of 43
Applied to SUNY	57.8%	26 out of 43
Applied to NY State Private Colleges	62.2 %	28 out of 43
Applied to Out of State Colleges	46.7 %	21 out of 43
Applied to a postsecondary option	97.8 %	44 out of 43
Completed the FAFSA Application	75.6 %	34 out of 43
Not eligible for Federal and State Fin Aid	0.00 %	0 out of 43



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Class of 2025 Profile

43

total # of Seniors

78.7%

average grade-point average

824

average SAT score*



93%

of Seniors were accepted to college



College Acceptances Highlights

CUNY

of students attending CUNY colleges in the Fall: 26

- students receiving support from SEEK, ASAP, or College Discovery

SUNY

of Students attending SUNY in the fall: 5

- Eden Curbelo EOP at suny New Paltz

NYS Private Schools

of Students attending Private NYS Schools: 3

- Kristian Small (St.Francis), Melkiyah Melendez/Nadia Alghazaly (Mercy)

Out of State Schools

of students attending Out of State Schools: 1

- Alyssa Joe-Spelman College

Trade/Vocational Program

of students attending trade or vocational training programs: 6

- Co-op Tech, Lincoln Tech, Kennedy Children's Center, FDNY, N Power

Workforce

of students joining the workforce: 3

- Students have met with Ms. Brown to update resumes/sign up for job fairs

College Applications by Institution

New York State	CUNY	258
	SUNY	134
	Private	135
Out of State	Public	47



Class of 2025 Postsecondary Decisions

	Projected Percentages	End of Year Percentages
2 Year	68%	35%
4 Year	35%	46%
Non-College	26%	21%

GOAL:

37% of Graduates of the Class of 2023 attend a 4 year college

ACTUAL:

46% of graduates will be attending a 4 year college in the fall.

Families struggled to complete next steps for Financial Aid such as setting up FSA IDs, or sharing necessary paperwork, however it was a large improvement from last year. At this time there are 2 students who still need to complete FAFSA compared to 8 students at this time last year. The numbers below are reflective of the 27 FA award letters on file, meaning the final number will be higher.

Total Financial Aid Awards Received:

\$ 343,439

\$12,720 average per student

**Goal is \$12K per student*



Fall Highlights

September and October

- I started the year prioritizing Senior Advisory and working closely with Senior Advisors to streamline process and ensure understanding of curriculum, and the importance of implementation.
- **One-on-one student meetings** began in early September, starting with our top ten students to gauge interest in Early Action.
- I held a **Senior Parent Night** to give an overview of graduation requirements, senior activities, and the college application process.
- We hosted our **first Brooklyn Collaborative Fair** at St. Francis with 37 seniors attending.
- I hosted **CUNY Application Workshops** the week of October 21st. I pushed into Ponce's Gov/Econ class and students worked in small groups during Advisory, supporting students on each step of the application.
- I hosted a training for staff writing Letters of Recommendation and supporting with college essays to spread institutional knowledge of the college process.





Fall Highlights

November

- We visited **Vassar College** bringing 11th graders on their first college trip
- Our Advisory curriculum continued with students focusing on Scholarships, College Essays and finalizing their **SUNY/Private School College lists**
- Staff worked hard to complete **Letters of Recommendation**, ensuring every senior had at least one Teacher Recommendation on file.



December

- Finalized college applications for seniors and met with students who needed additional support to submit their applications.
- Worked with students to create FSA IDs for the upcoming FAFSA release
- Shared regular updates with Parents to ensure they knew students complete college lists, and what progress they've made
- 11th and 12th graders visited **University of Connecticut**



January

- **FAFSA Season!** Students began to complete FAFSA in the office with me, while I communicated regularly with parents about their progress and what support I could provide
- We hosted Parent FAFSA events to support parent FSA ID creation and FAFSA/Tap completion
- Students began working on HEOP and EOP applications.





Spring Highlights

Feb/March

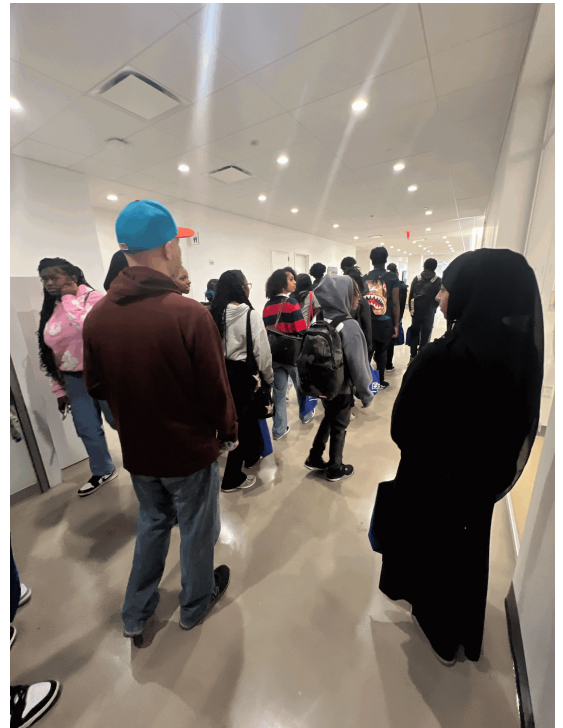
- We hosted our College Kick-off for 11th grade, reviewing next steps for college prep and beginning our Advisory Curriculum!
- 9th and 10th grade students participated in CUNY Discovery, visiting Queens College, while completing college exploration activities in Advisory
- Juniors also kicked off their College Tours, visiting Monroe University, SUNY Old Westbury and the Barclays HBCU Fair.

April/May

- In April Our Seniors began to narrow down their college options, comparing Fit Factors and tracking acceptances.
- May was also our **Decision Day Celebration Week** and our first **Official Alumni Day** with over 30 Alumni in attendance.
- Juniors continued to learn about post-secondary options, prepping for the SATs and beginning to research for their College Lists.
- Three of our Juniors (Aaliyah, Laila, and Camillah) attended CBI's Prestigious Scholarships Roundtable event to learn more about Posse and Questbridge.

June

- In June, Seniors began their matriculation steps, finalizing all prep for college enrollments
- We hosted a number of College Transition Workshops along with guest hosts from our Alumni team.
- Juniors began their College Essays, completed their Brag Sheets and LoR requests and finalized their SUNY and CUNY lists.





Class of 2026 Summer Game Plan

Avg SAT Score

788

Average GPA

72.88

Summer Plan for the Class of 2026

- Continue work on College Essays and scholarship research
- Complete 1-on-1 initial college planning meeting (for students who didn't schedule time during the spring)
- Identify students interested in Questbridge/Early Action
- Finalize Private School/Out-of-state Public School lists

Rising seniors have each received an email from me letting them know with reminders about what they need to work on over the summer, sharing registration dates for SATS, and identifying when I will be available at the school to support. I will also be using the summer to identify and work with potential Early Action applicants and students pursuing Questbridge. Students who were nominated by me for the Posse Scholarship have also been notified.

Looking Ahead to 2025-2026

Fall Planning

I will be at the school throughout the summer to connect with staff, and work with students. Jamille Gonzalez will be returning as our CTC intern, and will be joining me throughout the summer. We will be:

- Reaching out to recent graduates to review Matriculation Progress
- Plan our Fall College Fair (details to come!)
- Schedule Fall College Trips
- Develop the 11th/12th grade college curriculum to build on the great work completed this year
- Plan our High School Kick-off for 9th/10th Grade as well as reframing and planning activities for the transition to High School.

Thank You!

This year at Spring Creek has been filled with moments of collaboration and great leadership. It was a privilege working with this years seniors and I am so excited to see how we can build on our work next year. A special thanks to:

- Ms. Burdier and Ms. Cooper
- Mr. Ghirdharie, Ms. Martial, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Ponce
- The Admin Team!
- Ms. T and Ms. Messam
- Ms. Holland
- Ms. R and Ms. Valmon

I can't wait to see what we accomplish next year!