

students to learn something new, not just in their regular day-to-day courses, but about current events both here and abroad, “says Dr. Kim Halverson, SGA’s Math teacher.

This past year, Mr. Stasiw began what will hopefully become a yearly tradition, the SGA retreat. In September of 2017, the entire student body, along with the faculty and administration, traveled to the Ukrainian American Youth Association resort in Ellenville, NY (Oselya) for a 3 day retreat during which students got to know each other and their teachers, participated in fun, team-building activities and enjoyed swimming and playing sports. SGA students have participated in numerous school trips including a trip to Washington, DC in 2015 for the unveiling of the Holodomor Memorial, to the United Nations where SGA participated in a performance at a forum combatting world hunger, and others.

Teachers have thrown their support eagerly behind their new principal. They are a dedicated group of professionals committed to providing a safe and caring environment while offering the highest quality of education. Most have years of experience, and hold degrees from universities like NYU, Columbia and Pace. Together with Mr. Stasiw, they are enthusiastic about the exciting changes at SGA.



SGA students study Computer Coding

“We want people to understand that we are not the same SGA that they remember. We are a new and improved boutique school which has a lot to offer our Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian students,” Mr. Stasiw explained.

For the past several years SGA has shared its building with La Salle Academy, an all-boy’s high school which occupies the third, fourth and fifth

floors. SGA occupies the first two floors, while the gym and cafeteria are a shared space. Although the two schools share the facilities amiably, SGA is very much its own entity and has often been referred to by La Salle students as “the unicorn school”, a phrase that has come to mean the ideal school where students and teachers are always happy. Student enrollment in SGA has been on the rise each year.

Although the student body represents a healthy mix of cultures, SGA remains a school with a unique Ukrainian flavor, and is the only school of its kind in the nation. Full and partial scholarships are available to Ukrainian and Ukrainian American students.



SGA Annual Retreat at Oselya

SGA is also ideal school for foreign students. With its strong English as a Second Language (ESL) program, and its excellent teacher-to-student ratio, the school offers a safe and comfortable environment for students who are transitioning from one culture to another.

“It is too easy for foreign students to get lost within the public school system. Our school provides the perfect atmosphere for students from Ukraine, and other parts of the world, to learn English in a safe and caring environment”, said Mrs. Donovan, SGA’s Social Studies teacher.

Principal Stasiw has great plans for Saint George Academy in the coming years. We look forward to sharing our many innovative and exciting changes and improvements with you in the future!

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