Spanish Exchange 2020
INTERCAMBIO:
SHS↔ COLEGIO RAMÓN Y CAJAL, MADRID

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¡BIENVENIDOS!
SHS international programs aim to:

- promote respect, understanding an appreciation of other cultures, peoples and values
- develop in students the skills to become global citizens
- foster in students an inquiring mind by exposing them to different educational experiences
- encourage the development of lasting relationships with people from other countries
- develop independence by spending time in a different environment and learning how to adapt to new situations and cultural norms
Important Dates

Applications due - **June 6th by 8AM** to Dean Thompson’s Office

Finalists & waitlist notified **June 11th**

Exchange Dates:

Students from Madrid in Scarsdale **September 13th to 27th**- leaving early in the morning - getting themselves to the airport- in case families traveling for Rosh Hashanah & long weekend.

**SHS students to Spain- Feb 7th- 20th** (break is 15th- 23rd)

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*American Airlines Flight #94
Departing New York/JFK at 7:05PM
Arriving Madrid/MAD at 8:15AM, Saturday, February 8th*
Our Exchange School: We have built this relationship over many years. http://www.colegiosramonycajal.es
Participation and expectations

• Student-to-Student (Family-to-Family) Exchange
• Experience life like a Spanish teenager does
  * classes, extra-curricular activities, friends & social life, family life, food & culture,…

• Language Immersion
• Explore Spanish culture and history in Madrid and its surroundings
Participation and Expectations

- **Direct school-to-school program**
- Small group: 12-15 students and two teacher-chaperones
- Each participating SHS student is paired with one Spanish student- same pairing for both legs of the exchange
  - Home-stay
  - Half time in classes, half time tourism
  - Year-long commitment - communication beyond just the time you are in Spain and our Spanish friends are here
Quotes from past participants-

“I loved the experience of living with a Spanish family and getting to see their culture and how they lived. I also liked the sight-seeing that we did as a group of Americans because we were able to get closer and have the fun social experience. We also had a local tour guide, Dave, who helped us to engage more with the culture and learn way more information than we could have known otherwise.”
Quotes from past participants……..

“The best part was how tight our entire group got, and how much of a family we became.”

“The group bonding and making close friends both in Spain and the US.... Also the cities & sites we visited were beautiful.”

“.....seeing Madrid from an insider view & learning how kids our age live.”
Benefits

- Full Language Immersion- advance your Spanish fluency
- Cultural immersion & awareness- developing a broader global perspective
- Lasting friendships that will follow you into college
- Have fun & often
- a transformative experience!
Participation and Selection

Requirements: You must be -or have been -in the Spanish program at SHS, you’re in good academic, behavior and attendance standing.

Submit your brief typed application to Dean Thompson or Ms. Waters -asap!

DUE JUNE 6th by 8am to Dean Thompson’s office

Applications will be reviewed by a team, teachers will be asked for feedback and all eligible applicants will go in to a lottery for final list and wait list candidates.

Finalists will be notified by JUNE 11th. Directions for deposits will be repeated.
Excursions

Art Museums: Reina Sofía (El Guernica), Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza

Visit Important Historic Sights

Walk and explore Madrid: Palacio Real, Plaza Mayor, Parque del Retiro, El Rastro, Food Markets, …..

Out of Madrid: Toledo, El Escorial, Segovia, & Cuenca
A Commitment to Learning, adventure & global connections

We speak only Spanish while in Spain

We expect the same responsible behavior- as at SHS
● Following our school rules and theirs
● Respecting group timetables
● No drinking alcoholic beverages, driving motor vehicles, etc.

ADVENTURE:
● Living with a different family
● Different schedules and ways of living, e.g. dinner at 10:00pm
● Not a hotel
● Not Scarsdale
● Dealing with realities of travel
● Rain?
● Flexibility- Changes, Delays, bad weather can all occur-- itinerary changes are possible due to weather or unexpected issues
What does a commitment to host mean?

- Welcome a Spanish teenager into your home
- Include him/her in:
  - family activities
  - your child’s social life
- Share American culture with him/her:
  - time in NYC?
  - an out-of-town excursion?
- Your hospitality will be reciprocated when your child visits Madrid.
Finances

Visiting families pay for: Transportation (trips), Entrance fees

Host families provide: Lodging, Food, Transportation to and from school and school-related events

Exchange functions as school club

We will discuss this further & offer suggestions- once the group is finalized. The school is also here to support you in this experience,
Payment

Students will be notified by June 11th-

At that time a NON-REFUNDABLE $100 Deposit to Tumlare AND

A $200 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT by check to SUFSD

- Costs are expected to be approximately $1925
- plus required insurance policies for all participants
Global Connections

The students involved in the exchanges will be given contact information for each other to begin and extend our exploration of each other’s cultures both before and after travel.

Email, WhatsApp, Skype, Facetime,.....
Chocolatería San Ginés
¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!