

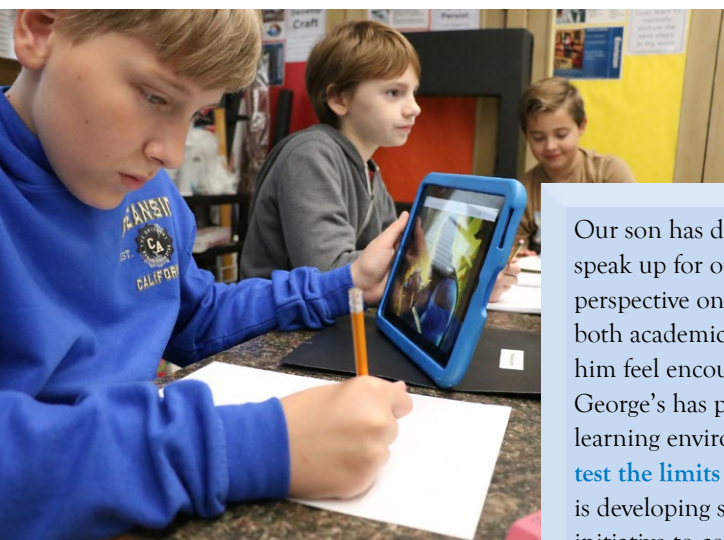
# Confidence Stories

## Parents Relate Their Students' Growth Experiences at SGS



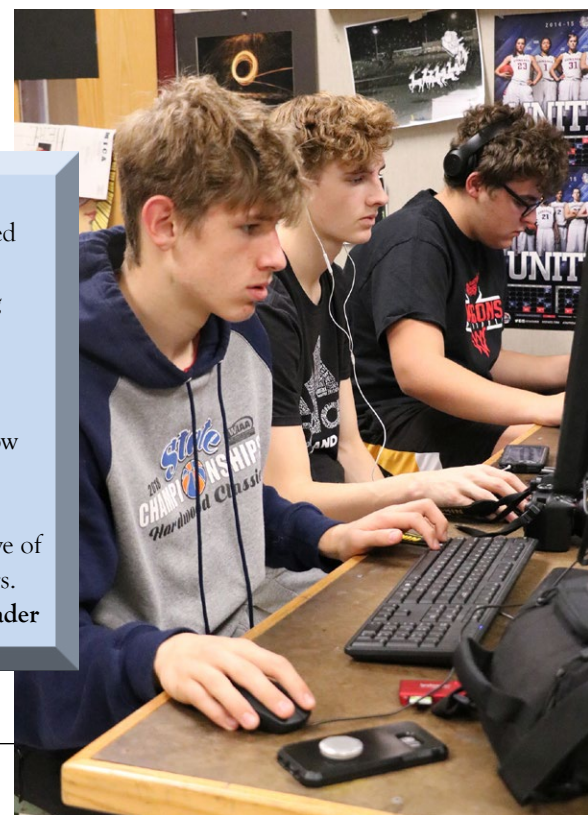
My daughter began her journey at SGS three years ago and it was the best decision I have ever made as a parent. Each year her classroom teachers took the time to not only further her academic skills and foster an even deeper love of learning through hands on, interactive projects, but they also cultivated a confidence in her, gently demanding that she **assert herself and let her voice be heard**. Every year my daughter has flourished even more than the year before. Every concern I have had for my daughter's well-being has been addressed by each of her teachers without fail. They have set her up for success moving into middle school next year and I couldn't be happier with my daughter's academic success, problem solving abilities, her self-confidence and exploratory mindset that SGS has carefully cultivated!

- Holly Gorman, Alumna & Parent of a 5th Grader



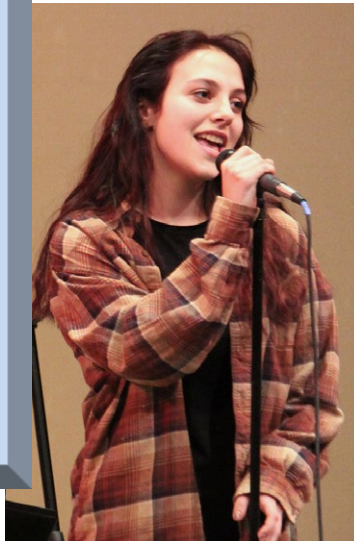
Our son has developed the confidence to speak up for others, demonstrate a balanced perspective on issues, and try new things both academically and socially. By helping him feel encouraged to take risks, Saint George's has provided a rich, encouraging, learning environment that allowed him to **test the limits of his own potential**. He now is developing skills in two languages, takes initiative to communicate with teachers independently, and he has discovered a love of science, art, photography, and the outdoors.

- Georgia Lynch, Parent of a 6th Grader



We have two kids who started school at Saint George's this year - one as a seventh grader and one as a junior. In the months since the beginning of school, we have been overjoyed at the growth we have seen. They arrived at SGS with the understandable trepidation of starting a new school, but in no time had made fast-friends and had settled into the SGS Community. Both of them started talking about school with us each day, something that had been missing from their last several years in public schools. Our son joined the robotics team. Our daughter joined the volleyball team, choir, and the school rock band. They both feel cared for by the community and especially their teachers. They have **a renewed love of learning and of school**. They have both shared some version of "I had no idea school could be like THIS!" Our daughter says the biggest difference she feels is her level of self-confidence, which is music to any parent's ears.

- Seth Coleman, Alumni &  
Parent of 7th and 10th Graders



Our daughter has blossomed in the Lower School. We tried the local elementary school after one year at Saint George's, and found that she was just not challenged. She was so happy to come back to SGS and be taught by teachers who care so deeply about making sure that she is learning and trying new things every day. She hates if she ever has to miss school because there is so much to look forward to each day. This year, I have **seen her confidence grow** in many areas: academics, especially math and reading, as well as extra curriculums like basketball and trying out for a leading part in the 5th grade musical. It is amazing to see her embrace the opportunities offered at SGS.

- Joelle Neiwert, Parent of a 5th Grader

His teachers recognized both his capabilities and the struggles he was having in achieving at the same rate he had before SGS. The individual attention he received made all the difference. With hard work and committed teachers, **slowly but surely he has become more confident**. He now has a better picture of what he can become. He loves getting to school every day!

- Christine Watkins,  
Parent of a 10th Grader



It was over. The theater went from dim to bright and there was a buzz of excitement as the audience discussed how much they loved the production. My husband and I on the other hand were silent, stuck in our chairs, lost in our own thoughts. We had just watched our easy-going, basketball toting 7th grade son sing and dance his way across the stage in a high school play. When he was asked to be a part of the cast my only thought was "I hope he learns his lines." I didn't realize he was a main role. I didn't realize he would be singing solos. I didn't realize he would be wearing face paint and tights! Out in the gathering hall, we found our son, laughing and eating cookies with his friends. His shy smile and dimples clearly showing as people congratulated him and told him "Nice job!" Musical theater was something I would have never picked for him or encouraged him to do. He barely talks at home and is never dramatic so it hadn't crossed my mind. For Saint George's to bring this out in him and offer him this opportunity is priceless. Although each performance still leaves me a little shocked, I love to settle into the audience and **watch my quiet boy magically transform** into something or someone else on stage. To hear his loud, clear voice singing and watch his face full of expression brings me so much joy. Every time before it starts I ask him, "Are you nervous?" and he answers confidently, "Why would I be nervous? This is fun!"

- Kara Henning, Parent of 6th, 8th, and 10th Graders  
& a Graduate