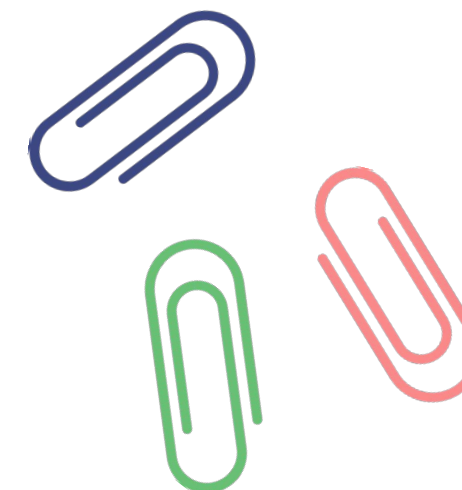




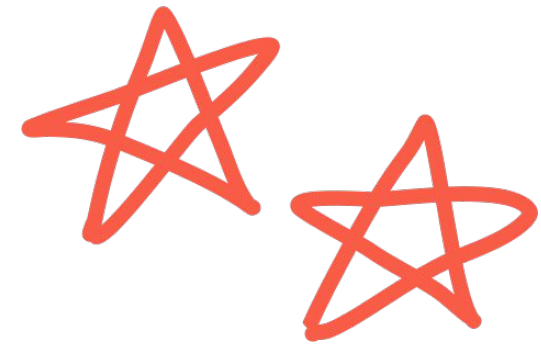
Counseling Parent Night

Course Registration Process

Class of 2027



Counselor Assignments



Nora Anderson: Adams - Gonzales



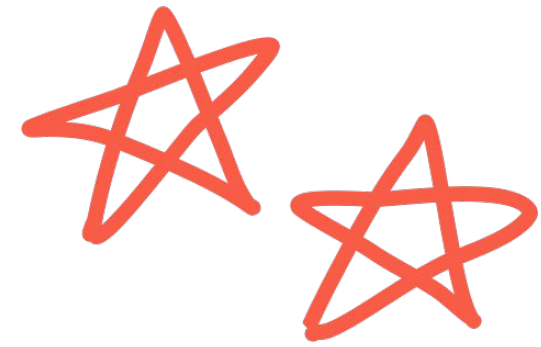
Katrina Fox: Goodin - Oberlies



Joe Poggi: Oliver - Zitelli



Overview of Presentation



- ❑ Overview of the Counseling Department
- ❑ St. Francis Graduation Requirements and College Requirements
- ❑ Typical Sophomore Schedule
- ❑ Course Pathways
- ❑ Honors & AP Information
- ❑ Registration Dates
- ❑ Summer School Information



Counseling Department - Overview

- ❑ Assigned Counselor
 - ❑ Students stay with their assigned counselor for all 4 years
 - ❑ Assist with class schedules / conflicts / challenges
 - ❑ Support the McQueens
 - ❑ Start the College Search Process
- ❑ College Advisors - Debbie Austin or Naomi Lee
- ❑ Sunny Rivera - Administrative Assistant to Counseling
- ❑ Sarah Cornell - School Registrar



Overview of SF Graduation Requirements

- ❑ SF requires 240 credits for graduation
- ❑ SF graduation requirements often exceed college admission requirements
 - ❑ Be familiar with the A-G requirements ([UC A-G Requirements](#))
- ❑ There are prerequisites for many classes
 - ❑ Please refer to "Course Catalog" and AP/Honors Application chart from Vice Principal Ms. Moloney
 - ❑ Or ask your Counselor



Graduation Requirements- 240 credits

*each semester class= 5 credits

Theology
4 years

English
4 years

Math
3 years

Social Studies
3.5 years

Science
3 years

**Modern &
Classical Lang**
2 years

VAPA
1 year

PE
3 semesters

Health
1 semester

Electives
3 semesters



UC/CSU A-G Requirements



(a): History / Social Science - 2 years required

(b): English - 4 years required

(c): Mathematics - 3 years required, 4 years recommended

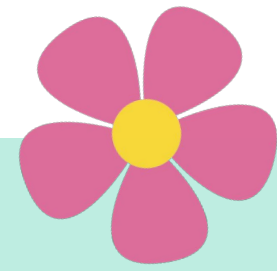
(d): Laboratory Science - 2 years required, 3 years recommended

(e): Language other than English (LOE) - 2 years required, 3 years recommended

(f): Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) - 1 year required

(g): College Preparatory Electives - 1 year required (*10 credits from any category above*)

**UC/CSU calculate their own GPA using grades earned in all A-G courses completed between summer after 9th grade through summer after 11th grade.*



Sophomore Schedule at a glance

- Sophomore Theology
- English
- Math
- Science
- History
- Modern & Classical Language
- VAPA / PE / Elective / Health
- Free block



Theology

☐ Freshmen Year

- ☐ Intro to Scriptures / Christology

☐ Sophomore Year

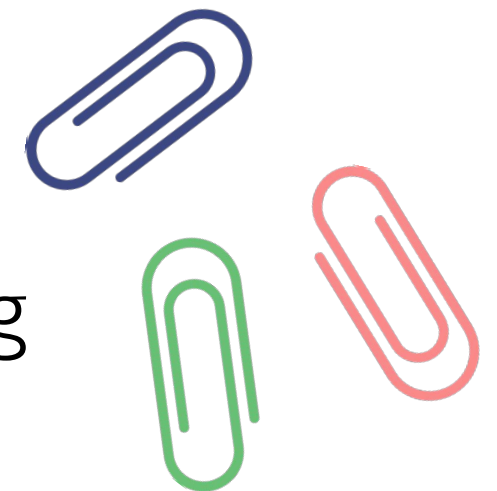
- ☐ Paschal Mystery / The Church

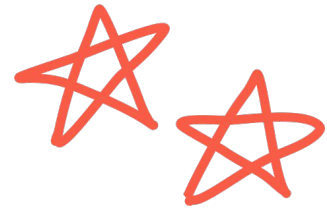
☐ Junior Year

- ☐ Moral Life in Christ / Catholic Social Teaching

☐ Senior Year (pick 2 of the 3 elective options)

- ☐ Feminine Icons, Francis and the Franciscans, Catholic Social Teaching





English

☐ Freshman:

☐ English 9

☐ Sophomore:

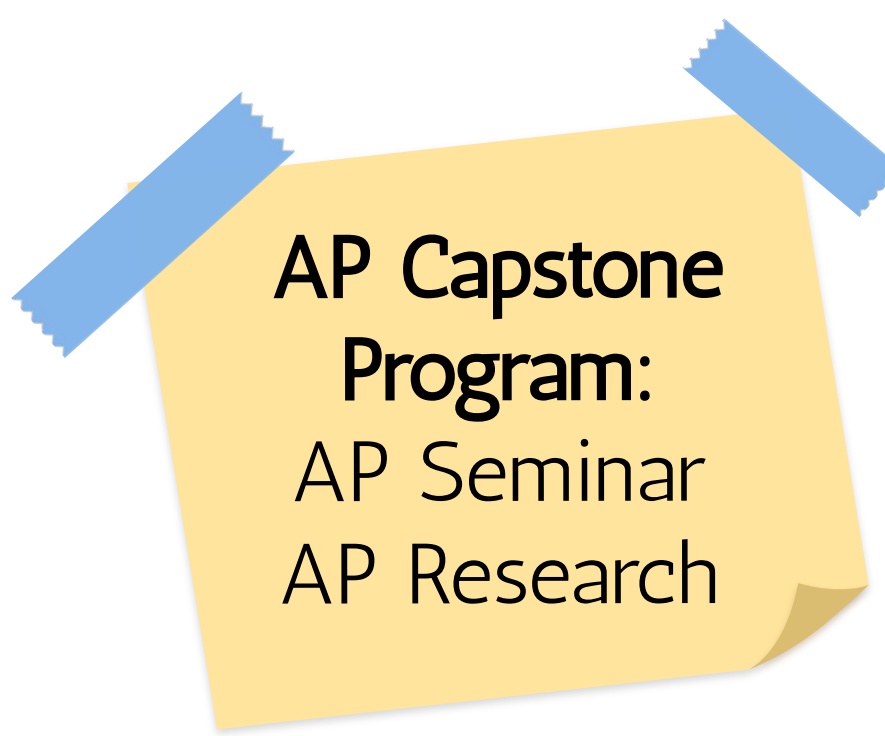
☐ Great Books or Honors Great Books

☐ Junior:

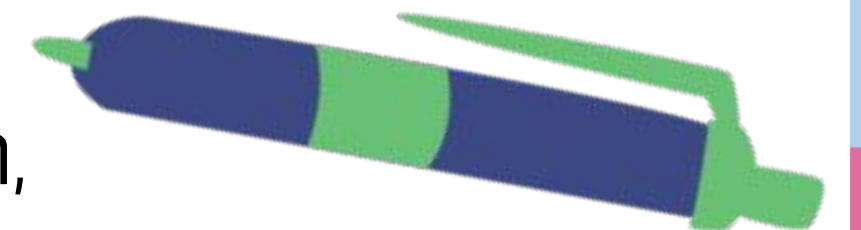
☐ American Literature or AP English Language

☐ Senior

☐ AP English Literature or English Elective (Lit & Film, Philosophy & Lit, Creative Writing)

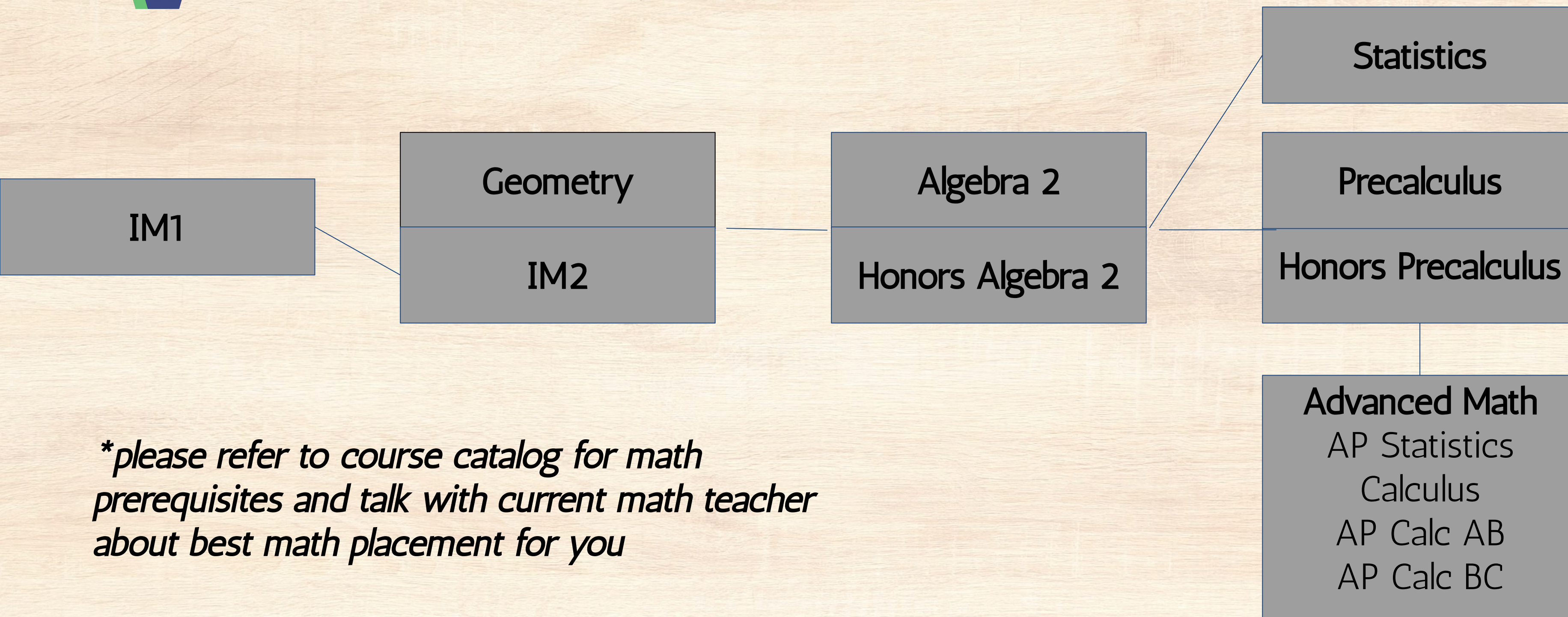


AP Capstone
Program:
AP Seminar
AP Research





Math



**please refer to course catalog for math prerequisites and talk with current math teacher about best math placement for you*

History/Social Studies



Early World and
Geography

World History

AP World History

US History

AP US History

Econ / Civics

Econ / AP Gov

AP
Microecon / Civics

AP Microecon / AP
US Gov



Modern and Classical Language



French

Levels

1,2,3/3H
AP French Lang
and Culture

Italian

Levels

1,2,3
AP Italian Lang
and Culture

Latin

Levels

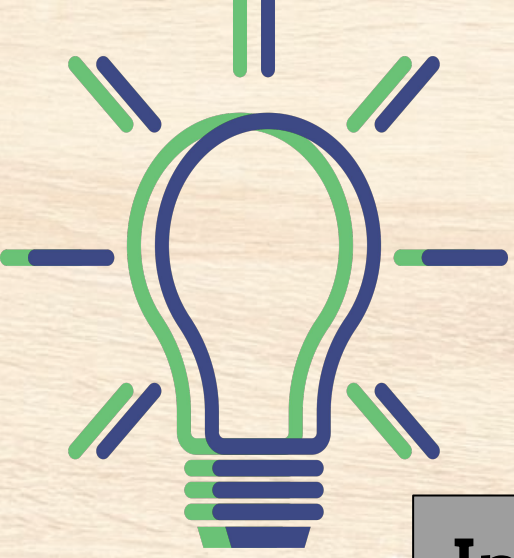
2, 3
AP Latin

Spanish

Levels

1,2,3/3H, 4
AP Spanish Lang
and Culture





Science



Integrated Science
Grade: 9



Biology
Grade: 9 or 10

Honors Biology
(9th grade only)



Chemistry
Grades: 10, 11, 12

Honors Chemistry
Grades: 10 or 11

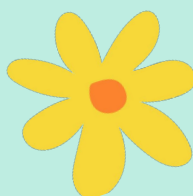


AP Chemistry Grades: 11, 12
AP Biology Grades: 11, 12
Anatomy and Physiology Grades: 11, 12
Applied Chem & Tech Grades: 11, 12
Biology II Grades: 11, 12 (10th w/ Dep. Approval)
Honors Physics Grades: 10, 11, 12
Physics Grade: 10, 11, 12

*please reference Course Catalog for ALL Science Prerequisites



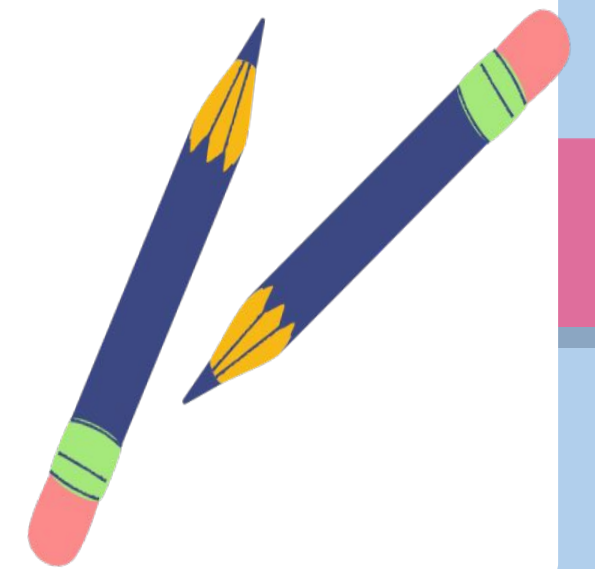
Health/Elective/PE/VAPA

- ❑ PE/Sports (15 credits for graduation)
 - ❑ Yoga, Fusion Fitness, Hula (auditions) Dance Grooves
 - ❑ SF Appren. Dance, SF Danco Co., Show Choir (Non-SF sports)
 - ❑ Health (recommend complete by Soph year)
 - ❑ Technology Classes
 - ❑ C-STEM, AP Computer Science Principles
 - ❑ Yearbook, Ministry Leadership, Leadership
 - ❑ Visual and Performing Arts (10 credits required)
 - ❑ *new course: Honors Advanced Studio Art
 - ❑ Applied Academic Strategies
 - ❑ Ethnic Studies
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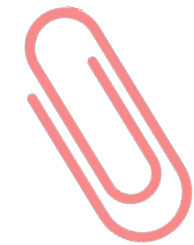


Important Information

- ❑ **Researching Courses to take**
 - ❑ Review the Course Catalog (on school website under academic tab)
 - ❑ Talk to current teachers or teachers who teach the class you are interested in
 - ❑ Attend Informational Meetings for AP / Honors Classes



When Requesting Courses Remember



- ❑ Balance - things to consider:
 - ❑ Homework / workload
 - ❑ After school commitments - sports, academic teams, work, performing arts
- ❑ Play to your interests and strengths
- ❑ You are "requesting" classes - not registering
 - ❑ There is no guarantee you will get every class you request / want
 - ❑ Prerequisites, conflicts, AP / Hon approval
- ❑ There is no such thing as "trying out a class"
 - ❑ Refer to "W" and "WF" policy in Student Handbook

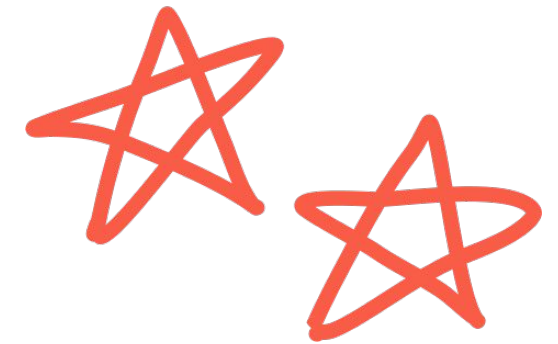
Difference Between AP and Honors Courses

Honors classes

- ❑ Advanced level course
- ❑ Student takes a final each semester

AP classes

- ❑ Advanced level course
- ❑ College Board Curriculum
- ❑ Student takes final in 1st semester, AP test in the Spring
 - ❑ Students are required to take the AP Exam
- ❑ Opportunity to earn college credit



***Both earn one extra grade point per letter grade calculated into the students' GPA.**

Honors/AP Application Process & Info



- ❑ Your daughter received this exact info in Freshman Advisory
 - ❑ Course description and prerequisites can be found in the Course Catalog (found on the SF Homepage)
 - ❑ Each department/course has its own process
 - ❑ VP Ms. Moloney outlined the process for each class in a chart emailed out to all students on 12/20/23
- ❑ **Deadline for applications - February 2**
- ❑ **It is your daughter's responsibility to know the process**
- ❑ Students will be notified **February 23rd** regarding decision/waitlists
- ❑ Apply to all/any that are of interest

Honors/AP Courses Update:



❑ Cap Lifted

- ❑ SFHS Administration is piloting the removal of limiting AP/Honors classes next school year

❑ Important for your daughter to meet with her counselor to discuss:

- ❑ The rigorous academic demands and time commitment required for H/AP level courses, including summer work
- ❑ Her outside commitments and extracurricular activities

❑ Balance

❑ Limitations with the Master Schedule

- ❑ It's very possible there will be schedule conflicts and students may not get all of the H/AP courses they select.

**It is still recommended that students take no more than 3 H/AP courses per school year.*

Summer Offerings

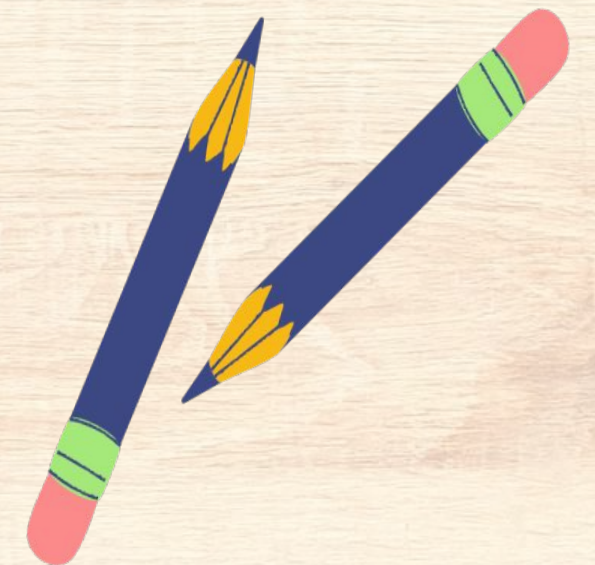
- IM2
- English Remediation
- Math Remediation
- Chemistry
- Auto Shop
- Drivers Education
- College Readiness *(for rising sophomores only)*



**each course is dependent upon sufficient enrollment and is not guaranteed to be offered*

Dates and registration
will be available on SFHS
website in February

<https://www.stfrancishs.org/summer>

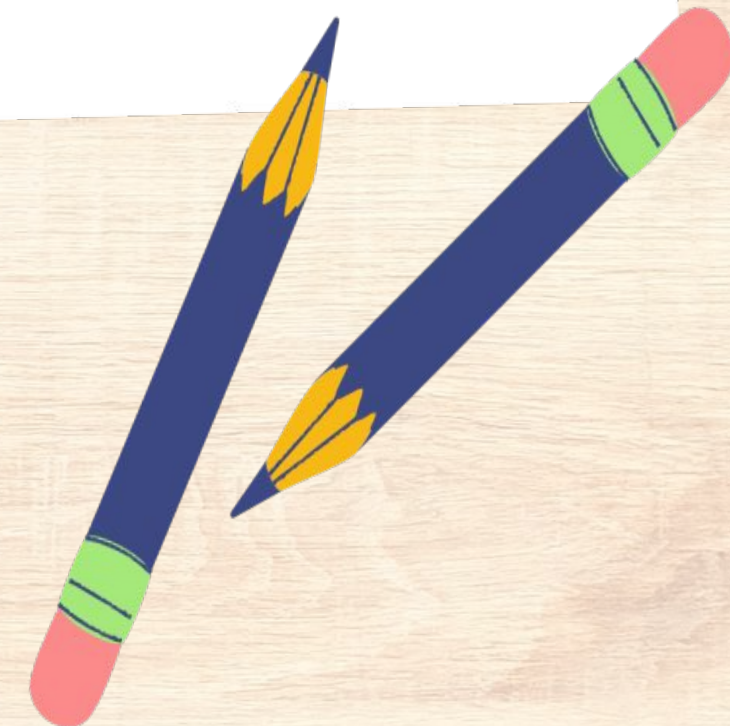


Community College Course

SFHS plans to offer another ARC course next Fall semester, most likely an Introductory Sociology course. This course will be open to 10-12 grade students and it will be on a first come first serve basis. The course will be capped based on ARC guidelines, 35-40 students per class. Look out for email from Principal Mendoza in March or April

**priority given to Juniors & Seniors*

- Class meets on SFHS campus after school



Registration Timeline & Details

- ❑ January 18: Freshman Advisory
- ❑ January 24: Counseling Parent Night
- ❑ February 2: AP / Honors Application Deadline
- ❑ February 23: Notified of AP / Honors acceptances / waitlists
- ❑ January 19 - March 8th: Individual meeting with counselor to discuss course selection and spring semester check-in
- ❑ March 4 - 8th: Students request courses in PowerSchool
- ❑ March 11 - 13th: Course Verification
 - ❑ Bring parent signed Course Registration Form to the Counseling office to be verified by a Counselor

May 22 - Last day for schedule request changes

Down The Road

- Your future plans for college affect your course selection now



What some colleges are looking for:

- Academic Rigor
- Grade Point Average
- Test Scores (ACT or SAT)
- Co-curricular activities
 - Things that show who you are as a person

College Systems

- Community Colleges
- California Public Schools
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)
- Out of State Public Schools
- Private Schools

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Thank you!

