



Summer Programs (2016) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

GENERAL

Who teaches the courses/camps?

Academic courses and camps are taught by experienced high school and middle school teachers. Many teachers in our academic summer programs are St. Francis faculty. Sports camps are generally run by the head varsity coaches of our St. Francis athletic programs.

How much homework should my daughter/ son expect?

The amount of homework per night varies by class. Academic courses cover roughly 1 week of material each class day. This means that students should expect homework each night. Camp Troubie classes do not assign homework.

Are textbooks required?

Most academic credit courses require a textbook. See course description or check our [Bookstore](#) after May 1, 2016 for textbook listings. Students must purchase books using the exact ISBN and edition that is listed in the online textbook listing. Students are responsible for the book ordering process and are expected to have all materials and books on the first day of classes.

Will students receive Chromebooks? What is the process for this?

St. Francis students enrolled in academic credit courses will be given Chromebooks. Distribution will take place in Room 332 on June 6-10, 2016. [Sign up HERE](#) for a specific time slot. Contact (916) 737-5036 for additional questions. Non St. Francis students who do not have access to their own device will be provided a technological option at no additional fee, if course requires.

What is the dress code?

Summer dress code is casual and comfortable. Students are expected to dress in clean, appropriate attire. No hats are to be worn in the classroom. Tank tops, sports shorts, crop tops, bathing suits and clothing with inappropriate language are not acceptable. Shorts and tops must be modest. Shorts should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Tops must cover the back and stomach. Students participating in Sports Camps should refer to the [Sports Camp Information Sheet](#) for proper sports attire for each camp.

What materials will my daughter need for Camp Troubie, Musical Theater, or Sports?

Materials and supplies for Camp Troubie and Musical Theater are provided. If students wish to take notes, they may bring a notebook or pen to camp each day. Sport Camp attire and equipment varies by camp. See [Sports Camp Information page](#) on our website for more information.

Where does my daughter/son go on the first day of classes or camps?

Class rosters, student classroom assignments, and school maps will be posted on a free-standing whiteboard between St. Francis Front Office Building and the Fine Arts Building on the first day of classes or camps. Students should plan to arrive on campus 10-15 minutes prior to the start of class.

REGISTRATION

When does registration begin? When does it end?

Registration is scheduled to open at 7am on Monday, February 22, 2016 and is only available online. Registration remains open until classes are filled. Because of the impacted nature of our Health courses, registration is initially open to rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only. Registration will open to rising 9th graders on Monday, February 29, 2016.

Are St. Francis students given priority?

St. Francis students have priority admission to academic courses. Thereafter, classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

What payment plans are offered?

Tuition may be made in full at the time of registration. For registrations made before May 1, 2016, families also have the option to pay 50% of tuition at the time of registration and the remaining 50% will be charged 30 days thereafter.

Is financial aid available?

Financial aid is offered to qualifying incoming freshmen that are required to take "Invitation Only" classes. The percentage awarded is the same percentage awarded for the school year.

I accidentally signed my student up for an incorrect camp. Can I switch to the correct class?

If seats are available, we would be happy to make registration changes. To do so, please email summer@stfrancishs.org.

What is your cancellation and refund policy?

To cancel your student's course registration, please email: summer@stfrancishs.org. A full refund, less \$75, will be issued if courses/camps are cancelled by May 13, 2016. Refunds cannot be issued for cancellations after this date.

Can classes be cancelled?

Course offerings are subject to sufficient enrollments. Notification of cancellation of a course will be given by May 13, 2016 and a full refund will be issued.

CREDIT/TRANSCRIPTS

May I earn credit taking summer courses off-campus?

We encourage St. Francis students to remain on-campus for any academic classes they may take in the summer. This is the only way we can guarantee alignment with curriculum in subsequent courses. However, we also understand there may be instances in which a student wishes to complete a summer course at another Catholic high school. In this case, a St. Francis student will need prior approval from an Assistant Principal in order for a non-St. Francis course to be applied towards her graduation requirements, transcript, and GPA. With prior approval, non-St. Francis courses will be included on the student's St. Francis transcript and factored into her on-site GPA. See your Guidance Counselor to obtain an approval form.

I am not a St. Francis student. Will my school accept a St. Francis course for credit?

Each institution makes its own rules regarding credit. Please contact your school to verify credit eligibility.

Are report cards sent to my student's school when an academic class is completed?

Report cards will be automatically sent to your daughter's/ son's current high school at the completion of the second summer session, unless you request otherwise. A copy of the report card will also be automatically sent to the primary address on file for each student at that time.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION/ POLICY

My student cannot attend class, Camp Troubie, or sport program today. Whom do I call?

Please call the Summer Session Attendance Line at (916) 737-5050 before 8:30 AM on the day of the absence to inform the school of the reason for the absence.

What is the absence policy?

Students enrolled in academic credit courses may not miss more than 1 day during each 3-week session or semester if they wish to be granted credit for the course. This means that students enrolled in 3-week classes are allowed 1 absence total; students enrolled in 6-week classes are allowed 1 absence during each 3-week session of the course. Students should refer to their class syllabus to see their teacher's make-up work policies. Camp Troubie and Sports camps do not have limitations on absences. Fees are not prorated for absences.

TRANSPORTATION/SUPERVISION

My daughter/ son drives. Do we need a parking pass? Where is student parking?

Student drivers do not need a parking pass during the summer and must park in the student lot near the Fine Arts Building in designated parking areas only. Access to the parking lot is on Elvas Avenue. Students are not permitted to park along M street, 62nd Street, or any other off-campus location or street adjacent to the school. Parents dropping off or picking up their students should not use the "Student Driver" entrance near the Elvas Avenue lights. [See map.](#)

I am driving my child/carpool of students to St. Francis. Where do I drop them off?

All pick-up and drop-off of students needs to take place in the St. Francis driveway off Elvas Avenue. Students may NOT be dropped off or meet their drivers anywhere on M Street, 62nd Street, any other street adjacent to the school or in the student parking lot on campus. Please do not arrive for pick-up or drop-off earlier than 15 minutes prior as it impedes through traffic. [See Map.](#)

Can my student arrive early or stay late for their class?

Students may arrive 30 minutes before their class begins and stay 30 minutes beyond their class end time. Students who arrive early or stay late will not be supervised but are allowed to remain in designated areas of campus, including Serra Court, the Dining Hall, and the Campus Life Center.

Do you offer extended morning and afternoon care for middle school students?

St. Francis does not offer extended care programs for students that arrive before or remain on campus after their scheduled classes or camps. Students may arrive 30 minutes before their class begins and stay 30 minutes beyond their class end time. Students who arrive early or stay late will not be supervised but are allowed to remain in designated areas of campus, including Serra Court, the Dining Hall, and the Campus Life Center.

Will the Dining Hall be open during the summer?

The St. Francis Dining Hall will be open each day from 8:00 AM-12:30 PM. Full-day participants will enjoy a supervised lunch each day from noon to 12:45PM. Students will be supervised by summer program staff during this lunch break and will have opportunities to participate in games and activities before their afternoon classes. Students can choose to purchase lunch and snacks from the St. Francis Dining Hall or may bring their lunch and snacks from home. If students choose to purchase lunch on campus, the Dining Hall offers a variety of grab-and-go and hot items ranging from \$3.00-\$6.00. All students may pay by cash. Rising 9th-12th grade SF students may also pay using [MySchoolBucks](#).