

Freshman Parent Night

January 10, 2018



“Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.”
– Alfred Lord Tennyson



“Instructions for living a life. Pay attention.
Be astonished. Tell about it.”
— [Mary Oliver](#)

Overview of the Evening



- Welcome & Prayer
- Academic and College Requirements
- Honors Courses / AP Courses
- Registration Process
- Student Interests and Leadership

Some things to consider before you request your classes



College Admissions “drives the bus”

This does not mean that you are choosing your college today!

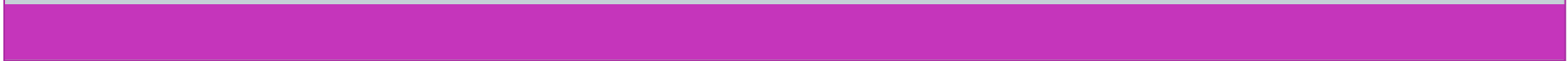
Find Your Fit – Find Your Passion



Overview

Planning for Four Years AT SFHS



- SF requires 240 credits for graduation
 - SF requires six (6) classes minimum
 - SF allows eight (8) classes maximum per semester
 - Prerequisites for many classes
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SF Graduation Requirements

*Developed to meet the UC A – G requirements

- Theology 8 semesters
- English 8 semesters
- M and C Languages 4 semesters
- Mathematics 6 semesters
- P.E. 3 semesters
- Science 6 semesters
- Social Studies 7 semesters
- Fine Arts 2 semesters
- Health 1 semester
- ***Electives*** 2 semesters
 - 1 extra class from the core areas above.

Typical Sophomore Schedule



- **Theology** - Discipleship/The Church
- **Language Arts** - Great Books or Honors Great Books
- **Math** - Geometry/Honors Geometry or Algebra 2/Honors Algebra 2/Precalculus/Honors Precalculus
- **Science** - Biology, Honors Biology, Chemistry or Honors Chemistry
- **Social Studies** - World History/AP World History
- Modern and Classical Language
- 1 Semester of PE/Sport
- **Fine Art or Health**
 - We recommend completion by the end of sophomore year

Electives



- An elective is:
 - A Class or classes a student elects to take beyond the SF course requirements.
 - ✦ Elective requirement will be met through regular SF course progress
 - Any “extra” courses added to Electives credit “bucket”
 - College Prep Electives
 - ✦ 4th year of math or science
 - ✦ 3rd and 4th year of foreign language
 - ✦ Technology Classes
 - ✦ Additional Fine Arts

Non-College Prep Electives



High school graduation credits earned, but do not usually “count” as a college preparatory course for admission to college.

EXAMPLES

- Yearbook
- Computer Graphics
- Academic Teams (1 credit)
- Student Leadership/Ministry Leadership
- Select Fine Arts Courses
- Student Intern

Other Class Offerings



- Computer Programming C - C-STEM
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A

SFHS Course catalog



- **Course Catalog can be found on the SF Website**
 - Includes Course descriptions.
- **Go to SF page, click on “Academics”, “Course Catalog”, “Download”**
 - Example: English 10: Honors Great Books (HP) is a seminar-style course designed for sophomores with advanced skill levels in reading and literary interpretation. Literature selections are challenging and range from Shakespearean drama to contemporary short stories. Students engage in “shared inquiry” method of literary analysis, with emphasis on purposeful reading, open discussion of ideas, clear communication, and effective argumentation. The writing program includes analytical and interpretive essays, autobiographical papers, and creative writing, with intense work on revision skills. UC A-G approved – b English. NCAA approved. Prerequisite: English 9 and department approval

Facts about Honors/AP Courses



- **DO NOT FEEL THAT YOUR DAUGHTER HAS TO TAKE AN HONORS/AP COURSES**
- Max is 3 per year
- Most colleges, including UC/CSU, look at rigor of courses taken
- Private colleges will give the extra grade point to *ALL* AP and Honors Courses
- Many colleges will give you college credits by taking and passing the College Board AP exam
- Taking them prepares her for the next Honors/AP course
- *ALL* Honors and AP classes are worth an extra grade point when calculating the St. Francis GPA
 - A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points

Honors Courses that DO NOT Earn an Extra Grade Point for UC/CSU GPA

Honors Biology

Honors Geometry

Honors Algebra 2

- *This only refers to the 23 CSU and 9 UC campuses.*

UC/CSU does not give the extra grade point for certain Honors courses. They have specific criteria they use for each subject. They are listed on the UC website.

- UC: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/uc-system
- CSU: www.calstate.edu

Honors / AP Application Process



- How does your daughter apply for an Honors/AP course?
- Student can take up to 3 Honors/AP classes per semester
- Criteria for application/acceptance varies by department
 - Departments will inform students regarding the process (as well as distribute any documents necessary)
- Honors/AP apps –due by Jan. 26th.
- Jan. 11-27 - Those applying for Honors/AP courses can meet with Mr. Poggi (especially if this will be her first Hon/AP class)
- ***It is the student's responsibility to be aware of all timelines and requirements.***

Registration Timeline



- Jan. 10-Feb. 23 Mr. Poggi meets with Freshmen about upcoming course selection
 - Will also begin Student/Counselor Spring Check-ins
- Students must be able to access Naviance before Feb. 26
- Course request selection by students in Naviance – anytime during Feb. 26-March 4th
 - The process is not first-come-first-served
- Courses, including Hon/AP, will be listed for which students have been approved/recommended
- Final step – Counselor verification March 6-8. Student must bring parent-signed form.
 - The Simbas will be given the form by then.

FYI - SFHS College Testing Timeline



- Freshman – PSAT 8/9
 - Scores available through students College Board accounts
 - Not too late to create one
- Sophomore – Pre-ACT in October
- Junior – PSAT in October
 - Spring Junior Year/Fall Senior Year
 - ACT with Writing
 - SAT with Writing
 - SAT Subject Tests (2-3) – TBD

Summer School



- Session 1: June 11 – 29 Session 2: July 2 - 20
- Registration opens February 13th at 7AM
 - **This is first-come-first-served!**
 - **Health will fill-up quickly**
- Students may not take these subjects in the summer: English, Modern and Classical Languages, Social Studies (exceptions: Hist. World Geog. And Econ/Government), or Theology classes.
- Summer plans need to entered into Naviance
- Students must complete a Summer School Approval Form from Guidance if they take a course somewhere other than SFHS.

Summer School Classes at St. Francis



- Geometry Readiness, Geometry, Algebra 2B, Statistics
- Chemistry, Physics, Biology 2
- Historical World Geography, Economics/Civics
- Health
- Other Courses and Non-Credit Classes
- Other courses and non-credit classes:
 - App. Devl. With Swift
 - Health
 - Junior College Workshop
 - SAT Prep
 - Senior College Application Workshop
 - Drivers Education

Encourage your daughter to find her interests in life!



- Summer School
- Volunteer Activities/Community Service
- Summer College Programs/Internships
- Travel (visit college campuses)
 - EF College Tour
 - ✦ Different Regions each year
 - ✦ Open to rising sophomores and juniors
 - ✦ April 2 – 6
 - ✦ Washington DC (8 colleges visited)
 - ✦ daustin@stfrancishs.org
- Leadership opportunities related to her PASSION

Thank You



- We know you are very busy and we appreciate the time you have shared tonight to be with us. It is a true honor and privilege to work with your family.



Questions



- I will stay behind to answer any questions.

