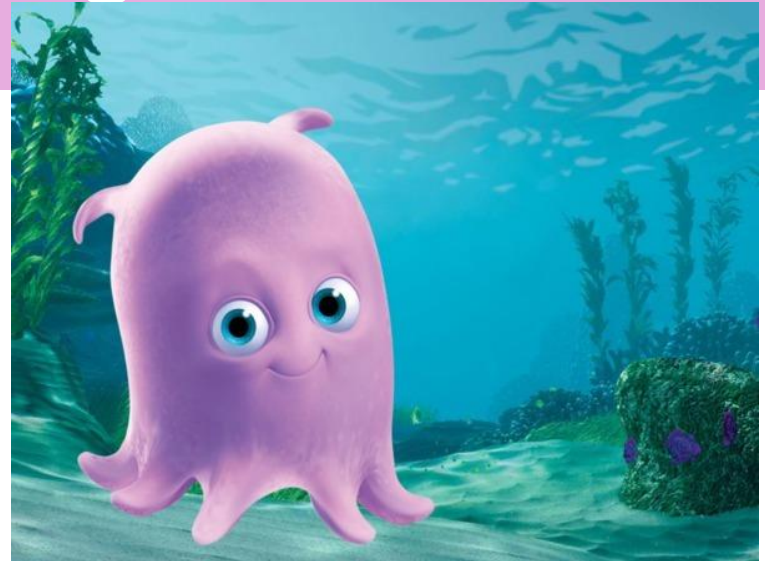


Sophomore Parent Night Course Scheduling for 2018-19

January 10, 2018





Overview of the Evening

- Welcome, Prayer, Introduction
- Academic Requirements
- AP/Honors Courses
- College Requirements
- Registration Process
- Summer School



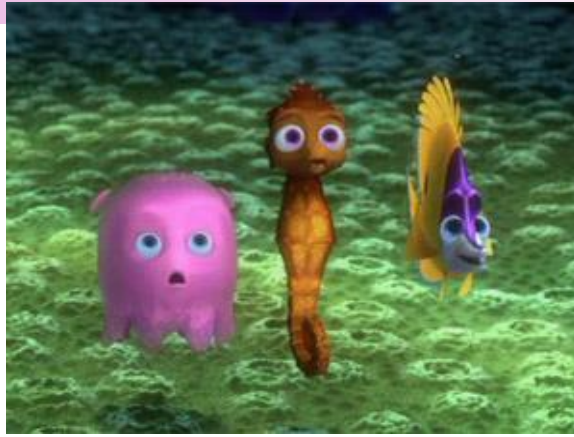
SF Graduation Requirements

- Theology 8 semesters
- English 8 semesters
- Modern/Classic Language 4 semesters
- Mathematics 6 semesters
- P.E. 3 semesters
- Science 6 semesters
- Social Studies 7 semesters
- Fine Arts 2 semesters (same area)
- Health 1 semester
- Electives 2 semesters



The following courses must be taken at SFHS:

- English
- Theology
- World History
- U.S. History
- However, other courses may be taken at other locations (JHS, CBS)



Researching the Courses

- Parents and students can get detailed course descriptions on the SFHS website.
- Go to the home page, click on Academics on the left hand side, St. Francis Education, then Course Catalog.

Typical Junior Schedule

- US History or AP US History
- Theology - Sacraments and Inter-faith Dialogue
- American Literature or Honors Am. Literature
- Algebra 2A or 2B, Algebra 2, Hon. Alg. 2, Precalculus or Hon. Precalculus, Statistics
- French, Latin, Spanish or Italian 3 (Honors available)
- Chemistry or Hon. Chem., Physics or Honors Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology or AP Chemistry, Biology II, Biotechnology, Applied Chem. and Technology
- PE or sport
- Fine Arts year-long or semester course (**need 2 semesters**)
 - *Notice that there are starting to be more options for the students.*



Technology Courses

- Computer Graphics (5 credits)
- Computer Programming with C-STEM (10 credits)
- AP Computer Science Principles (10 credits)
- AP Computer Science A (10 credits) (Prereq. is AP Computer Science Principles)



Electives

■ What is an ELECTIVE?

- Classes a student elects to take beyond the SF course requirements.

■ Do they really need to worry about this?

- Most elective requirements are met through normal class scheduling

■ College Prep Electives

- 4th year of math or science
- 3rd and 4th year of modern and classical language
- Additional Fine Arts



Non-College Prep Electives


- A non-college prep elective is a course that earns high school graduation credits, but does not usually “count” as a college preparatory course for admission to college.
- Yearbook
- Academic Teams (1 credit)
- Student Leadership/Ministry Leadership
- Select Fine Arts Courses
- Student Intern



Importance of Honors/AP Courses

(Regardless of UC/CSU Calculations)

- Most Colleges, including UC/CSU, look at **rigor** of courses taken (2 sophomore year, 3 junior, 3 senior)
- Private Colleges *may give* the extra grade point to ALL AP and Honors Courses
- Many Colleges will give college credits for 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-
C=3 points, B=4 points, A=5 points



Honors/AP Courses That Earn One Extra Grade Point for UC/CSU GPA Calculations When You Earn a C or Better (up to 8 points)

- ALL AP Courses
- Honors Great Books
- Honors American Literature
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics
- Honors Spanish 3
- Honors French 3
- Honors Italian 4
- Honors Latin 4
- Honors Art History



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

- Honors Biology
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra 2

- Statewide, UC/CSU does not give the extra grade point for Honors courses created for sophomores, regardless of the year in which the student took the course.



Honors Process

- How does a student apply for an Honors/AP course?
- A student can take up to 3 Honors/AP classes per semester
- Each course has a different process and criteria for acceptance (contact the specific department for details)
 - Informational meetings
 - Application
 - Test

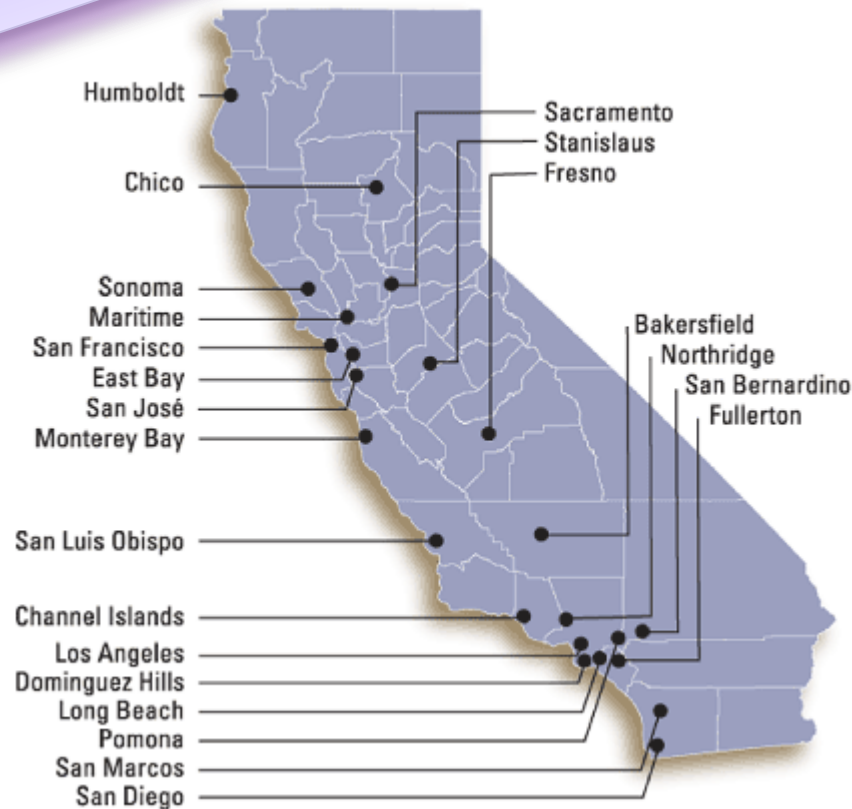
Registration Timeline

– Student Instructions

- Now – Jan. 26 Considering Honors or AP Courses - See Mrs. Anderson (if it's new for the student)
- Jan. 26 Honors/AP Application Deadline
- Jan. 18 You will receive your Course Request Form by Troubiemail.
- Jan. 22-Feb. 23: Decide which courses you want to request for next year. (**You and your parent must sign your Course Request form!**)
- Feb. 26 -Mar. 4 Course Requests in Naviance
 - Input your choices for your sophomore courses in Naviance (just like last year)
 - Remember to copy form, take a screen shot, or write down your choices
- March 6-8 Confirm your Course Requests with a Guidance Class Counselor (Required: Bring your Course Request form signed by you and your parent)
- March 17 – Absolute last date to change 2018-19 schedule.

California State Universities (CSU's)

23 choices



University of California (UC's)



9 choices

UC and CSU Minimum Subject Requirements

A-G Courses (High School)

| | |
|-------------|---|
| A - 2 years | History/Social Science |
| B - 4 years | English |
| C - 3 years | Math (must complete Algebra 2) (4 recommended) |
| D - 2 years | Lab Science (3 recommended) |
| E - 2 years | of the same LOTE (3 rec.) Modern/Classic Lang. |
| F – 1 year | Visual/Performing Arts (year-long course) |
| G – 1 year | Elective (Inter-faith Dialogue and Economics) |

CSU Eligibility

- GPA in “A-G” college preparatory courses taken in the 10th & 11th grades
- 2.0 GPA is the minimum needed to be eligible to apply
- ACT or SAT Test score
- *New site Cal State Apply (replaces CSU Mentor)*



UC Eligibility

- 15-course pattern (A-G courses)
- Very minimum GPA is 3.0 in A-G courses in 10th & 11th grades
- Most UC's accept students with UC GPA above 4.0
- ACT *with* Writing or SAT *with* Essay
- UC's - 14 Selection Factors = *Comprehensive Review*



Private & Out of State Colleges

- Same basic requirements as CSU and UC
- Course requirements on each website
- Private colleges usually **count all of your classes** in the GPA, **including 9th grade!**
- Last year 38% of 2017 grads out of state!
- If you are looking out of state, make sure to notice if they require things California does not (for example, physics)



Community College

- 10% of 2016 AND 2017 grads chose Community College
- Benefits
 - Significant cost saving for lower div. college coursework for 2 years (possibly free in the future?)
 - Transfer agreements to colleges (typically)
 - Allows a student to mature more in local/home environment
- Requirements:
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - 18 years old (Minimum)
 - Register online the semester before attending
 - Need to take Math and English assessments for course placement
 - No SAT or ACT tests required.



Find the best college fit for your daughter!

- ❖ Size of college
- ❖ Geographic location
- ❖ Cost of attendance
- ❖ Academic Programs
- ❖ Social and Spiritual Atmosphere
- ❖ Sports
- ❖ Extracurricular Opportunities



D.C. to the Research Triangle College Tour

- St. Francis is participating in an Education First college tour with Jesuit High School (and others).
- Group Leader: Mrs. Debbie Austin
- Dates: 4/2/18 – 4/6/18
- College Visits: 8
- City Visits: 3
- Probably the only one to the East Coast for the Class of 2020 (Washington DC, VA, NC)



SFHS Testing Timeline

Freshmen – PSAT 8/9

Sophomore – PreACT

Junior –
* Fall: PSAT
* Spring: SAT with Essay
ACT with Writing

Jr/Senior – ACT with Writing
SAT with Essay

So/Jr/Senior year *SAT Subject Tests (2-3)
check with universities

Summer School Dates

- June 11 – July 20
- It is possible for our students to take certain courses at Jesuit or Christian Brothers , Department Chair Approval required (form in Guidance)
- Subjects that must be taken at SFHS – English, Social Studies, and Theology
- Summer plans need to be entered into Naviance
- The student needs to give a copy of her summer grades to the school ASAP





Summer Suggestions

- Complete Christian Service Hours (hours increase for junior year, but only 1 location required)
- Summer College Programs
- College Visits/Tours
- Summer Job
- Test Prep/Concept Review
- R & R (Reading and Relaxing)



Questions?