

Bienvenue! Benvenuti! Salvete! ¡Bienvenidos!



Your passport to adventure awaits you in our Modern and Classical Languages department. Come along with the French, Italian, Latin and Spanish Departments and learn a new language, explore cultures, and experience the rich traditions that each language has to offer. As you travel through your course, your new adventures will also strengthen your understanding and use of your native language.

FRENCH

Courses: French 1, French 2, French 3, Honors French 3, and AP French Language and Culture

Faculty: Florence Picca (fpicca@stfrancishs.org)

Dr. Megan McMullan (mmcmullan@stfrancishs.org)

Special Events and Activities:

- Celebrations of special Holidays and events: Noël, la Fête des Rois (Epiphanie), la Chandeleur (Candlemas),
- Pâques
- Focus on the rich heritage of the French-speaking world: Carnaval, Mardi-Gras, la Semaine de la Francophonie
- Focus on authentic communication from the beginner's level through music, art, and games.
- Annual trip to Quebec



ITALIAN

Courses: Italian 1, Italian 2, Italian 3, AP Italian Language and Culture

Faculty: Rosemarie Bertini (rbertini@stfrancishs.org)

The Italian Department at St. Francis is one of the oldest in the West Coast and is recognized by the Italian Government as a model for other schools in the United States.

Special Events and Activities:

The Italian Program incorporates a variety of thematic projects that supports the curriculum and gives the students the opportunity to explore Italian culture. Such activities include:

- The yearly visit of the Befana to celebrate the epiphany,
- The famous Italian 3 Regional Cooking Project and *Serie A Calcio* project
- The AP Italian annual field trip to visit the Italian Government Offices' of the Italian Consulate.
- *Festa della Donna*
- *Giorno della Memoria*

St. Francis Students of AP Italian are eligible to apply for a variety of study opportunities and financial scholarships sponsored by the Italian Government.



LATIN

Courses: Latin 1, Latin 2, Latin 3, AP Latin

Faculty: Dr. Brian Briggs (bbriggs@stfrancishs.org)

Special Events and Activities:

- Learn about the ancient world, history and mythology
- See how Latin continues to affect the modern world
- Meet other Latin students from across California and the country at Latin Convention
- Compete in your knowledge of Latin and classical culture against other schools on the Certamen team.



SPANISH

Courses: Spanish 1, 2, 3, and 4; Spanish 3 Honors, Spanish AP Language & Culture, Spanish AP Literature

Faculty:

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Special Events and Activities:

- Día de Muertos (*Day of the Dead*)
- Las Posadas (*Advent Celebration*)
- Semana Santa (*Holy Week*)
- 8 de marzo (*International Women's Day*)
- 1 de mayo (*Day of St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of Workers*)
- 5 de mayo (*Celebration of Mexican-American heritage*)



Join us as we take off on this new and exciting adventure together. Celebrate world cultures with us at International Night, an evening of international desserts, dance and song. Journey with us on immersion/adventure trips to Central America, Canada, and Europe. Our philosophy is to weave communication, cultures, connections, and community into the classroom learning experience.