

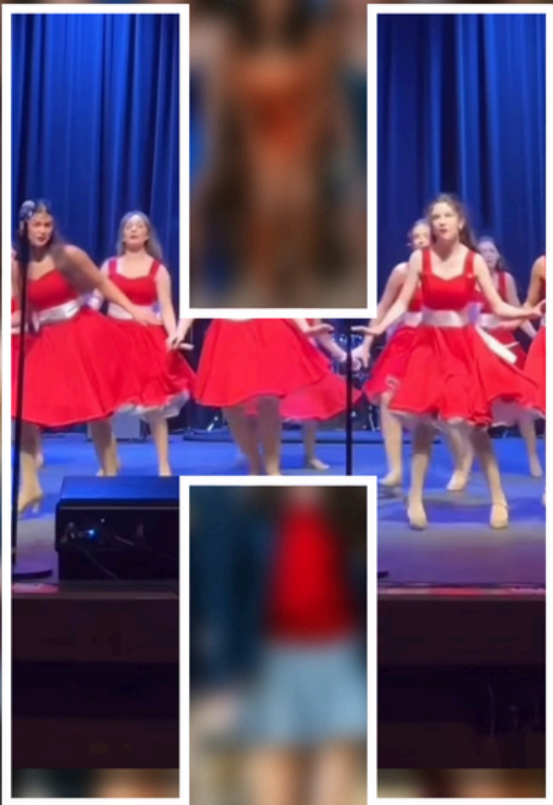
# The Mandolín

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"Spread the word."

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# Junior Year Recap

**BY MERCY COLLIER '26**

As the 2024-2025 school year comes to an end, we look back at the amazing memories the Jessies made together this year. From the first day in August to our closing moments in May, junior year was filled with challenges, laughter, late nights, and so many unforgettable moments. We faced a lot, accomplished even more, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

After a long summer, the Juniors jumped straight into a demanding academic year. We took a mandatory PSAT in October – the first of many college-prep-related emails filling our inbox. Although it might have felt overwhelming at first, the Jessies handled it with grace and determination.

Then we had HOCO week, and the juniors came back with more drive and dedication than ever before. We gave it our all in every part of homecoming, especially dec. The bakers, models, mimes, artists, and olympic athletes of the Parisian junior class were some of the most committed and passionate participants when it came to HOCO preparation. We wowed everyone with our dec this year, and truly showed what we were capable of. The Jessies turned French for a week, replicating Paris Fashion Week and priceless works of art from the Louvre. We even built our own giant Eiffel Tower and Pont de Arts (the famous lock bridge). After all of our hard work, the juniors took first place in the dec – a well-earned win of which we'll always be proud!

In the winter, we enjoyed two incredible dances – the Father-Daughter Dance and Snowco!

In December, the Jessies spent A Night Under the Stars with their dads, enjoying an evening full of dancing, a dessert bar, and so much fun. Later in February, we attended Snowco – a chillier alternative to our fall homecoming – and had an amazing time dancing and spending time with friends!

One of the most meaningful parts of junior year was our retreats. Although it was the same Applegate retreat center from sophomore year, we came back as juniors more mature and a lot different from our sophomore selves. Over three days and two nights, the Jessies were able to strengthen our bonds with friends and with God, and grow within ourselves. A lot of girls also attended Junior Kairos in March – the unforgettable retreat that leaves a lasting impact on everyone who attends.

In late March, our very own Jessies stepped up and ran for SBO officers. I can't wait to watch them shine as they lead the entire school with their energy, spirit and heart next year. We also had class elections and picked an incredible team to guide us through all the milestones, memories, and celebrations of our final year as seniors.

Then came the moment we had all been waiting for: junior prom! In April, we danced under "Endless Sunsets," admired each other all dressed up, took super cute pictures, crowned our very own Maddie Scheuber as Prom Queen, and danced until the night was over! It was magical, joyful, and so much fun – a night of sisterhood and celebration.

At the End of the Year Rally in April, we said goodbye to our sweet Vanellope's and soaked in our last rally as juniors together.

## Junior Year Recap con't

Although junior year was extremely challenging, we made it through with each other. All those late-night study sessions and 2 a.m. homework grinds will pay off (especially when we are sleeping in all day during summer break). After everything we've accomplished this year, the Jessies definitely deserve a break. I am so proud of how far we've come, and I'll always cherish the memories we made together!

It's hard to believe that next year, we'll return as seniors – the leaders and role models of St. Francis. Time has flown by, and these three years have gone by so quickly. But if our junior year has taught us anything, it's that we're ready. I can't wait to see what the future holds for the Jessies. Let's carry all of our laughter, success, hard work, and friendships from this year with us as we take on our final chapter as SF Troubadours.

## Summer Things to Do

**BY SANA SARKARI '28**

The season of flip-flops, late sunsets, and high temperatures is just around the corner. Whether you are looking to chill at home or go on exciting adventures, there are many fun things to do during the summer. Here is a guide to help you make the most of your break!

### **1. Visit the Beach**

Spend your day swimming in the refreshing ocean, feeling the waves wash over you. Get your tan going and relax on a beach towel with a good book or your favorite music. Try out water sports like surfing, paddleboarding, or snorkeling if you have not already. In the evening, gather around a bonfire with friends and watch the sunset paint the sky in vibrant colors.

### **2. Go on a Camping Trip**

Camping is a fantastic way to immerse yourself in nature and escape everyday life. You can pitch your tent in a serene location, surrounded by trees and the sounds of wildlife. Evenings around the campfire are perfect for roasting marshmallows

and sharing stories under the starry sky. During the day, you can hike scenic trails, fish in nearby lakes, or simply relax and enjoy the great outdoors. Camping not only allows you to bond with friends and family but also gives you a refreshing break from technology and an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of nature.

### **3. Find a new Hobby**

Summer is the perfect time to explore and discover hobbies that interest you. With longer days and warm weather, you can dive into activities like painting, baking, or even trying out a new sport. Take advantage of local workshops or classes, where you can learn many new skills and meet new people. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and experiment with different hobbies until you find what truly excites you!

### **4. Go to a concert**

Attending a concert during the summer is an electrifying experience that you do not want to miss. Gather your friends or family and head to a local venue featuring your favorite artists or genres, where the energy is always high.



## Summer Things to Do con't

Enjoy the vibe as you dance and sing along to live music while soaking in the warm summer night air. After the show, relish the memories made and the excitement of live performances that often become some of the best highlights of your summer! Here's a list of upcoming concerts this summer:

- Kendrick Lamar & SZA - May 29th @ Oracle Park (San Francisco)



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- James Arthur - May 29th @ Channel24 (Sacramento)
- Coldplay - May 31st @ Stanford Stadium (Stanford)
- Wiz Khalifa - June 9th @ Ace of Spades (Sacramento)
- Mumford and Sons - June 9th-10th @ Greek Theatre (Berkeley)
- Katy Perry - July 18th @ Chase Center (San Francisco)
- The Marías - July 20th-21st @ Greek Theatre (Berkeley)

- Lady Gaga - July 22nd, 24th, and 26th @ Chase Center (San Francisco)
- The Lumineers - August 6th @ Golden1 Center (Sacramento)

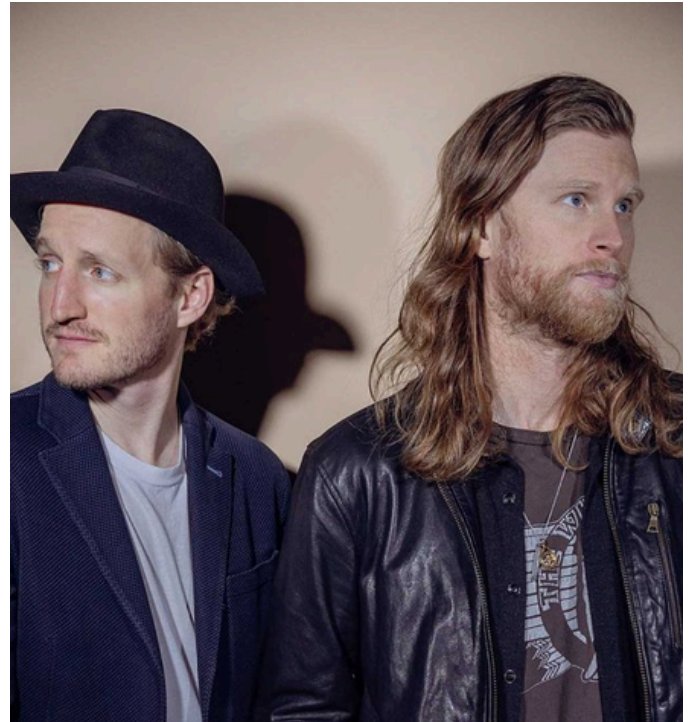


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- Sam Barber - August 18th @ Channel24 (Sacramento)
- Lainey Wilson - August 22nd @ Golden1 Center (Sacramento)

As summer unfolds, it's ideal to unwind, have fun, and create wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. From outdoor adventures to lazy afternoons, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Embrace this vibrant season by exploring new hobbies, hanging out with friends, and making memories that you'll cherish long after summer ends.



## May Recipe

BY DANIELLE PAYANT '26

As summer gets close and the season of finals gets closer, the best way to relax and cool down this May is to indulge in a super fun and easy No-Bake Strawberry Cheesecake recipe that is great for all skill levels! Additionally, this recipe is great for those of us with dietary restrictions and can be made totally gluten free with just a few small modifications.

### Ingredients:

#### Crust:

- 16 graham cracker sheets
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 10 tbsp. salted butter, melted

#### Filling:

- 1 ¼ cups cold heavy cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 (8-oz.) package cream cheese
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. lemon zest
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 (3-oz.) box jello
- 6 tbsp. boiling water
- 1 ½ cups finely chopped strawberries

### Baking Instructions

For the crust: Crush the graham crackers and brown sugar in a food processor until finely ground, about one minute. Slowly add the butter until the texture resembles coarse sand. Pour the mixture into a 9-inch springform pan and pat until firm.

For the filling: In a stand mixer, add the heavy cream and vanilla and mix until stiff peaks form, 1 to 2 minutes.



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Filling con't: Add the cream cheese and beat on medium speed until softened and smooth. Add the granulated sugar, powdered sugar, lemon zest, and lemon juice. Beat to combine on medium speed until smooth.

In a medium bowl, combine the strawberry gelatin with the boiling water. Add the gelatin mixture to the cream cheese mixture. Beat on medium until very smooth, about 1 minute. Fold in the strawberries.

Remove the crust from the freezer and add the filling. Smooth the top with the back of a spoon and refrigerate for at least 12 hours and up to 2 days. Enjoy!

*\*Substitute your favorite gluten-free graham crackers to have the same delicious results!*

## Book Review

BY NEHA VASANTHAN '28

Imagine what you have been waiting for all year long. The bliss of summer. It's warm, it's sunny, and life is good. You are soaking in the sunshine, eating watermelon, and swimming to your heart's content. The weather is awesome, the to-do list is finally short to nonexistent, and you don't know if you can enjoy anything more than you are enjoying summer then. And yet, there is a way: the perfect summer book will elevate the picturesque summer experience by a long shot.

Light and breezy summer rom-coms are such a classic—especially if the characters are in summer or on vacation, too. Emily Henry is the ultimate beach read author and her novels, *People We Meet On Vacation* and *Beach Read*, are summer masterpieces.

Emily Henry currently has 6 books published, and each of them are the perfect summer novels. They are all heartwarming yet deep at the same time. Her novels will have you grinning, laughing, and with your jaw dropped.

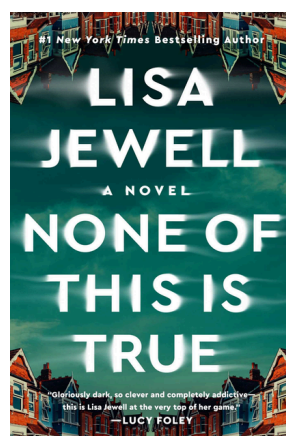
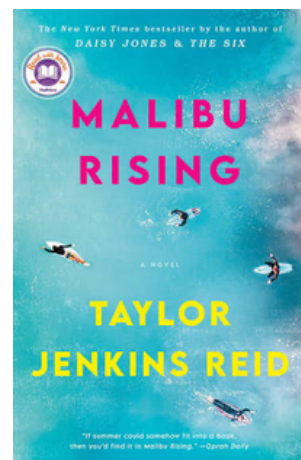


Abby Jimenez is the queen of rom-coms and her novels will make you cry happy tears, giggle, and kick your feet because of her ability to get you so attached to her characters. Her novels *Say You'll Remember Me* and *Yours Truly* are touching and

emotional but also fun and hilarious.

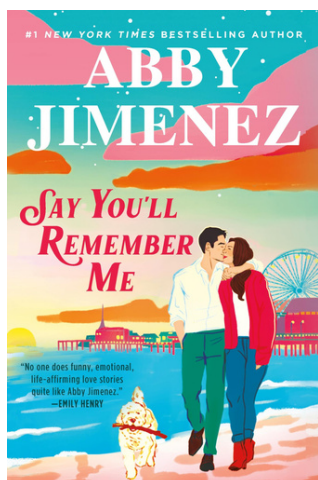
If you aren't into rom-coms, or maybe just angry at love at the moment, *Malibu Rising* by Taylor Jenkins-Reid is the novel for you. Taylor Jenkins-Reid has the gift of storytelling like no other, and *Malibu Rising* will keep you enthralled. The story follows the four children

of the famous actor Mick Riva. The siblings are all famous and talented in their own right, but are perhaps even more famous for their wild annual parties which host tons of A-list celebrities. This year, however, secrets come out, and everything changes.



For mystery fans, it's hard to find a thrilling mystery that doesn't feel out of place from the summer vibes. *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell follows Josie Fair, a mysterious woman with a dark history, and Alix Summers, who is making a podcast episode about her. The twists and turns of the story are genius.

From mystery to realistic-fiction to rom-coms these summer books are filled with the most summer-esque vibes and stories. They are guaranteed to make your summer so much better. Let's be honest, who doesn't want that?  
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# Senior Survey!

BY STEPHANIE OLVIDO '25 & MERCY COLLIER '26

As a tradition of *The Mandolin*, the class of 2025 was asked some questions by *The Mandolin* staff, ranging from St. Francis memories to summer plans! Read all about the senior class as they prepare for the next chapter in their life.

## What is your favorite class at SF?

The results are in! Philosophy in Lit is the class of 2025's most popular class. Read on to see what other classes made the list.

Abigail Benavidez - Honors Great Books  
 Alexis Mathews - My favorite classes at SF has to be dance and Lit and Film  
 Copeland Williams - Chemistry, def  
 Mia Hill - Anatomy or creative writing  
 Caroline Kesich - Honors Art History  
 Stephanie Olvido - AP World History  
 Audra Lucas - Honors Art History  
 Layla Alexander - Honors Art History  
 Kavya Benush - English  
 Grace Jurrens - AP Chem  
 LeeAnn Handal - Honors Art History  
 Azul Kuppermann - Creative Writing  
 Mary Margaret Ferrara - APUSH  
 Hanna Sebok - US History  
 Celia Swanson- Yearbook  
 Zoe Smith - Film!

**“Anatomy was cool, especially the cat dissection”**

– Jada Dwyre

Caitlyn Richwine - AP Research  
 Clare Krengel - AP World  
 Sadie Westphal - Science/AP Biology  
 Luna Romo - All my English classes  
 Lauren Weideman - AP Language and Composition  
 Reyna Tumber - AP Lang  
 Sasha Sanchez - English  
 Sophia Hendrix - Digital Film with Mr. Siggins  
 Izzy Duffy - History  
 Lauren Thomas - History/AP World  
 Aubrey O'Donnell - AP Biology  
 Hillary Yu - Science  
 Claire Krotine - Civics/economics  
 Emma Fox - Economics

**“My favorite class at St. Francis is Calculus taught by Mrs. Zhovinsky.”**  
 – Lumiere Callueng

Rabekkah de Dios - My favorite class I've taken is AP Lang with Mrs. Kropp  
 Brianna Akins- AP Chemistry  
 Sofia Rabinovitz - English  
 Neta Tovar - Anatomy  
 Katie Malone - Italian  
 Teagen Heise - Lit & Film  
 Jaycey Todd - Figure Sculpting 1 and 2 with Mrs. Stember  
 Madeline Dacong - My favorite general subject is art  
 Sapphrya Coleman - Philosophy and Lit  
 Ella D'Incecco - Bio II  
 Emily Rodriguez - Bio 2 and Honors Art History  
 Arden Garcia - APUSH  
 Minahya Vargas - Photography  
 Sofia Rainbolt - LIT & FLIM!!  
 Eliza Jane Yee - AP World History  
 Lexie DeAngelis - Anatomy and Physiology  
 Maysen Boswell - Leadership  
 Peri Hines - AP World History  
 Kate Stallings - APUSH  
 Petchi Nwaukoni- Stats  
 Isabella Ramos - Digital Film and Animation  
 Carly Hall - Philosophy in Lit  
 Kennedy Bishop - Anatomy  
 Grace Mastagni - English  
 Gwyneth O'Brien - Philosophy in Lit  
 Nina Dameri - Philosophy in Lit  
 Abigail Clark - Philosophy in Lit  
 Charlie Paul - Chamber Singers !!



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## What is your favorite class at SF?

Erica Jaffe - AP Calculus BC  
 Maria Gisler-Wright - English  
 Chloe Tanner - Philosophy and Lit

**“The Great Gatsby”**

**(she’s talking about American Lit)**

–*Lilian Vicio*

Alexis Heise - APUSH  
 Pia Burns - Choir  
 Keira Nijjar - AP Calc AB + BC with Mrs. Gluvers  
 Emily Hanna - Choir  
 Rylee Coquette - Honors Art History  
 Vanya Dubey - AP Calc BC, Philosophy and Lit, and Latin  
 Kate Shill - Philosophy and Lit  
 Kalia Taylan - Biology  
 Emily Hartman - English 9  
 Samantha Martinez - Philosophy and Lit  
 Jenna Won - Philosophy and Lit  
 Isabelle Schmid - Philosophy and Lit  
 Matea Avery - Yearbook, Philosophy and Lit, American Lit, Chemistry and any history class  
 Jenny Ramos - History  
 Lucee Manzano - Philosophy and Lit

Alice MacLaughlin - Philosophy and Lit  
 Brooklyn Kann - Anatomy and Physiology  
 Isabella Schultz - Philosophy and Lit  
 Olivia Alvernaz - Philosophy and Lit  
 Katie Worley - My favorite class at St. Francis was AP World History.  
 Raffaella Werder - My favorites are English or AP GOV  
 Livi Eichman - Writing from Lit was my favorite class!  
 Audri MacQuarrie - Honors Art History  
 Hannah Howes - Philosophy in Literature  
 Taylor Morante - Honors studio art  
 Emma Shirin Watson - Honors Theatre Arts II (2022-2023)

**“I love all sciences”**

– *Addison Hutchcraft*

Piper Brostrom - AP US History  
 Sofia Rainbolt - Lit&Film  
 Olivia Garcia - Chamber Singers  
 Olivia Travis - AP Lang  
 Alina Gutierrez - Bio freshman year  
 Karly Okamoto - Philosophy and Lit

## What will you miss the most about SFHS?

The Vanellopes are so sweet, the majority of our seniors said they’d miss the sisterhood. But that’s not the only thing they’ll be missing when they leave!

Abigail Benavidez - The people who understand me will be the ones I miss the most  
 Alexis Mathews - The thing that I will miss the most is the community and the support of all the teachers and the students.

**“all of the peopleee omg”**

– *Copeland Williams*

Mia Hill - Spending lunches with my friends  
 Caroline Kesich - My friends  
 Stephanie Olvido - The people, the caf, the teachers, spirit days!

Audra Lucas - Seeing my friends everyday and playing school volleyball  
 Layla Alexander - My free blocks  
 Kavya Benush - The friends I’ve made and the faculty support!  
 Grace Jurrens - AP Chem  
 LeeAnn Handal - Friends  
 Azul Kuppermann - Cafeteria cookies  
 Mary Margaret Ferrara - My friends  
 Hanna Sebok - My class  
 Celia Swanson - Yearbook  
 Zoe Smith - Lunch with my friends

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## What will you miss the most about SFHS?

Caitlyn Richwine - The amazing people I have met!

Clare Krengel - The sisterhood

Sadie Westphal - The vibrant community of students and faculty

Luna Romo - The comfortable classroom setting with all women.

Lauren Weideman - Retreats and Campus Ministry

Reyna Tumber - I will miss participating in Hula. The Hula team has been one of the most unique experiences that I will always remember.

Sasha Sanchez - Homecoming week

Sophia Hendrix - I will miss the community here.

Izzy Duffy - Seeing my friends every day, and the spirit of the school in general.

Lauren Thomas - I will miss lounging around the school during lunch with my friends.

Aubrey O'Donnell - the sisterhood!!

Hillary Yu - The amazing people I built connections with.

**"I'm going to miss my friends... making & keeping friends has always been difficult for me but now that I found my people it's hard to have to say goodbye; even if I get to see them during the holidays. Also; even though some classes can be challenging everyday is still fun, a little silly, and enjoyable."**

--- Sofia Rainbolt

Claire Krotine - I will miss the sisterhood.

Fabekkah de Dios - I will miss my friends and the sisterhood, especially how I felt safe to speak my mind in a supportive environment.

Brianna Akins- I will miss the community that I have built at St. Francis the most. There is a true sisterhood at this school and I will miss being surrounded by that feeling every day.

Sofia Rabinovitz - I will miss how passionate the teachers are about their subjects.

Emma Fox - The sisterhood and all the fun rallies  
Lumi Callueng - I'll miss the fun HOCO weeks, dances, and the close knitted community.

Neta Tovar - The amazing sisterhood

Katie Malone - The community and seeing my friends everyday. And Signora Bertini!

Teagen Heise - Hands down the caf cookies

Jaycey Todd - I will miss seeing my best friends everyday and eating lunch with them on a sunny day in Serra Court

Lexie DeAngelis - The community and HOCO week

Madeline Dacong - I will miss the community the most

Ella D'Incecco - the community

Emily Rodriguez - my friends

Arden Garcia - I will miss all of my friends and classmates

Minahya Vargas - Caf cookies and free blocks with friends in the CLC

Eliza Jane Yee - The community and the sacredness of being an all-girls' school

Abigail Clark - I will miss the energy that is at SF everyday, especially during the rallies.

**"The orange tree bathrooms"**

- Maysen Boswell

Peri Hines - The community

Kate Stallings - The caf

Petchi Nwaukoni- Rallies

Carly Hall - My Friends

Kennedy Bishop - Probably the staff and all my teachers :)

Grace Mastagni - My friends

Gwyneth O'Brien - Homecoming week and rallies

Nina Dameri - The friends/connections i made, even with teachers

Charlie Paul - The sisterhood!

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## What will you miss the most about SFHS?

Jenny Ramos - The friends I made and the staff because they were some of the best I've ever had.

Alina Gutierrez - Being with my friends at lunch. Rallies and dances.

Jada Dwyre - The friends I made along the way

Karly Okamoto - I will miss all the amazing people that I have met through going to St. Francis.

Lucee Manzano - The community

Kalia Taylan - I will miss the overall atmosphere and community SFHS has that I believe is unique and not found at many other schools.

Emily Hartman - Lunch in Serra Court

Samantha Martinez - The sisterhood

Jenna Won - Caf workers

Isabella Schmid - The connectedness of the student body

Erica Jaffe - Homecoming week

Mariah Gisler-Wright - my friends.

Chloe Tanner - Spirit Days and the caf workers specifically Mrs. Evelyn!

Lilian Vicio - The sisterhood.

Alexis Heise - The school lunches!

Pia Burns - Rallies, the all-girls community, and my best friend.

**"The community and the sisterhood along with the daily mundane and unique things that seem regular but make each day special"**

- Emily Hanna

Keira Nijjar - Sitting outside in Serra Court during lunch/ free blocks and talking with friends

Rylee Coauette - The community

Vanya Dubey - My friends + caf cookies

Sapphrya Coleman - I will miss the tight-knit community and support from everyone.

Kate Shill - Seeing my friends everyday!

**"Not having to worry about guys"**

- Emma Shirin Watson

Alice MacLaughlin - My friends

Brooklyn Kann - The Sisterhood

Isabella Schultz - The rallies and caf cookies

Olivia Alvernaz - Being able to see my friends every day

Katie Worley - I will miss going to school with my sister, eating lunch with my friends, and caf cookies the most.

Raffaella Werder - I will miss my sisters that I have made and the teachers.

Livi Eichman - My best friends

Audri MacQuarrie - The friendly atmosphere and teachers who want you to thrive

Hannah Howes - My friend, Mika

Taylor Morante - Mr Poggi

Addison Hutchcraft - I will miss my friends and teachers that helped me reach where I am today.

Piper Brostrom - All my friends and the sisterhood

Sofia Rainbolt - All of my past and present friends

Olivia Garcia - Choir

Matea Avery - My teachers, my friends and my teammates

## After graduation, to what are you most looking forward? Do you have any plans for the summer?

The Class of 2025 is booked and busy! From going international to soaking up the sunshine with family and friends, this summer is one for the books.



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Abigail Benavidez - Spending the day in the pool and on the boat

Alexis Mathews - I am looking forward to hanging out with friends and traveling.

Copeland Williams - no more calculus omg (sorry ms gluvvers)

Mia Hill - Going to the beach and spending time with my family and friends

Stephanie Olvido - Being able to start a new chapter in my life! I'm going to hang out my friends and family and visit Costa Rica.

Caroline Kesich - Going to Italy and London

Audra Lucas - Going on vacations and hikes

Layla Alexander - Laying by the pool

Kavya Benush - Seeing my sister who's coming back from Taiwan.

**"Not having to commute!!!"**

– Grace Jurrens

Azul Kuppermann - I'm looking forward to studying what I want to study in college

Mary Margaret Ferrara - Living in a new city!

Celia Swanson- I'm going to Greece

Zoe Smith - Going to Paris this summer

Caitlyn Richwine - Hanging out with friends and family!

Sadie Westphal - A week long houseboating trip with my family on Lake Oroville

Luna Romo - Traveling!!

Lumi Callueng - I'm most looking forward to starting a new chapter, surround myself with new people, and get involved with the college life. During the summer I'll be going to Europe for a trip.

Lauren Weideman - Spending time with friends and family before college

Reyna Tumber - I'm looking forward to just starting school in Santa Barbara and living by the beach!

Sasha Sanchez - Going to Italy with my friends.

**"I'm going to Hawaii for vacation, and I plan on getting a real estate license"**

– LeeAnn Handal

**"I'm looking forward to spending a lot of time outside and off my chromebook that is on it's last life."**

– Sophia Hendrix

Izzy Duffy - I'm so excited to go on the trip to Italy in May that Mr. Romo leads!

Lauren Thomas - I'm most looking forward to having time strictly for myself and hanging out with as many people as possible before I go off to college!

Aubrey O'Donnell - I am looking forward to attending the same college as my older sister and being able to spend more time with her!

Hillary Yu - Going to college to meet new people and going to Hong Kong!

Claire Krotine - I am most looking forward to going on trips with my family and friends.

**"I am most looking forward to moving to Los Angeles, where I will be attending college. Many of my closest friends from SF will also be in the area, so I'm looking forward to four more years with them!"**

– Rabekkah de Dios

Brianna Akins- I am most excited for my trip to Japan over the summer with my mom.

Sofia Rabinovitz - After graduation and during college, I cannot wait to hone the skills I need in order to pursue what I want. During the summer I will be going on the soccer trip to Switzerland and doing a road trip to Hastings College before my report date.

Emma Fox - Traveling and being with friends

Neta Tovar - I am most looking forward to sing one last time with my fellow seniors in choir. I'm hoping to travel to Europe, especially Spain so I can eat great food and brush up on my Spanish.

Clare Krengel - Traveling with friends and family this summer!

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## After graduation, to what are you most looking forward? Do you have any plans for the summer?

Katie Malone - Hanging out with my friends, going on the boat, and grad trip to Hawaii  
Teagen Heise - Competing in my first ever bodybuilding competition and training my clients.

Jaycey Todd - I am looking forward to a Cabo trip I have planned with my best friends, and no summer homework

Sofia Rainbolt - Making even more memories with my best friends.

Lexie DeAngelis - I'm looking forward to spending the summer with my friends. Over the summer I am going to Santa Cruz with my swim teammates.

Madeline Dacong - I'm looking forward to seeing where my future goes

Ella D'Incecco - Traveling with friends

Emily Rodriguez - Spending my summer with my best friends, family, and boyfriend before I leave

Arden Garcia - I am most excited to go to Italy with some of my best friends!

Minahya Vargas - Traveling, going to Europe and South America

Eliza Jane Yee - COLLEGE LIFE!! I really want to go to the beach with my friends this summer and be independent for the first time this upcoming year.

Abigail Clark - I'm going to Greece with my grandparents!

Maysen Boswell - Summer before college and making new friends!!

**"My 18th birthday and starting college!!"**

- Peri Hines

Kate Stallings - Going to Italy

Petchi Nwaukoni- Traveling

Isabella Ramos - Being able to try some new activities with more free time!

Carly Hall - Spending more time with my friends

Kennedy Bishop - I'm most looking forward to spending time with friends and family and going to Europe in July with my family

Grace Mastagni - I'll be working most of the summer

Nina Dameri - Starting fresh, meeting new people in college. Traveling.

**"I'm planning on many road trips with friends and using my spare time to crochet, paint and hopefully record some music!"**

- Charlie Paul

Jenny Ramos - Getting ready to move into college, specifically my dorm. Meeting up with my friends before we all set off to different colleges. Also spending time with my family before I leave.

Alina Gutierrez - Looking forward to having a relaxing summer and going on trips hopefully. Spending time with friends.

Jada Dwyre - I looking forward to moving out. This summer I'm planning to go back to Spain with my friends to visit some of their family.

Karly Okamoto - Backpacking trip in Italy with my friends after graduation

Lucee Manzano - I'm most looking forward to going to Europe and moving into my dorm!

Kalia Taylan - I'm looking forward to the long summer and the lack of homework. This summer, me and my family are going on vacation to the Philippines!

Emily Hartman - Playing D1 rugby in college  
Samantha Martinez - Trip to a Miami with friends and family

Kylie Weinberger - Trip to Hawaii with my friends

Jenna Won - Studying something I am passionate about

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**After graduation, to what are you most looking forward? Do you have any plans for the summer?**

Isabelle Schmid - Starting a new chapter in college

Erica Jaffe - The Italy trip with Mr. Romo

Mariah Gisler-Wright - Meeting new people, i think. I might find a job during the summer.

Chloe Tanner - I'm going on a grad trip to Hawaii

Lilian Vicio - I am looking foward to grad night with my friends!

**"I'm looking forward to vacation! This summer I'm going to Japan, England, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, and Germany."**

- Alexis Heise

Pia Burns - Freedom, more time to hang out with friends, and going back to the Philippines to see family

Keira Nijjar - I'm looking forward to my friends and I going to Santa Cruz, working, and going to Greece with my Mom!

Emily Hanna - I am most looking forward to attending college and following the journey it takes me on.

Rylee Coauette - Making new friends. I'm planning a trip to the beach with my friends.

Vanya Dubey - Europe trip with my fam, freshman year (and shopping for college)

Sapphrya Coleman - I'm most looking forward to spending the last of my childhood with my best friends, and preparing myself for my new reality.

Kate Shill - Going on senior trips

Alice Maclaughlin - I'm going to Italy and i'm really excited

Brooklyn Kann - Concerts!

Isabella Schultz - Going to Cabo with my friends

Olivia Alvernaz - Being able to see my friends every day

**"After graduation, I am looking forward to sleeping in. This summer I plan to go to Europe with my aunt."**

- Katie Worley

Livi Eichman - I am planning to do a lot of service at RCFB and I can't wait!

Raffaella Werder - I am looking forward to going to Italy with Mr. Romo and being apart of my swim team,coaching and swimming.

**"Me and my family are moving to Alabama, it will be fun to see the difference from living in California my whole life."**

- Audri MacQuarrie

Hannah Howes - Leaving Sacramento and going to college!!

Taylor Morante - I'm most looking forward to move in day for college.

Emma Shirin Watson - Bike culture and navigating my own everyday life

Addison Hutchcraft - I'm looking forward to a grad road trip with my friends. We are driving to multiple beach sites and camping along the coast of California.

Piper Brostrom - One thing I am looking forward summer is hanging out with friends!

Sofia Rainbolt - Well I'm moving to San Diego. My mom and I are going to stay with my aunt until we find our own place.

**"Ashland trip w homies"**

- Olivia Garcia

Matea Avery - After graduation am looking forward to taking a gap year to travel to six European countreis, Australia, Thailand, and then studying in Spain.



## Senior Survey! con't

**Is there anyone you would like to thank for helping you make the most of your time at SFHS? (family, friends, coaches, faculty/staff, etc.)**

Gratitude is the best attitude! Our seniors had so many wonderful people around them – hear about who helped them during their journey at St. Francis.

Abigail Benavidez - Dean Cost, Ms. Kym, Mrs. V, Mrs. Jansen, Kelly Ketcham, Gabby Hawkins.

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Caroline Kesich - I would like to thank my family and my friends

**"I would like to thank my parents for helping me get to where I am.**

**Without the help of them and so many staff I probably would not have transferred. And also Mrs. Desmond for always being so welcoming to me and so nice."**

– Audra Lucas

Layla Alexander - Dr. Desmond

Kavya Benush - Kyrielle de Dios <3

Grace Jurrens - My twin

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Mary Margaret Ferrara - All the amazing teachers!

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Zoe Smith - My sister!

Caitlyn Richwine - Mrs. Hilts

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Sasha Sanchez - Ms. Agata

Sophia Hendrix - I would like to thank the entire art department.

**"My friends who I can fully be myself around have made my time at SF complete!"**

– Izzy Duffy

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Claire Krotine - All of my teachers, my high school coaches, parents, and friends.

## Senior Survey! con't

**Is there anyone you would like to thank for helping you make the most of your time at SFHS? (family, friends, coaches, faculty/staff, etc.)**

Rabekkah de Dios - I would like to thank my friends who have supported me in my time here and taught me the meaning of true friendship.

Brianna Akins- Thank you to all of my friends and teachers for making my time at St. Francis some of the best years.

Sofia Rabinovitz - Thank you to my friends, family, and coaches for supporting me through my ups and downs. I will always have fond memories of my times throughout St. Francis, though this year was especially memorable as I got to spend it with my little sister.

Emma Fox - My entire family for their support!

Lumi Callueng - I'd like to thank Mrs. Zhovinsky for making me deepen my love for math and see fun in learning Calculus, and Ms. Agata for guiding me throughout my ERA journey and help me become the leader I am today.

Neta Tovar - I want to thank my parents for always supporting me and all my friends for being there for me.

Katie Malone - Signora Bertini because she has been a role model to me since freshman year. She is such an amazing teacher who includes the perfect balance of a fun classroom environment while also making sure we are getting our work done and succeeding in the class!

**"BIG SHOUTOUT MRS. FLAATA AND MS. T"**

– Teagen Heise

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Sofia Rainbolt - Ms. Evelyn, Ms. Olivia (both of them → they both work in the caf), Ms.

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**"Dr. Wilkinson, Ms. Hamilton, and editor in chief Stephanie Olvido!"**

– Eliza Jane Yee (thank you, Eliza!)

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## Senior Survey! con't

**Is there anyone you would like to thank for helping you make the most of your time at SFHS? (family, friends, coaches, faculty/staff, etc.)**

Kalia Taylan - I would like to thank my parents especially, my friends who have supported me throughout high school, and all the teachers that have helped me succeed.

**“I would like to thank Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Parrow for giving me the office internship twice ;) and for them always letting me talk about anything and feeling welcomed. They gave me advice on many situations and the last two years of high school.”**

– *Samantha Martinez*

Isabelle Schmid - My family

Erica Jaffe - All of my friends, coach Amaya

Barnes, and Ms. Harrity

Mariah Gisler-Wright - Ms. Harrity and Ms. Anderson.

Chloe Tanner - My lacrosse coach Jules, all my teachers, and Jenna Elizabeth Won

Lilian Vicio - My Family and Friends

Pia Burns - My two sisters for paving the way for me to come here, all of my teachers ever, and clarissa canuela <3

Keira Nijjar - I want to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my time at SFHS!

Emily Hanna - My family and friends

Rylee Coauette - My friends and family.

Vanya Dubey - My friends

Sapphrya Coleman - Mrs. Luttio, Ms. Harrity, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Reyer.

Kate Shill - Mom, Dad, Three older sisters, brother and all my friends

Alice Maclaughlin - Probably Ms. Harrity, Ms.

Hamilton, and Ms. Parrow - they are my favorites

Olivia Alvernaz - I'm so grateful for my parents for giving me the opportunity to study at St. Francis

Katie Worley - I would like to thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to attend St.

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Piper Brostrom - I would like to thank all my coaches, teacher and family for supporting me and giving me the tools to succeed.

Sofia Rainbolt - Literally every single staff and faculty member that I have ever interacted with.

I act like I am so happy to finally leave SF but really, I'm going to miss everything about it, including the staffulty.

Olivia Garcia - Ms. Harris, Ms. Sym, Ms.

McGreevy, Ms. Austin!!

**“My parents, my teachers, and Kelly for helping me heal through my two surgeries.”**

– *Matea Avery*



# Senior Survey! con't

## Which college will you be attending?

The BIG question! Our seniors are going all around. We'll miss you all dearly!

Abigail Benavidez - Mount St. Mary's University  
 Alexis Mathews - Cal State Northridge  
 Copeland Williams - UCLA



Stephanie Olvido - UCLA (GO BRUINS)  
 Caroline Kesich - Chapman  
 LeeAnn Handal - Columbia University  
 Lucee Manzano - UNR



Sasha Sanchez - Auburn University  
 Sophia Hendrix - University of San Francisco  
 Rabekkah de Dios - Undecided  
 Brianna Akins - Creighton University  
 Mia Hill - St Bonaventure



Lumi Callueng - Loyola Marymount University (LMU)  
 Azul Kuppermann - Colorado School of Mines  
 Mary Margaret Ferrara - UCLA  
 Sadie Westphal - Cal Poly SLO  
 Luna Romo - UC Davis  
 Lauren Weideman - Boston College  
 Reyna Tumber - UC Santa Barbara  
 Teagen Heise - Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Jaycey Todd - Texas Christian University  
 Nina Dameri - USD  
 Charlie Paul - Pomona College  
 Jenny Ramos - Chico State  
 Alina Gutierrez - Chico State  
 Arden Garcia - University of Oregon  
 Madeline Dacong - Sac State or Sac City College

# Senior Survey! con't

## Which college will you be attending?

Sofia Rainbolt - I will be taking a semester off to help support my momma financially, but eventually I will be attending SDSU. I got accepted but I think it's most important to put family first.



Emma Fox - University of Arizona



Jada Dwyre - Loyola University Chicago

Karly Okamoto - UCLA

Emily Hartman - Quinnipiac University

Grace Chavez - Folsom Lake College

Samantha Martinez - Sierra College

Kylie Weinberger - University of San Francisco

Jenna Won - Sacramento State

Lexie DeAngelis - Southern Methodist University

Kate Stallings - USC

Petchi Nwaukoni- UNR

Isabella Ramos - Cal Poly SLO

Carly Hall - UOP

Kennedy Bishop - Point Loma Nazarene University

Grace Mastagni - UC Davis

Gwyneth O'Brien - Saint Mary's College of California

Izzy Duffy - San Diego State University

Lauren Thomas - UC Berkeley

Aubrey O'Donnell - University of Mississippi - "Ole Miss"

Claire Krotine - Santa Clara University





# Senior Survey! con't

## Which college will you be attending?

Hannah Howes - California State University  
Monterey Bay



Hanna Sebok - University of South Carolina  
Celia Swanson- UNR  
Caitlyn Richwine - New York University  
Clare Krengel - Cal Poly SLO  
Olivia Garcia - Lawrence University



Ella D'Incecco - UCI  
Emily Rodriguez - Kansas State  
Layla Alexander - UC Riverside  
Kavya Benush - USC  
Grace Jurrens - UCSD  
Minahya Vargas - N/A  
Eliza Jane Yee - UC Irvine  
Maysen Boswell - UCLA  
Peri Hines - UC Santa Cruz  
Kate Shill - Point Loma Nazarene University

Neta Tovar - UC Santa Cruz  
Audra Lucas - U of A  
Zoe Smith - Cal Poly SLO  
Addison Hutchcraft - Long Island University





# Senior Survey! con't

## Which college will you be attending?

Sofia Rabinovitz - Hastings College



Vanya Dubey - UC Berkeley

Olivia Alvernaz - Texas Christian University

Katie Malone - Point Loma Nazarene University



Isabelle Schmid - Cal Poly SLO

Erica Jaffe - UCLA

Mariah Gisler-Wright - Sac City College

Chloe Tanner - Sac City College

Lilian Vicio - Point Loma Nazarene University

Alexis Heise - Point Loma Nazarene University

Pia Burns - CSUS

Abigail Clark - San Diego State University

Sapphrya Coleman - Cal State San Marcos

Raffaella Werder - Either SDSU or CU Boulder

Matea Avery - University of Oregon



Keira Nijjar - UC Santa Barbara

Emily Hanna - Sonoma State University

Rylee Coquette - SBCC



# Senior Survey! con't

## Which college will you be attending?

Katie Worley - San Diego State University



Alice Maclaughlin - UNR

Isabella Schultz - St. Mary's College

Piper Brostrom - La Salle University



Livi Eichman - Santa Clara University

Audri MacQuarrie - University of Alabama

Brooklyn Kann - Loyola University Chicago

Emma Shirin Watson - UC Davis



Kalia Taylan - Cal Poly SLO

Olivia Travis - Seton Hall University

Taylor Morante - University of Oregon





# Goodbye!

BY STEPHANIE OLVIDO '25

Dear Readers,

What a year it's been! So much change has been brought to our campus in just one year alone and I can't wait to hear about what's going to happen next.

As for *The Mandolin*, I'm just as excited for its future. This year, we expanded the staff for every single position, bringing in 65 members, which is the highest since 2018. And the growth from all of our members has been so rewarding to see, whether it's improvements in writing or people speaking up and giving us feedback. Lastly, I'm so excited to announce our new incoming Editor-in-Chief, who will join Mercy in leading our newspaper next year: Kate Hwang! If you see her, please congratulate her :)

I also wanted to give a congratulations and acknowledge the hard work that has been put into our five editions this year. Our October edition was mostly school-focused, recapping our playful Homecoming season. Our December edition was extremely diverse, with Q&As and pop culture articles. We then had our February edition, covering movies, world news, and the contributions of our Black Student Union and Puzzle Project Clubs. And we couldn't forget about our April Fools edition-- I hear some students are still completing those unsolvable puzzles.

When I look back on our five editions, I am extremely grateful to have lead such an amazing and dedicated group of people, and even more grateful that I was able to do it for two years. I've been a part of *The Mandolin* since my freshman year, and it's truly been a defining experience of my high school years. Every time I work on something for *The Mandolin*, whether it be an article or creating a graphic, I am reminded of the importance of student voices and their authenticity. Journalism represents the idea that your voice matters. So use it-- empower others, speak your truth, and become a graduated young woman who changes the world. Thank you for reading and goodbye!

Signing off,  
Stephanie Olvido

## Closing Statement

BY MERCY COLLIER '26

Dear Readers,

As we wrap up the final edition of the year, I just want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who makes *The Mandolin* possible – not only our dedicated staff and Ms. Kirstien, but also the readers and the entire school community. Your support and enthusiasm have helped bring every edition to life.

This was my first year as Co-Editor-In-Chief of *The Mandolin*, and I feel truly blessed to have that opportunity again next year. Stepping into this role has been so rewarding and fulfilling. It has given me the chance to fuel my passion for writing and share my love of our unique Troubie culture. I've grown so much this year, both as a writer and a leader, and I'm extremely grateful for our incredible team.

I hope that our stories have inspired you to follow your passions, embrace your talents, and to share your voice in the world. Journalism is powerful, and through it, we spread the necessary truth, give every voice a platform, and document our community and the world. As women, using our voice boldly and supporting one another is a necessity.

Thank you for reading and for being a part of this amazing journey. I'm excited and honored to return as Editor-in-Chief next year. I can't wait for the stories we have to tell and the growth still ahead – for all of us, and for *The Mandolin*.

With love,  
Mercy Collier

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