



SAINT FRANCIS

A Holy Cross High School

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School Profile



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VISION STATEMENT *We shape the future by nurturing exploration of thought to create leaders of impact rooted in faith and service.*

Saint Francis High School, founded in 1955 by the Brothers of Holy Cross, is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory secondary school. The cornerstone of a Holy Cross education is the belief that hearts and minds should be educated as one in the pursuit of service to the world. We are dedicated to educating the whole person to ensure our graduates thrive in college and beyond. Our core curriculum, coupled with diverse offerings in science, humanities, arts, and technology and design, provides a solid foundation for students to understand the challenges facing our world today.

Saint Francis is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and is a member organization of the National Catholic Education Association, the College Board, and the National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Enrollment

The 2020-2021 enrollment is 1761 students who have entered from over one hundred elementary and junior high programs. In keeping with the mission of the school, Saint Francis is committed to serving the Catholic community and gives admission preference to Catholic students and to students with family or alumni association.

Academic Program

Saint Francis offers more than 120 courses in a traditional college preparatory curriculum spread across nine academic departments. All students are required to take eight semesters of Religious Studies, and these courses are considered academic solids. The maximum number of courses a student may carry per semester is seven.

Class Rank

The school transcript reflects a cumulative weighted grade point average. The weighted grade point average is calculated with an extra grade point for all honors and advanced placement classes. Saint Francis High School standards for admission are premised on the selection of individuals capable of succeeding in a college preparatory curriculum. Since students do not all take the same program, a cumulative ranking system may not fairly represent a student's relative achievement. For the class of 2020 the highest weighted grade point average is 4.64 and the lowest is 2.25.

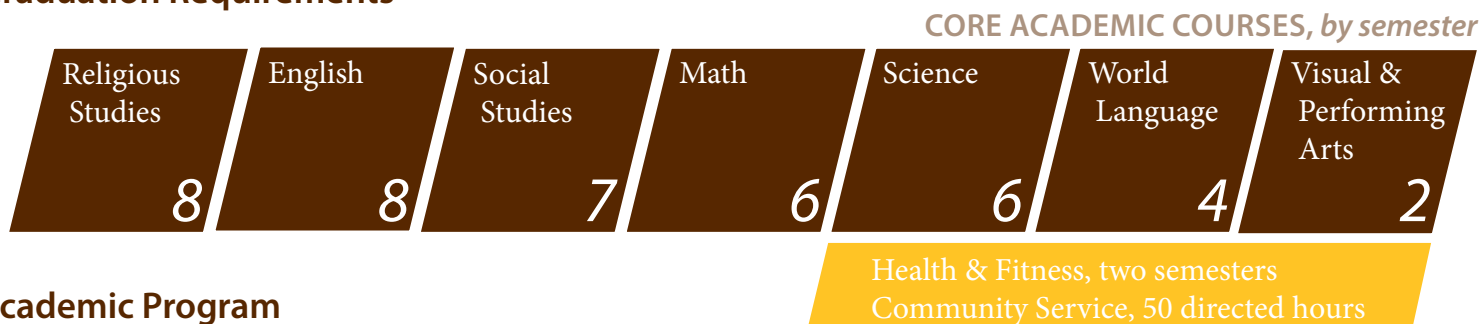
Faculty

There are 115 faculty members; 60% have advanced degrees.



ACADEMICS

Graduation Requirements



Academic Program

All courses are presented at the college preparatory level, most of which are recognized by the University of California as such. Enrollment in most honors and AP courses is open to students who understand the suggested prior course work for the class and the academic commitment required to successfully complete the course. Enrollment contracts are required for these courses and students may not drop the course except under limited circumstances. All honors and AP-level courses in mathematics and science require a qualifying exam for entrance. Students cannot take every honors and AP-level course offered by virtue of the number of courses in a schedule and in most cases a student can only fit one AP science into their schedule. AP exams are optional for seniors, but are required for all other students enrolled in an AP class.

The median number of honors and AP-level courses taken by students in the Class of 2020 is 4 and the maximum is 20.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

AP 2-D Art and Design	AP Psychology
AP Biology	AP Spanish Language
AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish Literature
AP Calculus BC	AP Statistics
AP Chemistry	AP U.S. Government
AP Chinese Language	AP U.S. History
AP Computer Science A	Adv. Alg 2/Trig H
AP Computer Science Principles	Algebra 1 H
AP Drawing	Biology H
AP English Language	Chemistry H
AP English Literature	English 1 H
AP Environmental Science	English 2 H
AP European History	French 5 H
AP French Language	Geometry H
AP Macroeconomics	Physics H
AP Music Theory	Precalculus H
AP Physics C - Mechanics	Spanish 3 H

By the Numbers

1301

SAT Composite mean for the Class of 2020, with a mean score for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing of 648 and a mean score for Mathematics of 652.

28.7

ACT Composite mean for the Class of 2020.

91

Percentage of Advanced Placement exams with a score of 3 or higher from students in the Class of 2020. A total of 1433 exams were administered in the spring of 2019 to students in grades 10-12.

24

Number of National Merit Semi-Finalists, the most of any Catholic school in California, with an additional 33 commended students.

COVID-19

Saint Francis students did not have an opportunity to sit for standardized testing after February 2020 due to Santa Clara County Public Health restrictions and guidelines imposed upon the State of California. Students are attending class virtually bi-daily, which began in March 2020.

Saint Francis High School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. The school does not discriminate based on disability if the student is otherwise qualified and can, with reasonable accommodations, meet the graduation requirements of the school.

STUDENT LIFE

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry offers students a wide variety of ways to live out their faith, from student liturgies and prayer groups to service, retreat, and immersion programs. Students have annual opportunities to attend class and individual retreats, as well as service learning opportunities. Summer immersion programs at home and abroad give students a chance to broaden their perspective and expose them to different environments. The South-West Province of Holy Cross annually sponsors an immersion trip for students from each Holy Cross School.

Co-Curricular Activities

Saint Francis High School offers over 60 clubs and activities for students, all sponsored and moderated by Saint Francis faculty. Some clubs compete in regional, state, and national competitions; some perform, publish, and serve the local community; others provide ways for students to explore new talents. The South-West Province of Holy Cross annually sponsors a leadership conference for students from each Holy Cross School.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

3-D Printing Club	Fishing Club	Quiz Bowl
6th/12th Man Crew	Foreign Language	Radio Club
Affinity Groups	Honor Society	Rally Board
Animal Welfare	Gaming Club	Research Club
Anime Club	Girls Who Code	Robotics Club
ASB	Guitar Club	Safe Spaces
Astronomy Club	Harry Potter Club	Science & Engineering Club
Athletic Director's Council	Hip Hop Club	Science Bowl
Audio/Visual Club	Ice Hockey	Science Olympiad
Baking Club	Ignite Youth Ministry	Service Club
Book Club	In the Margins	SF Family Club
BRIC Brothers	Interact Club	SF Talks
Café Mots	International Club	SF <i>Thrive</i>
California Scholarship Federation (CSF)	Intramurals	Shadow Hosts
Campus Student Ministry	Lancer iPad Squad	Shakespeare's Dropouts
Chamber Choir	Lancer Live Sports Broadcasting Club	Speech and Debate
College Ambassadors	Marching Band	Spirit Squad
Color Guard	Math Team	Stock Market Club
Cooking Club	<i>Mindframes</i> Magazine	Student Ambassadors
Creative Writing Club	Mock Trial	Student Council
Daybreak	Mountain Biking Club	Teen Awareness Program
Drama	National Honor Society (NHS)	Ultimate Frisbee
Entrepreneurship Club	Newspaper	Unity Dance Crew
Environmental Club	Paint Box Art Club	Women of BRIC
Film Club	Programming Club	Yearbook

Athletic Programs

Saint Francis has over a 61-year history of extraordinary athletic success. Our student-athletes play in the Western Catholic Athletic League (WCAL), one of the most competitive athletic leagues in California. As of May 2020, the school has accumulated 14 state team championships, 3 individual state championships, 36 CIF NorCal championships, 190 California Central Coast Section (CCS) championships, and more than 380 league championships.

VARSITY PROGRAMS

Baseball	Golf	Tennis
Basketball	Gymnastics	Track & Field
Cross Country	Lacrosse	Volleyball
Diving	Soccer	Water Polo
Field Hockey	Softball	Wrestling
Football	Swimming	

Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion

Our calling as Catholic educators requires an intentional and active approach to dismantling systems of oppression, one rooted in Jesus' teachings and our shared goal of creating a socially just world. The Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion (SJEI) program coordinates the school's efforts towards ensuring cultural proficiency, inclusionary practices, and community leadership in fulfillment of the school's commitment to social justice. The highlight of the program has been the formation of student-led affinity groups.

Grading for Equity

Educational research over the past years has focused on traditional grading practices and how they have become an impediment to meaningful student learning. It became apparent that the traditional grading was not accurately reflecting our students' fluency with the learning objectives. This understanding led to the adoption of equitable grading practices, which allows our students to demonstrate their deeper learning of material and a student's grades will be a reflection of their mastery of the learning objectives, as published on course syllabi, unit and lesson plans. Coursework will include both formative and summative assessments to give students the opportunity to learn and demonstrate the skills and content.

COLLEGE PROFILE

Saint Francis graduates from the past three years have attended the following colleges and universities. For the class of 2019, 90.3% of students matriculated to a four-year institution and 9.2% matriculated to a two-year institution. Ninety-seven percent were admitted to a four-year institution. Bolded names indicate that a 2019 graduate matriculated to that school.

CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Boston College
Creighton University
DePaul University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Rivier University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Clara University
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Norbert College
University of Dayton
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Mary
University of Notre Dame
University of Portland
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of St. Thomas
Villanova University

Mission College
Occidental College
Ohlone College
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Sacramento State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San José State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Monica College
Scripps College
Skyline College
Sonoma State University
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Redlands
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
West Valley College

OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Adelphi University
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Aurora University
Babson College
Bard College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Boise State University
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Colgate University
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado State University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
DePauw University
Drake University
Drexel University

Duke University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
The George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goucher College
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Hawai'i Pacific University
Howard University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa State University
Johns Hopkins University
Laney College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Montana State University, Bozeman
New Mexico State University
The New School
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
The Ohio State University
Olin College of Engineering
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
St. Olaf College
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Colorado at Denver

University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Hawai'i at Manoa
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Lowell
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of North Texas
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
The University of Texas, Austin
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Washington University
Wheaton College IL
Whitworth University
Willamette University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Erasmus University Rotterdam
University of British Columbia
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of St. Andrews
University of Toronto