

# 2017-18 Course Selection



# The Goals

1. Help you to successfully navigate the course request process...the logistics
2. Address your concerns and questions...short and long-term
3. Assist you and your son in making informed, thoughtful, and appropriate decisions about his 2017-18 school year and beyond
4. Provide you with the tools to continue the dialogue through the process
5. Reduce parent, student, and faculty anxiety and stress
6. Prepare you for success in the upcoming school year and beyond



# The Players

Mr. Horne – Principal

Mr. Hecht – Asst. Principal for Academics

Mrs. Oliwa – Registrar

Dr. Rey – Director of Counseling Services/AP Econ

Ms. Mekrut– Counselor/AP Psych

Mr. Golden – Counselor/Psych

Mr. Bronson – Frosh Counselor

Ms. Cindy Au – AP Music Theory/Band

Mrs. MacVay – AP Art History/Eng. II

Mr. Weber – AP Physics 1 and C/AP English Lang

Ms. Walker – AP Biology

Ms. Villa - Sports Medicine

Mrs. Walp – Science Chair/ AP Chemistry/Chemistry

Mr. Craig da Luz – Computer Science & Tech Chair

Mr. Johnston – World Lang. Chair/AP Latin/AP English Lang.

Mrs. Allen – AP French/French

Ms. Drummy – AP Studio Art/Art/Painting

Mr. Davis – Spanish III/AP Spanish Lit.

Mrs. Gormly – Spanish II/AP Spanish Lang

Mr. Lamerato – English Chair /AP English Lit

Mr. Matt Linville – P.E. Chair/Alg. II-Trig

Mr. Manley - H. Pre-Calc./Adv. Math

Mr. Ozdowski- Math Chair/AP Statistics/AP Calc AB-BC

Mr. Christian da Luz –/AP US Government /AP US History

Mr. Sipper – Social Studies Chair/AP World History/World History

Mrs. Crachy – Religion Chair

Mr. Vignol - Honors Philosophy

Mr. Alcoser – Librarian

# Beginning the Process...A Look Back

1. Review your four year plan and ask questions...Are you on track?
2. Graduation requirements (VAPA, PE, World Language, Social Sciences, Speech, etc.)?
3. Unit totals (260 to graduate or 65 units per school year)?
4. Remediation of 'D' and/or 'F' grades?
5. Review your personal goals for this past year...Are you in the process of achieving those goals or are there adjustments to be made?
6. Understand the nature of each course and your own gifts and talents
7. Are you realistic about time, effort, and energy...Is life "out of balance?"
8. Utilize the counseling staff for planning and questions



# Striving to Achieve a Healthy Balance

1. Sleep? Nutrition? Play? Exercise? Study? Family? Faith? Friends?
2. Look for the fit...would/should you wear something that does not fit?  
Same is true in life...especially college
3. Don't keep up with the 'Joneses'...Stay in touch with your son
4. Do what is best for **YOUR** son... As of 2016 there were over 4,706 post-secondary degree granting institutions in the United States...94 per state on average (U.S. Dept. Of Ed)
5. Students...OWN YOUR EDUCATION! Be your own advocate!



# The Process Updates for 2017-18

1. 2017-18 Curriculum Guide available online January 2018 at [www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org) (front page and academic section)
2. Interface with counselors and staff to catch concerns
3. 2018 Intersession selection part of this process
4. Several course additions to curriculum
5. Course selection timelines (January and February); Class of 2020 Jan.; Class of 2019 and 2018 Feb.
6. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR COURSE SELECTON**



# Academic Policies – The “Fine Print”

1. Course request process begins now...not finalized until May/June
2. There are no request for teachers...please do not ask
3. Pay attention to the “add/drop” deadlines once school is underway
4. Must be enrolled in six (6) courses during the regular school hours
5. A zero block (before school) would be seventh (7th) course
6. All students must take a final exam if one is required
7. Note the acceleration and remediation policies for each department



# The “Fine Print” continued

7. Required remediation of all ‘D’ or ‘F’ grades in Math immediately following that semester.
8. Student should remediate all other ‘D’ or ‘F’ grades across curriculum for credit/graduation/college considerations
9. Only up to five (5) semester courses can be taken outside of Saints for credit, whether for remediation or enrichment
10. ALL OUTSIDE COURSES, ONLINE OR OTHERWISE, MUST BE APPROVED BY SAINTS AND PROPERLY DOCUMENTED
11. Be cautious of “online” courses...not all are the same

***260 units+Requirements+100 Approved Christian Service Hours + 2.0 = Graduation***







# Check the “Prerequisites”

1. Found in the Curriculum Guide and Parent-Student Handbook
2. Some traditional and **all AP** Courses have prerequisites
  - ✓ By grade level
  - ✓ By performance in another setting or course (sequence)
  - ✓ By counselor, department, or administration (e.g. Chemistry with Alg. II; **NO** Summer Geometry without an ‘A’ in both semesters of ALG 1 and recommendation of Math Department)
  - ✓ By minimum grade point average (G.P.A)
  - ✓ By signature (department chair or instructor)- required before final approval
  - ✓ BY A COMBINATION OR ALL OF THE ABOVE

# The AP Program

1. Twenty-three (23) courses offered across the curriculum
2. Take the class – Take the test (required) – No Independent Study
3. Cost involved – **current** rate is \$100 per test, 2017-18 To Be Determined
4. Commitment is KEY! These are college courses!
5. Four AP Cap – **exception for terminal sequence (next and only course in the series)**
  - ✓ Rationale – Four AP classes equates to average course load in college
  - ✓ Survey of Saints seniors - overwhelming recommendation for **NO MORE THAN THREE**
6. AP CONTRACT – Signatures Required
7. Pay Attention to the Prerequisites!
8. Speak with the teacher...learn about the expectations



# The “How To”

1. Review 1<sup>st</sup> semester performance against prerequisites
2. 1<sup>st</sup> semester transcript will be basis for **request**; HOWEVER, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester performance and faculty review will **finalize** student standing
3. Carefully consider summer plans...Summer Session? Online Course?
  - ✓ If you plan to take a course but do not fulfill obligation, your schedule WILL CHANGE
  - ✓ YOU must request transcript and have it sent to St. Augustine (Mrs. Oliwa)...No transcript no course...remember you must be preapproved (counselor)
4. Complete Course Selection Requests and AP Contract **with PARENT SIGNATURES** (faculty signature exemption at this stage)
5. This process is NOT A GUARANTEE of RETURN OR ADMISSION. Registration/Financial process is a separate process



# *Traditional Summer Offerings\**

1. Math Remediation
2. Biology
3. Chemistry
4. Civics (government)
5. Economics
6. Geometry (acceleration)
7. United States History
8. World History

***\*Please note that the above course are based on enrollment and subject to change – See Assistant Principal O’Beirne for details***



## COURSE SELECTION REQUESTS WORKSHEET – For School Year: 2016-2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Grade for Next School Year: 10 11 12

- A. Please follow the Course Selection procedures as outlined in the Curriculum Guide and/or by your counselor.  
**NOTE: The Curriculum Guide is available on the Saints Web Site.**
- B. You must enroll in six courses for the first and second semesters, and one course for Intersession. When making your selections, choose courses that are the appropriate grade level as well as those which fulfill the graduation requirements as outlined in the Curriculum Guide. Pay special attention to prerequisites for an intended course.
- C. Certain courses [AP, Honors, etc.], require authorization (signatures) from specific instructors.
- D. Complete your Course Selections by writing in the 1) Course Title; 2) Course Code [the number(s) listed with the title of the course] from the Curriculum Guide; 3) the Term [Year, Semester,] and 4) obtain signatures, from the instructor, only if required. Please use pen, press hard enough to go to 2<sup>nd</sup> page and print clearly.
- E. Indicate 1 "Alternate Courses" in the event certain elective courses may not be available. For Intersession Courses, you must choose two courses and list them by 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice.
- F. **Requests for Advanced Placement must be accompanied with a signed AP Contract.** The Course Selections made at this time are final. Changes will only be made as a result of a course closing, error on the school's part, or because a student attended summer school.

Department	Course Title	Course Code	Year, Semester, or Intersession	Signature (only if required)
Religion:	/	/	/	
English:				
Mathematics:				
Social Studies:				
Science:				
Foreign Language:				
Visual and Performing Arts:				
Physical Education:	/	/	/	
Computer Science	/	/	/	
Alternate Course(s):	/	/	/	
Intersession Choice # 1:				
Intersession Choice # 2:				



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## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT

Please read carefully before signing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in August:    10    11    12

I would like to enroll in the following Advanced Placement (AP) Course(s) for the next school year. I understand that I must satisfy the prerequisites for the AP Course(s) as outlined in the Curriculum Guide from St. Augustine High School.

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|---|--|
| <p>_____ AP Art History</p> <p>_____ AP English Language</p> <p>_____ AP English Literature</p> <p>_____ AP French Language</p> <p>_____ AP Latin</p> <p>_____ AP Spanish Language</p> <p>_____ AP Spanish Literature</p> <p>_____ AP Studio Art - Two Exams</p> <p>_____ AP Calculus (AB)</p> <p>_____ AP Calculus (BC)</p> <p>_____ AP Statistics</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____ AP Music Theory</p> <p>_____ AP Biology</p> <p>_____ AP Chemistry</p> <p>_____ AP Physics (C - Electricity &amp; Magnetism, Mechanics) - Two Exams</p> <p>_____ AP Economics (Macro &amp; Micro) - Two Ex</p> <p>_____ AP U.S. Government</p> <p>_____ AP U.S. History</p> <p>_____ AP World History</p> <p>_____ AP Psychology</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
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My parents/guardians and I have attended the Curriculum /AP Meeting and understand the challenges, responsibilities, and expectations of taking AP courses. My parents/guardians and I are also aware that a testing fee\* is required for each AP exam. If I do not take the AP exam for the AP course(s) in which I have been enrolled, I understand the course credit will not carry the AP designation on my transcript (Permanent Record Card) nor will my grade reflect the weighted Grading Point Scale.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*The College Board has not established the cost for next year's exams at the time of this publication.

*Please return the white and yellow copies along with your course selection sheet.*

# Common Concerns

## Freshman to Sophomore Year

1. How do I get to Algebra II-Trig sophomore year?
2. What if I have not completely met prerequisites for an AP course?
3. How many AP courses, if any?
4. How do I get to English II A Honors from English IA?
5. What about “online courses?”

## Sophomore to Junior Year

1. How many more years of a World Language should I take?
2. What if I am missing units, how do I get that solved?
3. Have I completed (or have a plan) for completing my PE requirement?

## Junior to Senior Year

1. Do senior year courses count for college admission?
2. How many AP courses should I take?
3. Is my Naviance information current and accurate?



# The Dates for Course Requests – During school with students

Current Freshmen – Thursday, January 26 and Friday, January 27

Current Juniors – Wednesday, February 1 and Thursday, February 2

Current Sophomores – Wednesday, February 8 and Thursday, February 9

**The student must have the following completed and with them  
at the time of selection:**

- 1. Completed and *Signed* Course Selection/Request Form (can be downloaded from website if needed)**
- 2. Completed and *Signed* AP Contract (if applicable)**





THANK YOU

