



Fairfield College Preparatory School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This morning, members of the Class of 2021, 2022, and 2023 attended a Course Request Process Assembly to hear about the course selection process for the 2020 – 2021 academic year. At Fairfield Prep, we are always looking for ways to expand our curriculum and enhance the academic experience of our students. We are excited about many new initiatives for the 2020 – 2021 academic year:

- **AMERICAN STUDIES:** Rising juniors are eligible to request to be placed in the American Studies cohort. Students will be enrolled in American Literature and American History with the same group of students and teacher.
- **NEW COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES:** Rising Sophomore and Junior students are eligible to request two new second semester Computer Science courses – Web Development or Game Development
- **AP PSYCHOLOGY:** Rising Senior students are eligible to request AP Psychology as a Social Studies course
- **AVLI COURSES:** Rising Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to explore the wide variety of courses offered online through the Arrupe Virtual Learning Institute and enroll in these as enrichment courses.

Along with all of our other courses, we are excited about the possibilities that the 2020 – 2021 academic year holds for your son inside of the classroom.

Course Request Process

This year, students will request courses through the “Course Request” menu through Prep Connect. Students will be given detailed instructions in their Guidance classes as to how to request courses, and these instructions will also be posted in the Schoology group for each class. Once the period for course requests is closed, Department Chairs will approve requests or recommend an alternative course for your son.

Parents will be able to view their son’s course requests in their Prep Connect portal. When you log into Prep Connect, select your son’s profile in the top left corner of the screen, and then select “Course Requests” along the toolbar. Parents will be able to view requests that their son has made, but will not be able to make requests for them. Please take some time to speak with your son, and encourage him to speak to his Guidance Counselor, to ensure that he has requested courses that will challenge him intellectually, but will also be appropriate to his ability level.

Course Catalog

The redesigned [Course Catalog](#) contains information regarding the course selection timeline, graduation requirements, and descriptions of courses.

I thank you in advance for the guidance and assistance that you will offer your son in selecting a course of studies that best fits his needs and abilities. If you have questions, please contact your son’s Guidance Counselor.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Dee
Academic Dean