



Saint Francis

A HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2023-2024

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OUR MISSION

In the tradition of the Catholic Church and the spirit of Holy Cross, Saint Francis High School is committed to providing the finest college-preparatory program in an inclusive family environment, encouraging students to achieve their highest potential through Spiritual Development, Intellectual Development and Social Development. Our students become Holy Cross men and women who are uniquely prepared for college, service and leadership. Holy Cross men and women are people of integrity who discover their God-given talents, respect the dignity of every person, celebrate family and bring hope to others.

HOLY CROSS HIGHLIGHTS

Mission & Ministry

Mission & 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 100 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.

Athletic Programs

Saint Francis has a 67-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 2022, the school has accumulated 14 state team championships, 3 individual state championships, 38 CIF NorCal championships, 198 California Central Coast Section (CCS) championships and more than 393 league championships. In total, Saint Francis athletes have amassed 2,453 individual CCS titles.



Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion

Our calling as Catholic educators requires an intentional and active approach to developing a more socially just world, one rooted in Jesus’ teachings and our Holy Cross charism. Our Director of School Culture and Belonging leads our Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion (SJEI) program to coordinate the school’s efforts towards ensuring cultural proficiency, inclusionary practices and community leadership in fulfillment of the school’s commitment to social justice.

Saint Francis adopted equitable grading practices in 2020, revising in 2021 and 2022 to adapt them to support student learning. Using equitable grading practices, students’ grades reflect their mastery of the learning objectives, published across syllabi, unit, lesson plans and assessments. Coursework includes both formative and summative assessments giving students the opportunity to learn and demonstrate what they know and can do. Grades are primarily a reflection of summative assessments of skills and objectives.

Holy Cross Achievers Program

The Holy Cross Achievers (HCA) Program offers students comprehensive and intentional assistance in meeting their long-term social and academic goals. Students in HCA are first-generation college-bound students and identify from underrepresented backgrounds such as Latinx, Hispanic, Black, Pacific Islander and Native American. Support for our students begins in the summer of their incoming 9th grade year with our HCA Summer Institute. We provide various workshops to help students develop foundational academic skills, partake in community building activities and cultivate relationships with educators and school community members. The extensive and collective support continues throughout the entirety of each student’s high school journey.

Social Emotional Learning

As a Holy Cross school committed to the physical, social and emotional safety of all students, Saint Francis has long been on the forefront of supporting the needs of our students well beyond the classroom. The Social-Emotional Learning Program (SEL) program at Saint Francis uses data-driven, research-based practices to inform the intentional inclusion of SEL skills in all of our classes and programs. Research shows that the development of these foundational skills leads to a number of positive outcomes that help our students thrive in high school and beyond, including higher resilience, increased empathy, better peer and adult relationships and better coping skills.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Saint Francis has two (2) semesters per year, and credits are granted at the end of each semester. In addition, all students are required to complete 50 hours of community service. Classes rotate on a block schedule. At this time, students are not able to double up on courses in Science. Enrollment in AP and Honors courses are either through informed enrollment (Humanities) or via placement exams (Math and Science). The maximum number of courses a student can take per semester is seven.

To graduate, a student must have earned a total of 250 credits.

To qualify for graduation, the required semesters are:

English – 8 | Religious Studies – 8 | Math – 6 | Science – 6 | Social Studies: 6 | Foreign Language: 4
Visual and Performing Arts: 2 | Health and Fitness: 2

CLASS OF 2024 STATISTICS

Enrollment

2023-2024 enrollment is 1760 students who have entered from over 130 middle school programs.

Class Rank

Saint Francis High School does not provide a cumulative ranking as it may not fairly represent a student’s relative achievement.

For the class of 2024 the weighted grade point average spans 4.64 to 1.50.

Standardized Exams

SAT Composite mean: 1315

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 658

Mathematics: 657

ACT Composite mean: 29.9

Advanced Placement

87% score of 3 or higher on Advanced Placement exams.

671 exams were administered in the spring of 2023 to the Class of 2024.

Score of 5	Score of 4	Score of 3
35.5%	28.3%	23.4%

Demographics

38.6% – Asian
32.2% – White
15% – Two or More Ethnicities
8.8% – Hispanic
3% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
1% Black/African American
.9% Middle Eastern
.5% Decline to Answer/Other

National Merit

18 Semi-finalists **56** Commended students

AP & Honors Course Offerings

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

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THE CLASS OF 2023

91% of students matriculated to a four-year institution and 9% matriculated to a two-year institution. 47% attended out-of-state Colleges and Universities. The class of 2023 attend the following colleges and universities.

University of California

UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz

California State University

California Polytechnic, SLO
Chico
East Bay
Fullerton
Humboldt
Long Beach
Maritime Academy
Monterey Bay
Northridge
Pomona
Sacramento
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose
Sonoma

Holy Cross Universities

Saint Edward's University
University of Portland

Catholic Colleges & Universities

Boston College
Creighton University
Fordham University
Gonzaga University
Loyola Marymount University
Marquette University
Santa Clara University
University of San Francisco

Colleges/Universities in California

Canada College
Claremont McKenna
College of San Mateo
California Baptist University
Chapman University
City College of San Francisco
College of San Mateo
De Anza College
Evergreen Valley College
Foothill College
Harvey Mudd College
Las Positas College
Mission College
Orange Coast College
Pepperdine University
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Barbara City College
San Jose City College
Stanford University
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
West Valley College
Whittier College

Out-of-State Colleges/Universities

American University
Arizona State University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western University
Clemson University
Colgate University
Colorado College
Columbia University
Cornell University
DePaul University
Duke University
Elon University

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Florida Institute of Tech
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Hawaii Pacific University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Linfield University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State
Milwaukee School of Engineering
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Radford University
Roanoke College
Siena College
Southern Methodist University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The University of Texas at Austin
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
University of Arizona
University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada, Reno
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt
Vassar
Villanova
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Willamette University
Williams College
Wilmington College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

International Universities

McGill University
Sorbonne Université
Fusion Paris-Sorbonne Et Upmc
University of Edinburgh
Trinity University in Dublin
Universidad de Navarra

