



Saint Francis

A HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2024-2025

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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 69-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 2024, the school has accumulated 14 state team championships, 3 individual state championships, 39 CIF NorCal championships, 205 California Central Coast Section (CCS) championships and more than 400 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 | Ethnic Studies: 2



CLASS OF 2025 STATISTICS

Enrollment

2024-2025 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 2025 the weighted grade point average spans 4.64 to 1.50.

Standardized Exams

SAT Composite mean: 1319

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: 665

Mathematics: 654

ACT Composite mean: 28.5

Advanced Placement

72.8% score of 3 or higher on
Advanced Placement exams.

1,065 exams were administered
in the spring of 2024 to the
Class of 2025.

Score of 5	Score of 4	Score of 3
19.3%	28.2%	25.3%

Demographics

34.8% – White

28.5% – Asian/South Asian

16.9% – Two or More Ethnicities

13.4% – Hispanic/Latino

3% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

1% Black/African American

1% Middle Eastern/North African

1.3% Decline to Answer/Other

0.1% Native American

National Merit

11 Semi-finalists **40** 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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CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE

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,
Pomona
California Polytechnic, SLO
Channel Islands
Chico
Fullerton
Long Beach
Monterey Bay
Northridge
Sacramento
San Diego
San Francisco
San Jose
San Marcos
Sonoma

Holy Cross Universities

Saint Edward's University
University of Notre Dame
University of Portland

Catholic Colleges & Universities

Boston College
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Gonzaga University
Loyola Marymount
University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Pepperdine University

Regis University
Santa Clara University
Saint Mary's College of
California
St. Lawrence University
The Catholic University of
America
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco

Colleges/Universities in California

Biola University
California Institute of
Technology
Canada College
Chabot
Chapman University
City College of San
Francisco
De Anza College
Foothill College
Harvey Mudd College
Long Beach City College
Mission College
Ohlone College
Pitzer College
Point Loma University
Santa Barbara City College
San Jose City College
Skyline College
Stanford University
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of Southern
California
University of the Pacific

Out-of-State Colleges/Universities

American University
Arizona State University
Baylor University
Boise State
Boston University
Brown University
Case Western University
Colorado College
Cornell University
DePaul University
Duke University
Eastern Oregon University

Eckerd College
Emerson College
Emory University
Endicott College
George Washington
University
Georgetown
Harvard
Idaho State University
Indiana University,
Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
Linfield University
Macalester College
Maryville University
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Mississippi State Uni
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona
University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State
University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic
University
Rice University
Savannah College of Art
and Design
School of the Art Institute
of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Southern Methodist
University
Southern Oregon
University
Stevens Institute of
Technology
Syracuse University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of
Mississippi
The University of
Tennessee -

Chattanooga
The University of Texas at
Austin
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Air Force
Academy
United States Military
Academy
United States Naval
Academy
University of Arizona
University of Colorado,
Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Idaho
University of Illinois Urbana
Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Rochester
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin,
Madison
Vanderbilt
Villanova
Virginia Commonwealth
University
Wellesley College
Western Washington
University
Wheaton College

International Universities

Katholieke Universiteit
Leuven
McGill University
Trinity University in Dublin
University College London
University of Dubai

