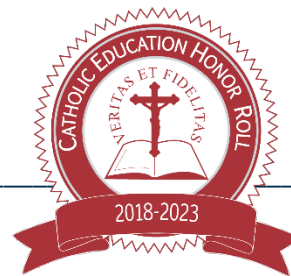




Saint Agnes School 530 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103



### High School Course Requests for 2020-21

DUE: Monday, March 2

Monday, February 24, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings to you as we approach the Holy Season of Lent – sacred time whereby we can grow closer to the Lord through a contemplation of His passion, death and Resurrection. Not only are we approaching Lent, we are also approaching the final quarter of the academic year, and it is very busy as we look to close this year and plan ahead for 2020-21; an important part of this planning is the *course request process*. With this letter and the attached materials, we hope to provide parents and students all the information necessary to make the course request process for the 2020-21 academic year as easy as possible.

As in recent years, students will register for their courses on-line through Educate. **We highly recommend that you and your student look through all of the course request materials together in order to plan for a successful 2020-21 academic year.**

Below is a summary of all the materials included with this letter/email:

1. Cover Letter, Note on Honors Courses & Directions (on the back of this letter)
2. High School Curriculum Overview and Grade-Specific Course Request Guide
3. Grade-Specific Planning Sheet

\*The updated **2020-21 Course Catalogue**, containing course descriptions, curriculum overviews and academic policies, is available online to download and print with the forms listed above at [www.SaintAgnesSchool.org/parents/](http://www.SaintAgnesSchool.org/parents/)

**The course request period opens today, Monday, February 24 and ends on Monday, March 2;** during this time students and parents will complete on-line registration in Educate. **The submission deadline for on-line course requests is Monday, March 2 at 11:59 p.m.**

New this year, we have only pre-placed students into their required grade-level Theology courses. Students and families will use the accompanying documents and the Course Catalogue to make requests for all other courses. Most specifically, students and families may choose whether to request enrollment into Honors courses. Classroom teachers have already provided some input to students about the differences between the grade level and Honors level courses, and the requirements for admission to Honors courses. Each department has specific requirements for students to be enrolled in Honors level classes, and all requests for Honors placement will be reviewed and confirmed by current teachers and department coordinators.

Please contact us at any time if you have questions about the academic program or course request process.

Sincerely,

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## Electing to Take Multiple Honors-level Courses

As the course request process begins, it is important for parents and students to balance the benefits and potential issues in regard to taking multiple Honors-level courses.

Parents and students are advised to consider carefully the increased workload of Honors-level courses in addition to how many Honors-level courses are taken; the amount of work in multiple Honors-level courses can add up quickly, especially those that are AP preparatory. In junior and senior year, Honors-level courses are meant to provide college-level work; in college, students typically take three or four courses per semester (Saint Agnes School has a seven period day).

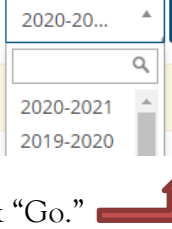
It is worth noting that Honors-level courses only benefit students if they do well in them (i.e. earn “A’s” and “B’s”). For example, it would be better for a student to take a grade-level course (e.g. Geometry vs. Honors Geometry) and earn a “B” than an Honors-level course and earn a “C,” especially considering the college application process.

Considering all of these factors, one could determine that enrolling in *more than 2* or 3 Honors-level courses would require a significant amount of work and dedication from a student. Ultimately, this is for you and your student to decide - please consider these factors prior to making your requests.

## On-line Course Requests - Directions

All courses requests will be made on-line through Educate. Educate may be accessed via the Saint Agnes School website at [www.SaintAgnesSchool.org](http://www.SaintAgnesSchool.org) and by clicking “Educate” on the bottom left corner of the homepage. Educate may also be accessed directly at <https://educate.tads.com/>. Course request forms and the 2020-21 High School Course Catalogue may be obtained on the school website under [www.saintagnesschool.org/parents/](http://www.saintagnesschool.org/parents/)

**To select courses on-line in Educate (DUE: Monday, March 2 at 11:59 p.m.):**

1. Log-in to Educate and click on “Students” under the “School” drop-down menu at the top.
2. Click on your student’s name to show the options if they are not already displayed.
3. Select the “Schedule” tab and then “Scheduling Requests,” then choose 2020-21 and click “Go.” 
4. To view available courses, you may either view the courses by Department or select “All” to view all the courses available at once.
5. To select a course, click on “Request enrollment.” If you change your mind and elect not to take a particular course, select “Remove.”
6. There is no final “Submit” button; please simply confirm that all classes are listed as requested.
7. **DEADLINE:** The on-line course request period will open on **Monday, February 24**. Requests will not be able to be made prior to this date. The course request period will be open through **Monday, March 2**. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the request period will close at 11:59 p.m. and families will no longer be able to request courses online.

**Lost your username and password to log-in?**

Please contact the Main Office at 651-925-8700 to request a password reset for Educate.

# SAINT AGNES SCHOOL

## Junior Course Requests 2020-21

Current Sophomores: Please follow the guidelines below when choosing courses.

Included with this form is a summary of the 4-year High School academic sequence.

**\*\*The period for on-line course requests opens Mon., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and closes on Mon., Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>.\*\***

### I. All juniors must take:

#### 1. Theology

- Semester 1 – Apologetics / Semester 2 – Catholic Moral Theology

### II. Juniors may choose one year-long course from each of the following disciplines:

Example: If you completed Geometry sophomore year... → ...you may take Algebra II your junior year.

#### Current Course/Pre-Requisite

#### Course Request/Placement 2020-21

#### 2. English (full-year)

- American Literature → European Literature or
- Honors American Literature → The Great Conversation: Honors European Literature\*

#### 3. Mathematics (full-year)

- Geometry / Hon. Geometry → Algebra II or Honors Algebra II\*
- Algebra II / Honors Algebra II → Trig. & Pre-Calculus or Honors Trig. & Pre-Calculus\*
- Trig. & Pre-Calc / Honors Trig. & Pre-Calc → Intro to Calculus / Honors Calculus I\* / Statistics

#### 4. Science (full-year)

- Biology → Chemistry or Honors Chemistry\*
- Chemistry or Honors Chemistry → Physics, Honors Physics\*, Human Anatomy & Physiology, or Fundamentals of Engineering

#### 5. History (full-year)

- United States History → European History or
- Honors United States History → Honors European History\*

#### 6. Language (full-year)<sup>1</sup>

- Proficiency in current Latin or Spanish → proceed to next level of Latin/Spanish or Greek

**Please note:**  
A full day is  
comprised of  
7 class periods.

### III. Fine Arts (1.00 credit in 4 yrs. required) / P.E. (1.00 req.)<sup>2</sup> / Electives:

Studio Art courses are .50 credit per semester and may be taken out of sequence.

- Drawing                      - Sculpture                      - Painting
- Advanced Drawing      - Advanced Sculpture      - Advanced Painting

(Advanced courses require prior completion of entry level courses)

- Photojournalism 1 (Semester 1)                      - Photojournalism 2 (Semester 2, following Sem. 1)
- Portfolio Prep.\* (instructor approval)

Performance Fine Arts courses are all full-year courses (Note: Concert Band and Chorale earn 1.0 credit).

- Concert Band (audition required)                      - Concert Chorale (audition required)

Physical Education courses are .50 credit per semester and may be taken out of sequence.

- Strength & Conditioning      - Team & Individual Sports      - First Aid, CPR & Health

Electives:

- Technology & Keyboarding (.50 credit)

**Please contact the School Counselors if you have any further questions.**

\* Generally speaking, Honors placement requires outstanding academic performance in previous courses, and exemplification of the virtues of industriousness, studiousness, and magnanimity. Each department has specific requirements for students to be placed in Honors level classes. All requests for Honors placement will be reviewed and confirmed by current teachers and department coordinators.

<sup>1</sup> Language graduation requirement: 2.00 credits for foreign language are required for graduation. Most students complete this requirement during freshman and sophomore years; continued studies in junior and senior year are optional.

<sup>2</sup> PE graduation requirement: A one-time .50 credit may be applied to a student's transcript towards the 1.00 PE credit requirement if the student plays 1 full season of a sport at Saint Agnes School.

# 2020-21 High School Course/Credit Checklist

**24.5 total credits minimum are required for graduation (1 Semester of a course = .50 credit)**

Department Credit Requirement	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
<b>Theology</b>  4 credits	The Creed & Introduction to Old Testament  1.0 credit	Sacraments and 10 Commandments & Introduction to New Testament  1.0 credit	Apologetics & Catholic Moral Theology  1.0 credit	A History of Catholic Dogma: Documents of the Magisterium & Catholic Social Doctrine  1.0 credit	
<b>English</b>  4 credits	Literature & Composition  1.0 credit	American Literature ~ Hon. American Literature  1.0 credit	European Literature ~ Great Conversation: European Lit.† (Honors)  1.0 credit	World Literature  1.0 credit	The Great Conversation: Integrated Humanities Seminar (Honors)  2.0 credits English & History
<b>History, Philosophy &amp; Economics</b>  4 credits	Introduction to Logic & Philosophy  1.0 credit	United States History ~ Honors U.S. History†  1.0 credit	European History ~ Honors European History†  1.0 credit	Economics & Civics  1.0 credit	
<b>Mathematics</b>  3 credits	Algebra I ~ Geometry / Honors Geometry ~ Algebra II / Honors Algebra II  1.0 credit	Geometry / Honors Geometry ~ Algebra II / Honors Algebra II ~ Trig. & Pre-Calculus / Honors Trigonometry & Pre-Calculus  1.0 credit	Algebra II / Honors Algebra II ~ Trig. & Pre-Calculus / Honors Trig. & Pre-Calculus ~ Intro to Calculus / Hon. Calculus I†  1.0 credit	Trig. & Pre-Calculus / Honors Trig. & Pre-Calculus ~ Intro to Calculus / Hon. Calculus I† ~ Hon. Calculus II† ~ Statistics  1.0 credit	
<b>Science</b>  3 credits	Physical Science ~ Biology  1.0 credit	Biology ~ Chemistry / Honors Chemistry†  1.0 credit	Chemistry / Hon. Chem.† ~ Physics / Hon. Physics† ~ Human Anatomy & Physiology ~ Fund. of Engineering  1.0 credit	Physics / Honors Physics† ~ Honors Biology† ~ Honors Chemistry† ~ Human Anatomy & Physiology ~ Fundamentals of Engineering  1.0 credit	
<b>Language</b>  2 credits	Latin & Spanish – Levels I-V (†Levels IV & V) Greek (limited to juniors/seniors with proficiency in language level III or higher) 2.0 credit minimum (i.e. 2 consecutive years of Latin or Spanish in High School required.)				
<b>Fine Arts</b>  1 credit	<b>Performing Arts:</b> Band (1.0 credit/full-year) / Concert Chorale (1.0 credit/full-year) Madrigal Singers (8 <sup>th</sup> hour - full-year) <b>Studio Arts:</b> Drawing/Adv. Drawing / Painting/Adv. Painting / Sculpture/Adv. Sculpture Photojournalism 1 & 2 (grades 10-12) / Portfolio Preparation  Each course above is worth .50 credit unless otherwise noted.				
<b>Phy. Ed.* &amp; Health</b>  1 credit	Strength & Conditioning / Team & Individual Sports <i>The following courses are offered on a three-year cycle</i> Year A (2020-21): First Aid, CPR, & Health/Year B (21-22): Recreational Sports/Year C (22-23): Cardio Conditioning Each course above is a single semester worth .50 credit				
<b>Electives</b>  2.5 credits	Keyboarding & Technology (.50 credit) <i>High School students must take 2.50 credits of Electives in addition to the minimum credit requirements of the core subject areas above; it is recommended that Electives are chosen to fulfill post-secondary goals (e.g. a 4-year university may require 4 years of math for admission).</i>				

\*Participation in 1 full season of a High School sport may cover a one-time .50 P.E. credit toward graduation  
/ or ~ symbol indicates a choice in courses

† Indicates an Honors course that is AP preparatory.

# SAINT AGNES SCHOOL

## Junior Course Placement/Requests

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department	Course Placement/Request	
Theology	Apologetics (Sem. 1) Catholic Moral Theology (Sem. 2)	
English	<input type="checkbox"/> European Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Great Conversation: Honors European Literature*	
History	<input type="checkbox"/> European History <input type="checkbox"/> Honors European History*	
Mathematics	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Algebra II* <input type="checkbox"/> Trig/Pre-Calc <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Trig/Pre-Calc*	<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Calculus <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Calculus I* <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics Other: _____
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Chemistry* <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Physics*	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundamentals of Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology Other: _____
Foreign Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish - Level ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Latin - Level ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Honors Greek*
Please refer to the Course Catalogue for the full list of offerings in Fine Arts and Physical Education, including the Technology/Keyboarding course. Note: The placement of semester-long electives into specific semesters cannot be guaranteed.		
Elective(s)	1: _____	2: _____
	3: _____	4: _____
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