I would like to welcome everyone back to the 2017-18 school year!
SFP is a great place to be!

As a Catholic High School Principal, I am charged with being the instructional and inspirational leader of the building and held to the very high standard of ensuring that everyone lives out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pretty lofty standards! However, throughout every school year, I find myself learning more from our students, faculty, and staff than I can ever teach them. I am enjoying sharing the good news about the Prep, including your successes, with our graduates.

As you begin this school year
• base all that you do on our mission and Franciscan heritage
• model yourself after our patron St. Francis and help others in need by volunteering for our numerous Franciscan and Christian service opportunities
• grow spiritually by actively participating in religious services and your religious education classes

Have a great school year and I encourage you to stop by and see me whenever you have a question or comment.

May the Blessings of St. Francis always be with you.

Sincerely,

Patrick McLaughlin
Principal
BELIEF STATEMENTS
The community of St. Francis Prep values God’s life in each person. Therefore, we are compelled:
- to be seekers of Truth
- to develop a critical intellect
- to treat all with respect and dignity
- to lead lives of justice, integrity, and compassion.

MISSION STATEMENT
St. Francis Prep is a Catholic college preparatory school in the Franciscan tradition. Our mission is to enable all students to develop and broaden their spiritual, intellectual, creative, emotional, social, and physical abilities. We value the unique contribution each person makes to the Prep community. Together we create an environment filled with academic success, respect, integrity, and joy.

PHILOSOPHY
St. Francis Preparatory School is a community that affirms its Catholic identity by the four “Golden Links” of Franciscan education, which holds that Spiritual, Intellectual, Social, and Physical values can be drawn from learning. We direct our educational efforts through academic programs and activities to enable students to value all of God's creation. Enlightened by the teachings of Jesus, we—the students, parents, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni—view the school as a means of encountering God and as a visible sign of our religious beliefs. In the words of Pope John Paul II, the mission of the Catholic school is “to communicate Christ.” At the Prep, this is uniquely interpreted in the spirit of Franciscanism, which is to manifest peace, love, and respect for the individual, the community, and the environment.

At St. Francis Prep we create an atmosphere where all can experience, communicate, and live the Gospel message. We challenge every individual to value learning, thinking, and critical inquiry. The teachers strive to not only instruct students, but to inspire them. We provide opportunities for students to develop their academic potential and make college and career choices in concert with their personal desires and talents. We appreciate and respect the cultural diversity in the school and the New York metropolitan area while embracing our shared humanity. We encourage active citizenship in our democracy by increasing students’ awareness of and involvement in local, national, and global issues.

This is the vision we mutually define. To work for these ends is a task of joy, which provides fulfillment to the entire Prep community.

GRADUATE PROFILE
Our focus at St. Francis is the whole person. Therefore, Prep graduates strive to live the Four Golden Links of a Franciscan education:

SPIRITUAL
To continually experience a loving God in themselves and in others. To live the teachings of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

INTELLECTUAL
To always value learning, thinking, and critical inquiry. To make responsible decisions in all aspects of their lives.

SOCIAL
To recognize themselves as members of the world community. To respect and accept the unique contributions of each individual to society.

PHYSICAL
To accept and nurture our bodies as gifts of the Creator. To encourage stewardship of our planet.

PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE / FOUNDATION DOCUMENTS
The new diocese of Brooklyn was created in 1853, one of the priorities of its first Bishop, John Loughlin, was to establish more schools. Accordingly, Bishop Loughlin applied to the Irish Congregation of Franciscan Brothers from Mt. Belliew, County Galway, to undertake the work of education in the Diocese. In response to the Bishop’s invitation, two Brothers, John McMahon and Vincent Hayes, arrived on May 31, 1858, to found a house for the Franciscan Brothers in America.

By autumn, they had secured that house at 300 Baltic Street; the Brothers took up residence, using the basement as their monastery and the upper floors for classrooms. In the fall of 1858, the Brothers and three additional teachers formally opened the doors of this primitive school known as St. Francis Academy, the first private Catholic School on Long Island - the predecessor of St. Francis Preparatory School.

Then in 1884, the academy became the preparatory school for St. Francis College and was known variously as St. Francis Academy, St. Francis High School, and St. Francis College High School.

As the high school grew to include more than 600 students, it became evident it could no longer function as part of the college. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter function as part of the college. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter. On June 21, 1935, the Board of Regents of the State of New York conferred upon St. Francis Academy a new charter.

HISTORY OF THE PREP

In 1858, the first school in the area whose basketball team was able to bring home three post-season trophies. When Brother Charles left his office in 1944, the Prep was educating almost 1,000 boys.

By this time, Brother James had become principal. With help from Archbishop Molloy, a St. Francis College alumni, and Diocesan authorities, a new location was picked. After extensive renovations, the former St. Vincent DePaul Academy opened in September 1952 as St. Francis Preparatory School. The new facilities included a modern cafeteria and a gym in an annex building.

During Brother Timothy’s leadership as principal, it was quite clear that the “Prep Spirit” had moved into the new quarters as well. In 1954, 1154 students enrolled at the Prep, the passing grade was raised to 75%, and the Student Council was instituted. The Prep publications flourished during these years. The Seraph, the school paper, won first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Conference for the fourth year in a row. The San Fran, the yearbook, was picked as the finest high school yearbook in the country in 1958 and 1960. In 1958, Brother Timothy created The Little Portion, the Prep’s literary arts magazine.

In 1955, St. Francis became triple champs of the CHSAA, winning the city championships in swimming, track, and basketball. The football team tied for first place with Archbishop Stepinac. In 1956, the basketball, track, and swimming teams repeated their feat, and the football squad joined them as city champs. In 1957, the swimming team won its fourth straight city championship; the track team won the indoor, outdoor, and cross-country trophies; the basketball team won its third straight title. In 1958, the track team repeated all three titles, the basketball team won the private school championship, and the swimming team added its fifth straight title.

In 1961, Brother David Trapp became the principal of the Prep. The Prep tradition of excellence was recognized in 1963 when St. Francis received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In 1967, Brother Fabian (later James) began to lead the Prep through the turmoil of the late 1960’s and early 1970’s. In 1968, the Prep mourned six of its alumni killed in Vietnam; editorials about the Vietnam War, both pro and con, appeared in the Seraph. In academics, the seniors went on individual schedules for the first time and the entire curriculum was changed; the rotating schedule was introduced; the first computer course was offered; Latin was dropped.

In November 1972, the Middle States Association evaluation team again visited the Prep and granted reaccreditation for the next ten years.

In December 1972, it was announced that in the fall of 1974 St. Francis Prep would again relocate – from the Greenpoint-Williamsburg site to the present, large, and modern facilities of what was Bishop Reilly Diocesan High School in Fresh Meadows, Queens. The move was not only in the now well-established tradition of the Brothers expanding and improving the educational environment for their students; the move was also innovative in the history of the Prep: St. Francis became a coeducational institution.

Brother Kevin Smith was appointed principal in the fall of 1973 to oversee the move to the Fresh Meadows campus. Under his leadership, the Prep
became, in Brother Kevin’s words, “a foremost Catholic learning community that is unique and oriented to Christian service, a community that is visibly Catholic, visibly concerned with values, and one providing excellence in instruction.”

In the spring of 1977, Brother Michael Moran was named principal. In athletics, the Prep continued its domination of many sports, including baseball and football city championships in 1976. Brother Alan’s handball squad continued its string of yearly championships begun in 1968. The girls’ teams easily learned how to win the Prep way, adding titles in basketball, gymnastics, tennis, volleyball, and track.

In the spring of 1980, Brother Richard McCann was named principal and he continued the Prep traditions. Students and teams continued to earn scholarships, awards, accolades, and championships. In the fall of 1982, the Middle States Association again recognized this excellence in reaccrediting St. Francis Prep for the next ten years.

On October 2, 1982, over 7,000 people gathered at Alumni Hall at St. John’s University to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the opening of that small academy at 300 Baltic Street in Brooklyn. In his welcoming remarks, Brother Richard declared a year of “Jubilee”; homilist Rev. Michael Himes examined our Franciscan traditions; Bishop Mugavero celebrated Mass. All seemed to echo the message sent by President Ronald Reagan who called St. Francis Prep “a model for the rest of the nation.”

In the fall of 1983, Brother Leonard Conway was appointed Principal. Unprecedented growth in every area marked his thirty year tenure. He revised the administrative structure to a team approach by assigning specific functions to assistant principals, putting an emphasis on instruction, curriculum, and student and faculty development. One of the first changes he incorporated was the expansion of the schedule to include an extra period at the beginning of the school day. That enabled qualified students to pursue additional academic interests. It also established a secure time slot for music programs. The English Department established a Writing Center for the improvement of writing skills and to serve as a resource center for students whose native language was not English.

One of the most satisfying developments took place in the Science Department with the establishment of the Science Research Program. Students with an interest in science follow a three-year program that culminates in research at an area college. St. Francis Prep has had semifinalists twelve of the past fourteen years in the prestigious Intel competition.

Mathematics has undergone considerable revamping, incorporating the required use of graphing calculators by every student in a continually revised curriculum. The Foreign Language Department instituted its own National Honor Societies for the four languages.

The Social Studies Department initiated improved computer literacy. Now the entire school benefits from an interactive website for parents and students providing assignments, grades, and e-mail. Technology advancement permeates every section of the building including the library with its catalogue and periodical system and the business and music departments with their computer labs. Brother Leonard established a Computer Department with its own chairperson and made Computer Science a requirement for graduation. During Brother Leonard Conway’s many terms as principal, he and the school have received numerous honors. In 1984, the school was among the first to be nationally recognized with the “Excellence in Education” award. In 1999, U.S. News & World Report listed St. Francis Prep as an “Outstanding American High School.” Personal awards bestowed upon Brother Leonard included the Franciscan Spirit Award in 1986 and the St. Francis College “Alumni Achievement” award. He was awarded the St. John’s University President’s Medal in Catholic Education in 1998 and given the title of Honorary Alumnus of St. Francis Preparatory School – Class of 2001. In May of 2008, Brother Leonard was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from St. Francis College.

On October 4, 2008, the school celebrated the 150th Anniversary of St. Francis Prep. Brother Leonard launched a Capital Campaign to add classroom space and state-of-the-art enhancements (such as a SmartBoard in every classroom).

The summer of 2011 marked the first achievement of that goal with the opening of the Coach Vincent O’Connor Physical Education and Athletic Training Center and the Art Education Center. The next phase, beginning the summer of 2014, will include state-of-the-art science labs and classrooms much needed space for our music program.

With the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, St. Francis Prep embarked on yet another beginning. Brother Leonard became the school’s first President, and Mr. Patrick McLaughlin became its Principal. This new administrative model will help the school to continue the Prep’s tradition of providing the best Catholic, Franciscan education for the young men and women who will be our leaders in the 21st century.

During his first year as Principal, Mr. McLaughlin continued the great leadership established by Brother Leonard.

The faculty and students have begun implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The success of our graduates remains exemplary: 99% continue their education in college; the Class of 2014 received $98 million dollars in grants and scholarships to continue their education over the next 4 years. In the Fall of 2014, St. Francis Prep will again move forward by further integrating technology and instruction: we begin a 1:1 iPad program for all incoming 9th graders.

Surely the original Brothers would be happy to see that the seeds so lovingly planted have borne such an abundant harvest.
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Textbook Coordinator
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Mrs. Donna Randazzo
ACADEMICS

Required Program of Studies

9th Grade Year  Sophomore Year
Religion       Religion
English        English
Social Studies Social Studies
Science        Science
Mathematics    Mathematics
Foreign Language Foreign Language
Fine Arts      Fine Arts
Physical Education Physical Education

Junior Year  Senior Year
Religion       Religion
English        English
Social Studies Social Studies
Science        Physical Education
Mathematics    Three elective units*
Physical Education One elective unit*

* One-half unit in Computer Science and one-half unit in Health must be completed in either junior or senior year.

Students are responsible to find out from their individual teachers the course requirements and grading system.

Graduation Requirements

Core Curriculum Requirements
Religion       2 units (4 years)
English        4 units
Social Studies 4 units
Mathematics    3 units
Science        3 units
Foreign Language 2 units
Fine Arts      1 unit
Health         1/2 unit
Computer Science 1/2 unit
Physical Education 2 units (4 years)
Electives / Sequence
Requirements 3 units
Total          25 units

Competency Requirements

To graduate, a student must pass with at least 65% Regents exams in the following subjects: English, Global History, Math, Science, and U.S. History and Government.

Diplomas

Depending on scores on Regents exams and the courses taken, students may receive one of two types of diplomas. The requirements for each are listed below.

1. St. Francis Prep Diploma with Regents Endorsement
   A. all core requirements listed above
   B. score at least 65% on all five required Regents exams

2. St. Francis Prep Diploma with Advanced Regents Endorsement
   A. all core requirements listed above
   B. score at least 65% on the five required Regents exams
   C. score at least 65% on these additional Regents exams:
      - Comprehensive Foreign Language Regents
      - Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2
      - A second Science Regents-one must be in Biology (Living Environment), the other in Earth Science, Chemistry, or Physics

More complete information about competency requirements is in the Course Book.

Grading Policy

The purpose of grades is to gauge and affirm student performance and to motivate and encourage students toward higher achievement. A student’s grade in a particular class should accurately reflect his or her academic performance, responsibility, and fulfillment of the course requirements.

Student behavior that hinders academic progress may adversely affect a student’s grade. It is essential that all students commit themselves to academic integrity.

Students must understand that attendance in class is their primary responsibility and is the necessary first step in achieving academic success. Following any legitimate absence, students bear the responsibility for requesting and completing missed work within a reasonable period of time.

- 100 Highest Level of Achievement
- 95 - 99 Superior
- 90 - 94 Excellent
- 85 - 89 Very Good
- 80 - 84 Good
- 75 - 79 Passing
- Below 75 Failure

Program Changes

Student programs are finalized at the end of June. We will not honor requests for changes after the end of June.

Dismissal Due to Failures

Final failure of any four subjects during the school year or failure of a subject during summer school will result in dismissal.

Policy regarding grading for chronically late and/or absent students

All students who attend St. Francis Prep are responsible for completing all class assignments. Lateness and/or absence is not a valid excuse for incomplete work or for failing to hand in assignments. When an assignment is not handed in for any reason by the date it is due, the student will receive a grade of zero which will be posted in the appropriate teacher’s grade book. The score will be adjusted only once the assignment has been handed in and the teacher has had an opportunity to grade it. Deductions will be taken according to the syllabus and course requirements provided by individual teachers to their students at the beginning of the school year or semester. The syllabus and course requirements for each course are posted on every teacher’s SFP webpage and should be reviewed by students, parents and guardians at the commencement of any given semester. Additionally, academic consequences including a mandatory 5 point deduction from the quarterly grade will be applied for students who have missed 6 or more of classes during any given quarter. This includes time lost for lateness, early dismissal, suspension, etc.
Students are accepted to the Prep student community as new students into 9th year and as transfer students into the 10th, 11th and 12th year.

Applicants for the 9th year are expected to take the T.A.C.H.S. Exam in November of their 8th grade (this year the test is on November 4, 2017). Information for the T.A.C.H.S. Exam may be obtained from the Catholic Elementary or High Schools, Religious Education Offices, Parishes, or Public Elementary Schools. You may register online at www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone 1-866-618-2247. Nassau County residents are expected to take the Rockville Centre Exam on October 28, 2017. Call any Catholic high school in Nassau for information.

Scholarships are awarded to 9th grade applicants only. Applicants are automatically registered to participate in scholarship selection when they register for the T.A.C.H.S. Exam or the Rockville Centre Exam. However, only 1st choice applicants are considered for scholarships.

The Prep will accept students from all three choice categories but preference is given to 1st choice applicants.

Prep’s T.A.C.H.S. / Nassau code is 019.

Applicants for grades 10th, 11th, or 12th (transfer students) must obtain a transfer application from the Admissions Office 718-423-8810 ext. 229 or online admissions@sfponline.org. Transfer students are expected to have a B+ (85%) average and all final grades from high school must be 75% or above.

Consideration is given for family relationships such as brother, sister, mother or father who are presently in attendance or have graduated from the Prep. Familial relationship does not guarantee admission. Special Consideration forms may be obtained from www.sfponline.org/admissions

ADMISSIONS / ALUMNI / COLLEGE CREDIT

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association continues the traditions of the school through the “GradNews,” the Annual Report of Contributions, the Alumni Website, and about 25 special activities and events each year. The issues of “GradNews” include articles on alumni and class notes from the various alumni who send us information about important events in their lives.

Through emails and other communications throughout the year, the alumni are informed of class reunions, local professional chapter and out-of-town chapter receptions, and many other items of interest. The Alumni Board, which consists of an Alumni Director and thirty alumni members, solicit recommendations from the alumni for the Alumni Hall of Fame and Honorary Alumni, which honor the achievements of outstanding alumni and members of the Prep community respectively.

Active alumni contribute to the support of the school through the Annual Appeal and attendance at events and reunions.

There are currently over 28,000 graduates whose up-to-date record information is housed in an impressive database that serves the Alumni and Development Offices in many significant ways.

Alumni Board President: Mr. Walter Bishop (1980);
Alumni Director: Br. Robert Kent, O.S.F.

“If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.”

---St. Francis of Assisi

Students who wish to register in the program must meet the following criteria:

• Juniors must have 85% GPA and 100 on the Math and Verbal sections of the PSAT.

• Seniors must have 80% GPA and 1000 on the Math and Verbal sections of the SAT.

Registration for the Fall Semester takes place in September, and registration for the Spring Semester takes place in January. Please check those months in this calendar for exact dates.

Please see link on the SFP website. As of Fall 2016 there are new procedures regarding how / when to register! Please check the website.

St. Francis Prep has an affiliation with St. Francis College, St. John’s University, and Pace University to provide an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. These courses are taken at SFP and are among the students’ regularly scheduled classes.

The credits earned may be transferable to the college a student attends after graduation from St. Francis Prep. Each college determines eligibility of such credits. It is strongly recommended that interested students do some research prior to registering for any college credit courses. Students can contact colleges to which they are interested in applying and request further information about that specific college’s policy. Although college credit is accepted at many colleges and universities, there are some schools that may not accept earned credits. It is the student’s responsibility to gather this information before making the commitment to register in the program.

All registrations are final. No exceptions.

College credit is available to those students that meet the following criteria:

• Juniors must have 85% GPA and 100 on the Math and Verbal sections of the SAT.

• Seniors must have 80% GPA and 1000 on the Math and Verbal sections of the SAT.

The specific classes which are eligible for college credit will be listed and made available to the students. Additional information will be announced at assemblies and posted in Cor and on the TV monitors. Please see link on website.

Attention:

For each college credit course, the student must submit an Application for College Credit/Advance Placement. The Application for College Credit/Advance Placement is due with the College Application before the start of the semester.

The specific dates and deadlines associated with college credit registration can be found in the Fall Semester and Spring Semester Registration Calendar.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry animates and nurtures the faith life of the SFP community. There are many ways to get involved in the faith life of Saint Francis Prep. Our program offerings are designed to strengthen our faith, build community, live out our Franciscan identity, promote service, and advocate for peace and social justice.

Campus Ministry Team

- Mrs. George Kotowicz, Liturgy & Worship ext. 249
- Mr. James McVeigh, O.S.F., Franciscan Mission Coordinator ext. 264
- Mr. Shawn Sempowich, Service Learning ext. 292
- Dr. Christian Sullivan, Director ext. 302
- Fr. Mark Simmons, Chaplain ext. 248

CM Office: WestTop (adjacent to the library)
Chaplains' Office: EastTop (near the College Office, adjacent to chapel)

Pastoral Counseling

Need someone to listen? Our Campus Ministry Team is here to support and walk with you as you deal with personal difficulties and spiritual challenges. Feel free to stop in to talk anytime or schedule an appointment with one of us. If appropriate, referrals will be made in a professional and responsible way.

Liturgies and Prayer

School Chapel
Visit the beautiful School Chapel for some quiet prayer during your free time; join us for Daily Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Liturgies
School liturgies occur in the Auditorium during school hours. Think about serving as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Greeter, Singer, Liturgical Assistant, or Dancer.

Morning Prayer Leaders
At SFP, each day begins with prayer. Join the student team and lead prayer over the P.A. system.

Reconciliation/Penance Services
Reconciliation Services during the seasons of Advent and Lent provide the school community an opportunity to evaluate our relationships and receive the sacrament. Fr. Bill is also available by appointment to hear confessions.

Franciscan Youth Movement

FYM is a student group dedicated to assisting teens to live out our Franciscan values and like St. Francis mirror Christ by putting our Franciscan values into practice through service and peacemaking activities. FYM sponsors projects through the year to enliven our Franciscan values to: Live Lovingly, Care for Creation, Proclaim Joy and Hope, Be Living Instruments of Peace!

Service & Social Justice

Charity Drives & Justice Education
Raising money, goods, and awareness—help plan and coordinate the Thanksgiving Donation Drive, Lenten collection, and used school supplies collection.

Regular Opportunities
Cunningham Park Clean Ups—regularly groups of volunteers will assist with picking up garbage, raking leaves, and painting benches in the park grounds immediately behind our school. Give an hour of your time and demonstrate the Franciscan value of caring for creation. (Check announcements. 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.)

Presentation Soup Kitchen—almost every week students travel with a SFP chaperone to Presentation Parish in Jamaica to prepare meals and visit with homeless and hungry guests (Thursdays, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)

Midnight Runs-student and adult chaperones travel to Manhattan in SFP school buses and distribute meal bags, clothing, and hygiene products to people living on the streets. Spots fill up fast, so be sure to sign-up early (10/5, 12/7, 3/6, 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.).

Breakfast Runs—student and parent prepare breakfast and distribute food and donations at a designated spot in Manhattan (12/9 & 3/24, 6:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.). Sign up for these runs are coordinated by the Parents’ Guild.

Franciscan Immersions

Franciscan Immersions provide sophomore, junior, and senior students the opportunity to have powerful experiences of service, communal living, prayer and learning about social justice. Student participants and adult chaperones travel to various locations to learn and serve. Each team helps with recruiting sponsors for the program and is expected to bring back their experiences to enrich SFP.


Retreat Ministry

The retreat program is an essential part of our efforts of Christian and Franciscan formation at St. Francis Prep. Through participating in a retreat, students are able to deepen both their friendships as well as their spirituality.

SOPHOMORES

Led by student Retreat Leaders, the Sophomore Retreat is a mandatory retreat that focuses on the importance of values and building strong relationships. Each Sophomore Religion class spends a day at Camp Alvernia experiencing a variety of large and small group activities, prayer, and talks given by the Retreat Leaders. Also, students have time to enjoy the grounds of the Retreat Center. Students are excused from all class meetings on the day of their retreat, but responsible for the work that is missed.

JUNIOR OVERNIGHT-“JOURNEY”

Exclusively for upper division students, this popular retreat gives students an opportunity to leave the rigors of the academic year behind and take time to re-connect with their God, classmates, and themselves. The retreat takes place at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT.

SERVICE RETREATS

Several times throughout the school year, students and a Campus Minister will dedicate a school day engaging the local community through service, and follow-up with prayer, discussion, and reflection. Space is limited to six students per experience, so sign up early.

SENIORS

Focused on the theme of “Foundations,” this optional day away provides seniors time to reflect on the four years of high school and look forward to life after graduation. Participants examine what they have become, discuss upcoming changes, and discern what role God and faith have played or will play in their lives.

Sacramental Preparation

The Chaplain and members of the faculty work with interested students who would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please talk to your Religion teacher or a member of the CM Team for more information.

If you are interested in joining one of our student groups, please see:

Bro. James McVeigh, OSF  Franciscan Youth Movement
Mrs. G. Kotowicz  Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Ms. Troha & Mr. Sempowich  Retreat Leaders & Soup Kitchen Coordinator
Dr. Sullivan  Sacramental Preparation Program
Mr. Leone & Fr. Simmons  Cunningham Park Clean Ups
Mr. Sempowich  Franciscan Immersion Experiences
Cor

Each student is assigned at the beginning of 9th Grade to a class known as Cor. This group remains together for the four years of high school developing its unique identity and sense of belonging.

The Cor period serves the accomplishment of many functions. It allows for:
- official attendance taking
- distribution of MetroCards
- level assemblies
- distribution of notices of appointments
- interaction between the Cor teacher and students.

Students are expected to be on time for Cor, to remain in the classroom for its entire length, and to aid in the completion of the above tasks by complying with the order established by the Cor teacher.

The good appearance of the corridor outside the Cor classroom, the lockers used by the Cor, and the Cor classroom are the responsibility of the entire Cor.

Afternoon Abbreviated Schedule

7:45 - 8:20  H Period
8:30 - 9:03  First Period
9:08 - 9:16  Cor
9:21 - 9:54  Second Period
9:59 - 10:32 Third Period
10:37 - 11:10 Fourth Period
11:15 - 12:40 Fifth Period and Lunch
   11:10 - 11:40 First Lunch
   11:30 - 12:00 Second Lunch
   11:50 - 12:20 Third Lunch
   12:10 - 12:40 Fourth Lunch
12:45 - 1:18  Sixth Period
1:23 - 1:56  Seventh Period

Meetings, make-up tests, practices, and so forth may not be scheduled during special school liturgies. All facilities are closed until after the Mass. Gym, Locker Room, and Library are not available.

Lunch Periods

11:45 - 12:15  Junior Classes (including mixed upper classes with a majority of juniors)
12:05 - 12:35  Sophomore Classes
12:25 - 12:55  9th Grade Classes
12:45 - 1:15  Senior Classes (including mixed upper classes with a majority of seniors) and all Physical Education classes

Extended Cor Schedule

When it is necessary to extend Cor for all levels, the following schedule will be in effect:

8:30 - 9:10  Period
9:15 - 9:35  Cor
9:40 - 10:15 Period

Regular schedule resumes after extended Cor.

For the Christmas and Thanksgiving Liturgies, the following schedule will be in effect:

H Period  Cancelled
Liturgy  8:30-9:45
First Period  9:50-10:11
Cor  10:16-10:25
Second Period  10:30-10:51
Third Period  10:56-11:17
Fourth Period  11:22-11:43
Fifth Period  11:48-12:09
Sixth Period  12:14-12:35
Seventh Period  12:40-1:01

Food will be served in the Cafeteria between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., and between 9:30 a.m. and Noon. There will be no lunch served.
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Office of Development oversees St. Francis Prep’s fund raising activities and manages all aspects of the school’s constituent data base which contains over 30,000 records. The Office of Development also coordinates alumni and donor events, reunions and receptions in consultation with the Alumni Director and the Alumni Board; produces all alumni and donor related publications; and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the SFP alumni website (http://alumni.sfponline.org).

LIBRARY

Library Mission Statement
The St. Francis Preparatory School library seeks to implement, enrich, and support the educational program and mission of SFP through access to resources and collaboration with faculty to integrate research and writing skills into the curriculum. Equally important is our commitment to encourage reading as a pleasurable, recreational activity by providing a large selection of age appropriate, engaging fiction and non-fiction, to appeal to our diverse student body. We take seriously our charge of creating life-long readers, researchers, and learners.

General Information, Policies, and Procedures
The library is open between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. On Fridays, the library will close at 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

A quiet, studious atmosphere is expected in the library at all times.

At present, the library’s collection includes over 25,000 volumes, including reference books as well as books for circulation. The extensive reference collection is located on the balcony of the library. The library’s ebook collection is growing steadily and currently includes more than 500 volumes for students to check out. Students also have access to more that 10 research databases, which provide scholarly resources remotely - so students can access them 24/7 from school or from home.

The librarians collaborate with classroom teachers throughout the year to help deliver the best instruction in research and writing.

Last year, the library circulated more than 7,000 books.

Other services available to students include two copy machines, a change machine, and several color and black and white printers.

The library also houses 58 computers, which are available both for individual student use and for use by teachers for their classes. We encourage students to use their own devices (laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc.) as well.

Also, a glass enclosed conference room for faculty meetings and for special examinations for students is available.

In order to run the library as effectively as possible, patrons are asked to adhere to the following policies:
• iPad use in library for academic activities and assignments only.
• No cell phone use allowed in library.
• Computers are used only for academic activities and assignments.
• Some faculty members who have placed books on reserve have requested that these materials be used only in the library. Unless instructed otherwise by the teacher, these books may not circulate.
• All students are automatically members of the library.
• A student ID Card is required.
• No book may be taken from the library without being checked out.
• Checkouts are for three weeks and may be renewed as many times as needed.
• Although the library does not assess fines for late materials, students must pay for any damaged or lost library materials.

Selection
Responsibility for the selection of library materials rests with the librarians. The circulating collection is kept up-to-date by continuous purchasing. Teachers and students are encouraged to recommend books both for required reading and for pleasure reading. The library strives to encourage independent reading and to help students cultivate a lifelong love of reading and research.

All materials selected should enrich and support students’ and faculty’s research and recreational needs. Materials for students should be chosen with level of knowledge, scope, and tone carefully in mind. Potential for appeal to students should be a high priority for all materials aimed at the student population, whether or not they are intended for independent reading.

The library is guided at all times by the St. Francis Prep Mission Statement.

General considerations for all acquisitions:
• Lasting value of the content
• Enduring interest in the subject
• High degree of potential teen appeal
• Favorable reviews
• Quality and potential longevity of format
• Strength of present holdings in the same or similar subject areas
• Value commensurate with cost and need
• Authority of the author or reputation of the author
• With the exception of Foreign Language dictionaries, the library acquires primarily English language materials
• The majority of selections are current publications.

SFP-TV News
SFP-TV is a student produced TV network. The network is responsible for broadcasting a news show once a week, as well as live streaming of sports and other SFP events.
Please review the following rules as a family. Students are held accountable to know and respect each of these policies. Together we can build a respectful community by being aware of what is expected while at SFP.

**Academic Eligibility**

Tuition payments must be kept up-to-date for a student to be eligible for participation in Driver Education, student activities/athletics and school sponsored trips. In addition, all school debts must be satisfied before Yearbook, Prom Bids, and Graduation materials are issued to seniors. Debts include, but are not limited to: tuition, detentions, other financial requirements, unreturned library and textbooks, Prep Card fees, activity uniforms, and musical instruments.

**Academic Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities**

A student who fails three or more subjects at the end of a quarter is ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity or sport, including tryouts, practices, and rehearsals, during the following quarter.

A student who fails two subjects at the end of the quarter is ineligible to participate in any activity or sport, including practices and rehearsals, until a mid-quarter evaluation during the following quarter. If the student is failing any two subjects at that time, he/she will remain ineligible for the remainder of the quarter.

Students who fail two subjects in June will be on probation in the fall. If a mid-quarter report shows them failing two or more subjects, they will forfeit their eligibility until the end of the quarter.

**Announcements**

Students are responsible for checking monitors, listening to PA announcements, reading e-mails to their SFP accounts, and to check the SFP website for important information and deadlines.

**Attendance Matters (Absence, Lateness, Early Dismissal)**

Please read carefully: Specific Updates have been added as of 2016-2017 school year. Administration has sole discretion in deciding its responses to students and families who are not in compliance with these or any school policies.

**Pattern of Chronic Lateness** is defined as 5 or more times.

**Pattern of Chronic Absence** is defined as 6 or more times.

The Deans will consult with both student and parent when a pattern of lateness / absences occur.

**ACADEMIC CONSEQUENCES** in regards to student attendance: Any student who misses a full day, or specific classes because of absence, late or early dismissal that total 6 or more times **WILL HAVE 5 POINTS DEDUCTED** from their quarterly average for each class effected by such a pattern.

**In the case of Absences:** Parent or Guardian MUST notify the school by calling the Attendance Office (ext 221 or 222). These extensions accept messages 24 hours a day. Upon return from an absence, a student must bring a parent’s note to room E101 before beginning any class. At that point, an Absence Pass will be issued to the student who will show it to teachers for verification of prior day’s absences.

**In case of Lateness:** Upon arrival to school late, a student MUST obtain a late pass from the lobby assistant or in E101. This STEP must be completed immediately upon arrival: Do not go to your locker or any other location before obtaining a late pass. Any student with 5 or more lateness will be referred to see a Dean at such time. Parent or Guardian is encouraged to notify the Attendance Office (Ext 221 or 222) if the know their child is going to be late. Failure to obtain a late pass is not acceptable and will result in a class cut.

Lateness to school is only excused for medical reasons, religious services, and other such documented moments.

Lateness to school is NOT excused for sleeping late, returning from vacation, taking later transportation, or other such issues.

Therefore, the student will be given detentions. If a student missed an exam, or class presentation /project due to an unexcused lateness, truancy, or cutting a class, academic consequences may be given by the teacher.

Before 9 a.m.: **Late Passes** are issued by use of the lobby machines. Any student who is chronically late, must report to see a Dean upon entering school.

All students must arrive to school by 1:15pm to in order to be involved in any after school activities- clubs, plays, sports, and other school related programs. (Exceptions- documented funerals, college visits)

**Early Dismissal from School**: ARE FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS ONLY. At such time, Parent / Guardian MUST come In to sign student out In E101 * Please do not schedule any appointments during a school day. If any student has an Early Dismissals during any quarter, that time missed from class will be considered an absence from such classes, and will be counted toward quarterly absent total for such classes.

Any pattern of Early Dismissal requests will be reviewed by Administration and will be discussed with parent and student.

The Deans will consult with both student and parent when a pattern of lateness / early dismissal / absences occurs.

ANY student who is Absent (or suspended), May Not participate in any school activities on that day(s). If a student is Truant (absent without permission from parent) he or she will be suspended)

**A Perfect Attendance Award** is presented to seniors who have not been absent during their four years at SFP. In addition, these students have not had more than 2 late arrivals/ early dismissals to school on any given year (excused or unexcused). Official College Visits can only be excused up to 2 times. Student must produce official documentation from the college / university of such visit to the Attendance Office upon return.

**Cafeteria**

Students are expected to utilize the cafeteria in a respectful and mature manner. Students must clean their area upon leaving. Food and beverages must remain in the cafeteria. Any concerning issues that arise will be addressed by the Deans, and further intervention will occur. Please respect the space and all who work and are in the area.

**Cell Phones**

Phones may not be seen, heard, or used in classrooms, library, locker rooms or any other location within the school building at any time while they are in these locations before or after school. The only exception to this policy is as follows: Students may only TEXT while in the cafeteria during lunch or a free. Remember, phones must always be on silent mode and never used to talk, only text. The purpose of allowing TEXT is to give parent and student an opportunity to confirm details regarding after school information. If there is a family emergency, the parent must call the Deans’ Office (ext. 217). There is absolutely no use of cell phones at any other time during the school day. Students who fail to comply will receive Detention. Additional infractions of cell phone policy will result in further administrative action. We expect students and families to
GENERAL RULES CONTINUED...

Computer Lab
The St. Francis Prep Computer Lab (W-201-A) is an open lab available to all students from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on all normal school days. In order for students to use the lab, they must apply for an “account” at the help desk. This will allow students to have access to the system network and a personal, password-protected folder wherein to store files. Student assistance is available. The Computer Labs in W-105 and W-201-B are reserved for classes during school hours. Students may not bring food nor use cell phones while in the Computer Lab.

Cor (see page 10)

Dangerous Items Laser pointers, water guns, toy guns, knives, mace, stink bombs, fireworks, heavy chains, and any other dangerous items are not to be brought onto the school property. The Administration has sole discretion to define and respond to any items that pose a concern to the safety and well-fare of the entire school community.

Detention
Students who receive detention(s) must serve them in the designated location and time given. Detentions will be issued on a daily basis (to be served 2:50 – 3:30 on designated day(s)), while other Detentions may require Extended Hours (Weekdays from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.). The Deans make the decision of which type of detention a student will receive depending on the reason and history of infractions.

Detentions take priority over an after-school job, or after-school activities and must be served that day. It is in the best interest of the student to avoid breaking any school policy to ensure their after school time is available for their own use. SFP expects full compliance with this, and all other school policies.

Examples of infractions that are related to detentions are as follows (but not limited to): Dress Code violations, Smoking, Cutting class, Misconduct, Truancy, Leaving-school property, Failure to comply with Attendance Office procedures, No ID Card. All of these are avoidable by following school policy.

Any students involved in theft, fighting, disrespectful comments or actions, will be suspended following further review by the Deans.

When a student is suspended for disciplinary infractions, the punishment affects academics. The student under suspension maintains responsibility for all academic work covered during the time of suspension from his/her classes.

Dismissal of a Student from SFP
Violations of school regulations or behavior which is illegal or inappropriate will not be tolerated. Consequences are at the discretion of the Principal, with the recommendation of the Deans. It is in the best interest of students to comply with all school rules and policies. Mutual respect and proper behavior is expected. If any issues occur, each will be addressed on an individual basis. In cases where a student is dismissed from Prep, please be aware that they may not attend any function at SFP.

DRESS CODE

ALL CLOTHING IS TO BE NEAT AND CLEAN
All students must be in full uniform upon arrival to school and before 8:25 a.m. (or sooner if they have earlier class), and remain so until the conclusion of the school day. All items must have approved SFP insignia.

All uniform Pants must be purchased from Flynn and O’Hara.
Pants must be relaxed fitting. Do Not alter to create tight-skinned appearance.

All SFP Polo Shirts are purchased from Flynn and O’Hara. Additional SFP approved Polo shirts are also available for purchase in the SFP bookstore, or from SFP Athletic’s. Any undergarment worn under the SFP Polo must be same hem and sleeve length as Polo. Student must always have a SFP polo on (even if SFP sweatshirt is worn, collar of SFP Polo must be seen at all times).

Student may wear approved SFP Sweatshirts (No Hooded sweatshirts are permitted during the school day).

Footwear: Must be solid black: shoes, sneakers, boots. (no heels)
Footwear must not have any other color or logo.

All footwear must be secure, and under the pant leg.
Overall appearance must be neat.

Outer wear items: Coats, hats, jackets, and other weather-related items must be secured in student lockers during the day.

Hair: Must be neat and well-groomed. (any dye color such as bright pink, blue, etc., will not be permitted). To best guide this policy hair color is required to be natural human hair color. (For the purpose of this policy, Natural human hair color is defined to be black, brown, blond, natural red, or grey)

Earrings: Only on the ears. Any other piercing, such as tongue, eyebrow, nose, etc., are not permitted.

PLEASE NOTE: SFP has the sole discretion in determining if a student’s attire or appearance respects the school policy. Any concerns in this area will be addressed immediately by the Deans. Students must prepare for inclement weather, and have uniform items that fit them properly each day. It is the family’s responsibility to purchase any additional items if a need arises. Failure to be in school uniform will result in Detentions. Excuses, such as clothes not laundered, left at another location, size changes, and limited items, are not valid excuses to arrive out of uniform. Any pattern of this will result in parent contact.

Dress Down Day Rules: During the school year students may be given an opportunity to promote a special event. On these occasions, specific reminders will be announced prior to the day. In most cases these opportunities to dress down are limited and specify a specific T-Shirt which can be worn in place of SFP Polo. But students must remain in the SFP Uniform Pants and Footwear. The T-Shirts are usually associated with special events such as the School Play, Fund Raisers, and certain Academic Department Activities. Students do not have to participate in any of these specialty purchased T-Shirt days. In such cases, they simply remain in full uniform.

Regular gym clothes for all P.E. classes must be worn.
Driver Education

Driver Education instruction at St. Francis Prep is scheduled not to interfere with the school day. In the fall and spring semesters classes for both lecture and driving is conducted BEFORE SCHOOL (6:45 a.m.) and AFTER SCHOOL (2:50 p.m.) Monday thru Friday with some driving classes meeting on weekends.

Summer Driver Education is offered as a 6 week program (last week of June thru the first week of August). Students will be required to attend 3 classes a week.

Attendance at a weekly lecture class and a weekly behind the wheel lesson are required to earn a completion certificate (MV 285). In order for a student to be eligible to take a DMV road test, you must have completed Driver Education and had your permit for 6 months. Parents are required to complete a Certified of Supervised Driving form (MV262) before a scheduled road test.

To earn a Driver License you MUST
1) Be 17 years old
2) Pass Driver Education (MV285)
3) Pass a DMV Road Test

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco
Any Use or Possession of such items may result in immediate dismissal from SFP. The Administration has sole discretion on its response to any such incident. SFP has a ZERO-Tolerance for illegal use of any harmful items. SFP reserves the right to test any student based upon reasonable suspicion, and also has the right to conduct random searches of lockers and bags, if warranted. Any Student Supplying or Selling illegal items will face automatic dismissal from SFP. Smoking is not permitted within the school, on school property, in the streets around the school, on the bridge, in the park, at 7-11, or at the bus stops, including the bus stops by Blue Bay and 7-11. Violations of this rule will result in fines, detentions, suspension, and/or parental conferences.

Drug Intervention
Any student who voluntarily requests assistance will be given the opportunity with the support of the Guidance Counselor, School Nurse, and the Administration, to seek professional help toward adopting a healthy life style, in consultation with parent / guardian.

Electronic Devices
iPads and other devices permitted for educational use is under the strict direction of the faculty and administration. Any inappropriate and / or non-educational use of such devices is unacceptable and will be addressed in accordance with SFP policies.

Every student and parent / guardian is required to sign and submit the SFP Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Students must remove all earphones once they enter the building.

Elevators
Only faculty and authorized persons are to use the elevator. Students needing to use elevators must consult with the school nurse.

Fire Drills /Shelter-In Drills / Lock Down Drills:
Because of the seriousness of all fire and safety regulations, students must follow all drill instructions. Strict silence and order must be maintained during the fire drill. Fire Drill Regulations will be strictly enforced. Details are reviewed in student assemblies during the year.

Gambling
Gambling (sports sheets and pools, pyramid schemes, chain letters, poker, etc.) is not permitted in the school. Card playing is not allowed. Playing games on electronic devices is not allowed.

Grading Policy (see page 7)

Guidance Services (see page 18)

Hall Behavior
Students are expected to behave in a safe and orderly fashion whenever in the school building. Pushing, shoving, yelling, using bad language, blocking passage, or disturbing classes before, during, or after school is strictly prohibited.

Students who have free periods should go to the Library, Cafeteria, or non-classroom areas during that time. Students are NOT permitted in the classroom wings without the strict direction of the faculty and administration. iPads and other devices permitted for educational use is under the strict direction of the faculty and administration. Any inappropriate and / or non-educational use of such devices is unacceptable and will be addressed in accordance with SFP policies.

Harassment/Bullying Policy and Procedures
It is the policy of St. Francis Prep to provide a positive, discrimination-free educational and working environment. No forms of harassment or bullying - visual, verbal, cyber, or physical - will be tolerated. All members of the St. Francis Prep community share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of harassment.

Members of the school community found in violation of this policy may be disciplined, up to and including being discharged or expelled from school. Retaliation against persons raising concerns about harassment is prohibited and constitutes separate grounds for disciplinary action up to and including discharge or expulsion from the school.

Harassment and Bullying, Reporting of
If you believe you have experienced or observed harassment, report the incident immediately to the following: Principal, Mr. Patrick McLaughlin (N-121) or Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, Ms. Gerilyn Coccia (E-101), or Assistant Principal, Mr. Christopher Mendolia (N-121), or any other administrator in the school.

All reports will be promptly investigated while protecting the privacy of everyone involved whenever possible. St. Francis Prep will take any action necessary to correct the situation and will not allow any retaliation against anyone who makes a good faith report of alleged harassment.

Health and Related Data (see page 20)

Homework Assistance Room Policy
It is the policy of the school that any student with multiple failures (3 or more) must attend the Homework Assistance Room once a week. All research points to homework completion with quality as an integral part of a student's success in school. The purpose of the room is to provide quiet time for students to complete and work on homework assignments, read, study for quizzes and exams, and work on upcoming projects.

Students will engage in a mandatory meeting with their Guidance Counselor at the end of the quarter to obtain more specific information regarding specific days and times. Our administration and faculty are committed to providing students, who have academic difficulties, the assistance necessary to be successful at St. Francis Prep.
GENERAL RULES CONTINUED...

Honor Code
Students at St. Francis Prep commit themselves to honesty in all their academic work. Academic dishonesty (cheating) is taking credit for work that is not one’s own. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the following items:
• giving or receiving aid on an exam or attempting to do so
• copying homework
• not documenting sources (including use of the Internet
• plagiarism
• getting the answers for a test in advance
• forgery
• misusing calculators
• taking photos of any academic documents

Any behavior that compromises the integrity of a student’s work or a teacher’s assessment of that work constitutes cheating. Students who misrepresent themselves and their work face serious academic consequences. Individual classroom teachers will explain in detail policies regarding academic honesty relevant to their discipline and course. There are also school policies and consequences for violating the commitment to academic honesty. When a student cheats, the teacher involved will contact his or her parents or guardians; the student will also fail the assignment on which the cheating occurred. Subsequent incidents of cheating will carry increasingly severe consequences. Repeated incidents of cheating can lead to a student’s dismissal from St. Francis Prep.

Identification Cards (I.D. Cards)
Students MUST carry their current Identification Card at all times. Detentions will be issued if students do not carry their I.D. cards. Upon request, students must present their I.D. Card to a teacher, administrator, or staff member. If an I.D. Card is lost, the student is responsible to report immediately to SFP Security (In E101), and purchase a replacement card in the SFP Bookstore. Additional information has been provided to families in regards to the option of utilizing the I.D. Card (Prep Card) for food purchases in the school cafeteria.

Illness (see Health and Related Date page 20)

Interscholastic Sports and Student Activities
A complete listing of Interscholastic sports and student activities and their moderators can be found on pages 26 & 27 of this calendar. Daily announcements about these sports and activities are printed on the television screens in the lobbies, library, and cafeteria, and on several bulletin boards located outside the gym and cafeteria.

(see also under Academic Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities page 9)

Lateness - Student (see under Attendance p. 12)

Lateness - Teacher
If a teacher has not arrived for a class after it is scheduled to begin, a representative from the class is to report to the Assistant Principal for Faculty and Instruction in Room N 121. All students are to remain orderly and await further instruction. Students are never allowed to dismiss themselves.

Additionally, if a student “believes” a teacher may be absent, the student still must go to class on time and follow any special instructions if teacher is absent. Students can not presume class is cancelled.

Library (see page 11)

Lockers
Students must remain in their assigned lockers. There will be detention if students take over any other locker. Any student may not go to their lockers between 9:10 and 9:25 a.m. (the end of First Period and the end of Cor). All students are to keep their lockers clean and orderly. For reasons of security, all students must use school-purchased locks (available in the Bookstore in West Bottom) and may not share lockers. Outerwear is to be kept in the locker and not to be worn or carried around during the school day. The school reserves the right to inspect students’ lockers. Lockers will be fumigated during the school year and summer vacation and must be emptied at these times. Students are permitted to go to their lockers at the change of other periods and 5 minutes before and after the start of a period. At all other times, students must have a Hall Pass (obtained from a school office or Library). Students who have free periods should go to the Library, Cafeteria, or non-classroom areas during that time. Authorization from the Deans’ Office must be obtained for students to exchange lockers.

Lost and Found
The Lost and Found is located in the Deans’ Office, E-101.

MetroCards
Students are issued MetroCards on the first day of school in September, and again in February. It is illegal for a card to be used by anyone other than the student to whom it is assigned.

Replacement MetroCards are limited (The MTA has the right to limit SFP request for replacement cards). Students must report to the General Office to request a replacement card. Further instruction will be provided at that time.

Parent Portal (PowerSchool)
You (as a parent/guardian) and your student will have access to the SFP Parent Portal. This allows you the opportunity to check on the student’s grades, as well as his/her discipline, attendance, and medical logs. You will receive your Access ID and Access Password at “Back to School Night” in mid-September. There will also be staff on hand to answer your Parent Portal questions. If you are unable to attend that evening, the information will be mailed home to you.

Personal Property
It is strongly suggested that students not wear expensive clothes, such as leather jackets or jewelry, or carry large sums of money to and from school. The school cannot be responsible for the loss or theft of private property.

PowerSchool
See Parent Portal above. See Student Portal on next page.
Residence
It is expected that all students reside with a parent or guardian. If not, the school requires that the parent inform the school in writing of the student’s approved address and the name of the adult to be contacted in case of emergency.

Whenever the custodial parent(s) will be traveling, the school must be notified in writing of the name of the person responsible during the parent’s absence, plus the approximate duration.

When the student moves or changes telephone information, this information needs to be recorded in the General Office. This should be done as soon as the new information is available.

School Closings - School Messenger System
A School Messenger call will notify your primary phone number on record. This is used for all school emergencies (weather related or other). You may also check our website (www.sfponline.org) and all news and radio stations.

Radio Stations Websites
- WCBS 880 AM www.wcbs880.com
- WINS 1010 AM www.winsnewyork.com
- WOR 710 AM www.wor710.com or by calling their toll-free number at 1-877-871-9208

TV Stations
- WCBS - TV Channel 2 – www.wcbsnewyork.com
- FOX 5 - Good Day New York 5 - www.myfoxny.com
- WABC - TV Channel 7 – www.wabc.com
- CW11 - (Channel 11) – www.wpix.com
- Time Warner Cable – NY1 News Channel 1 – www.ny1.com

*** If NYC Public Schools close due to weather, St. Francis Prep will automatically close.

School Property
The school is legally responsible for a student’s well-being during school hours. After a student’s first class, the student must remain on school property at all times during the school day.

Students who are free during the school day and choose to go outside must remain in the parking lot area directly behind the cafeteria. Students are not to go beyond the fence into any section of the park. Infractions of this rule will result in detention or suspension. If for any reason students must leave the school premises, they are to secure a pass from the Attendance Office in Room E-101 after presenting a parental note. Permission to go to a student car is granted only by a Dean.

Although not school property, students are not permitted to smoke or loiter (“hang out”) on the bridge over the Long Island Expressway at any time.

Students are permitted to make purchases in local area stores before and after school, but are not allowed to “hang out” or smoke outside these stores.

School Sponsored Trips
At various times during the year, school trips will be offered. Parents will be asked to sign permission forms and make checks payable to St. Francis Prep. Students are not permitted to organize their own or competing trips, nor are students allowed to advertise, collect money, or in any other way use the school’s name or imply that the school is associated with or sponsoring an outside trip.

Security Personnel
Security personnel are on duty school days from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All security issues can be reported by calling 718-423-8810 ext. 301. However, in case of an emergency, please call 911 before calling the school.

Service
The school recommends that all students get involved in service activities during their years at Prep.

Examples of School Service are the following:
- volunteering during Open House
- Christmas Party for “Our Friends with Special Needs”
- Parent-Teacher Interviews – evenings
- Mass
- Retreat Leaders
- Peer Counselors
- Deans’ Aids
- tutors

Examples of Christian Service are the following:
- helping at parish Mass or CCD classes
- visiting the sick at hospitals or nursing homes
- working in soup kitchens
- coaching sports

Christian Service may be taken as a junior elective and is arranged through the Religious Education Department.

All students applying for membership in or who are members of the National Honor Society must be regularly engaged in service activities both in and out of school.

Student Cars
Students are not permitted to park their cars in the schoolyard. Students doing so risk a fine or detention. The school reserves the right to have student cars towed from the school parking lot at the owner’s expense.

Students are asked to register their cars with the Security Desk for quick identification in the event that the student’s car is in jeopardy.

DO NOT DOUBLE PARK, PARK IN BUS STOPS, OR BLOCK THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY AT ANY TIME.

Student Government
Please refer to page 24.

Student Portal (PowerSchool)
Each student has access to the SFP Parent/Student Portal. This allows them the opportunity to check their grades as well as discipline, attendance, and medical logs. They need an Access ID and Access Password in order to establish their account. These are handed out in Cor in September.

Technology Acceptable Use Policy
Our full Policy can be found on the SFP website under Technology.

SFP takes this matter seriously, and has a no-tolerance policy for any infractions.

GENERAL RULES continued...
**Visitors**

All visitors must enter through the main entrance on Francis Lewis Blvd. and obtain a Visitor’s Pass after personal identification is provided. This pass must be displayed while in the building and returned upon departure. Students may not invite friends or relatives to visit with them at school.

**Web Postings Policy**

Students who have personal social network type accounts do not have the right to bring harm to or damage the reputation of the school or any individual in or related to St. Francis Prep.

Any student who posts negative items/comments must remove them ASAP or he/she will be subject to suspension or expulsion. We expect parents and families to monitor their child’s activity on the Internet.

SFP takes this matter seriously, and has a no-tolerance policy for any infractions.

For your own protection, never publish your full name, address, phone number, or any other information that can be used to identify you, your family, or any of your friends. Doing so can help someone with bad intentions to locate and contact you, a friend, or classmate with potentially awful consequences. Never trust anyone you meet on the web. Pictures and profiles can be deceiving, and often they are created to deceive. Your online safety is your responsibility. Never go to meet someone you have met online. Be smart and protect yourself and your friends.

**Working Papers**

Please obtain application in the General Office (Room N-109). Only SFP students will be able to obtain working papers.

After you pick-up Application from the General Office, student must complete and have parent sign.

*If you need the SFP Nurse’s approval, please see the School Nurse before returning completed application to the General Office.

Complete the following steps:

- Part I of the application should be completely filled out with the student’s Social Security number and a parent’s signature.

- You must have a physical examination. It may be obtained from your private physician or the school doctor. Your private physician must write on his prescription pad the date of the exam, his findings, and that you are capable of working. He must sign and stamp it. (If a student has a physical exam on file in the Nurse’s Office dated July 1 or later of the current year, the Nurse may approve the application.)

- A form of ID is required - your Birth Certificate, a VALID Passport, Driver License, Permit, or State I.D.

- Bring the following to the General Office at dismissal
  1. the application signed by a parent
  2. the Doctor’s Certification of Health (or SFP nurse’s approval on application)
  3. a form of identification

As of September 1991, the Child Labor Law has been changed in regard to work hours for the employment of children less than 18 years of age. It states that while school is in session, minors 14-15 years of age are not permitted to work after 7:00 p.m., and minors 17-18 years of age may not work after 10:00 p.m.

**EXCEPTIONS TO THE LAW WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL.**
GUIDANCE AND COLLEGE INFORMATION

Guidance Personnel
Ms. Robyn Armon – Director of Guidance and College Counseling/Chairperson of Guidance Services
Ms. Becky Barell
Mr. Peter Bosco
Mrs. Danielle Forte
Mrs. Laura Hassett
Mr. Michael Hernandez
Mr. Nicholas Lombardo
Mrs. Josephine Morrone
Mrs. Adriana Simone
Mrs. Nancy Williams
Mrs. Patricia Fagan, Guidance Office Assistant

Counselors’ Assignments

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Mr. Brandon Magenheim, College Office Assistant N-201
Mrs. Patricia Stevens, College Office Assistant N-201
Mrs. Patricia Fagan, Guidance Assistant W-101

Career Counseling
The purpose of this program is to educate students with respect to careers and to assist in their decisions concerning career and college choices. Counselors meet with students to work on the Naviance Program.

Educational Counseling
In order to assist students to succeed academically and make good course selection decisions, the department offers educational counseling. Students may request these sessions or they may be initiated by the counselor or referred by a teacher.

Guidance Services
Guidance services provide an integral part of the education process. Assisting with the optimal development of each student is the primary goal of the department. In order to work toward this objective, the department offers a wide range of guidance services including Career, Educational, and Personal Counseling. All guidance programs are based on the value of self-understanding, self-acceptance, informed decision-making, and the ability to engage in actions that are responsible, satisfying, and productive. Our objective is to provide services without prejudice based on any status or condition. This department is committed to responding to the diverse needs, interests, and abilities of our students.

The department serves the entire school community. A close working relationship among members of the department, administration, faculty, and parents is essential to the effective delivery of services to the students.

Peer Counseling
The Peer Counseling Program facilitates the transition of our 9th graders into high school. In September, members of the senior class assume the position of Peer Counselor for small groups of 9th graders.

Personal Counseling
Individual counseling sessions are offered for those students who need assistance with personal issues. Students may see the counselor assigned to them. Appointment sheets are available in the Counseling Center in Room W-101. Parents who have concerns regarding their son or daughter can make a referral to the assigned counselor.

Referral Service
A resource of mental health providers in the surrounding area is available from the Guidance Department. All of the recommended private practitioners and agencies have been contacted and evaluated by our staff.

Support Groups
The Guidance Department conducts various small groups made up of students facing common personal issues. These groups usually meet during the school day. Some groups meet for a predefined number of sessions, others run indefinitely. A student's membership in a group is considered private. Based on student need and interest, new groups may be started, while others may not be offered every year. Additional information concerning these groups may be obtained from your counselor.

Tutoring Program
Many students serve the Prep community by volunteering to tutor students who need help in specific subjects. Students needing assistance are encouraged to request a tutor in the Counseling Center in Room W-101. Sessions may be scheduled before or after school or during a free period.

College Information Guidelines
You will need all, or some of the following information, for filing your application:

School Telephone: 1-718-423-8810
SFP CEEB Code: 330835
SFP Center Number: 33-426
SFP Accreditation:
New York State Board of Regents
Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
New York State Association of Independent Schools
SFP Grading System
Passing Grade: 75%
College Recommendation Grade: 80%
Honor Grade: 90%

Each Honors Course receives 4 additional points added to the final course grade; AP courses receive 6 quality points.

- Principal's List: an average of 95% or higher each year
- Optimize Society: an average of 90% each year

Honors Courses are listed as honors courses and are designated as such on the student's permanent record card.

Honors Courses and Advanced Placement Courses are very important if you hope to be accepted in any of the more highly competitive colleges. The quality of your courses and the grades you receive in them very often determine whether or not you will be accepted.

(Guidance continued on next page)
Check the admission requirements of your particular college. Discuss your choice of course and/or career with your parents, your subject teacher, and your counselor.

Procedures for Submitting Applications to the College Office:

1. **It is the responsibility of every senior to register for Naviance Family Connection and the Common Application.**

2. Once you have completed filling out your applications online, you must submit the Application Transmittal Form, along with $5.00 in cash, to the College Office in N-201. Please read and follow all guidelines carefully.

3. College Office hours for submitting applications are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4. For those colleges that do not accept online transmissions, bring the application in a 9x12 manila envelope, addressed to the Undergraduate Admissions Office of the college to which you are applying.
   - **CUNY Applications:** You may use the provided envelope or a 9x12 manila envelope addressed to the University Application Processing Center – **NOT** the individual college.
   - **Other Applications:** Bring the application in a 9x12 manila envelope, addressed to the Undergraduate Admissions Office of the college to which you are applying.

5. Each application should have four (4) stamps on the envelope in the upper right hand corner.

6. Please paperclip your check or money order to the application. NO CASH will be accepted! APPLICATION FEES VARY DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL. Please refer to the individual application for all fees.

7. Each paper application must be accompanied by an APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM and $5.00 in cash. These forms are available in the College Office (N-201) and the Guidance Office (W-101).

8. Letter of Recommendation: Many schools request that students submit letters of recommendation with their applications.

Colleges are looking for an assessment of your academic performance; therefore, it is strongly suggested that you request a letter of recommendation from a teacher who taught you in a major academic subject. You should have had this teacher no earlier than your junior year. If your teacher agrees to write you a recommendation, please pick up a “Request for Teacher Letter of Recommendation” form from the College Office (N-201) or Guidance Department (W-101). Submit this form to your teacher with a stamped business envelope (one for each letter) addressed to the college receiving the letter.

**Letters of recommendation do not have to accompany your application, teachers can send them separately.**

9. Scholarship applications that require a transcript must be submitted the same way as any college application (envelope, transcript fee…)

**10. Students are responsible for having their standardized test scores sent directly to the colleges to which they are applying.** Students may do so by logging on to: www.collegeboard.org and/or www.act.student.org and following instructions for test score submission. This can also be done when you register for the SAT or ACT by listing the colleges you wish to receive your scores.

Failure to follow any of these procedures could result in your application arriving late to the college. If you anticipate a problem, please speak with your counselor in advance so that possible alternatives, if any, may be pursued.

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**Guidance and College Information continued...**
Health Services

The Nurse’s Office, located in Room N-125, is staffed by a full-time nurse and assistants. The services of a school physician are available on a part-time basis. The Department of Health gives this physician the right to review student health records.

A recent physical examination is mandatory for all 9th graders and transfer students. Any student engaged in competitive sports and activities must have an annual physical examination after June 1, of this year. The form must be signed, dated, and stamped by a doctor. Parent and student permissions are required for each sport and the form must be submitted before a student can try out. If a parent signs a Permission Form the same day the form is obtained from the nurse, the parent must sign it in the Nurse’s Office. If there is a difference of opinion regarding a medical problem, the school physician has the absolute authority to determine the physical capability of a student to participate in a sport.

Any physical form altered or changed by a student or parent will result in a suspension from the sport.

Immunization documentation is required of all incoming students. No student will be admitted to school without required proof of complete immunization.

Any student with a medical problem must submit an annual update to the school Nurse’s Office in Room N-125.

At its discretion, the school may request a physical examination of a student if it is deemed necessary to promote the welfare of the student and the school.

Wheelchair/Crutches/Cane
A newly injured student must report to the Nurse’s Office upon entering the building with written documentation from a doctor.

Injured students who are required to attend school in a wheelchair/crutches/cane will do so on the written recommendation of a doctor.

During a fire drill, a student using crutches is to proceed to the windows at the end of the hall and follow further instructions.

Physical Education/Athletics
A physician’s note is required to excuse a student from physical education after two consecutive excused classes. A physician’s clearance note is required to then return to physical education. If you are taken out of physical education for medical reasons, you must be taken out of your after school sport. Any student who is injured in their SFP activity, team sport, practice or game, must get a doctor’s note to return to school.

Attendance
A student must arrive at school no later than 1:15pm on a school day to be able to attend sports, practices, or school events.

Elevators
Only faculty and authorized persons are to use the elevator. Students needing to use elevators may obtain a key after receiving written permission from their doctor. The Nurse’s Office will supply the key.

Illness
Students should not report to school if they are ill. If students become ill during the school day, they should report to the Nurse’s Office in Room N-125, with a note from the classroom teacher. If for some reason the nurse is unavailable, students are asked to report to the Deans’ Office. A parent or his/her representative must come to take a sick student home. A parent/guardian can request a cab to take their child home. The nurse or a school representative will speak with a parent or a person designated on the Emergency Card before a student can be dismissed for illness. Students are not to leave the building without a pass from the Attendance Office in Room E-101.

A doctor’s note is required to readmit a student for absence due to surgery or chronic illness. Students must be free of eye symptoms following “pink eye” before returning to school. Any student who suffers a head injury/concussion must have a doctor’s note to return to school/physical education and their sport.

When a school representative deems emergency treatment necessary, 911 will be called and the student will be taken to a hospital emergency room with a school representative if the parent is unable to arrive. The ambulance driver, not the school, determines the hospital chosen. Parents will be notified immediately.

Insurance
Each student is covered by a standard school accident policy. This policy covers a student in school, traveling to and from school, and to and from all authorized school activities. For further information, call the Nurse’s Office, ext. 234, or the Athletic Office, ext. 223, during the year.

Medication
Any student taking medication prescribed by a physician during school hours, must report to the Nurse. Students who carry inhalers, epipens, Benadryl, or diabetic medication and equipment must have MP notes and signed self medication release forms on file.

See Page 21 for Concussion Management School Policy Form.

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”
- St. Francis of Assisi
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the Franciscan Chapter of the National Honor Society requires a standard in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The Society recognizes the total student who excels in all these areas.

To be considered for membership, juniors and seniors must fulfill the following obligations prior to their candidacy:

- participate in SFP extra-curricular school activities;
- participate in on-going service to school and outside community (see below);
- maintain a minimum yearly average of at least 90% and maintain a cumulative average of 90%; Starting with the class of 2020 students will need a minimum cumulative average of 92% to be considered for admissions
- complete or be enrolled in at least three Honor/Advanced Placement courses; one within year of application.

Each candidate completes an application modeled on the National Honor Society norms adopted by the SFP chapter. Failure to adhere to specific deadlines or requirements nullifies the application. Accepted members are required to continue the above mentioned activities, complete 20 hours of service, maintain the minimum of 90% for both current and cumulative averages, and to live up to the promises and ideals made in their Induction Pledge. Additionally, members must complete three Honors or Advanced Placement courses over the course of their four years. One of these courses must be completed during 11th grade.

Adherence to SFP’s Honor Code and school regulations is expected of all NHS members and applicants. Violation of the Honor Code or repeated disciplinary referrals will nullify eligibility for admission and terminate active membership.

Candidacy and admissions are the responsibility of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council consists of faculty members appointed by the Principal. The Faculty Council reviews the candidates’ application forms and any other verifiable information about the candidates. Inductees must receive a majority of votes from the Council. Two reviews occur annually: seniors apply in September and juniors apply in November. The Induction Ceremony occurs in at the beginning of the second semester.

Service Requirements

Students must have completed 35 hours of combined service to the school and outside community to be eligible to apply. A student can achieve this minimum eligibility in two ways: 1) Applicant completes 25 hours of continuous service with one community organization and 10 additional hours of service to SFP; or 2) applicant must have completed 25 hours of combined service to SFP and 10 additional hours to outside community groups.

Example #1

Student served his or her parish as an altar server for a total of 10 hours during their 9th and 10th grades + 25 hours of service to SFP by assisting with an Open House (8 hours), Peer Tutoring (10 hours), and singing in the Liturgical Ensemble (7 hours).

Example #2

Student volunteers at Ozanam Hall for 25 hours during 11th grade + 10 hours of school service by volunteering at Presentation Soup Kitchen (2 hours), and Open House (8 hours). “On-going” service = 25 completed hours with one organization. Completion of these hours can occur during summer or vacation.

NEW YORK STATE SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY

Franciscan Chapter

The purpose of the Franciscan Chapter of the NYS Science Honor Society is to acknowledge those students excelling in the field of science.

The criteria used for consideration in the society are as follows:

a. The student must be in junior or senior year and must have completed 1 year at St. Francis Prep
b. The student must have a cumulative average of 92.0 or higher and have grades of:
   - 92 or higher in any regular Science or Math class
   - 90 or higher in any honors Math or Science class
   - 88 or higher in any Advanced Placement Math or Science class
c. The student must be enrolled in 1 full credit of Science.
d. Students accepted in junior year are re-evaluated for senior year membership.
e. Junior inductees must complete 20 service hours to be reconsidered as seniors. New seniors must complete 20 service hours and returning seniors must complete 10 service hours. Failure to complete service hours as a junior disqualifies the student for senior membership.

Upon receiving an invitation to join the Honor Society, students will receive a full explanation of all requirements for continued membership in the Society.

Students will address any questions or concerns to the chapter moderator.

Members are required to do in-school service. This service should be in science. Service may be Peer Tutoring through the Guidance Office (W-101), teacher assistants (in class or in lab), lab aides, or volunteer work at science after-school activities. Any service not listed must be approved by the chapter moderator before serving.

All members must maintain a service log (available on the St. Francis Prep website). Log sheets will be collected at the end of each quarter and mid-third quarter. All service requirements must be completed by the ceremony.

The senior class members of the society elect members of their class for the following positions: President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

THE NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

The National English Honor Society (NEHS), founded and sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, is the only national organization exclusively for high school students who, in the field of English, merit special note for past and current accomplishments. The St. Francis Prep chapter is composed of superior students who have distinguished themselves in literary studies during their time at St. Francis.

The criteria for admission for students include:

1. Junior or senior level at SFP
2. At least a 90 cumulative average in English at SFP (Student must never have failed a quarter.)
3. Taken English Honors/AP in at least 2 of their years at SFP
4. Been nominated for membership by a current or former SFP English teacher.

Our school’s chapter is called the “Red and Blue Chapter” because the name has relevance to the history and tradition of St. Francis Prep. Since the school colors often have literary significance and symbolism, this name is appropriate.

The chapter’s moderator is Stephen A. Marino, Ph.D., Chairperson of the English Department.
RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

The Prep community pauses on several occasions during the school year to recognize individuals who have demonstrated superior achievement.

The following awards are presented annually:

**Activity Awards** - Students who participate in the activities program are recognized according to the number of hours of active involvement. These awards take the form of certificates, plaques, and school letters. Participation in the co-curricular program warrants recognition on a student's permanent record. This information is often helpful in gaining admission to colleges.

**Canticle Citation** - In October during the Liturgy in honor of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, this award is presented to members of the faculty who have faithfully served the Prep for 15, 25, and 40 years respectively.

**Franciscan Spirit Award** - Two members of the Prep community who best embody the philosophy and spirit of St. Francis Prep are presented with this award. One recipient comes from the senior class and the other recipient from the entire Prep community. This award is presented at the commencement exercises.

**Graduation Awards** - Medals of Excellence and Commendation Certificates for each academic subject are presented to graduating seniors during the Commencement Exercises in June.

**National Honor Society** - During the month of December, students eligible for membership in this society are inducted in a formal ceremony.

**Optimate Society** - This award recognizes academic excellence for a student who has achieved 90% - 94% average for the school year.

**Principal’s Award** - Similar to Canticle Citation but presented to non-faculty staff members.

**Principal’s List** - This honor is given to a student who excels with an average of 95% or above for the school year.

**Scholar-Athlete Awards** - These awards are presented to graduating male and female scholar-athletes meeting these qualifications: participation in two Varsity sports in senior year; a minimum 85% average for four years; character, attitude, and sportsmanship worthy of emulation. The male recipient receives the Alfred E. Powers Award; the female recipient receives the Shelia Barrett-Knudsen Award.

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NATIONAL MATHEMATICS HONOR SOCIETY
MU ALPHA THETA
FRANCISCAN CHAPTER

The Franciscan Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta was established in January of 2009. The purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship in, and enjoyment and understanding of, mathematics among high school students.

The following is the criteria used for consideration in the society:

a. The student must have completed at least 2 years of high school math at St. Francis Prep.
b. The student must have grades of:
   i. 95 or higher in any two regular math classes
   ii. 92 or higher in any two honors math classes
   iii. An overall GPA of 92 or higher
c. The student must be enrolled in 1 full credit of math. This can be accomplished with any full year class.
d. There is no such thing as “permanent membership;” any student accepted is re-evaluated for the following year’s membership.
e. Inductees need to complete service hours to be reconsidered the following year. Rules for service are described below. Failure to complete service hours disqualifies the member for membership the following year.
f. Any student who has honor code violations or suspensions will not be considered for admittance. Any student who acquires either of the above after being inducted will be rejected. Students with excessive detentions will also be rejected.

Upon receiving an invitation to join, students sign a letter of acceptance. This letter includes three caveats:

a. Students must attend the induction ceremony
b. Students must agree to do school tutoring service hours:
   1. New members must complete a total of 8 hours of service. (5 hours prior to Induction Ceremony and 3 hours after Induction Ceremony). New members are required to do tutoring service through the Peer Tutoring in the Guidance Office (W-101), or peer-tutoring through the students’ math teacher.
   All members must maintain a service log (available on the St. Francis Prep website). Log Sheets are due in February and May (exact dates to be announced). Log entries must be separate for each work of service done. A signature from a faculty member or adult in charge is needed for each entry. Service hours are approved only by the moderator.
   2. Current senior members must complete 8 hours of in school math tutoring. Logs must be completed, signed, and handed in by due dates.

Student entries that do not follow the log requirements or that includes service outside the boundaries discussed in section above, may be rejected by the moderator.

c. Students must pay a one-time $35.00 application fee. This includes the membership fee, an honor society chord, a membership pin, and a certificate. This fee will also cover any social events.

The Senior Class members of the society elect members of their class for the following positions: President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

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SPECIAL AWARDS
The Parents’ Guild

The Parents’ Guild of St. Francis Prep was founded with the purpose of promoting a closer spirit of cooperation and understanding among the students, parents, and teachers at the Prep through various social, spiritual, and fundraising activities.

Through active involvement and participation in a series of social events throughout the year, the Guild demonstrates to students and others the continued commitment of current and alumni parents to the economic and spiritual welfare of St. Francis Prep.

Guild membership is automatic for any parent or guardian of all students. There is no assessment of fees or dues and members are invited to attend all meetings and social events.

The Parents’ Guild meets at 7:30 p.m. on either the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of each month in the school cafeteria, unless the school is closed.

Parents’ Guild Tuition Assurance Fund

One of the exceptional innovations of the Parents’ Guild was the establishment of the Tuition Assurance Fund. In the event of the death of either parent or legal guardian (providing that the Finance Card has been previously signed by the deceased), this fund pays all remaining tuition costs for the student. Enrollment of incoming students in the Tuition Assurance Fund is mandatory (even if your child is receiving a full scholarship). There is a single non-recurring charge required when the student registers with the Prep. It covers the entire student's remaining years at St. Francis Preparatory School. This guarantees the continuance of a Franciscan education for your child.

“Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.”
---St. Francis of Assisi

Officers of the Parents’ Guild

President: Judith Peter
Vice President: Mike Prior
Secretary: Eric Dietmann
Treasurers: Cynthia Nierer
Moderator: Br. Leonard Conway, O.S.F.

Shakespeare Festival Day 2015
Chair of English - Dr. Stephen Marino as William Shakespeare

2017 - 2018 Student Government Representatives

The following students will serve as Student Council Officers in the 2017 - 2018 academic year:

- **Student Body President**: Cesar Santana
- **Student Body Vice President**: Franco Purificato
- **Student Body Treasurer**: Maria Chimarios
- **Secretary**: Glenn Fiocca
- **Senior Class President**: Joseph Pennacchio
- **Senior Class Vice President**: Sherry Chen
- **Junior Class Rep / Cor Representative Coordinator**: Shubin Gong
- **Sophomore Class President**: Sophia Zephyr

St. Francis Prep is dedicated to the philosophy that citizens must be active participants in a democratic society. In order to prepare students for this type of involvement, the school supports the operation of a Student Government.

Student Government provides a channel through which student views may be made known to the faculty and administration. These views are respected and, where appropriate, implemented for the betterment of the total school population. Elections are held in the spring; 9th Grade Officers are elected during Spirit Week in October.
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- College Office: 1-718-943-7510
- Deans/Attendance: 1-718-279-3722
- Development: 1-718-423-7813
- Finance: 1-718-224-2108
- Guidance: 1-718-428-2581
- Nurse: 1-718-423-1098
- President’s Office: 1-718-504-7668
- Principal’s Office: 1-347-408-4448

**Outside Companies**
- Lifetouch, Inc. (Senior Pictures): 1-631-861-2555
- Jostens (Ring Company): 1-718-343-5155
- Flynn & O’Hara: 1-800-441-4122
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- 11th - Mrs. S. Camus
- 9th - Ms. T. Houseman

**OTHER PROGRAMS MODERATORS**

- Student Admission’s Counselor: Mrs. Lisa Schaefer-Heuer
- Student Admission’s Counselor: Mr. Abelardo Leston
- Christmas Party for Our Friends with Special Needs: Mrs. Suzanne Camus
- 9th Grade Ambassadors: Mrs. Lisa Schaefer-Heuer
- 9th Grade Ambassadors: Mr. Abelardo Leston
- Junior Rings: Mrs. Suzanne Camus
- Prom Moderator: Mr. David Ganci
- Prom Moderator: Mrs. Becky Barrell
- P.S. 4 Volunteers: Mrs. Suzanne Camus
- Seraph: Ms. Robyn Armon
- Seraph: Ms. Becky Barell
- SFP-TV: Mr. P. T. McLaughlin
- Student Government: Mr. David Ganci
- Tutoring Program: Mrs. Nancy Williams
- Yearbook (San Fran): Mrs. Jill Verdi
SPORTS

Athletic Director
Mr. Salvatore Fischetti

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Phyllis Gambino

Baseball
Mr. Al D’Andrea, Varsity Assistant Coach
Mr. Robert Kent, O.S.F., Varsity Head Coach
Mr. Kenan Hodzic, Varsity Assistant Coach
Mr. Frank Pizzurro, Junior Varsity Head Coach
Mr. Robert Capen, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach
Mr. Paul Savino, Freshman Head Coach
Mr. Daniel Angelastro, Freshman Assistant Coach
Ms. Theresa Angelastro, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach

Basketball-Boys
Mr. James Lynch, Varsity Head Coach
Mr. Drew Samuels, Varsity Assistant Coach
Mr. Chris Lanci, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach
Mr. Frank Pizzurro, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach
Mr. Paul Savino, Freshman Head Coach
Mr. Daniel Angelastro, Freshman Assistant Coach

Basketball-Girls
Ms. Kerri White, Varsity Head Coach
Ms. JoAnn Wagner, Varsity Assistant Coach
Ms. Cadi Chu, Varsity Assistant Coach
Ms. Chelsea Brandimarte, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach

Bowling
Ms. Nicole May

Cheerleading
Ms. Rose Marie Tombolo, Varsity Head Coach
Ms. Jennifer DiVanna, Varsity Assistant Coach
Ms. Caitlin Fung, Varsity Assistant Coach
Ms. Danielle Vespetino, Junior Varsity Head Coach
Ms. Alexandra DeFalco, JV Assistant Coach
Ms. Katie Markart, JV Assistant Coach
Samantha Reinhardt, JV Assistant Coach
Ms. Maureen O’Neill, Moderator

Dance
Ms. Donna Mejia, Coach
Mrs. Kimberly Istrico, Coach
Ms. Francesca Oddo, Assistant Coach

Football
Mr. Richard Carroll, Head Coach
Mr. Daniel Angelastro
Mr. William Gluck
Mr. Justin Kelly
Mr. Tom Kennedy
Mr. Mike Nola
Mr. Tariq Olivier
Mr. Robert Strack
Mr. Joey Troina
Mr. Chris Vella
Mr. Robert Waegelein

Junior Varsity “A”
Mr. Neil-O’Donnell, Head Coach
Mr. Robert Capen
Mr. Joe Donato
Mr. Robert Einersen
Mr. Kenan Hodzic
Mr. Billy Mirth
Mr. Joseph Varuzzi

Junior Varsity “B”
Mr. Clark LeMelle, Head Coach
Mr. Damon Hayden
Mr. Dexter Jackson
Mr. Mike June
Mr. Michael McCoy
Mr. Jerry Natalie
Mr. Joseph Stevens
Mr. Anthony Varuzzi

Golf – Boys
Ms. Jessica Menna, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach
Ms. Katie Derby, Junior Varsity Head Coach
Mr. Al Weinman, Varsity Assistant Coach
Ms. Jessica Menna, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach

Step Squad-Boys & Girls
Ms. Crystal Kettrell Head Coach
Ms. Susan Sparagna, Moderator

Swimming – Boys
Mr. David Correra, Head Coach
Mr. Daniel Finn, Assistant Coach
Mr. Steve Reid, Assistant Coach
Mr. Daniel Guerrero, Diving Coach
Ms. Phyllis Gambino, Moderator

Swimming-Girls
Mr. Andrew Meditiz, Head Coach
Mr. Daniel Finn, Assistant Coach
Ms. Maria Finn, Assistant Coach
Ms. Domenica Cinquemani, Assistant Coach
Ms. Phyllis Gambino, Moderator

Tennis
Mr. John Brennan, Girls Tennis A and Boys Tennis Head Coach
Mr. Ted Rohrs, Girls Tennis B Head Coach
Mr. William Cohane, Girls Tennis B Assistant Coach
Mr. Philip Brady, Assistant Coach
Ms. Kim Gammelio, Moderator

Track & Field-Boys
Mr. Ed Woods, Head Coach
Mr. J.P. Devesin, Assistant Coach
Mr. Brandon Magenheim, Assistant Coach
Mr. Harold Valestin, Assistant Coach

Track & Field-Girls
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Track & Field-Boys
Mr. James May, Head Coach
Ms. Mary Edwards Assistant Coach
Ms. Collette Mcardle, Assistant Coach
Ms. Margarita Sabogal, Assistant Coach
Ms. Jillian May, Assistant Coach

Volleyball – Boys & Girls
Mr. Kevin Colucci, Head Coach
Ms. Stephanie Horan Assistant Coach
Mr. Christopher Pierantonii, Assistant Coach

Fitness Center
Mr. Michael Aguilo
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Alma Mater

Alma Mater, Hail to thee!
Loyal kin salute thee!
Mem'ries of thy name recall
Deep affection for thee!
Thy ideals shall ever be
Inspiration constantly
Binding us together,
Binding us to thee!

Hail Saint Francis, we thy kin
Loyal to thee ever!
Sing the praises of thy name
With accord together!
This the pledge we give anew,
Loyal to thy red and blue!
Alma Mater to thee!
Ever true to thee!

On for Ol’ St. Francis

On for ol’ St. Francis
On Red and Blue,
Our colors streaming
Rush right in and
Fight for ol’ St. Francis,
Lead us on to victory
Again without a miss,
Fight for our colors,
Ol’ St. Francis.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that
I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood,
as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.