

A photograph of a modern school building with large glass windows and green trees in the foreground. The building has the word 'PREP' visible on its facade. A large red '10' is overlaid on the image, with the 'SF' logo in the top left corner.

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*10 Reasons Why
St. Francis Prep is Forever.*

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

“High School is four years; St. Francis Prep is Forever.”



We're a Community



In 1858, two Franciscan brothers came to Brooklyn and established a school, now known as St. Francis Prep in Fresh Meadows, Queens. At the time the first private catholic school on Long Island, St. Francis Prep is today the largest Catholic school in the country. Despite our size, anyone who walks through our doors instantly senses what a close-knit community we are. In the tradition of St. Francis, all members of our community are welcomed, nurtured, and supported. We all work together to create a respectful and inclusive environment where students can succeed. Freshmen have the chance to become acclimated with the school at events like Orientation, Strategies for Success, and Freshmen Follies. Our annual Walk-a-Thon is a fun and spirited day where we all come together to fundraise and support future generations at SFP. Students at St. Francis form friendships and bonds that often endure after high school, and this incredible community is only one of many reasons that we say “High School is four years; St. Francis Prep is Forever.”



“Attending St. Francis Prep was one of the best choices I have made thus far in my lifetime. SFP is more than a high school, it truly becomes your second home for your entire four years there. The students, teachers, and faculty become one big family and everyone has a sense of closeness to one another.” -Prep Student

“I love the teachers and the staff, they challenge me every day to become a better student and person overall.”

-Prep Student

Our Faculty

St. Francis Prep faculty preaches Franciscan values of education every day. Our faculty members are highly educated, with a high percentage holding advanced degrees in their disciplines. We are proud of how our faculty is continuously seeking new ways to enhance student learning through professional development activities. Students benefit tremendously when our faculty goes the extra mile by offering extra help and special attention during class, before school and after school.

The passing grade at Prep is 75%, which reflects the high standard we have for our students. Students are given all of the incentives and resources that they need to perform their best. Individualized instruction, hands-on resources, peer-to-peer tutoring, our individual instructor's extra help, and Technology Office are readily available for students. Additionally, the Prep's Math, Writing, and Science Centers are available to all students in need of extra help.

Students will also benefit from how St. Francis Prep has embraced technology in our classrooms. Every freshman student receives an iPad, which not only enriches their educational experience, but also provide future prowess in the workplace. Beyond the classroom, parents can also take advantage of Prep's technology systems by tracking their children's grades on the online gradebook PowerSchool.

St. Francis Prep faculty has been instrumental in integrating technology in their curriculum. All of our classrooms and conference rooms are equipped with SmartBoards and AppleTV. These devices, in conjunction with our 1-to-1 iPad program, allow our students the best opportunity for a creative and collaborative learning environment.

Our teachers strive to not only instruct students, but to inspire them.





“SFP has the ingredients – administrative leadership, dedicated teachers, achieving students, and a supportive community – to make St. Francis Preparatory School the most outstanding high school in the city and state of New York and beyond.”

- Chair of Middle State Visiting Team

Course Offerings

St. Francis Prep strives to prepare its students for spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical success. Students will take traditional academic courses that meet Common Core standards. Within those traditional disciplines, students have opportunities to “personalize” their programs. Students can choose the world language they’d like to learn, select the genre of literature they wish to focus on as seniors, or decide which physical education activity they’d prefer as upperclassmen. Our Science Research program is a rigorous research track for those students interested in the sciences. In junior and senior year, students can choose religion classes that allow them to explore a specific aspect of their faith, including Catholic Social Justice, Morality and the Catholic Identity. Many courses on the junior and senior level can be taken for college credit through our affiliation with several local colleges.

Our wide selection of courses is one of the greatest aspects of Prep’s rich academic experience. St. Francis Preparatory School is the leading co-educational college preparatory school in New York City, and we attribute our success to our tradition of practicing the Four Golden Links of Franciscan Education: Academic, Spiritual, Social, and Physical. St. Francis Prep students arrive as freshmen and, four years later, graduate as young adults prepared for the challenges of today’s colleges and universities. Nearly 100% of our students continue to a four-year college, and our senior class last year was awarded over \$218 million in academic scholarships.



The Arts

ART DEPARTMENT'S

St. Francis Prep offers an exceptional Art Program that is unrivaled by other Catholic Schools in the area. There are 29 course offerings in the performing and visual arts. The school's commitment to the arts is evident by the recently constructed Art Education Center. The Art Education Center consists of two large art studios, an Advanced Fine Art Studio, a Sculpture and Ceramics Studio and two Mac computer labs. Prep graduates attend some of the most prestigious Art colleges in the nation, such as the Pratt Institute, the Parsons School of Design, School of Visual Arts, FIT, and Rhode Island School of Design. St. Francis Prep proudly displays the talents of our students at our annual art show.

The Art Department's goal is to foster our students' appreciation of the arts while developing their perception, personal insight, and conceptual thinking. Our curriculum fulfills national and state standards, and we focus on four disciplines of art: art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics. Each student learns the fundamentals necessary to grow, whether they are pursuing art for personal enjoyment or to continue their studies in college.

St. Francis Preparatory's Art Department has expanded its computer technology to keep up with changing times and new computer advancements. It is crucial for the art department to keep growing and keep up with changing technology.

- For Architecture and CAD: Floorplanner.com, TinkerCAD, Bender, Autodesk, 3D Printers, Cura, and SmartDRAW
- For Webpage Design: Codeacademy, Adobe XD, Editor p5.js, and Weebly.com
- For general use: Adobe Fresco, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Wacom Tablets, Canva.com, iMovie, Camera Connect, Google Photos, 20 DSLR Canon T8 cameras, and Epson Printers



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

“Nobody is doing it better!”

This quote from the Middle States Association describes St. Francis Prep’s Music Department, when Prep became the first school to ever receive the Association’s Music Credential. The Music Credential recognizes only those schools with the most sophisticated programs and the highest goals in music education.

Our music program has been described as providing an “open and creative atmosphere... that allows students to have fun, enjoy learning, and freely express themselves through their music.” We hold our students to a high standard, but we also take an individualized and comprehensive approach to teaching.

We uphold this standard each day in the Music Department, and our new state-of-the-art facilities have created an ideal environment for students to succeed. In the first phase of construction, we unveiled a rehearsal room for our Chamber Orchestra, a dedicated percussion studio, a suite of 7 Wenger SoundLok sound isolation rooms for individual practice and lessons, and a classroom for our upperclassmen electives. During our next phase, a new Orchestra Room and a state-of-the-art Music Studio will be added to the Music Education Center.

Our students have the opportunity to display their talents at numerous performances and school events throughout the year. Over the years, our elite ensembles have performed for, among others, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and President and Secretary Clinton. We have also toured Australia, England, and Italy.

Although the music department has rich traditions, we also like to evolve as we grow. We’ve recently established a Music Department Parent Association, redesigned the Introduction to Music curriculum to be iPad-centered, and welcomed numerous teaching artists to Prep to work with students. We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments thus far, and we’re looking forward to welcoming future generations of Prep music students.

Guidance Department

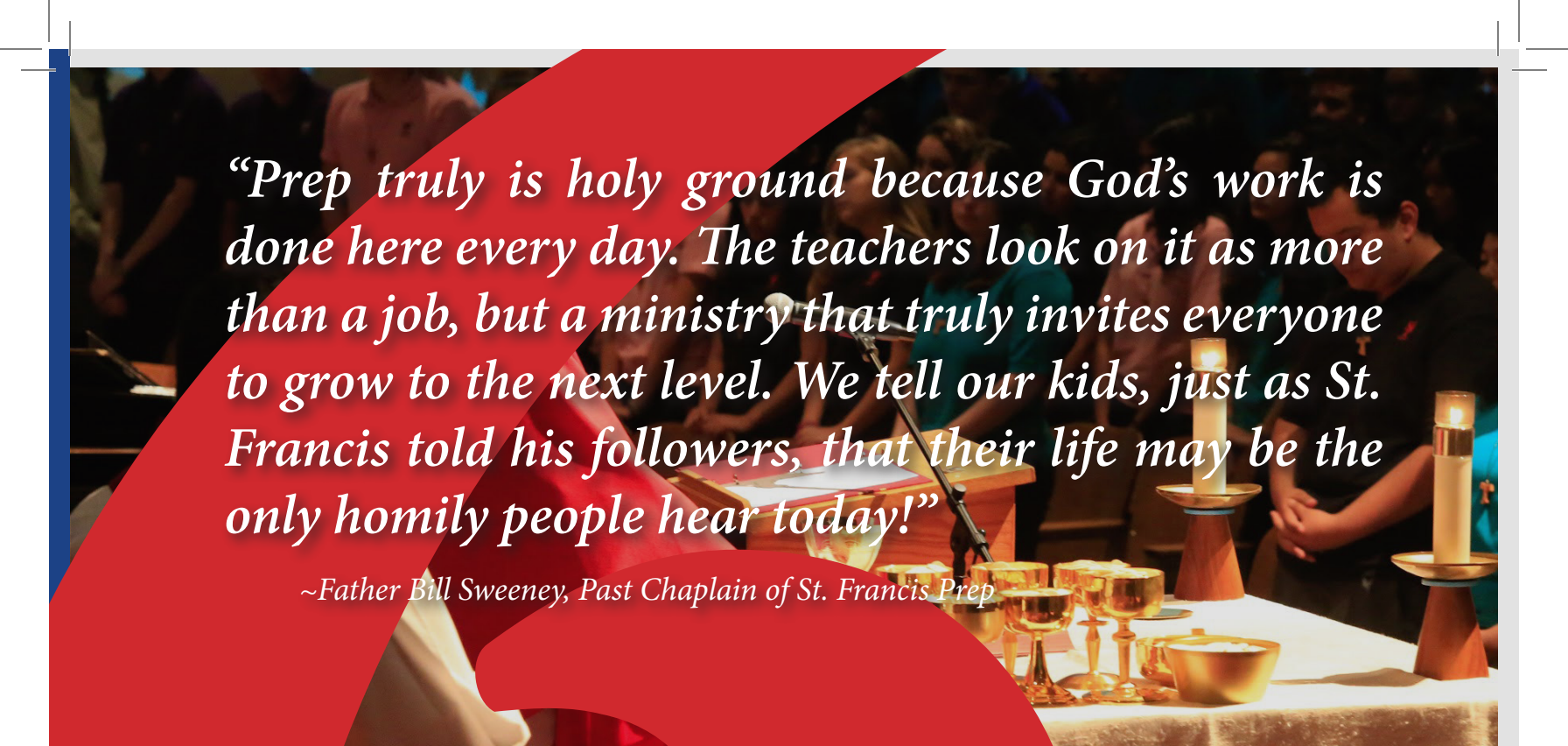
Students at St. Francis Prep are fortunate to have the support of our dedicated Guidance Counselors, College Counselors, and staff. Each freshman is assigned their own guidance counselor who they can meet with for emotional and academic support over the course of their high school career. Our counselors try to be proactive in their efforts to provide support by scheduling meetings to assist with course selection, offering support groups, tracking grades via PowerSchool, and more.

The College Office assists our seniors with the daunting process of applying to college. Our Summer Symposium provides one-on-one assistance with completing the Common Application, and programs like on-site applications help students conveniently interview for admissions and scholarships at local schools. Additionally, the Guidance Department will often facilitate connections between students and our robust alumni network, who seeks to give back to the Prep community in any way they can.

Students at Prep are better prepared to succeed in high school with the knowledge that they have such a strong support system in the Guidance Department.

“Like most high school graduates, I was nervous about starting college. However, I soon learned that I had nothing to worry about – my teachers and advisors at St. Francis Prep had prepared me well. You can rest assured knowing you’ll get a quality education at St. Francis Prep, which will give you an edge among your future peers.” -Prep Alumnus





“Prep truly is holy ground because God’s work is done here every day. The teachers look on it as more than a job, but a ministry that truly invites everyone to grow to the next level. We tell our kids, just as St. Francis told his followers, that their life may be the only homily people hear today!”

~Father Bill Sweeney, Past Chaplain of St. Francis Prep

Campus Ministry


As a Catholic High School, the spiritual growth of Prep students is a shared ministry of the administration, faculty and staff. The Campus Ministry team, which includes the only full-time High School Chaplain, Father Thimoté Cherelus, in the Diocese of Brooklyn, as well as three lay people and a Franciscan Mission Coordinator, are devoted to guiding students on their spiritual journey during their years at St. Francis Prep. The Campus Ministry team organizes school-wide liturgies for Holidays and Feast days, as well as grade level masses and prayer services throughout the year. The Campus Ministry Team invites students to serve as Retreat Leaders, Ministers of Holy Communion and Liturgical Assistants. Campus Ministry offers a comprehensive retreat program using Camp Alvernia in Centerport, and dozens of opportunities for students to participate in community service, including volunteering at soup kitchens, Midnight Runs to help the homeless by delivering food and essentials, and service immersion programs in places like Camden, NJ, Dominican Republic, Brazil and Peru. The Campus Ministry team also organizes school-wide collections throughout the year for our local non profit organizations to help our local communities, as well as for our sister school St. Francis Secondary School in Lare, Kenya. Our dedicated team provides pastoral care and support to the members of the school community and coordinates a sacramental preparation program. Students who get involved in Campus Ministry become servant leaders inspired by our Catholic and Franciscan values.

“Preach often, sometimes use words” - St. Francis of Assisi

Clubs and Activities

Prep has something to offer each and every student. While academics is our first priority, students are also encouraged to become well-rounded people by getting involved in extra-curricular activities. Prep has more than 40 clubs and activities (more than any other high school in New York City). Our 16 ethnic clubs come together on International Night to celebrate one another's cultures through a fun night filled with food and dance.

Our clubs are diverse and meet a broad range of interests, from acting, (the Alvernian Drama Society), to poetry (Poetry Out Loud and The Little Portion), to ping pong, painting and photography. Students often have their most memorable high school experiences and form some of their closest bonds at St. Francis Prep through the activities they participate in.



St. Francis Preparatory School has great resources for their student to use and the opportunities here are endless. The school is very diverse and there are many activities to choose from. --Prep Student

Physical Education and Sports

Students at St. Francis are encouraged to live healthy lifestyles. Whether or not you are an athlete, we will help you grow on your physical wellness journey through our wide selection of physical education courses and state-of-the-art fitness center. The Physical Education Department offers 21 Health and Physical Education courses, including Pickleball, Golf, and Tai Chi and Yoga. Students can work out at St. Francis Prep's Fitness Center before and after school. Our Fitness Center has all of the latest fitness technology, including a PowerGroove Resistance Trainer, Viper Rope Climbers, Arc Trainers and Cybex Equipment, including a Cybex Big Iron and a Jacob's Ladder.

We offer both Intramural Sports and Interscholastic Sports Programs so students have the option to compete either against classmates or against other schools. Our Sports Program has won over 200 Championships during its tenure with CHSAA, a highly competitive and the largest Catholic high school athletic league in the United States.

Through healthy competition, we teach our students the values of hard work, discipline, and sportsmanship.



What I loved about SFP was that it was full of teachers and administration that actually cared about the success and well being of all of their students. Whenever I struggled in a subject there was always someone there who helped and had a real concern about what I needed help with academically. -Prep Alumnus



Facility

Students who attend St. Francis Prep can rest assured that they're in a secure building that is continuously being improved. Our Capital Improvement Campaign has already provided many needed improvements to our building, and we look forward to continuing our progress in the coming years. We've improved our heating and cooling systems, and built our Art Education Center, the Vince O'Connor Fitness Center, and five state-of-the-art Science Labs. We also created a stadium-style lecture hall to offer our students a college lecture environment. As we continue making improvements on our Music Facilities, Gymnasium, locker rooms, and newly renovated Chapel we are excited to see how new generations of Prep students utilize our facilities to enrich their education.

St. Francis Preparatory School is still improving ever since I entered from freshman year. The Prep has built music rooms that I have enjoyed using and the hallways have been redone. Even some of their bathrooms have been redone. The Prep also has an amazing physical education facility. Send your children here because high school is for 4 years, but the Prep is forever! —Prep Student

Cafeteria and Food Services

CulinArt Group works with St. Francis Prep to encourage students to enjoy a healthy lifestyle – one that incorporates balanced food choices, regular exercise, and an overall attention to living well.

Our Eat Well program ensures that there is always something nutritious to eat in the cafeteria. These dishes meet strict USDA nutritional standards, while never sacrificing taste. Eat Well is just one of many healthy options for students to enjoy. Students can see their lunch options on the daily schedule or on signs around the café, with icons representing Eat Well, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, or a combination of these.

All SFP students receive an ID Card in September. This card can be used like a debit card in our cafeteria to purchase items. Students using the Prep Card check out in a fraction of the time it takes to pay with cash. The bar code on the card will be scanned, displaying the student's photograph for security purposes.

St. Francis Prep and Culinart embody the Physical link of the Four Golden Links of Franciscan Education; our students' nutrition is essential to their academic success.

My experience at St. Francis Prep is one I will not forget. I had made many friends within the diverse community and always felt included whether it be in class or the cafeteria. Students were always nice and teachers were hardworking and cared about whether you succeeded or not. -Prep Alumnus



Facts About SFP



ADMISSIONS

Ms. Lisa Schaefer-Heuer, Director of Admissions
Ms. Toni Murphy, Admissions Assistant
Ms. Catherine Alger, Admissions Assistant
Ms. Madison Murillo, Admissions Assistant

ENROLLMENT

2,450

TUITION

2025 - 2026 \$11,400

FEES

One time \$350 Registration Fee, \$275 Technology Fee, and \$500 Assurance Fund
Payment Plans are available
Financial Assistance available

DRESS

Uniform

CHOICES CONSIDERED

1st Preferred; 2nd and 3rd Considered

SCHOOL CODE

#019

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 18th - 11 AM to 3 PM. Registration required.
Visit www.SFPonline.org for registration and other admissions events.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

St. Francis Prep is located at the intersection of the Horace Harding Expressway (the service road of the Long Island Expressway) and Francis Lewis Boulevard. Prep is directly accessible by three bus routes: Q76, Q30, and Q26.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Prep offers a number of full and partial scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to the students who select St. Francis Prep as their first choice and score highest on the entrance exam. Students must maintain an average of 90% or higher with 6th, 7th and 8th grade marks. Applicants may not have attendance or disciplinary issues. Students will be notified in their acceptance letter in January if they are recipients of a scholarship.

CONSIDERATION

Consideration is given for family relationships such as brother, sister, son, or daughter of those who are presently in attendance or have graduated from the Prep. Familial relationship does not guarantee admission. Special Consideration Form is available within the 9th grade application online at www.SFPonline.org.



Registration is available for open house events and open house tours on www.SFPonline.org

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9th GRADE APPLICANTS

All 9th grade applicants are expected to apply at www.SFPonline.org in addition to taking entrance exams.

All applicants for the 9th grade are expected to take the TACHS on November 8th, 2025, of their 8th grade year.

Beginning August 25th, 2025, you may register 7 days a week online at www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone 1-866-618-2247.

Deadline for Internet and telephone registration: October 20th, 2025

Catholic School Students Once you have submitted an application to take the TACHS test, the testing company will forward a 9th grade applicant record form to your 8th grade teacher. This application will contain information regarding your 6th, 7th, and 8th grade marks, conduct, and attendance.

Public School Students Students must submit the applicant form to their current teacher or guidance counselor and have it mailed to the Admissions Office at St. Francis Prep. If the form is not available, please submit copies of your 6th, 7th, and 8th grade report cards by December 10th, 2025.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Applicants to grades 10, 11, or 12 (transfer students) must complete a transfer application from www.SFPonline.org. Applications are accepted in November for January Admission and in May for September Acceptance.

Transfer students are expected to have a B+ (85%) average and good conduct and attendance. All final grades from high school must be 75% or above.





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