

January 2018

*When you can do the common things of life in an uncommon way,
you will command the attention of the world. - George Washington Carver*

From the desk of Mr. Mendolia:

Summer School 2018

Summer School for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students who fail classes during the regular school year will be held from July 2-31. Classes will meet Monday through Friday with the exception of July 4 and 5. Summer School Registration will take place on June 22nd from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in the auditorium. Summer classes for seniors will take place between May 29 and June 29. Registration for these courses will take on May 24 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in the auditorium.

Students who are failing or are in danger of failing a course should not schedule any vacations, college visits, etc., during the summer session. Students who miss more than 2 classes will be unable to earn course credit and will be forced to withdraw from St. Francis Prep.

From the desk of Mr. Castellano:

COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

Since our return from Christmas vacation, students have been involved in getting advisement for courses for next year. Course registration will take place 1-4 February. Students will select their classes through their Power School accounts. If students have not yet met with their guidance counselors, they should do so right away. Once students select their classes, they must print the sheet of classes and have a parent or guardian sign it; students will submit this sheet in Cor on 5 February. Parents and guardians with questions about course selection should call their child's guidance counselor or Mr. Castellano, at ext. 209.

GPA

There has been some confusion about the GPAs that appear in Power School. This information explains what the various GPAs are.

- There are 2 GPAs displayed. One is the transcript GPA, which reflects all completed courses. It has changed from September for any student who completed a course in January (a half-year course).
- The other GPA is the yearly average. It is labeled as "Q2 Yearly Average." This is a running average of the first and second quarters. (It will change again at the end of the 3rd quarter.) It does not reflect honors points and is not weighted. It is not an exclusively 2nd quarter GPA. This is where the confusion arises.
- The GPA that is displayed is not the Honor Roll GPA. The Honor Roll GPA is not displayed in Power School. If a student makes the Honor Roll based on quarterly GPA, there will be

a notation on the bottom of the Report Card. The Honor Roll will be posted in the Prep lobby in the next few days.

From the desk of Mr. Woods, Director of Technology:

Recently, a few students experienced an issue in which they did NOT receive their Semester 2 schedule via email. If your student did not receive a Semester 2 schedule via email, you may have inadvertently turned off the receipt of emails to the student's email account.

You need to check the following:

- Login to the Parent Portal.
- Select School Messenger (at the bottom of the menu on the left side of the page).
- Click on the "Contact" Tab.
- Click on "Edit" under "Actions."
- Review the email accounts. The FIFTH email account is the student email account.
- Verify that the student email account has not been deleted and that it is in the correct format. The correct format is <student_number>@stfrancisprep.org (like 2212300@stfrancisprep.org).
- Verify that, for that account, the following boxes are CHECKED: "Non-school hours emergency," "School hours emergency," "ALL EMAILS (including Student)," and "Student Email ONLY." If these are unchecked, your student may NOT receive important messages, like school schedules, from Prep.

NHS

The Franciscan Chapter of the National Honor Society is proud to be inducting 180 new members on Wednesday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Families are asked to submit their RSVP online to www.tinyurl.com/NHSInduct2018 .

Parents' Guild

In December, our Parents' Guild collaborated with Campus Ministry to collect donations for CHIPS, a non-profit organization that helps homeless, poor, and elderly New Yorkers and gives residence to homeless mothers with newborn babies. Brother Tom Barton, O.S.F., from CHIPS (pictured with SFP's Brother James McVeigh, O.S.F.) thanked the SFP community for our part in providing a catered Christmas dinner and 400 gift packages to those in need.

If you would like further information on upcoming volunteer events and fundraisers, please contact Campus Ministry at extension 249 or the Parents' Guild at parentsguild@sfponline.org.



Principal's Newsletter



POETRY OUT LOUD

The English Department is proud to announce the winners of St. Francis Prep's 10th annual Poetry Out Loud recitation competition: junior Amy Mwai and sophomore Aaila Awan were our two winners, and junior Sanaia Layne was our runner-up. Both Amy and Aaila will be representing Prep at the New York City Regionals on Feb. 8th at F.I.T.'s Katie Murphy Amphitheatre, with a chance for them to make it to the New York State Competition in Syracuse in March.



For 9 out of 10 years, St. Francis Prep has been the only Catholic high school in New York City to compete in this prestigious national competition. We are also proud to have had 3 New York City Regional winners and 2 New York State Runners-Up.



Model UN

St. Francis Prep hosted its eleventh annual Model UN Conference on January 13th, 2018, "PrepMUNC XI." Model UN is a public speaking activity modeled after the United Nations, run and moderated by Mr. Jardines, Prep alum Steven Romanello, Secretary General Nicole O'Connor, Director General Kayla Keenan, and Administration General Anna Pyo. At PrepMUNC XI, over 250 students from 10 high schools acted as delegates representing member nations of the UN; students split into different committees to debate and try to resolve issues plaguing our world today. These committees included Security Council, UN Women, and the Human Rights Committee. We want to thank Mr. Mclaughlin, who made an appearance and gave a speech at the opening ceremony, all the volunteers, and custodial staff that help made PrepMUNC XI a success!



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Art Department

On January 23rd, 2018, twenty-two students from Drawing From Life had a unique experience of drawing from a live professional model over the course of a school day. Figure drawing is extremely important for this particular class, and working from a live model makes it all possible. In most college-level figure drawing classes, students take about three hours for drawing, take a hour for lunch, and continue to draw for another three hours. The students of Drawing From Life now have had a chance for a similar experience drawing from a professional model and worked with a very similar schedule. Especially since this is a course for College Credit, this allowed them to have a better understanding of how to dedicate time to their art and complete a body of work. We started out with a series of gesture drawings in two- minute intervals to warm up their hands and observational skills. Then we settled into two longer poses, nearly two hours each, during which the students used techniques and mediums they have learned through the Fall Semester. The focus and drive to go through the process from start to finish were a joy to see. The students really had a wonderful time experiencing a college-like situation, and the art work created was phenomenal!



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Athletics

Congratulations to Emily Engstler on being awarded a McDonald's All American! Emily will attend Syracuse University in the fall on a full basketball scholarship. She currently holds a GPA of 94. Well done!

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Girl's JV Basketball Team

On Thursday, January 25, the Girls' JV Basketball team volunteered at the Presentation Soup Kitchen. The team prepared the meal for dinner and served to over 250 guests. Their coach Anthony Brown said, "The experience sincerely humbled the team and made them appreciate the small things in life."





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Girls' Track

The Girls' track team finished 4th at the City Championship and 3rd at the Brooklyn-Queens Championship. Trinity Smith (55 meter Hurdles) and Stephanie Zovich (Shot Put) were City and Brooklyn-Queens Champions. Chiara Cinquemani was Brooklyn-Queens 3000 meter Champion.



Boys' Track

Zalen Nelson ran ANOTHER school record for the indoor 1000 Meter Run (the third time this season he has broken the record) with a 2:32.67, good for second place at the prestigious New Balance Games on January 20th. His time is currently 3rd best in New York State and 20th best in the US. His 600 Meter Run time of 1:23.19 is 6th in New York State and 17th in the US.





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Also at the New Balance Games, the Sprint Medley Relay team of Dean Athanailos, Shawn Bendeck, Andre Sobers, and Zalen Nelson ran 3:38.53, good for fourth place. Their time is 5th in New York State and 25th in the US.

Dance Team

Coaches Donna Mejia and Kim Istrico, Dance Manager Alumni Francesca Oddo, and special guest choreography Alumni Breena Goldberg are happy to announce SFP Dance Team took first place second year in a row. The competition was held in Long Island through the National Dance Alliance for high school dance.



Soccer

The boys' and girls' soccer programs held their third annual free winter soccer clinic this past Saturday, January 27th. It was open to 6th- through 8th- graders from local feeder schools. The day was a great success with about 100 kids attending the clinic. Thanks to the boys' coaching staff for organizing, planning, and running the day, and Nick Stork from the girls' staff for helping out.

Alumni

Kelly Lee '17 and Zoe Kaouris '17, now in their first year at SJU and on the Cheerleading squad, are seen here at halftime of the Georgetown game.



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