



St. Joseph's Academy

Welcome, Class of 2024

9th Grade at a Glance

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Transitions

- **New freedoms**
- **Students go straight to class**
- **50 minutes for lunch**
- **SAGE Dining (before & after school, also)**
- **More responsibilities**
- **Join clubs/organizations and/or participate in high school sports**
- **No boys**



Things to Know



What to do if...

- **Absent or late to school**
- **A doctor's appointment during school**
- **Absent for several days**
- **Computer crashes**
- **Need accommodations**
- **Completely stressed out**
- **Need extra academic help**

Absent or late – contact Ms. McLean, Students' Receptionist

Appointment during the day – encourage appointments to be after school or during breaks; however, if students need to leave during the day, they must check out with Ms. McLean before leaving campus

Absent for several days – If a student is out for 4 or more days, see their counselor to help make a plan for make-up work/tests.

Computer crashes – go to the Help Desk for a loaner

Completely stressed – see their counselor

Need Academic Help – Go to the Learning Center for additional tutoring during lunch or after school in the library.

SJA Learning Center

Additional Tutoring Provided

Lunch periods and after school

- Math
- Science
- English

Library Hours

6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



Updates on days/times are given during morning announcements each day.

SJA Graduation Requirements

Subject	Units Required
English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	4 units
Social Studies	3 units
Theology	4 units
Foreign Language	2 units (same language)
Health & PE	2 units
Fine Arts	1 units (same art)
Elective	1 units
TOTAL	25 units



Course Sequence



Mathematics

Algebra I → Geometry → Algebra II → Pre Calculus or Algebra III → Calculus



Science

Physical Science → Biology → Chemistry → Environmental Science, Physics, other Advanced Science Electives



Social Studies

Civics → U.S. History (11th) → World History (12th)



Freshman Schedule

Credit	Subject	Options
1	English	English I or English I Honors
1	Mathematics	Algebra I or Algebra I Honors Geometry or Geometry Honors
1	Science	Physical Science or Physical Science Honors Biology or Biology Honors
1	Social Studies	Civics or Civics Honors
1	Theology	Theology I
1	Foreign Language	French, Spanish or Latin
.5	Health & PE	Health & PE 9/10
.5 or 1	Elective	Recommend Art Credit
7 TOTAL		



Elective Choices

Half-Credit Arts

Fine Arts Survey	0.5
Media Arts I	0.5
Art I/Drawing	0.5
Dance I	0.5
Dance II*	0.5
Theatre I	0.5

Full-Credit Arts

Beginning Choir*	1.0
Advanced Choir*	1.0
Advanced Band*	1.0

Computer Science

Computer Architecture I	0.5
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***Audition required**



If your daughter chooses a full-credit elective, she will be required to take Summer PE. Information about Summer PE is found in your daughter's acceptance packet.

We recommend 7.0 credits for freshmen, but they may take 6.5 credits. If they enroll in 6.5 credits, then they would have an unstructured/study period for half the year.

Portrait of an SJA Honor Student



- Aligned with standardized tests scores
- Commitment to handling greater amounts of homework
- A's in their classes in middle school
- A love of learning
- If eligible, she may take as many or as few honors classes as she desires



Deciding to take honors? How many? Depends on student's scores, middle school grades, love for learning, commitment to greater amounts of homework, etc.

It's important to remember to have a balance! If not sure, maybe choose to take one or two. What is your daughter involved in outside of school, clubs/organizations, etc. ?

SJA Honors Diploma



- 3.8 overall grade point average after 8 semesters of work
- Minimum of 11 Honors/Advanced Placement courses over 4 years
- Minimum of 2 Honors/AP classes courses in 9th & 10th grades combined
- Minimum of 2 honors/AP courses in 11th grade
- Among Honors/AP courses in 9th, 10th & 11th grades, 2 must be AP classes
- At least 3 Honors/AP courses must be taken in 12th grade, and 2 must be AP classes
- Must earn all A's & B's in all courses, but can earn 1 C in Honors/AP Course

Honors and AP classes are assigned an additional QP and are included in the weighted GPA.

Both unweighted and weighted GPA is included on the high school transcript.

1st Academics: Must earn a 3.6-5.0 cumulative GPA with no Ds or Fs during 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

They receive a silver SJA medallion and red cord to wear at graduation.

2nd Academics: Must earn a 3.3-3.599 cumulative GPA with no Ds or Fs during 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

They receive a bronze SJA medallion to wear at graduation.

There are no requirements regarding honors/Advanced Placement courses for the first and second academics.

Grading Scale

A = 100-93

B = 92-85

C = 84-75

D = 74-67

F = 66-0

Semester Grade Calculation

1st Quarter Grade = 40%

2nd Quarter Grade = 40%

Exams = 20%



Quarter grades are not included on the transcript. They are averaged with the mid-semester exam to determine the semester grade average.

The quarter grades are numerical; the semester grade is a letter grade.

There are 2 grades posted on the high school transcript per year: First Semester Average and Second Semester Average.

Completing Registration

March 11 Deadline

Complete Online:

- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Course Selections

Complete and Return to SJA:

- ✓ Check for nonrefundable \$575 registration fee if not paying online with credit card
- ✓ Copy of your daughter's Social Security card and birth certificate
- ✓ An official, up-to-date copy of your daughter's immunization



Go to SJA website

Under the Admissions tab, you will find Course Selections

Enter your daughter's ID number and your email address and click submit

You will see freshman year courses which have been determined by a careful review of a student's academic record.

You can only submit your online course selections once.

If you experiencing technical difficulties with the course selection process, please contact Mrs. Kristen Belanger, Registrar.

Tryouts & Auditions



Important Dates – see acceptance packet for details

Dance	March 3
CHS Band/Choir	March 18
CHS Bruinettes	March 30 and April 2
SJA Cheerleading	April 1
Sports: Please see packet for specific athletic tryouts	

More information can be found in your daughter's acceptance packet.

Looking Ahead

Sticker Spectacular

April 2, 6-8 p.m.

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Computer Orientation

Assigned dates are provided
in the acceptance packet

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

July 20-23 or July 27-30



Sticker Spectacular – required informational meeting for student and at least one parent

Computer Orientation – school uniform is required; if there is a conflict, contact Admissions Director Meredith Smith.

