

# **Troubie Parent 101**

July 2, 2019







Theresa Rodgers, President

### Elias Mendoza, Principal





PowerSchool/Understanding Your Student's Schedule PowerSchool Learning Summer Reading and Other Course Packets Book Buying/MBS Demo Chromebooks and Technology

Block Schedule Website/Calendar MySchoolBucks and Cafeteria

Orientation and Retreats Christian Service Hours

Student-Parent Handbook K12 Emergency Alert Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Girls, Growth Mindset and Grit

Calendar of Parent Events Closing Remarks Mary Castellano, Assistant Principal

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Sarah Ruano, Director of Data and Assessment

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### Parent Access: Three Important Resources

All parents will receive an email in late July with instructions on how to access:

- **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal** Student schedule, attendance, and grade information
- **PowerSchool Learning** Teachers' class pages and current grades
- Final Forms Platform to update family information and emergency contact information

See handout for more details



### **Parent Logins & Portals**





### **PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal**

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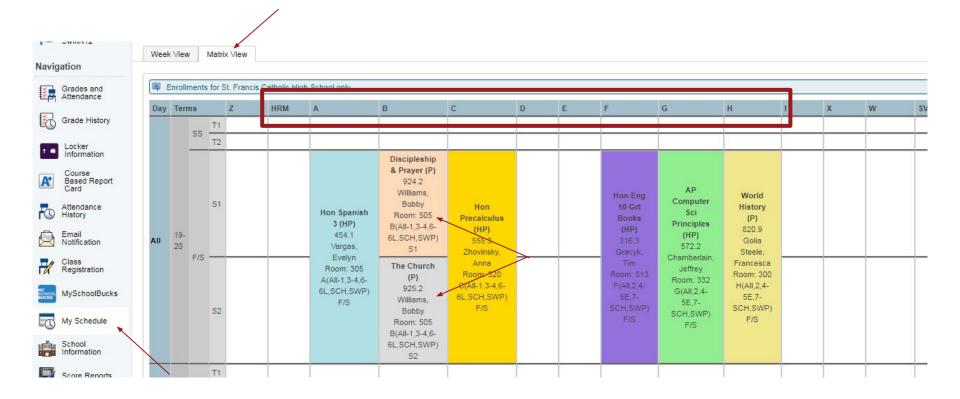


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### **Understanding Your Student's Schedule**





### **PowerSchool Learning**

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Activities ~

#### Calendar Messages ~ Pages 0 Welcome to Summer School 0 Spiral Reviews ଜ୍ଞ 2nd Semester Final ത Unit L B Unit K B Unit | B Unit I 0 Unit H 1st Semester Final $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ Unit G Unit F $\bigcirc$ 0 Unit F () Unit D 0 Unit C 0 Unit B 0 Unit A (A) Unpublished stuff

#### Welcome to Summer School

Grades ~

REMEMBER:

### MATHEMATICS

is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms: it is about UNDERSTANDING.

William Paul Thurston

#### Contact Information NAME: Anna Zhovinsky PHONE: (916) 452-3461 x154 EMAIL: azhovinsky@stfrancishs.org OFFICE HOURS: By appointment.

I have been teaching math of various levels to both children and adults for over 25 years and am very happy and proud to be a member of the amazing St. Francis community. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, and going fishing. I am also blessed to be a grandma of the beautiful toddler Alice. Here's to a great summer ahead!

#### Helpful resources

If you need more help or practice:

This link is to Khan Aacdemy wesite: https://www.khanacademy.org/ Khan Academy is one of the best educational resources I know. They have short video lessons. Very professional, not overwhelming and free. Use it!

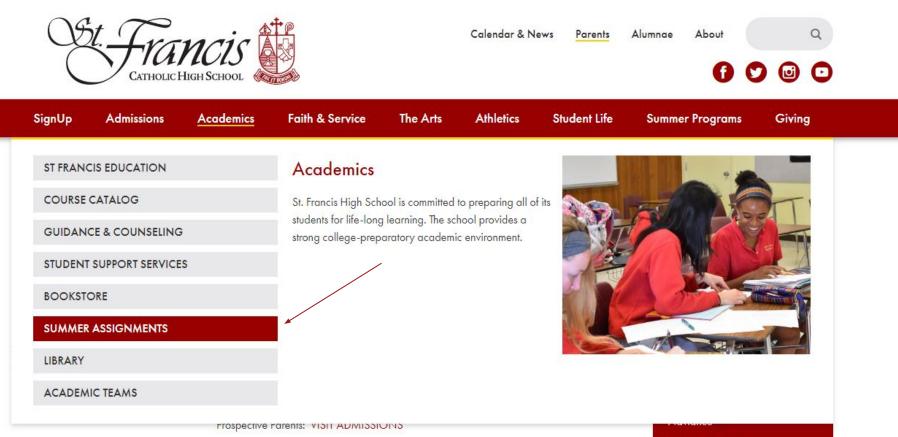
You can create an account there (suggested) or just use it as a guest.

Other free and reliable online resources: https://www.mathsisfun.com/



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### **Summer Reading & Summer Math Packets**



SFHS Bookstore



### **Summer Reading & Summer Math Packets**

- All English courses have a summer reading assignment
- Summer Math Packets:
  - HONORS INTEGRATED MATH 3
  - HONORS PRECALCULUS
  - AP CALCULUS
  - AP CALCULUS BC
- Other Summer Packets can be found on the website

#### Saint Francis High School English 9 (Freshman English) Summer Reading 2019

All grade levels are assigned summer reading. Besides providing intellectual enrichment and promoting the habit of reading, summer reading selections constitute the first major works of literature discussed and analyzed in English classes.

In order to make class discussions and essay writing easier, students must obtain a personal copy of the edition of the book listed below. Please do not buy a different version or use an e-reader version.

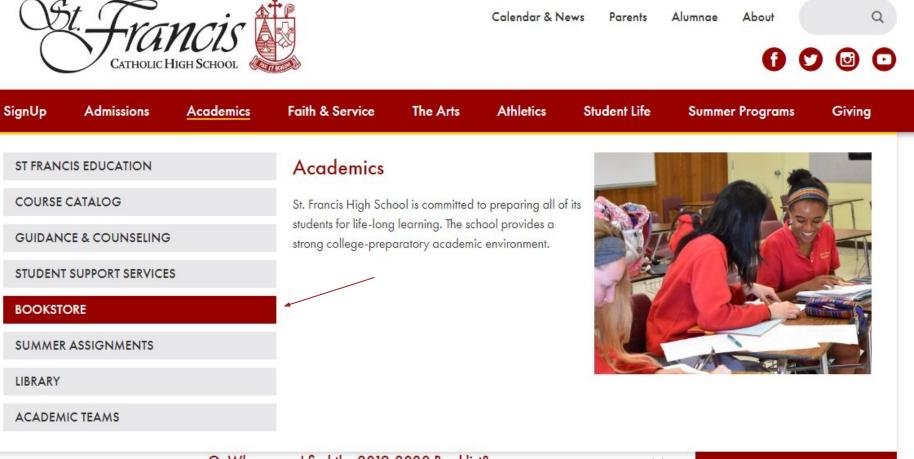
Every student will be expected to bring her copy to class every day in the opening weeks of school.

In the first days of school, students are tested on their comprehension of the summer reading novel. In order to prepare for the objective test, students may wish to take notes on the characters and central events of the novel. The multiple choice questions are not difficult for anyone who has completed the reading. Students will also complete a short written response on the novel.

The mandatory summer reading book for English 9 is: The Secret Life of Bees, by Sue Monk Kidd, ISBN 0142001740

We encourage all students to read for pleasure on their own throughout the summer.







#### ACADEMICS

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Course Catalog
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Summer Assignments
Library
Academic Teams

### Bookstore

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St. Francis High School partners with MBS to provide and online one-site bookstore
for course materials. Students may purchase books from other sites, but the ISBN must be
an EXACT match to the ISBN listed on our MBS bookstore. However, due to publisher
restrictions, some books/ebooks may only be purchased through MBS.

#### VISIT SFHS ONLINE MBS BOOKSTORE 5

#### **Bookstore FAQ**

Q. When will the bookstore be open?

Q. Where can I find the 2019-2020 Booklist?

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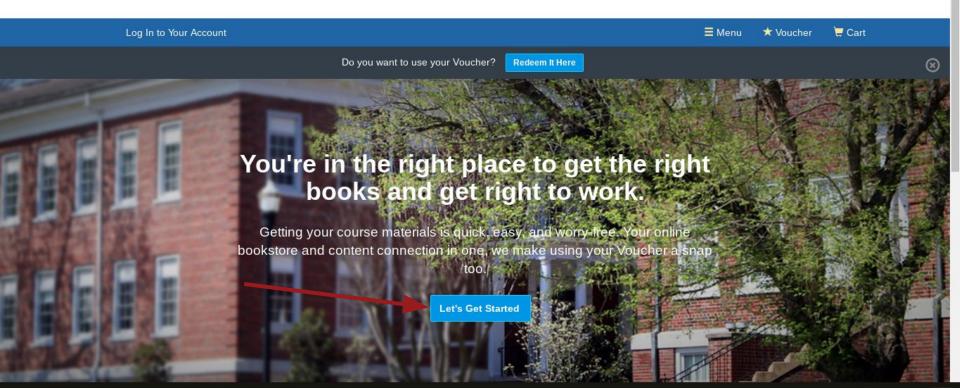
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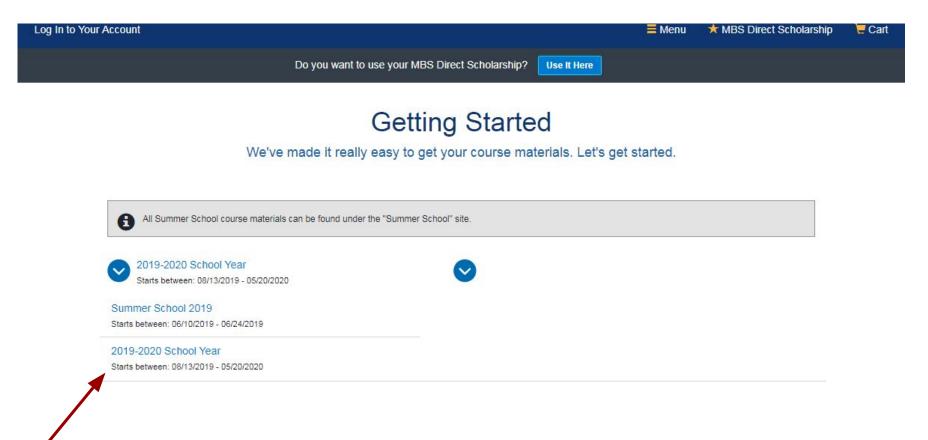






St. Francis partners with MBS Books for our online bookstore. The bookstore can be accessed by going to the <u>St.</u> <u>Francis website</u>, or to the <u>MBS website</u>. While parents do not need to purchase books through MBS, they can use this site to find out what books are required, and the ISBNs for these materials. The ISBNS for books not purchased through MBS must match <u>exactly</u>. MBS will be offering free shipping for two weeks on orders \$99 or more, beginning July 8th.





After entering the site, you will want to click on the "2019-2020 School Year" arrow, and select "2019-2020 School Year". For summer reading books, select "Summer School 2019" then "Summer Reading".



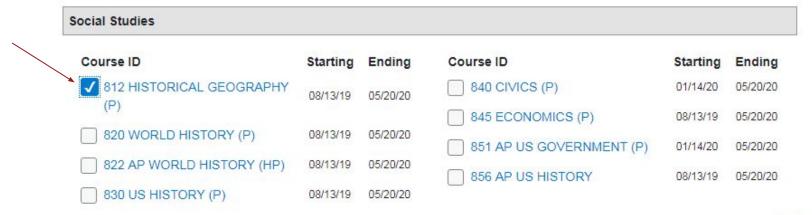
### **Getting Started**

We've made it really easy to get your course materials. Let's get started.

2019-2020 School Year Starts between: 08/13/2019 - 05/20/2020	Social Studies	
	Summer School	
	Summer Reading	
	Electives	
	English	
	Modern and Classical Languages	
	Math	
	Physical Education	
	Performing Arts	
You will click on "Subject" and select a subject/subjects you wish to view.	Science	
	Social Studies	ST. FR

Your Course IDs:

305 ENG 9, 812 HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY (P)







Select the course/courses that you would like to view, and then click on "View Your Materials".

### Your Materials

We've made it easy to get your course materials for each class. Just review and select below.

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On the "Your Materials" page, you will see all the books for each subject you selected. Please pay notice to the information in the gray bar below each book or listed above the book. If you want to purchase the book, you can easily add it to your cart from this screen.



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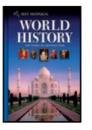
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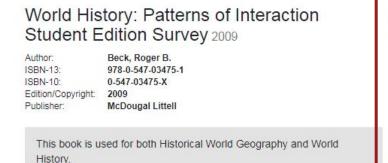
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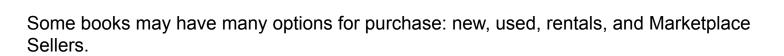
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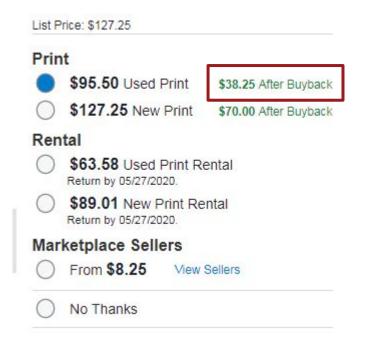
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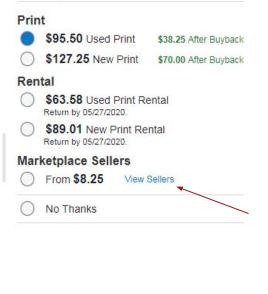


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Example: if you were to purchase a used copy at \$95.50, MBS would guarantee that they would purchase the book back in May, for \$57.25, making your cost only \$38.25. When you send the book back, you will receive a check or a credit to a PayPal account. For your convenience, St. Francis High School facilitates a book buyback day on campus during finals. All shipping that day is free.



#### List Price: \$127.25



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Rentals may be an option for some books. Please note, for this class, a rental would not be cost effective because it is used for two years. Also, rentals cannot be sent back at our "Book Buyback" event.



### **Chromebooks & Technology**

### • Chromebooks

- Pick-Up: July 30 August 1, 7:30am-11:30am (August 1, additional hours 3:00pm-6:00pm session)
- Students are covered by the school for everything but theft, for the first three years.
- On-Campus Printing
- On-Campus Network
- Phones on Campus





## **Block Schedule**

Schedule 1	Schedule 2	So	chedule 3	Schedule 4	S	chedule 5	EARLY Schedule 5
8:00 - 9:30 A Block	8:00 - 9:30 E Block	8:00 - 8:55 A Block	8:00 - 9:10 Activity	8:00 - 8:55 F Block	8:00 - 8:55 D Block	8:00 - 9:10 Activity	8:00 - 8:55 D Block
		9:00 - 9:55 B Block	9:15 - 10:10 A Block	9:00 - 9:55 G Block	9:00 - 9:55 E Block	9:15 - 10:10 D Block	9:00 - 9:55 E Block
9:35 - 11:10 B Block (Announcements)	9:35 - 11:10 F Block (Announcements)	10:00 - 11:10 Activity	10:15 - 11:10 B Block	HRM & Break 10:00 - 10:25 10:25 - 11:20 H Block	10:00 - 11:10 Activity	10:15 - 11:10 E Block	10:00 - 10:55 F Block
		Break	: 11:10-11:25		Breal	k 11:10-11:25	Break 10:55 - 11:10
11:15 - 11:55 Community Lunch	11:15 - 11:55 Community Lunch	11:25 - 12:05 Community Lun	ich	11:25 - 12:05 Community Lunch	11:25 - 12:05 Community Lur	nch	11:10 - 12:05 G Block
11:55 - 1:25 C Block	11:55 - 1:25 G Block	12:05 - 1:00 C Block		12:05 - 1:00 A Block	12:05 - 1:00 F Block		12:10 - 1:05
		1:05 - 2:00 D Block		1:05 - 2:00 B Block	1:05 - 2:00 G Block		H Block
1:30 - 3:00	1:30 - 3:00						55 Minute Classes
) Block	H Block						Early Dismissal
		2:05 - 3:00 E Block		2:05 - 3:00 C Block	2:05 - 3:00 H Block		
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### **Block Schedule**

ALL CLASSES DAY*	Sc	hedule 3	Schedule 4	Sc	hedule 5	EARLY Schedule 5
8:00 - 8:40	8:00 - 8:55	8:00 - 9:10	8:00 - 8:55	8:00 - 8:55	8:00 - 9:10	8:00 - 8:55
A Block	A Block	Activity	F Block	D Block	Activity	D Block
8:45-9:25						
B Block	9:00 - 9:55	9:15 - 10:10	9:00 - 9:55	9:00 - 9:55	9:15 - 10:10	9:00 - 9:55
BREAK	B Block	A Block	G Block	E Block	D Block	E Block
9:40 - 10:20						
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D Block						
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11:10 - 11:55	11:25 - 12:05		11:25 - 12:05	11:25 - 12:05		11:10 - 12:05
Community Lunch	Community Lune	ch	Community Lunch	Community Lun	ch	G Block
11:55-12:35	12:05 - 1:00		12:05 - 1:00	12:05 - 1:00		
E Block	C Block		A Block	F Block		
						12:10 - 1:05
12:40-1:20						H Block
F Block	1:05 - 2:00		1:05 - 2:00	1:05 - 2:00		
BREAK	D Block		B Block	G Block		
1:35 - 2:15						55 Minute Classes
G Block						Early Dismissal
3	2:05 - 3:00		2:05 - 3:00	2:05 - 3:00		
2:20-3:00	E Block		C Block	H Block		
H Block						
40 Minute Classes	55 Minute Class	es	55 Minute Classes	55 Minute Class	ies	
45 Minute Lunch	40 Minute Lunch	hes	40 Minute Lunches	40 Minute Lunc	hes	



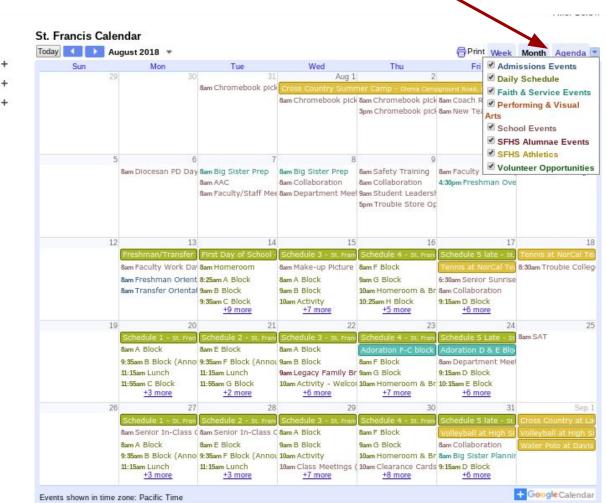
## **Online Calendar**

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## **MySchoolBucks and Cafeteria**

- Manage & add funds to your student's meal account (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or debit cards)
- Option for automatic payments (weekly, monthly, at a specific balance)
- Review recent purchases, see current balance, receive low balance alerts
- Students cannot use cash
- To add funds by check, use the drop slot in Front Office



## How Do I Login to MySchoolBucks?

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Log into PowerSchool and select "MySchoolBucks". You will need your daughter's Student ID, which is listed on the main landing page of the PowerSchool Parent/Student Portal.





## **Freshman Overnight Retreat & Orientation**

Retreat: August 9th at 4:45 pm to August 10th at 9:00 am

Register online by August 2

Surprise Parent Letter by August 5 to Campus Ministry

Orientation: August 12th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

First full day of school: Tuesday, August 13th.

\*See handout and parent email for details



### Transfer Orientation - August 12th 9:00 am to Noon

- Meet in the Guidance Department, then have lunch in the Dining Hall.
- Use school-issued Chromebook to access PowerSchool, Naviance, TroubieServe and more.
- Meet with student leaders and classmates to go over schedules, tour campus, open lockers, and discuss what to expect as a new Troubie.
- Learn about Christian Service Hours and retreats.
- Take student ID photos (please wear red polo shirt).



### **Christian Service**

- Each student will complete a minimum number of hours before the February 28, 2020 deadline.
  - Service must be done at non-profit agencies.
  - Must be direct service to the people in need.
  - Any student who completes 100 or more hours of service in a single year receives recognition for her efforts.



The student will log those hours on "MobileServe" as they complete the hours. An inservice will be given during the first few days of school



### **School Policies**

### **STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK**

### Please review the Student-Parent Handbook with your daughter.

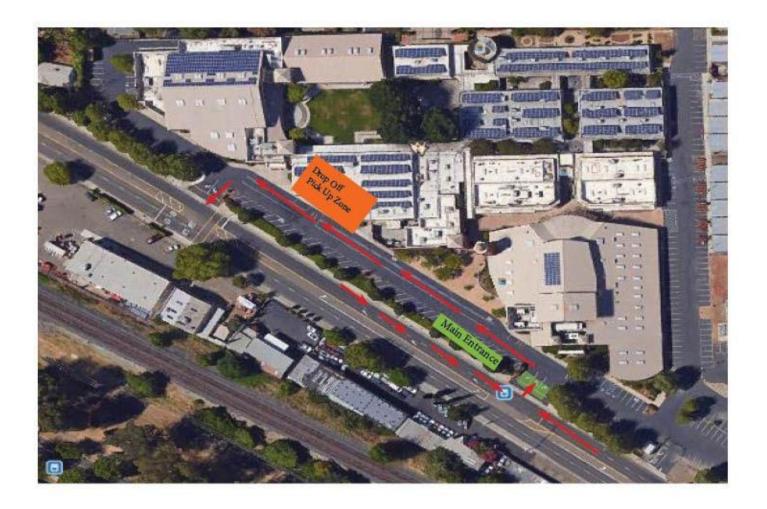
- The Handbook covers many topics, and is your source for information on safety, dress code, student behavior and discipline, technology and wellness issues.
- Our students are considered Troubies both on and off campus at all times and should uphold the values and mission of St. Francis Catholic High School.
- Almost everything we do at SFHS is covered in the Handbook or on our website; these are your absolute best resources!

### K12 ALERT

This is the automated system used to alert students, staff, and parents about important information. It is important to include your student's phone number for emergency notifications. K12 Alert is also used emergency notifications; please do not call the school in case of an alert.



## **Morning Drop Off Map**





## Afternoon Pick Up & Cell Phone Lot Map





## Girls, Growth Mindset & Grit

- iGeneration: Birth Years 1995-2012, internet constantly avail., in hand
- Grew up w/ iPhone, 80% of teens own, check 80 times/day
- Jean Twenge, PhD, examined 4 national U.S. databases of surveys dating back to 1960s to compare iGen to previous gens @ same age
- Some generational changes positive, some negative, some both
- Many causes (parents, technology, media, business, education)



## **iGen Characteristics**

- Most ethnically diverse generation in U.S. history
  - Next will be 1st majority non-white generation
- Growing Up More Slowly
  - Less Likely to go out w/o parents, fewer driving, less likely to date, have sex, have a job, drink alcohol, fight with parents
- Internet & Online Time
  - Avg HS Senior 6 hrs/day, "multi-tasking" (texting, internet, tv)
  - More time online, social media; video games (a lot vs none)
- Less In-Person Interaction
  - Less time at parties, w/friends, on dates, at the mall, movies
  - More leisure time alone
  - Those who spend more time on screen, social media, more likely to unhappy, lonely, depressed



## **iGen Characteristics**

#### • Insecure: New Mental Health Crisis

- FOMO heightened-> can see what missing out on, up to minute
- Symptoms of depression skyrocketing (esp. girls)
- Diagnosable Major Depression increasing, Suicide Rates
- Sleep deprived
- Losing Religion, Spirituality
  - Decline in religious affiliation, attendance at services
  - More likely to have religiously unaffiliated parents; less spiritual
- More Safety, Less Community
  - Safer drivers; less likely to try alcohol/binge-drink as teens
  - More focused on exam, a better job, less on learning
- Working to Earn, Not Shop
  - More realistic about work demands than Millenials
  - Higher work ethic than Millenials, don't want to work too hard
  - Just don't want to HATE job



## **iGen Characteristics**

#### • Indefinite: Sex, Marriage, Children

- Less likely to have sex as teens, young adults
- Waiting longer to marry, fewer getting married, later motherhood

#### • Inclusive: LGBT, Gender, Race Issues

- Reporting of same-sex sexual encounters, bisexuality on rise
- Racial attitudes shift towards equality, but reluctantly

#### • Independent: Politics

- Politically independent; distrustful of govt, political process
- Less likely to take political action
- Less informed (decrease in frequency and sources of news)



# **Understanding & Working w/iGen**

What St. Francis Can Do....

- **Build trust** w/students, facilitate active participation in class, willingness to ask questions
- **Balance lecture** with discussion, relating student experiences to exam material, future professions
- **Keep class interesting**, address shorter attention spans by toggling lecture, discussion, videos, demos
- Teach how to judge content, evaluating sources and evidence to determine what's real vs not real
- Foster critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, the 21st skills most important for college and career readiness (National Education Association, Partnership for 21st Century Learning)



# **Understanding & Working w/iGen**

What St. Francis Can Do....continued

- Foster faith-filled environment- Catholic environment, theology courses, Masses, retreats, prayer and self reflection
- **Build community**-Big Sisters, homerooms, lunch, retreats, service, sports, clubs, arts, Homecoming and other events, in-person!
- Offer Wellness Programs- "Thriving and Surviving" covering parties/substances, boundaries/relationships, coping/self-care
- Create opportunities to "disconnect and reconnect"-retreats, Masses, service trips, cell-phone free lunches 1/quarter
- Partner with families Father-daughter dance; Dad's Club;Grandparents' Club; Mom Prom, Mother-daughter retreat; grandparent lunches, Masses



# **Understanding & Working w/iGen**

What Parents Can Do....

- Aim to set limits, monitor usage...advise not to sleep with phone stimulation, light interferes w/sleep; nothing good happens after 9pm
- Advise students to put phones away when studying brain cannot
  multi-task; short breaks
- **Model moderation**... use technology for cool stuff it can do, but put down and be present in the moment as much as possible
- Have realistic conversations...nude photos, binge-drinking; sexual assault, how to stay safe; social media, resulting mental health issues
- Encourage in-person time, exercise Athletics, clubs, retreats, service trips, getting together with friends (in person!)
- Seek help when necessary Guidance Counselors, Wellness



## **Growth Mindset: Learn how to learn!**

- **Carol Dweck's**, professor of psychology at Stanford, research:
  - Students who believed their intelligence could be developed (growth mindset) outperformed those who believed their intelligence was fixed (fixed mindset)
  - Having students focus on the process that leads to learning (like <u>hard work</u> or <u>trying new strategies</u>) could foster growth mindset and benefit (i.e. grow their brains and increase intellectual abilities)
- Not just about effort... "students need to try new strategies and seek input from others when they're stuck"
- Knowing iGen is more focused on exams, jobs, rather than learning LEARNING per se, need to be intentional about fostering a growth mindset in our students, as a school, as parents



# Confidence...

**Building Both Confidence and Competence at School** 

- Stop praising inefficient overwork, even if results in good grades
- Focus on economy of effort, rather than how many hours put in
- When high A student turns in extra credit, is it because of passion for topic? If not, what she's already doing will likely deliver grade, and probably grasps material better than gives herself credit for
- Affirm it's normal and healthy to feel some anxiety about school
- Working top speed every class, all times is unhealthy, unsustainable



### **Grit: Passion & Perseverance**

• Angela Duckworth's research, including West Point cadets, high level athletes, Spelling Bee finalists, etc.

Talent x <u>Effort</u> = skill Skill x <u>Effort</u> = achievement

- What we accomplish depends tremendously on grit passion and perseverance for long-term goals.
- "Hang-in-there" posture towards challenge; "never give up" attitude
- Keep going after failure, and constantly driven to improve
- **Determination** and **Direction** (knew what they wanted)



## **Grit: Passion & Perseverance**

#### **Growing Grit:**

- Cultivate interests; daily challenge-exceeding-skill practice; connect work to purpose beyond self; learn to hope when all seems lost
- Feedback from parents, coaches, teachers, bosses, mentors, friends

#### How this Plays Out at St. Francis:

- End of Course surveys from students consistently demonstrate that what they find most challenging (certain essays, labs, projects) ultimately end up being the most rewarding
- **Teachers may put onus back on students** to seek out the answer via brainstorming, further research, a classmate, before "giving" the answer... because struggle is ok!
- Feedback from teachers (esp. "hard graders") and coaches is part of the learning process, meant to develop/grow student abilities

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\*Parents\* can also provide feedback AND reminders about grit!

## **Girls, Growth Mindset & Grit**

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# **The Parent Community**

#### **Mission Statement**

St. Francis Catholic High School is a diocesan college preparatory school dedicated to <u>serving young women and their families</u> who seek a community of faith, excellence, leadership, and service, grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ. In the spirit and charism of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi, we form students who share their gifts and talents as models of Pax et Bonum.

- St. Francis is not only your daughter's "home," it is also your home.
- We encourage the whole family to immerse themselves in our community.
- We welcome you to this wonderful place of Pax et Bonum.



## Off to a Good Start: Campus-wide events

Experience our community life:

- Freshman Family Mass (August 9)
- Welcome Mass (August 21)
- Back-to-School Night (August 29)
- Meet a Parent/Grandparent for Lunch (September 23 & September 24)

... and so much more! Check the calendar regularly.





## **SFHS Giving Priorities**

- Your time, talent and treasure are all put to good use at St. Francis. In fact, our community would not be what it is today without you.
- We foster a culture of giving throughout the school and model that generosity for our students.

#### Giving priorities for our parent community are:

- 1. The St. Francis Fund (Annual Fund). Beginning with the enrollment form and Back-to-School Night, parents are asked to make a gift to the St. Francis Fund. You will be sent a letter following this event.
- 2. Revelry Gala & Auction (March 7, 2020). This is the school's premier event and all families are asked to participate through attendance, sponsorship, donations and volunteer efforts.



# **Special Community Events**

Thankful Thursday

(Day of Giving) Thursday, October 10, 2019

SELFe Event for Women (featuring Valorie Burton) Sunday, October 20, 2019

**Crab Feed** Saturday, February 1, 2020

**Revelry Gala & Auction** Saturday, March 7, 2020









# Thank you for coming to Troubie Parent 101!

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus soon.

Save the Date!

Principal-Parent Coffee for transfers and Class of 2023 Monday, September 9, 2019 8:00 am to 9:30 am