



January 28, 2019

Dear AP/Honors Parents,

Happy New Year! With second semester underway, we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with information regarding Advanced Placement (AP) testing scheduled for May 6 through May 17, 2019.

All students enrolled in AP classes are required to take the AP exam. Honors English Literature and Honors Italian also require the exam, and some Honors Latin students will also take the exam. St. Francis registers students for their appropriate AP exams and students who complete the AP test are excused from final exams in relevant courses.

Exam Fees & Billing for 2019

Prices are set by the College Board, \$94 per AP exam and Studio Art Portfolio:

- Students taking 1 AP exam: \$94
- Students taking 2 AP exams: \$188
- Students taking 3 AP exams: \$282
- Students taking 4 AP exams: \$376

Payments for AP exams are not processed by electronic fund transfer like tuition. Rather, families must submit a check for the appropriate amount, depending on the number of exams. Please make checks out to St. Francis High School, Attn: Joanne Gallo, noting that the payment is for AP testing and your daughter(s) name(s). Checks may be mailed (5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819) or delivered to the Front Office. For questions regarding billing, you may email/call Joanne Gallo at jgallo@stfrancishs.org (916) 737-5089. **Payments for exams are due by the end of the day Friday, February 15, 2019.**

The College Board provides a \$32 fee reduction per exam for students with financial need. For each exam taken with a fee reduction, the school forgoes its \$9 rebate, resulting in a cost to the student of \$53 per exam. Students who are eligible to participate in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program qualify for the College Board fee reduction on all AP Exams that they take in a given year. Please contact Joanne Gallo if you believe you meet these criteria.

In the classroom, students have begun the process of preparing for their exams. Beyond the classroom, students should take time on their own to prepare as well. In 2018 more than 85% of our AP students earned a score of 3, 4, or 5, qualifying them for credit at some colleges, while the State average was 64%. The hard work that our students undertake pays off in the end and we wish for their continued success.

Finally, please remember that students are required to attend the AP Pre-Administration Meeting on Friday, April 5th @ 8am in order to complete the registration process. More details about this will follow. Please contact us at: lee@stfrancishs.org should you have any questions. We thank you for your support and partnership with us for the benefit of our students.

Sincerely,

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