



## **Class of 2024 – Freshman Forecasting FAQ**

### **Do all freshmen have the same schedule?**

No. All freshmen take Theology 9A and 9B, English 9, Intro to Computer Science, a PE or Health course, and the Freshman Fine Arts Rotation. All freshmen also take a world language course and a math course, but these classes vary depending on the student's placement level. Science, social science, and other electives are dependent on each student's math placement.

### **What does a typical freshman schedule look like?**

1. Theology 9A + 9B
2. English 9
3. Intro to Computer Science + PE/Health course (PE, Health 1, or Beginning Dance)
4. Fine Arts Rotation (Music Appreciation, Theatre Appreciation, Introduction to Dance, Visual Arts)
5. World Language (level 1 if no challenge exam is taken)
6. Math (Algebra 1 if no challenge exam is taken)
7. World Geography + Elective (if enrolled in Algebra 1)  
OR
7. Conceptual Physics (if enrolled in Geometry or higher in math)

### **When do we receive placements from the challenge exams?**

Usually, families receive placements from the math and world language challenge exams sometime in mid-May. However, since the exam process and timing is currently being re-evaluated for the class of 2024, we do not yet have an estimate of when placement results will be communicated.

### **How many electives do I choose when forecasting?**

All freshmen should rank their top three elective choices when forecasting to ensure we have all students' elective preferences on file. However, enrollment in an elective is dependent on math placement. Students who are enrolled in Geometry or higher for their math course will not be enrolled in an elective. Students who are enrolled in Algebra 1 will be enrolled in one of their elective choices.

### **What electives are open to freshmen?**

App Design, Ceramics, Class Piano, Drawing 1, Environmental Science, Painting 1, Theatre 1, Web Design, and Ukulele. Freshmen may also choose to sign up for PE, Health 1, or Beginning Dance as an elective.

### **Are there descriptions of the courses that are available to freshmen?**

Yes. Please consult the 2020-2021 year course catalog on our website here: <https://www.stmaryspdx.org/school-life/resources/forecasting>. Courses are organized in the catalog by department.

**If I have questions about which courses to sign up for, or about freshman schedules in general, who should I contact?**

Please contact the Registrar, Liz Olsen, at [liz.olsen@smapdx.org](mailto:liz.olsen@smapdx.org), or the Assistant Principal of Curriculum Design and Instruction, Liane Rae, at [liane.rae@smapdx.org](mailto:liane.rae@smapdx.org).

**When will I find out my schedule for next year?**

You will find out your schedule for next year sometime in August.

**How do I sign up for a course that is in the after school block (ex. Mock Trial, TIES, Orchestra, etc.)?**

Those courses are not part of the forecasting process. You will register for those courses after the start of the new school year. More information about signing up for those courses will be available at the beginning of the new school year.

**How do I know what books or supplies I will need for my courses?**

Over the summer, you will receive information on purchasing books and supplies for next year. You can purchase most books online through our bookstore portal at that time. Teachers will notify their students about necessary supplies in the first week of school. You will receive information about summer reading sometime after the 19-20 school year ends.

**I have questions about academic support – who should I contact?**

Please contact Anne Hagge, Director of Academic Support, by phone at (503) 228-8306 or by email at [anne.hagge@smapdx.org](mailto:anne.hagge@smapdx.org).