



SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

May 2018

Welcome to Saint Mary's School! We are delighted you will be joining us next year. Outlined below is information related to course placement and course selections. Please [click here](#) for the Curriculum Overview, which includes course offerings, a sample four-year plan, and schedule.

The information below is organized by incoming grade level. Based on your daughter's grade level, she needs to complete (1) the elective selection form; and (2) the world language placement test form. **Information about math placement for all grade levels appears at the end of this letter** – please be sure to review this carefully.

We ask that you complete these items as soon as possible, **but by no later than June 15**. It is best to take the assessments while your previous coursework is still fresh in your mind. Once *all* items and *your final transcript for the 2017-2018 school year* have been received, you will receive notification regarding course placements in late summer.

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9

Course Selections: If your daughter is a rising freshman, you need to complete both an elective and world language form. The links and information for both are below.

Elective Selection: Using the list below, please use this [Elective Selection Form](#) to rank your choice of elective for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Art
- Theatre
- Dance
- Chorale
- Applied Music (instrumental lessons)

World Language Selection and Placement Testing: If your daughter is currently taking a world language and wants to continue in that language, please click on the appropriate language assessment link below. Please email [Suzanne Narbona](#), academic leader for World Languages, with any questions about these assessments.

- [French Placement Test](#)
- [Latin Placement Test](#)
- [Spanish Placement Test](#)

If your daughter has never taken a world language or wants to switch to studying a different language, please [click here](#).

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 10, 11, and 12

Course Selections:

Electives Selection: If your daughter falls into this category, I will be contacting you this summer to discuss your daughter's overall schedule. Please [click here](#) for the Curriculum Overview, which lists electives and required prerequisites by department.

World Languages Selection and Placement Testing: If your daughter is currently taking a world language and wants to continue in that language, please click on the appropriate language assessment link below. Please email [Suzanne Narbona](mailto:Suzanne.Narbona), academic chair for World Languages, with any questions about these assessments.

- [French Placement Test](#)
- [Latin Placement Test](#)
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FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS

Mathematics Placement

Each student enrolling in Saint Mary's School must complete a mathematics assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to measure her current level of proficiency so she will be placed in an appropriate mathematics class. The assessment will also help to identify any individual gaps in a student's understanding with the hope of remediation over the summer. This assessment will be completed through an online program called [ALEKS](#). Students and parents will receive login information and directions directly from Dr. Krista Holstein, mathematics academic leader, by June 1. If you have questions concerning math placement, please contact Dr. Holstein at kholstein@sms.edu with any questions about math placement. **NOTE: Students should take the placement test for the course they have just completed.** In other words, students who have just finished Algebra 1 or Common Core Math 1 will take the test for that course, not the test for the course in which they plan to enroll.

Thank you.

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