



St. Edmund Preparatory High School

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Dear Incoming Freshman Parent:

Here at SEP we have already begun the course selection process for our current freshmen, sophomores and juniors with the goal of completing the scheduling process for the 2019-2020 school year by June. In order for us to complete this process, incoming freshmen need to make some decisions regarding some of the courses they would like to take next year.

This selection process and procedure is **MANDATORY** for all incoming 9th graders and must be completed in a very timely fashion.

The process for course selection is an easy one considering underclassmen must fulfill many core requirements.

- Attached you will find a worksheet with course descriptions. Please read through these descriptions very carefully.
- Once you have completed the worksheet please go to **www.stedmundprep.org/freshmen**.
 - On the right hand side, click on the box that says *Online Course Information Selection Form* to start the course selection process.
 - Fill in the necessary demographic fields.
 - Choose the courses circled from the worksheet and click submit.
- This must be done in a timely fashion therefore would ask that all course selections be inputted no later than **Monday April 10th**. Any student who does not complete this process by the aforementioned date must stay after the placement exam to complete this process.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Wagner
Dean of Students





FRESHMEN COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET

Foreign Language (*Circle one*)

Spanish I – The first year of a mandatory three year sequential study of the Spanish Language. This course will introduce and develop the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills on a basic level. The first year Spanish student is expected to acquire the ability to speak briefly in Spanish on every day subjects, to understand simple Spanish statements, and to read and write in Spanish about the topics he/she has learned.

Italian I – The first year of a mandatory three year sequential study of the Italian Language. This course will introduce and develop the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills on a basic level. The first year Italian student is expected to acquire the ability to speak briefly in Italian on every day subjects, to understand simple Italian statements, and to read and write in Italian about the topics he/she has learned.

Fine Arts (*Circle one*)

Studio Art and Intro to Music – each of these is a half year course that equals one full credit of fine arts mandated by NYS.

- **Art** - This is an introductory course for freshmen who have not yet taken high school art. Studio Art 1 gives the student the opportunity to experience important aspects of art such as drawing, design and art appreciation. A wide variety of hands-on activities are used. Upon completion, the fine arts requirement in art will be satisfied.
- **Intro to Music** - A basic course in the fundamentals of music including music theory, ear training and basic musicianship. The course will include specific periods of music as well as prominent composers and their works.

Intro to Music Performance – this is a full year course for those students who would like to join the band, but WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO EXPERIENCE WITH AN INSTRUMENT. There are three choices for Intro to Music Performance. You must indicate which class and which instrument when selecting your courses on our website.

- **Intro to Music Performance – STRINGS** – instrument options: violin, viola, cello or double bass.
- **Intro to Music Performance – BRASS and WOODWINDS**– instrument options: trumpet, trombone, French horn, flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone or bassoon baritone (TC/BC) or tuba.





- **Into to Music Performance – PERCUSSION** – instrument options: drum set, Latin percussion instruments, Timpani, Marimba.

Orchestra, Big Band, Concert Band, and Vocal Repertoire Ensemble – These classes are designed for intermediate and advanced players/singers. Please refer to our course catalog for further information regarding each of these courses. The course catalog can be found on our website www.stedmundprep.org, click on academics then click on course catalog.

Students **MUST** audition for Orchestra, Big Band, Concert Band and Vocal Repertoire Ensemble. Interested students should email Mr. Gucciardi at jgucciardi@stedmundprep.org to set up an audition date and time.

**** All auditions will take place on June 27th between 9am and 12pm. *The submission deadline for an audition is June 11th.***

***** Please refer to the Audition Guidelines on the incoming freshmen course selection page to ensure that students are prepared for their audition.**

Regents Exams (circle all the apply)

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| I will be taking the CC Algebra Regent this June? | YES | NO |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please be aware that students must attain a minimum grade of 80 to be placed in geometry in September. Any student who scores above a 90 will be placed in geometry honors. | | |
| I have taken or will be taking the Biology regent this June? | YES | NO |
| I have taken or will be taking the Earth Science regent this June? | YES | NO |
| ** PLEASE NOTE: All regents grades must be submitted to SEP by July 9th . This can be sent to the school in the form of a report card or unofficial transcript, to the attention of Grace Carey. It is imperative that we receive these grades by the above stated date. Please be reminded that many schools do not send their transcripts to us until mid-august when our scheduling process is complete. Therefore, students WILL NOT be placed in the correct math or science if appropriate paperwork is not submitted by July 9th . | | |

Dance

Dance at SEP is a beginner performance course. Students will learn how to build on dance technique to create movement phrases and dances. There will be a **minimum** of three performances each year. This **optional class** may count as your freshmen PE credit or Fine Arts credit.

IEPs

All IEPs or IESPs must be submitted, if not already done so, by June 14th to the attention of Grace Carey.

