




# Saint Paul Catholic High School

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## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# What is Advanced Placement?

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program offers University level course content at the Grade 12 level.

AP preparation courses in Grade 9, 10 & 11 begin to prepare students for potential AP courses and exams in Grade 12.

These courses will provide students with the opportunity to study topics in further depth and will allow students to develop and demonstrate critical thinking skills and enhanced study habits.

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# What type of student will be most successful in AP courses?

Students will be most successful in AP courses if they are highly motivated, responsible learners who enjoy both independent and collaborative problem solving. Students should be able to multitask and prioritize school work and Learning Skills along with academic achievement should indicate strength and proficiency in the subject area.

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# Grade 9 & 10 - AP Preparation Courses

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Grade 9 AP Preparation courses will be offered in the following subjects:

- English (ENL1WA)
- Geography (CGC1DA)
- Science (SNC1WA)
- Mathematics (MTH1WA)

\*Grade 10 AP Preparation courses will be offered in English, History, Science and Mathematics.



# Ontario Curriculum and AP

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AP Preparation courses offered in Grade 9 include content that builds significantly on the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum for each subject.

Students in AP courses will participate in enrichment activities, extension opportunities and rigorous independent projects. These skills are continuously reinforced in each grade in preparation for students to write AP Exams in Grade 12.



# ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

- Teachers of AP courses receive additional training
- Students will be evaluated according to Ministry of Education and Niagara Catholic District School Board guidelines on appropriate grade level expectations
- A student's final overall grade in an AP course will be multiplied by 1.05 to determine the grade that will be reported on the Report Card

# Looking Ahead to Grade 12

## AP EXAMS AND SCORES

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Grade 12 AP exams are written in May at a student's home school.

The exams are administered by the College Board.

A student's final mark is reported on a 5 point scale and submission of results to Universities is up to the discretion of the student.

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Most Universities have an AP credit policy that states if a student scores a 4 or 5 on a 5 point scale, a University credit is granted in that subject area.

The cost to write a Grade 12 AP exam is \$120.

It is not mandatory for students to write Grade 12 AP exams.

# The AP Prep Classroom



- Extension activities
- Collaborative learning
- Emphasis on application of learning (i.e. labs)
- Thought provoking class discussions
- Increased focus on independent work
- Reach Ahead Activities
- Material and content covered in greater depth

# Student Feedback – AP Prep Classes



- Like the fast pace of teacher instruction
- Enjoy the group work, class discussions
- Hands on activities
- Nice to be surrounded by students who are passionate about the same subject matter
- Out of the box thinking is inspirational
- AP classes are really good for students who want to go deeper into their learning
- Getting pushed to be the best you can be happens in my AP Prep class

# QUESTIONS?



# Next Steps

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## For students *outside* the Saint Paul boundary

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- Submit Request for Admission form (Out of Bounds Form) to Mrs. Majka indicating that you are requesting to enroll your child in the AP prep program
- Once approved, complete the online registration form (link available on the Saint Paul Website) and a guidance counsellor will follow up regarding course selection
- Pay the \$55 Activity Fee using School cash online
- Submit Grade 8 Term 1 report card (February report) to Mrs. Majka or Mr. Folinazzo for review (hard copy or scanned and emailed)

# For students *within* the Saint Paul boundary and attending a Saint Paul feeder school

(Mary Ward, Notre Dame, St. Gabriel Lalemant, St. John Henry Newman, St. Mary, St. Patrick, St. Vincent de Paul, or Our Lady of Mount Carmel- FI only):

- Submit completed Registration and Course selection forms to Mr. Shellhorne and Mrs. Lennox during the scheduled feeder school visits (typically end of January)
- Pay the \$55 Activity fee using School cash online
- Grade 8 Term 1 reports will be viewed by Mrs. Majka and Mr. Folinazzo

## For students *within* the Saint Paul boundary but attending a DSBN elementary school

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- Complete the online registration form and a guidance counsellor will follow up regarding course selection
- Pay the \$55 Activity Fee using School cash online
- Submit Grade 8 Term 1 report card (February report) to Mrs. Majka or Mr. Folinazzo for review (hard copy or scanned and emailed)

# For More Information

Visit:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/>

and search courses

Contact one of our Program Chairs  
or a member of our Administration  
team for program or subject  
specific questions

Additional information is available  
on our website

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