



# SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION



# 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 (and in future grades) 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.

# AP COLLEGE BOARD INFORMATION

The College Board is a non-profit organization that provides students with the opportunity to earn post-secondary credit through Advanced Placement courses.

The AP program is well established and recognized world wide including at the 24 Universities in Ontario.

Link to more information:

[COLLEGE BOARD AP STUDENTS](#)

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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, passionate and responsible learners who enjoy both independent and collaborative problem solving.

Students should be able to multitask, work well in both independent and group settings and are able to prioritize school work. Learning Skills along with academic achievement should indicate strength, interest and proficiency in the subject area.

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# ONTARIO CURRICULUM

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# ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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 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 should they choose to do so.

## WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY ABOUT AP PREP CLASSES?

- The fast pace of the teacher instruction matches with my learning style.
- The group work and class discussions are great!
- It's nice to be surrounded by students that are passionate about the same subject as I am.
- Being in an AP class makes me think outside the box.
- AP classes help with my study skills and help me become more confident.
- AP classes really push me to be a better student.

## THE AP PREP CLASSROOM OFFERS

- Extension and Reach Ahead Activities
- Collaborative Learning Experiences
- Emphasis on application of learning- lab work, seminar studies, independent projects
- Thought provoking class discussions
- Increased focus on independent work
- Curriculum material and content covered in greater depth

# GRADE 9 AP PREPARATION COURSES

Grade 9 AP Preparation courses will be offered beginning in the 2025-2026 school year at Saint Michael Catholic High School in the following subjects:

- English (ENL1WA)
- Geography (CGC1WA)
- Mathematics (MTH1WA)
- Science (SNC1WA)

*\*\*Grade 10 AP Preparation courses will continue with offerings in English, History, Mathematics and Science*



# SUBJECT SPECIFIC PATHWAYS CHARTS





# ENGLISH ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAY

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
<b>ENL1WA</b> Grade 9 AP Prep English  <i>Introduction to AP Prep Literature and Composition</i>	<b>ENG2DA</b> Grade 10 AP Prep English  <i>AP Prep Literature and Composition</i>	<b>NBE3UA</b> Grade 11 AP Prep English  <i>AP Prep Literature and Composition</i>	<b>ENG4UA</b> Grade 12 AP English  <i>AP Literature and Composition</i>



# MATHEMATICS ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAY

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11 Semester 1	GRADE 11 Semester 2	GRADE 12 Semester 1	GRADE 12 Semester 2
<b>MTH1WA</b> Grade 9 AP Prep Mathematics	<b>MPM2DA</b> Grade 10 AP Prep Mathematics	<b>MCR3UA</b> Grade 11 AP Prep Functions	<b>MHF4UA</b> Grade 12 AP Prep Advanced Functions	<b>MCV4UA</b> Grade 12 AP Calculus	<b>GLS4O</b> ** <i>Full year            course</i>  <u>Possible            course:</u> <b>MDM4UA</b> Grade 12 AP Statistics



# SCIENCE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAY

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
<p><b>SNC1WA</b> Grade 9 AP Prep Science</p>	<p><b>SNC2DA</b> Grade 10 AP Prep Science</p>	<p><b>SCH3UA</b> Grade 11 AP Prep Chemistry</p>	<p><b>SCH4UA</b> Grade 12 AP Chemistry</p>
<p>Extensions provided in Chemistry, Biology and Physics</p>	<p>Extensions provided in Chemistry, Biology and Physics</p>	<p><u>Possible courses:</u> <b>SBI3UA</b> Grade 11 AP Prep Biology <b>SPH3UA</b> Grade 11 AP Prep Physics</p>	<p><u>Possible courses:</u> <b>SBI4UA</b> Grade 12 AP Biology  <b>SPH4UA</b> Grade 12 AP Physics</p>



## SOCIAL SCIENCE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAY

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
<b>CGC1DA</b> Grade 9 AP Prep Geography	<b>CHC2DA</b> Grade 10 AP Prep History	<b>CHA3UA</b> Grade 11 AP American History	<b>CHY4UA</b> Grade 12 AP World History  <u>Possible course:</u> <b>HSE4MA</b> Grade 12 AP Equity and Social Justice

# 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 a factor of 1.05 to determine the final mark that will be reported on the Provincial Report Card and recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript.

# LOOKING AHEAD TO GRADE 12

- Grade 12 AP Exams are written and proctored in May at a student's home school.
- The contents of each examination are directed 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. The school does not receive the students' exam results.
- Most universities have an AP credit policy that states if a student scores a 4 or 5 on the five point scale, a first year university credit is granted in that subject area.
- There is a fee, payable to the College Board, for each exam that a student elects to write.
- It is not mandatory for a student to write College Board AP exams.

# NEXT STEPS FOR REGISTRATION FOR **NCDSB** STUDENTS

## For students attending one of our Family of Schools:

- Student Services will discuss course selection and will distribute Course Selection and Verification forms at elementary schools in January.
- Students will pick up their personalized information packages at the Open House on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.
- Completed forms will be collected by grade 8 teachers (date TBD) and will be returned to Saint Michael Student Services.

## For students **not** attending one of our Family of Schools **BUT live within** the Saint Michael school boundary:

- Families are to complete an on-line registration form
- At Open House on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, families will fill out a contact form and will pick up an information package
- A member of Student Services will follow up with course selection



# NEXT STEPS FOR REGISTRATION FOR **DSBN AND ALL OTHER STUDENTS**

- Families living within the Saint Michael boundary are to complete an on-line registration form
- At Open House on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, families will fill out a contact form and will pick up an information package
- A Vice-Principal will follow up with families to set up an intake interview
- Following the interview, a member of Student Services will follow up with course selection

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit the AP College Board website and search courses.
- Contact Mr. Stranges or Mrs. Lennox for program or subject specific questions.
- Additional information will be available on our website.



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