



# FRESHMAN PARENT MEETING

Graduation requirements  
for the Class of 2021



# Credit Requirements Include:

4 credits of English


.5 credit of Speech: Speech, Debate, Oral Interp I, Speech Communication

3 credits of Math: Minimum Alg. I, Geometry, Alg. II

3 credits of Science: Minimum Biology, any Physical Science, and Chemistry or Physics

3 credits of Social Science:

- .5 World Geography or AP Human Geography, .5 World History, .5 US Government, 1 US History, .5 Social Science elective



**1 credit of Fine Arts:** includes band, chorus, art classes, Oral Interp (either FA or Speech credit), Theater Production

**.5 credit of Personal Finance or Economics**

**1 credit of CTE, Service Learning or World Language**

**.5 credit of PE**

**4 credits of Theology for Catholics or  
2 credits of Theology for other denominations**

**.5 credit of Health (can be completed in grades  
6, 7, or 8. Noted on transcript with no grade or credit)**

**25 Total Credits Required**

**Personal Learning Plan required**

# SD College Admission Requirements

**“C” average or higher in these required courses:**

**4 years of English**

**3 years of Math (Algebra I and higher)**

**3 years of Science**

**3 years of Social Science**

**1 year of Fine Arts**

**Computer Technology Literacy (no course  
required)**

**\*\*No World Language requirement in SD.**

## And meet one of the following:

1) Graduate in top 60% of class. (USD top 50%)

OR

2) ACT composite of 18 or higher.  
(USD & SDSMT: ACT of 21)

OR

3) Have a H.S. cumulative gpa of at least a 2.6 on  
a 4.0 scale.  
(SDSMT min gpa = 2.75)



# Out of State Colleges

- Many require 2 or more years of a World Language
- Some may require a 4<sup>th</sup> year of Math
- Selective schools want to see a more rigorous course load of advanced and AP courses
- ACT score requirements will vary
- Talk to a counselor for specific information on a certain school



# South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

- ✓ **\$6,500 over four years at a South Dakota college, university, or technical school**

## **Criteria:**

- 1. ACT Composite score of 24 or higher**
- 2. Complete high school course requirements with no final grade lower than a C\* and a 3.0 cumulative gpa.**



# Opportunity Scholarship Curriculum:

**4 English**

**4 Math (Algebra I and higher)**

**4 Science**

**3 Social Science**

**1 Fine Arts**

**2 of the following or a combination  
of**

**-Approved (CTE) courses**

**-World Language**

**.5 Personal Finance or Economics**

**.5 Physical Education**

**.5 Health**

**OR**

**Score 28 or higher  
composite**

**and meet benchmark**

**Scores:**

**English 18, Math 22,  
Reading 22, Science 23**





# Adjustment to High School

- Be responsible
- Turn in all homework on time.
- Study for tests
- Be a self-advocate (go to teachers for help)
- Be concerned about grades; they go on your transcript and will be a factor for college admission
- Parents: Are you checking Infinite Campus?  
Communicate concerns to the teachers.
- Parenting the high schooler!?



# Academic Planning

- Plan your high school course selections
  - Appropriate placement
  - Elective courses in area of interest (Business → Economics/Accounting, etc.)
  - Should I take some advanced or AP courses?
    - Some AP courses are offered for college credit through Mount Marty College
  - NCAA & NAIA have academic requirements to be eligible to compete in college athletics
- Registration for next year → Early February



# SFCS Community Building Rules

- \* We will treat all students with respect.
- \* We will help students who are not being treated with respect.
- \* We will work to include students who are left out.
- \* We will tell an adult at school if we know that someone is not being treated with respect.

# Peer Relations Reporting

- \* Students and parents are able to report bullying, safety or mental health concerns
  - anonymous unless you submit your name
- \* Report goes directly to counselors
  - \* [www.sfcss.org](http://www.sfcss.org)
  - \* Click O’Gorman H.S.
  - \* Peer Relations Online Reporting

# Social Media

Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter...

Do you have concerns about what is posted or texted?

- Inappropriate text and pictures
- Disrespectful comments toward others
- Stalking
- Academic integrity (texting in school)



# Social Media Continued...

Require your child to “friend” you

- Talk to your child about the potential dangers and consequences of what they post.
- Once something is “posted” or “sent”, you can’t get it back and the whole world knows about it.
- Have phone (and/or internet) free times.
- [www.connectsafely.org](http://www.connectsafely.org)



# Getting Started

- Build your resume by volunteering, activity involvement, working, and doing the best you can academically.
- Explore careers: [www.SDMyLife.com](http://www.SDMyLife.com)
- <http://www.actstudent.org>
- READ!



# Sophomore Year

- PSAT
  - Mid October, preparation for PSAT junior year NMSQT
- Pre-ACT in the spring
  - a preliminary ACT test
- Attend Sophomore Parent Information Night
- Research Postsecondary options





# What is the Senior All-Knighter?

- \* Objective:

- \* Provide a final opportunity to come together as a faith community for the O’Gorman seniors and parents
- \* Enhance the graduation experience
- \* Provide a safe post-graduation environment
- \* Provide support & assure that all seniors are financially able to attend the event
- \* Work with Mrs. Mahoney within the policies of the SFCS and OGHS



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