



Santa Fe Catholic High School

Registration 2012-2013



Preparing Students for College and the World

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A Message from Our President

Ms. Gwen Coté
President

Dear Friends,

You are on the verge of making a very significant decision for your child. The greatest goal you can have for your son or daughter is that they are successful in life. Every student is different. It is very important that you find the best fit for your child so that he/she can be successful in school and in life.

As you consider the many options, please give consideration to the following issues:

- Will your child succeed more readily in a large school or a smaller one?
- Do you want a school that will give your child a global perspective?
- How much individualized attention do you want for your child?
- Do you want opportunities for your child to participate in athletics, drama and school activities?

Santa Fe Catholic is a very good school, known for its academic excellence. Santa Fe is a small school with a very selective and limited international program. We believe that welcoming international students to our school is meant to be mutually beneficial to both the international student and the local school community. We ask that the students who attend our school be active members of the school community and the families in which they find a home.

If you are looking for a small school where your son or daughter will be given a great deal of individual attention, then perhaps Santa Fe Catholic will be a good choice for you. You will learn more about us in the following pages.

We encourage you in your search for the best school for your child. Please check our website and feel free to email if you have any additional questions.

Most sincerely,

Gwen Coté
President

A Message for Our Principal



Matthew Franzino
Principal

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Santa Fe Catholic High School. I am confident that you will discover many unique qualities as you explore our school. Santa Fe Catholic is a welcoming and caring community which provides an exceptional education in a faith filled environment. We are committed to enriching and developing the whole child, including their spirituality and intellect, as well as emotional, physical, and social development. This multiple focus provides learning and growth opportunities that will help to prepare our students for the challenges they will face to be successful, not only in the present, but in life. Most importantly, their experiences of faith and service will help them to develop a growing love for God and a deeper appreciation for the value of others.

As the principal of Santa Fe Catholic, it is my privilege to work together with students, parents, staff, and the community to provide leadership that will continue to build upon your student's current success, while looking towards a future of continued growth and excellence.

Should you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact me at any time.

Peace and blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Franzino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Franzino

Principal

Quick Facts about SFC



- ◆ 98% of our graduates go on to pursue higher education.
- ◆ Over the past several years, our graduating classes have been offered an average of \$2,000,000 each year. So, each SFC graduate is offered an average of \$40,000 in college scholarships.
- ◆ The average class size at Santa Fe is 17. This allows for more interaction between your child and their teacher and more discussion among the class members – which means more learning.
- ◆ At Santa Fe, over 90% of our students are involved in one or more extracurricular activities.
- ◆ Santa Fe students have historically scored higher on the SAT and ACT than other students locally, state-wide, and nationally.
- ◆ Santa Fe Catholic High School offers a Christ-centered learning environment. This means that we can – and do – incorporate the teachings of Jesus Christ into all that we do.



Santa Fe in 1964



Built on a Solid Foundation

For 50 years students have been coming to Santa Fe Catholic High School to grow academically, spiritually and personally. From our very first graduating class to our most recent, we have been able to look with pride at the accomplishments of our alumni. Our students come to Santa Fe to learn and grow, and they leave ready to lead and succeed.

Santa Fe Catholic High School, a coeducational institution of the Diocese of Orlando, was founded in 1960 and officially opened on September 5, 1961, as Central Catholic High School. Classes were held for 50 students in grades 9 and 10 in the administration building at Lodwick Airport, known now as Tigertown. In 1962 Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley dedicated the school, and classes were held for the first time in the present administration building. A few months later the name was changed to Santa Fe High School. In 1964 Santa Fe experienced many firsts – the first graduating class, the first publication of the yearbook, the organization of a football team and the formation of the National Honor Society.

Because of the increasing enrollment, a building fund was organized in 1969 to raise money for additions to Santa Fe, and that same year the McDonald Building was dedicated. One year later, ground was broken for the new gymnasium. In 1972, Monsignor Martin Power, Pastor of Saint Joseph's in Lakeland, passed away, and Reverend Patrick Sheedy, the new pastor, was given permission to solicit funds for the Martin Power Center. Because of the generosity and dedication of so many people, ground was broken for the new center in January of 1973.



Santa Fe Catholic High School is accredited by the Commission on Secondary and Middle Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). SACS accredits public and private educational institutions from pre-kindergarten to university level. Member institutions regularly perform comprehensive self-evaluations to assist in planning for improvement and to assure the public of their overall quality. SACS is one of only six regional accrediting organizations in the United States recognized by the US Department of Education. Santa Fe's SACS accreditation assures our students that colleges and universities will take their grades at face value and improves their overall chance of being accepted to the finer institutions of higher learning.

Academic Excellence



Terri Goleno, CPA, Class of 1976



Matt Diaz, Class of 1997

Santa Fe Catholic High School has been preparing students for college and the world for 50 years.

Our success and longevity are the direct result of our commitment to academic excellence and to the overall development of our students as scholars and Christian citizens. Over the years, we have measured our success by the accomplishments and contributions our graduates have made to our community. Santa Fe alumni have become business leaders, community leaders, doctors, lawyers, government officials, professional athletes, clergy, and responsible husbands, wives and parents.

The academic program is college preparatory. We emphasize those courses necessary to prepare students for the rigors of college while recognizing that each student is an individual with his or her own unique learning style. **We are proud of our 17:1 student to teacher ratio. 98% of our students pursue further education after graduating from Santa Fe Catholic High School.**

As a diocesan Catholic School, Santa Fe requires all students to take one class each year in Theology. These classes include study in Scriptures, Catholic Christianity, Church History, World Religions, Christian Lifestyles, Social Justice, Morality and Ethics. Additionally, required community service offers students the opportunity to experience the integration of their faith in our community.

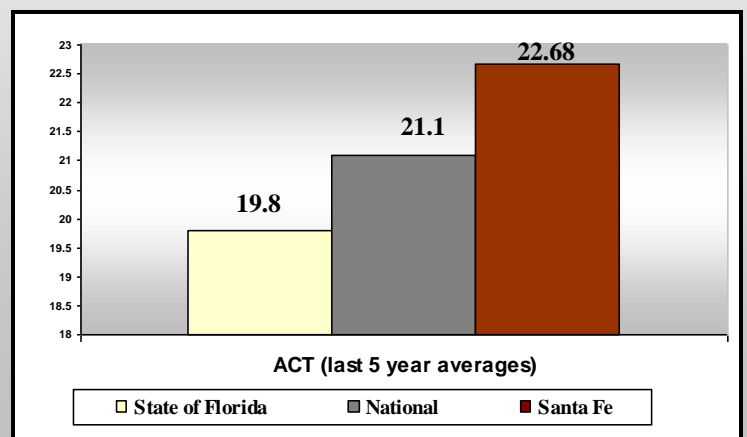
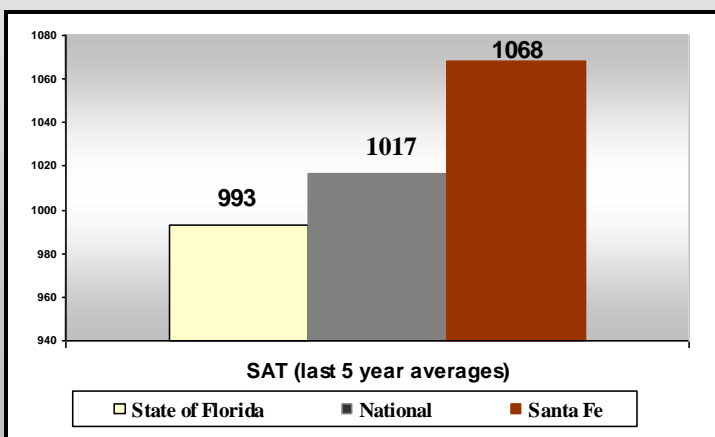
Santa Fe Catholic High School offers seven periods a semester. This affords students the opportunity to graduate with a total of 28 credits, a distinct advantage in the competitive environment of college application. All students are required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average to receive a diploma.



Programs of Study

Three types of courses are offered at Santa Fe Catholic High School.

- ◆ **College Preparatory** courses are designed for average students enrolled in our college preparatory program.
- ◆ **Honors** courses are designed to meet the needs of the above-average student. An additional 0.5 quality points are given for Honors courses. Santa Fe offers 26 honors courses.
- ◆ **Advanced Placement (AP)** courses present college-level material and conclude with the students taking a College Board test in May. Successful performance on the examination may result in college credit. Students receive an additional 1.0 quality point for a grade of C or better in an Advanced Placement course. Santa Fe offers 9 subjects that may convert to college credits.



Faith Life and Service



Santa Fe Catholic High School truly is a **Christ-Centered Learning Community**. The Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Christian faith are fostered and modeled within a diverse and interdependent community which learns and worships together. At Santa Fe Catholic High School, students, parents, teachers and staff are encouraged to nurture and develop their own religious faith and spirituality.

- All classes and school events begin with prayer.
- Mass is celebrated weekly for the entire school.
- Reconciliation services are held several times each year.
- A four-year Theology curriculum is integrated into the course schedule.
- Class retreats take place on an annual basis.
- Service to the community is required of each student and facilitated by our campus minister.

Santa Fe Catholic believes that learning is a lifelong process and strives to motivate students to take responsibility for their own learning and seek solutions to the events of life in the light of Christ's teachings.



Athletics, Clubs, Teams and Activities



While our emphasis at Santa Fe Catholic High School is on academics, we recognize that students need to grow in body and spirit as well as in mind. Santa Fe strives to develop each student to his or her full potential. We also understand that colleges look for well-rounded applicants. To that end, we provide many activities in which students can become leaders, team members, athletes, artists, writers, and much more.

Santa Fe Catholic High School Sports Florida High School Athletic Association

Baseball	Basketball	Cheerleading
Cross Country/Track	Dance	Football
Golf	Soccer	Softball
Swimming /Diving	Tennis	Volleyball

Student Clubs and Organizations

A Team	Ambassadors	Drama
Student Government	French Honor Society	Foreign Language Club
Mu Alpha Theta	News Team	National Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society	Yearbook Staff	Chess Club
Drum Line	Library Club	Poetry Club

Organizations for Parents, Alumni and Friends of Santa Fe Catholic High School

Alumni Club	Booster Club
Parent Guild	School Board



Process for Registration



Incoming Freshmen

- Step 1: Take the placement test (Dec/Jan)
- Step 2: Complete all registration forms and submit with the registration fee
- Step 3: Receive a course selection sheet and select your electives
- Step 4: Receive your schedule for freshman year
- Step 5: Get ready to enjoy a very exciting time of your life (Every day!)

Transfer Students

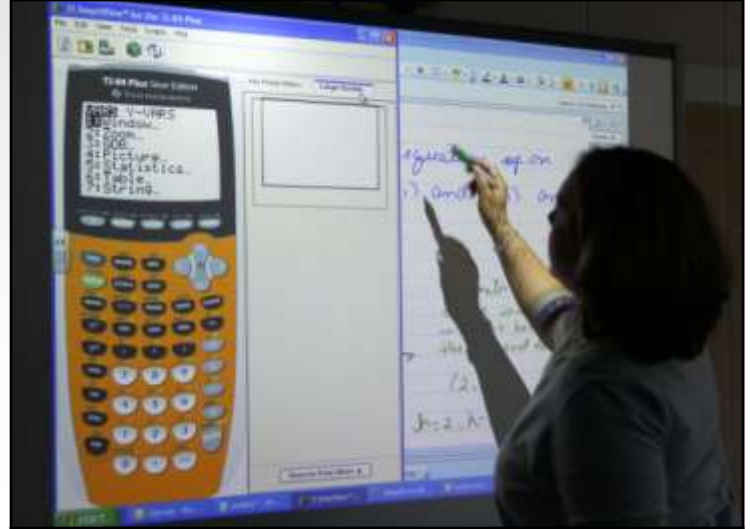
- Step 1: Make an appointment to discuss your desire to attend Santa Fe with an administrator
- Step 2: Complete registration forms and submit them with the registration fee
- Step 3: Meet with the guidance counselor to select appropriate courses
- Step 4: Prepare to begin a new phase of your educational journey

Congratulations on making a choice that will benefit your future.

Technology

Students born after 1990 are citizens of the technological age. Many of the rest of us will always be immigrants in this technological era. However, even though our students are immersed in technology they need to be formed in the appropriate and ethical uses of technology.

At Santa Fe Catholic every student learns with a laptop computer. Students bring their computers to class for notes, research and assignments. The entire campus is wireless and students are encouraged to use their laptop as a quality learning device. Through our technology program we prepare students not only for future education but also for the world in which they will live and work.



CLASS OF 2011 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Auburn University
Barry University
Becker College
Belmont Abbey College
Bethany College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Case Western Reserve
Clemson University
DePaul University
Eckerd College
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Furman University
Gainesville State College
Indiana University
Johnson & Wales University
Lees McRae College
Loyola University, New Orleans
New York City College of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Polk State College
Purdue University
Rollins College
Saint John's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Stetson University
The Catholic University of America
Tufts University
University of Alabama
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Missouri
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of San Francisco
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of Virginia
University of Washington
Wake Forest University
Warner University
Webber International University

Prepared for the World



Florida State Alumni

When iPods are passé and today's technology has gone the way of the dinosaurs, the most important thing you can give your children is an excellent education steeped in the Catholic values you treasure.

68% of Santa Fe students receive Bright Futures scholarships and the most recent graduating class of 53 members received in excess of \$2,000,000 in college scholarships. Perhaps the most impressive statistic is that 100 % of our students graduate having received the solid values base that will make them good people and responsible citizens of our country. Our students become the leaders of the communities in which they live.

International Host Family Program



Every year Santa Fe Catholic welcomes students from around the world to join our educational community. We currently invite 25 international students to join the Santa Fe family annually.

The purpose of the international program is to enrich the educational experience of our local students by giving them the opportunity to learn the global nature of our world.

The students who are currently studying in high school today will be most successful if they have an understanding, appreciation and tolerance for the cultural differences of people and nations. No doubt today's students will live, work and succeed as members of a global community.



Families are encouraged to consider being a host for one of the international students. There is a stipend of \$800 per month to offset the costs associated with the program. If you would like more information on being a host family, please contact the school office.





FACTS Tuition Payment Program

What is FACTS Tuition Payment

Tuition is collected through a third-party company called FACTS. FACTS receives and processes tuition payments and makes regular payments to the school. Tuition payments are made to FACTS through an auto-debit from your bank account. Families can select the number of payments per year and the day of the month that best meets their budget needs.

Each family must join the **FACTS Tuition Payment Plan**. Tuition payments will not be accepted at the school. Please note that registration is NOT complete until you enroll with FACTS. To enroll with FACTS visit our website at www.SantaFeCatholic.org. Click on the Admission tab, then click on the FACTS tab located on the right-hand side of the page. To complete the online form click the "Get Started" button under "New User".

Technology Fee

The school Technology Fee, \$235 annually, can be included as part of the monthly tuition payments or it can be paid in one installment at the beginning of the year.

Applying for Financial Aid

Families who need financial assistance also apply through FACTS. Forms are available from the main office or you can apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com. Please note that the school personnel DOES NOT see the financial data submitted to FACTS. All personal financial data is kept confidential by FACTS. The school receives a summary report and recommendation for tuition assistance.





Scholarship and Financial Assistance Opportunities

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available. The scholarships are awarded based on a rubric that consists of the following categories: Academics, Recommendations, Student Essay and Financial Need. In order to apply for a scholarship a family MUST complete and submit the FACTS Financial Assistance forms. Scholarship applications are automatically sent to families who have completed the registration process. Scholarship applications are only considered if they are submitted prior to the March 30th deadline and are complete when submitted. Late applications or incomplete applications will not be given consideration.

School Awarded Financial Assistance

Traditionally Santa Fe offers financial assistance to families who are seeking Catholic education for their child and need some financial assistance to make that choice possible. It is essential that families requesting financial assistance request the necessary forms from the main office. The forms must be submitted and all required additional information provided. There are deadlines for financial assistance paperwork to be completed, please review the calendar in this booklet.

Other Sources of Financial Assistance

Families are encouraged to investigate other sources of tuition assistance including: Step Up for Students, their parish church, groups such as the Knights of Columbus and grants given by employers.

If it is Still Not Enough

It is possible to meet with a small subcommittee of the Board of Trustees to discuss the additional need and to determine what funds can be made available. This committee speaks in confidence with the parents and they are all members who have received financial assistance for either their own education or their children's education.

Time, Talent, And Treasure



The Bottom Line

The cost of educating a child at Santa Fe is over \$12,000. We make up the difference between the tuition charged and the cost by all sharing in the responsibility for the school

Time

Santa Fe Catholic High School is a community. It is our hope that all families will get involved in the community and share your skills and talents with us. There are unlimited opportunities to assist our school community, some of which include: assisting at athletic events, working on development projects, assisting Parent Guild, being part of the group that beautifies the grounds, service on the Board of Trustees.

Talent

Whatever your skill or passion, or whatever you enjoy, there is a way to share that with the school community. Plumbers, electricians, handymen and women, doctors, lawyers, beauticians, flower arrangers, as well as people to set up and take down; before and after events, we need you. In an effort to keep tuition as low as possible, we count on families to assist us by sharing your gifts with the community.

Treasure

Parents are asked to contribute a minimum of 20 hours of service to the school community each year. This volunteer service is essential to our growth. While many parents contribute far more than this, we do require 20 hours. In the event that a family would prefer, it is possible to pay a **\$200 contribution in place of volunteering 20 hours at school-related events.**

Every family is charged an annual **\$25 fee for Parent Guild** activities. Parent Guild is an active and viable part of the school community. Parent Guild funds are not used for the operating budget of the school; instead they are kept separate and are used for special projects and the wish lists of the teachers.

Time Schedule to Apply for Scholarships and Financial Assistance



- February 6 School enrollment applications for 2012-2013 will be available.
- February 6 Applications for financial aid will be available from the main office. Please note that an application for financial assistance can not be acted on until a registration for the student has been received.
- March 1 Scholarship application materials will be sent to those who have completed registration forms.
- March 30 All completed scholarship applications are due.
- March 30 All completed financial aid forms are due to FACTS.
- May 15 Letters are sent informing families of financial aid awarded.
- May 15 Letters are sent informing winners of scholarships awarded.
- May 21 Meetings are scheduled with families requesting/requiring additional financial assistance.

What Makes Us Special



Santa Fe is a small school where the students, faculty and staff feel like a close-knit family. Following the example of Jesus Christ, we strive to accept all people for who and what they are. Each person is valued and respected as a Child of God. Students, faculty and staff treat each other with mutual respect and positive regard.

A walk along the Santa Fe campus demonstrates the camaraderie that is shared among students whether in a classroom, the library, the lunch room or on the beautiful grounds. Students work together on projects in the library or matching skill in a game of chess.

The school is a “second home” for students. Many students spend extra hours at school each day participating in extracurricular activities and sports. Students experience the security that comes from being surrounded by people who know and care about you.





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