

## Course Request Guide – 2018-2019 Juniors – SAHS Class of 2020

### Theology

3500 - Theology III

### English (Choose 1.0) – *Pre-requisites Required*

4550 - English III

4500 - English III (honors)

### Math (Choose 1.0) – *Pre-requisite Algebra II Required*

5500 - Advanced Topics in Math

5520 - Algebra III

5550 - Algebra III (honors)

### Science (Choose 1.0) – *Pre-requisites Required*

6450 - Chemistry ^

6400 - Physical Science ^

6415 - Environmental Science & 6425 - Geology

6550 - Anatomy and Physiology ^

6600 - Physics (honors) ^

6900 - AP Biology ^                      6910 - AP Chemistry ^

### Social Studies (Choose 1.0)

7500 - American History #

7520 - DC U.S. History I & 7525 DC U.S. History II

### Electives (*Courses are 0.5-1.0 credits each. Choose 1<sup>st</sup> choices as needed to complete 7.0 credits for schedule*)

#### Required courses for graduation must be selected as electives if credit is not yet earned:

8010 - German II

8060 - Spanish II

7215 - MS Studies # ~

7225 - Geography #~

8205 - Health #

8215 - PE #

Business/Tech Course «

8695 - Test Prep

#### These electives are available to Juniors if the above requirements have been met (Pre-requisites Required):

7535 - American Democracy

7545 - Law

8100/8105 - Band +\*

8370 - DC Music

8110/8115 - Choral Music +\*

Appreciation

8120/8125 - General Music +

8130/8135 - Show Choir +

8150/8155 - Performing Arts I +

8160/8165 - Performing Arts II +

8300/8305 - Art I+

8310/8315 -Art II+

8335 - Ceramics I +

8345 - Ceramics II +

8355 - Drawing I +

8365 - Drawing II +

8470 - Exploring Computer Science «

8480 - Web Design & Media Rich Content «

8505 - Psychology

8515 - Sociology

8655 - Public Speaking

8495 - Pers.Finance

8600 - Yearbook/Journalism\*

Additional science from course list above

1. Parents must complete online 2018-2019 **registration forms** and fee. Due date without a late fee is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Academic Forum for Rising Juniors and Seniors is **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:00pm in the school's cafeteria. Students and parents will meet with our panel of teachers & counselors to discuss college preparation information, Advanced Placement, Dual Credit courses, and more.
3. Review your **Transcript** (order a self-view transcript using your Parchment account). Compare with graduation requirements to determine which classes are needed next year.
4. Review course descriptions and pre-requisites in the **Course Catalog**, which may be viewed online ([www.vicksburgcatholic.org](http://www.vicksburgcatholic.org) ~ Academics ~ Course Catalog).
5. **Discuss** choices with your parents and teachers to decide which classes are right for you.
6. **Individual** student meetings with the counselor will be held during February and March. Form(s) will be sent home with the student after his/her meeting. Parents must sign and return the form to the counselor's office. **Write** alternate elective choices on form in case of schedule conflict.
7. Staff will complete the complex process of scheduling over the summer. Please understand that phone call and email inquiries cannot be accepted until after the **master schedule** is done.
8. Final **class schedules** are published the first week of August. If there is a mistake in the student's schedule from the courses requested in the spring, a change request can be made via email before the first day of school.

*Key: The following symbols are used throughout the Course Catalog for additional information:*

# *Specific courses that are required by Mississippi Department of Education for graduation.*

~ *Courses that when taken in 8th grade, satisfy high school graduation requirements for a specific course.*

« *Business/Tech courses that may be used in conjunction with proficiency guidelines to meet MS graduation requirement.*

^ *Courses that are Lab Sciences – minimum 4.0 credits are required for college prep curriculum.*

+ *Elective courses that are Fine Arts -- minimum 1.0 credit is required for graduation.*

\* *Elective courses that may be repeated for more than 1.0 elective credit.*



# VICKSBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## St. Aloysius High School

### 2018-2019

#### **Scheduling Procedures:**

In the spring term, current St. Aloysius students are presented materials about the courses being offered in the upcoming school year. They are instructed to review the list, course catalog, graduation requirements and their transcript and to discuss their choices with their parents, teachers and school counselor.

- The course request process concludes with verification forms which are sent with students after the counselor meeting and must be returned with the required parent/guardian signatures.

The requests of all St. Aloysius students are used to assign faculty and create the master schedule. Once the master schedule is completed, students are placed in the best available schedule.

- Electives, AP courses and DC courses may vary each year depending on student interest, faculty availability, and scheduling. Refer to the complete course catalog for potential offerings. Courses may be canceled due to insufficient number of requests.
- Every attempt will be made to place a student in his/her requested courses whenever possible.
- Please be advised that students who request honors math or honors English are very likely to be placed into the honors section of the other subject as well due to scheduling constraints.
- A student may also be placed in different courses based on principal, counselor, or department recommendation after reviewing his/her final grades at the conclusion of the current school year.
- Final schedules will be published online approximately one week before school starts in August. If necessary, requests for a change of schedule will be accepted per instructions provided at that time.

#### **Graduation Requirements:**

Vicksburg Catholic School graduates complete a *minimum* of **twenty-eight (28)** Carnegie units as follows:

Theology .....	4 units	Foreign Language .....	2 units
English.....	4 units	Electives.....	1½ unit
Math (Algebra I #~) .....	5 units	Fine Art + .....	1 unit
Science (Biology #~) .....	4 units	Computer/Technology # ~ .....	1 unit
American History # .....	1 unit	Health #.....	½ unit
World History #.....	1 unit	Physical Education #.....	½ unit
MS Studies # ~ .....	½ unit	ACT/SAT Test Prep .....	½ unit
Geography # ~ .....	½ unit	<i>Effective with the Class of 2022 (8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2017-2018), the total units for graduation will be 30 with the addition of 1.0 social studies and 1.0 elective.</i>	
U.S. Government #.....	½ unit		
Economics # .....	½ unit		

#### **Advanced Placement Courses (+2.0 QP):**

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are high school courses that provide curriculum that is accelerated and often equated with college level material. AP course curriculum is determined by the College Board. Students may earn college credit with satisfactory completion of the course and scoring successfully on the related AP exam at the end of the term. College acceptance varies from one institution to another based on its own policies.

#### **Dual Credit Courses (+1.0 QP, +3 College Hours):**

Dual Credit (DC) courses are offered in partnership with Hinds Community College. Dual Credit students receive high school Carnegie units as well as college credit for their course work. Certain eligibility requirements must be met for placement in Dual Credit courses. High school students participating in Dual Credit are enrolled at Hinds and must follow all college policies. Out-of-State and Private College acceptance varies from one institution to another based on its own policies.

#### **Honors Courses (+1.0 QP):**

Honors courses provide a more in-depth curriculum that is taught at a rapid pace. Students must demonstrate that they are committed to a strong work ethic, willing to work independently and routinely contribute to a productive class environment.