

Fr. Sauer Academy

Welcome to Our February Newsletter!

Dear FSA families and students,

Since my transition as Director of the FSA a year ago, I have made it a priority that our students focus on being kind, being grateful and working hard. This year we will continue to work on building community through small acts of kindness and working on our own growth outlook as we build on the skills of the past year.

Spring is right around the corner too and all of our students are now anticipating more sunlight, more time to be outdoors and, hopefully, more time to see one another and build upon the tenuous "Zoom friendships" through shared adventure and hard work on campus. We are so grateful to be together to witness our community in action and hope that you are following our progress by asking questions of your students about their daily activities and triumphs.

There are so many blessings here and my hope is that our students will take advantage of being on campus again and joining in all of our activities as a way to engage and learn about themselves through action. We have so much to be grateful for!

Thank you for your kindness and community this past year. It is an anniversary to remember for me.

Happy St. Valentine's Day to all!



Theresa Bayze

Mark your Calendar:



February 12th

SI Faculty Retreat (No School)

February 15th

No School (FSA)

February 17th

FSA Virtual Ash Wednesday Prayer Service: 9:00 AM

February 26th

3rd Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home

March 18th

FSA Faculty In-Service Day (No School)

March 19th

FSA Midterm Break

Message from Father Sauer, S.J.

St. Valentine's Day and Black History Month Greetings

Dear FSA Students,

A bit like Mr. Rogers kindly asking “will you be my neighbor?”, the somewhat shy student passes a Valentine – newly made in class – across the aisle to another shy classmate: “will you be my Valentine?”

Happy Valentine's Day, dear scholars! May your hearts be filled with love this month – and always! Love for your family, your friends, your neighbors, your school, for all people of every race, color, and creed this Black History Month especially.

Let us resolve with the gifts we have received – the talents and skills which have brought us to the FSA – to serve others as Jesus did to make this world of injustice better and bring our nation to a more perfect Union.

God bless you, my dear students. Continue to do the fabulous work you are doing in school and community to bring our society into Christ's Kingdom of serenity and peace. With grateful hearts and spirits, let us work for and with others in the image of Jesus who came “not to be served, but to serve.”

Christ Himself asks each of you today: “Will you be my Valentine? I love you, He says, with all my heart and soul!”

With great gratitude for you,

Anthony P. Sauer, SJ

FSA Student Council Message

Black History Month Reflections

February marks the beginning of Black History Month here in the United States. To help honor this important time, here are some reflections from our FSA Student Council members about what Black History Month means to them:

Trenia Dunbar: *To me, it means celebrating the excellence of Black people and what they've done for the country. It's about looking back on struggles we've had to go through.*

Pamela Jones: *It celebrates the achievements, important events, and people in Black history. I look forward to Black History Month every year.*

Wesly Madrid: *For me, Black History Month is to make sure that people of color can learn more about the people that changed history, and to make sure that future generations can be free and not have the same type of pressure as previous generations once did.*

Thank you so much, FSA Student Council, for your wonderful reflections! Let's continue to celebrate Black History Month together as a community.

For questions about Student Council, please contact Mr. Geraghty at cgeraghty@siprep.org.

Daily FSA Checklist

Making Sure We're Ready to Go!

With our students back on campus, we continue to readjust ourselves to learning in a classroom again and with social distancing measures in place. Before coming to class today, ask yourself the following questions:

- ☐ Did you fill out the online [Student Daily Screening](#) form? This form can be found on our [parent and student portal](#) on the FSA website.
 - ☐ Did you **bring your water bottle**?
 - ☐ Did you bring your own personal bottle of hand sanitizer?
 - ☐ Did you bring a jacket?
 - ☐ Did you bring a fully charged Chromebook?
 - ☐ Did you bring rain gear for rainy days?
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FSA Celebrates Black History Month

Ways to Honor Black History Month This Year



With the beginning of Black History Month here in the US, SI's *Magis* Office of Equity and Inclusion is offering the following resources for students to get involved, celebrate, and participate in during this significant time:

- **The Black Student Union Heroes Project:** *The Heroes Project* started decades ago to bring awareness and education to the greater SI community of the contributions and impact that Black folx have made and continue to make on American society. Be on the lookout for these posters around the school and take a moment to pause and learn about the brilliance of our country's Black heroes.
- **The History of Black Excellence Project:** This project fights the erasure of Black history by amplifying the voices, stories, and contributions of Black excellence and ingenuity to our world. **All students and employees of St. Ignatius College Preparatory and the Father Sauer Academy are invited to participate in this project.** This will require a personal commitment to (un)learning, self-guided research, and engaging in vigilant self-reflection of the voices you elevate and leave out in your own learning and the privilege you have to do so. To participate in the History of Black Excellence Project, please visit [here](#).
- **The Black Student Union 2021 Showcase, *The Joys of Melanin*:** The fifth annual Black Student Union Showcase is Saturday, February 27. This will be a virtual experience open to all members of the SI community. More details about the Showcase coming soon.

Questions? Please contact either Ms. Maricel Hernandez at mhernandez@siprep.org or Mr. Brian Davis at bdavis@siprep.org.

New Student Feature

Meet Yair!

In January, FSA welcomed its newest member into our 7th grade class and into our community.! Here's some information about our new student, Yair. Welcome!



Since attending FSA, Yair is having a blast. He has a lot of fun with his classmates and learns a lot. He wants to take advantage of all the classes at FSA, so he can be prepared when he gets into SI. Yair likes that everybody in the school is so accepting and kind, because being the new kid is always nerve-wracking. He got the wonderful surprise that everyone is kind and friendly, and he really likes the teachers because he gets to talk to them and connect with them. While at FSA, Yair looks forward to getting prepared for a rigorous school, such as SI. He is eager to learn and willing to work hard to accomplish his goals. Another thing Yair looks forward to at FSA is playing sports because his other school didn't have sports. Yair's favorite subject is math because he likes that there are visuals and not just words. Yair's favorite game to play at school is four-square because he and his friends get to toss around the bouncy ball and have fun. Outside of class, Yair likes to ride his bike on the weekends and go on big biking trails with his family. He also likes to watch TV or funny videos on YouTube, and listen to music and sing. When Yair grows up, he wants to become a scientist.

Welcome to FSA, Yair! We're so happy to have you!

New Month, New Schedule

Making the Best of Our Time Together

After about a month of in person learning, we have decided to make some slight revisions to the current classroom schedule. The new schedule will be as follows:

Fr. Sauer Academy Spring 2021 Distance Learning Schedule

AM/PM SCHEDULE- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

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9:20-9:25	Break
9:25-10:15	2 nd Period
10:15-10:20	Break
10:20-10:50	Study Hall
10:50-11:40	3 rd Period or Field Day

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End of Synchronous learning
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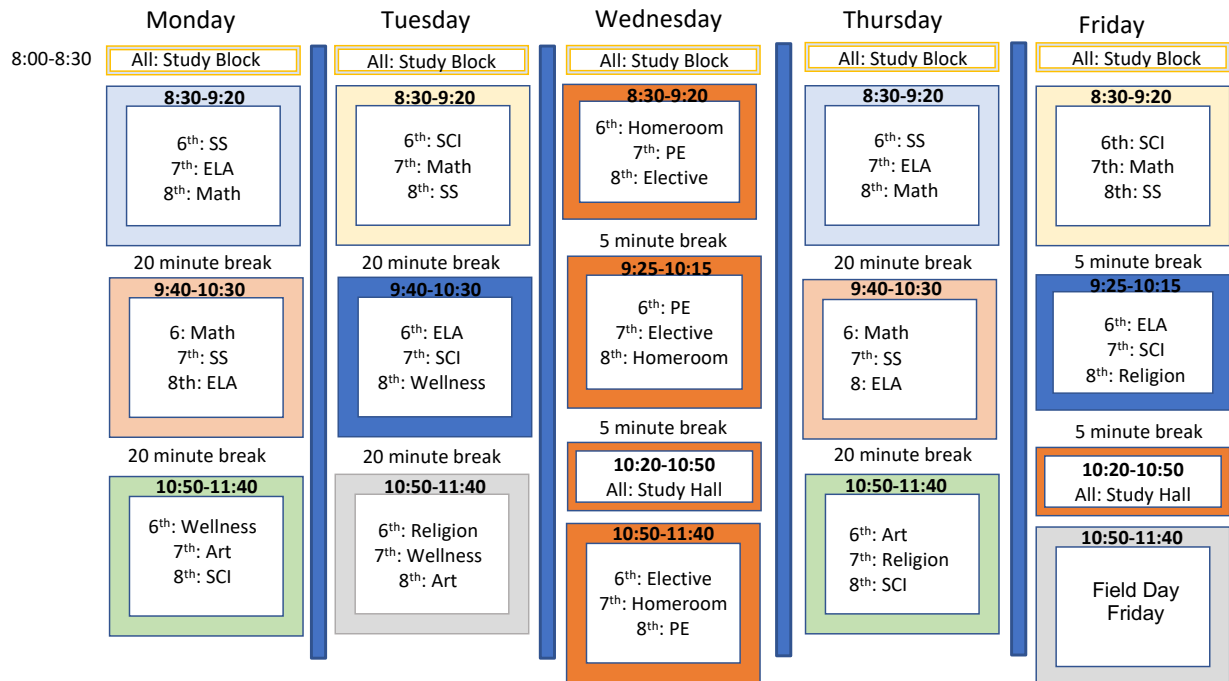
Group B: Afternoon Schedule Wednesday, Friday

Morning should be spent reading, studying and preparing.

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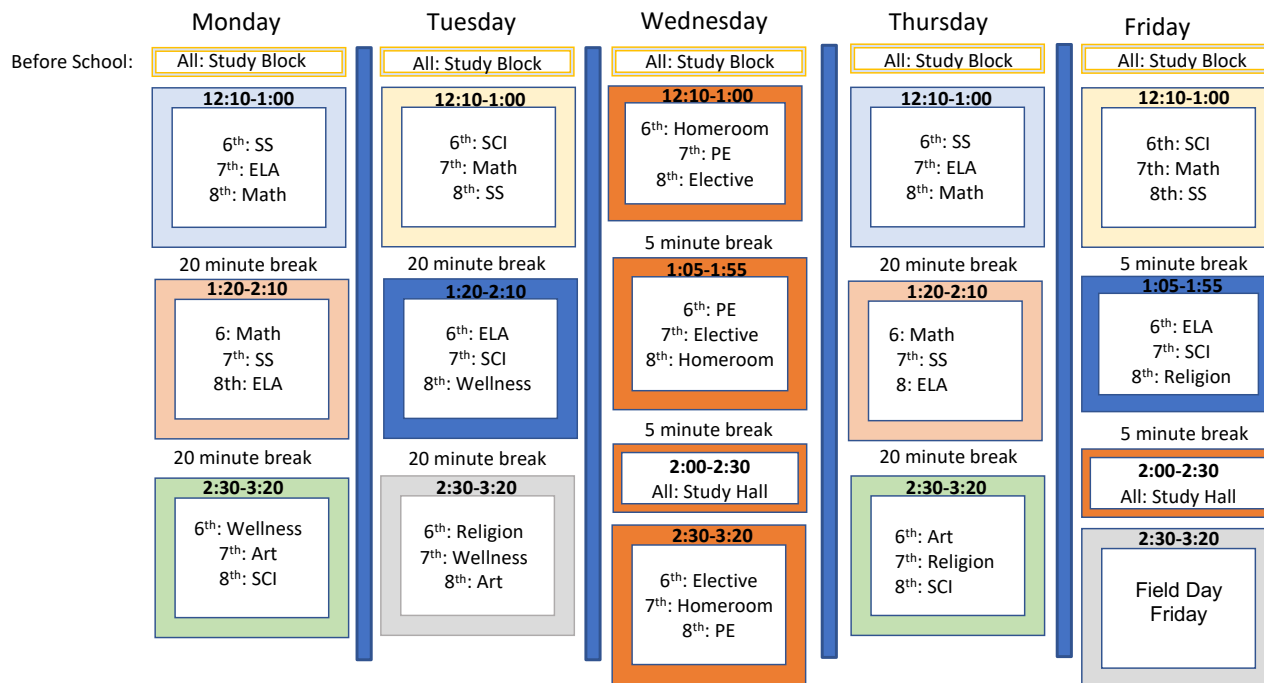
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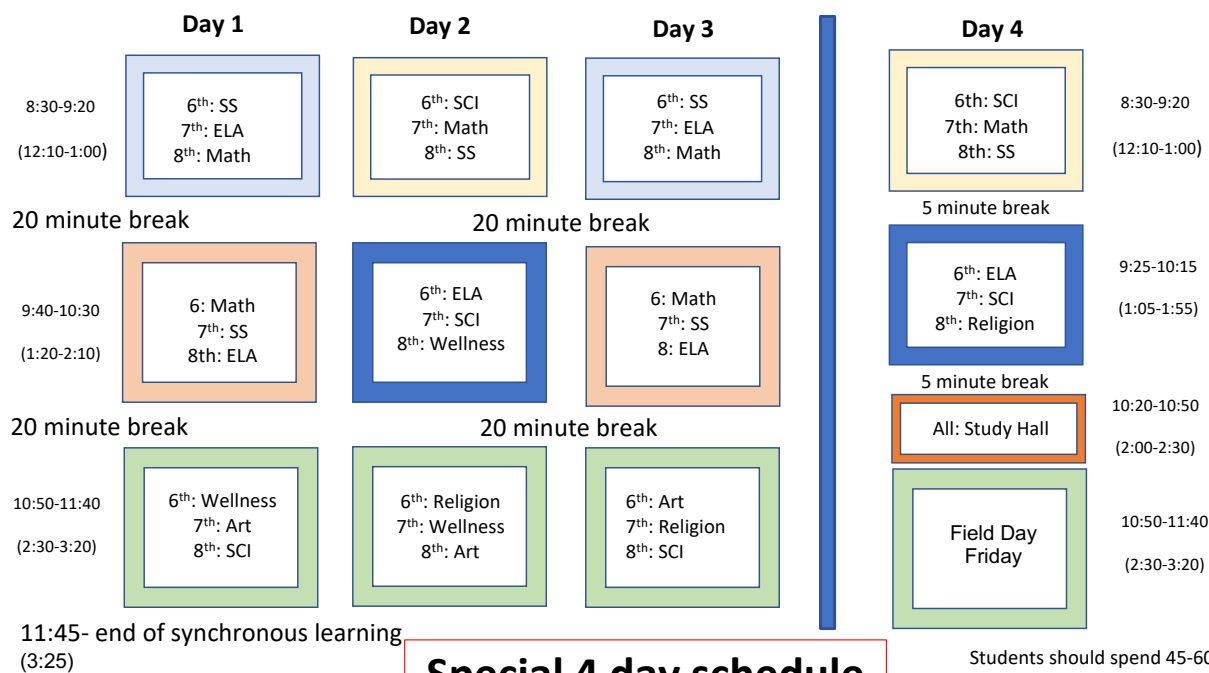
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Students should spend 45-60 minutes each day doing independent reading and preparing schoolwork.



AFTERNOON GROUP B

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Special 4 day schedule

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In addition to our new schedule, all upcoming schoolwide events can be found on the [parent and student portal](#) on the FSA website. Questions? Please email Ms. Robles at drobles@siprep.org.

Intramural Soccer on Field Day Fridays

Improving Physical Fitness and Having Fun!

Now that our students are back on campus, we want them to have robust, physical education. We took advantage of the wonderful weather last Friday by beginning our intramural soccer tournament at FSA. Here are some pictures from Friday:



FSA Fall Semester Honor Roll

Celebrating Our Scholars' Success

Last month, we shared a list of students who made the Honor Roll last semester. There are actually three more students who are included on this list. They are the following students:

Name:	Grade:
Jay O.	6th
Enya R.	7th
Evelin L.Z.	8th

To be considered for the Honor Roll, scholars must have a 3.5 GPA or above. Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll students! Please keep up the great work!

Library Advisory Board Message

How Students Can Make the SI Library A Better Place

Do you like reading? Do love libraries? Do you have ideas for how to improve the SI library for students? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then SI’s Library Advisory Board is the place for you! One member of the FSA community, Andrienne “A.K.” B., is already a part of the Library Advisory Board! She’d like to share this message from the Library Advisory Board with everyone:

“ATTENTION READERS!

The Library Advisory Board is excited to announce the “**Un-required Reading Club**”. In a continuous effort to make our library the best it can be, we have developed a new opportunity for everyone to read and share their favorite books while enjoying the outdoors. We meet one Saturday a month at 1PM in Golden Gate’s park, Lindley Meadow. We have also started a project called “**Listen in Lunches**” at the beginning of the school year. It is another fun way to socialize with our peers safely by listening to audiobooks and solving puzzles together via zoom. Please email Andrienne Kris (A.K.) at abolano27@siprep.org for more information.”



Thank you so much, A.K., for your message from the Library Advisory Board! For additional questions about how to get involved with the Library Advisory Board, please email Ms. Cara Brancoli at cbrancoli@siprep.org.

Information for Parents about Upcoming Events in February

Parent Groups

Ignatian Guild

1. Ignatian Guild Monthly Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, February 9th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 - a. The Zoom Link will be sent to all moms/guardians by Stace Felder, SI's Digital Content Manager.

Fathers' Club

1. Fathers Club 31st Annual Auction – Virtual: March 6th from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - a. More details to come!

SIPAC

1. SIPAC Meeting (Virtual): Wednesday, February 24th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 - a. Please email sipac@siprep.org for a link to the meeting and for additional details.

AALPA

1. AALPA Meeting (Virtual): Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - a. The Zoom link will be sent out. Please email AALPA@siprep.org if you have any questions.

We would like to thank our parents and volunteers for all of your support.
Thank you so much for all that you have done and continue to do.



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INFORMATION.**

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