

Academic Preview 2017-2018

The following is an outline of academic policies, course transitions and course offerings for next school year. There will be a Preview Night on Thursday May 18, 6:00 pm where there will be a general presentation of this outline and a chance for general questions. If you have questions about individual students cases. Please schedule an appt with me and/or email me mowoltering@hollyfamilyacademy.net

Academic Policies

- Students who miss more than 10% of a course (for 5 period per week classes this is 17 days) will have to retake the course. (Exceptions like an extended medical leave may be granted by the Headmaster.)
- In order to advance to the next level of Math or Latin, students must have a second semester grade of 77 (C+) or better. Students who finish the year with an average lower than 77 may still be able to advance to the next level if he or she completes an approved program of summer remediation (eg. summer school).
- There will no longer be Field Day PE for high school students. For rising juniors and seniors, their PE requirement for graduation will be fulfilled by their 2 years Field Day participation. Rising Sophomores will need to participate in at least one sport during their remaining years. Rising Freshmen and subsequent classes will need to participate in at least 2 sports seasons in order to fulfill their PE requirement for graduation. Field Day will continue for 6th Grade and Junior High.
- Starting next year, all high school students will take *Art Appreciation and Practicum* (2 periods per week for a ½ credit). This class will be a combination of art history and instruction in basic drawing and sketching.
- Starting next year, seniors who complete Calculus, Physics & Latin V in addition to the required courses with at least a 3.0 GPA will earn an Honors Diploma. The requirements for the *standard* Diploma remain the same.

Course Transitions

- Rising 7th graders will be placed via placement test into Math 8/7 or Transition Math (Pre-Algebra). The placement test will be administered to the current 6th grade before the end of the year.
- Students that are completing Algebra ½ this year, will have the option of going into Transition Math (another year of pre-Algebra) or Algebra I.
- Students completing Algebra II this year will go into Advanced Math and then take Pre-Calculus the following year.

Course Offerings (Except Math, Latin, Choir and Art)¹

- 7th & 8th Graders will take: Chief Truths of the Faith and Old Testament; Logic; Classic American Literature; The Founding of the Americas; & Earth Science.
- 9th & 10 Graders will take: Scripture and Revelation; Euclid²; Medieval & Renaissance Literature; Western Civilization II; & Biology.
- 11th & 12th Graders will take: Apologetics; Philosophy of Human Nature; American Literature; American History and Gov't; Chemistry (juniors who are at least concurrent with Algebra II) or Physics (seniors who are at least concurrent with Advanced Math).

¹ Required Textbook purchases will be published in early July.

² The Euclid course is now a part of the Philosophy course rotation for 9th & 10th instead of Math.