

May 11, 2021

Hello Everyone! As the school year comes to a close, there is a lot of information to share. Please read below for updates for Saint John's.

[Key Dates:](#)

- Last Day for Seniors: May 27th
- Last Day for Campus IV Franklin: May 30th (ESL ends on June 9th for Grades 9, 10, & 11)
- Memorial Day: May 31st - School Closed
- Senior Make Up Exam Day: June 1st
- Graduation Ceremony: June 4th
- Last Day of Classes Grades 9, 10, & 11: June 9th
- Final Exams for Grades 9-11: June 10th-16th
- Final Report Cards: June 28th

AP Examinations:

- Please see the letter sent out by Saint John's regarding AP examinations.
- If you have any questions, please contact your AP teacher directly.

Regents Examinations:

- Due to the educational circumstances of this school year, New York State is allowing students to opt out of their Regents exams in the form of an exemption.
- Students who have met course expectations and achieved a passing grade in their Regents course(s) this year will have their exemption applied towards their graduation requirements.
- Students who opt out of testing this year do *not* need to retake the associated course or the Regents exam.
- An exemption is equivalent to a passing grade, meaning that you will receive credit for passing the Regents exam even though you took advantage of the exemption.

Summer School:

- If you fail any course during the school year, you are expected to take part in summer school.
- Summer school credit is needed to return to St. John's High School next fall, or graduate this spring if you are a senior.
- More information regarding the registration process will be available later this spring

Summer Communication:

- Share your private email (non-SJHS email) in case you have any difficulty gaining connection while overseas. We will be sharing updates over the summer and need to make sure you have access to such information.

Seniors:

- Please see the attached letter from St. John's with important year-end dates and information for all seniors, including The Countdown to Graduation: [Class of 2021 Letter](#)

- College Acceptances and Final Decision: As you find out about your acceptances to colleges and universities, please make sure to inform us at support@utphighschools.com and directly to your St. John's guidance counselor. It's critical so that we can transfer your I-20 and your Final Transcript.
- I-20 Transfer Requests: First, request the SEVIS transfer form from your new school. Then, share that SEVIS code with our team by emailing us at support@utphighschools.com with your acceptance letter and the SEVIS Transfer Form. We will release your I-20 to your college after June 5th (graduation). Your new college will provide you with the new I-20 form.
- Diplomas: Diplomas will be available in mid-July. Our team will be mailing diplomas to our colleagues overseas who will help distribute Diplomas to your assigned agent. If you wish to have it mailed to a United States address, please update us on where you would like to have your diploma delivered (subject to possible shipping charges).

Course Selection for Next Fall:

- The scheduling process for next fall at St. John's is currently underway. Please do not delay if you haven't selected your classes for next year!
- Please reference the following link for directions on how to schedule an appointment with counselor, access the course catalog, and other important information regarding this process here: [21/22 Course Selection](#)

Juniors:

- All juniors should be preparing to take the TOEFL, IELTS, or other widely accepted English Proficiency exam by next fall.
- Caution: Test-optional is a term used during the college application process in the USA. This term refers to standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT, as many universities are not requiring students to take these exams to apply. However, test-optional is *not* referring to TOEFL, and taking an English proficiency test is a *requirement* for international students applying to any university here in the United States.
- Each university has their own specific requirement(s) about which test scores they will accept, so make sure to check these requirements for each university you will apply to. TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo, and iTEP are some English proficiency exams that are widely accepted.
- The TOEFL iBT is still the most widely accepted English proficiency test by universities here in the USA, and is what we would recommend you take to meet this requirement. You will need to create an ETS (TOEFL) account to register to take the TOEFL, and to be able to send your official score result to universities. You can create your account here: [My TOEFL](#)
- Letters of Recommendation: Universities generally require 2 letters of recommendation from 2 of your teachers when you apply. You should start thinking about which 2 teachers (past or present) would be best suited to write about you both as a student, and as a person. Teachers receive a lot of these requests in the fall, so plan to reach out to your teachers with these requests no later than September to avoid missing any application deadlines towards the end of the year.

Office Hours:

- Office hours continue to be held by our UTP team every Wednesday at 8AM. This is a good opportunity to ask questions, see your friends on zoom and just stay in touch. The link is [here](#), but we will also message you reminders.
 - Meeting ID: 983 1082 0512
 - Passcode:student

Contact Us:

If you have questions, you can always contact us at support@utphighschools.com. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to campus in 2021!