



Subject Line: WELCOME TO XAVIER! - Family Portal (Xavier's School Information System), Scheduling & Counseling, Summer Assignments, BYOD Program

Dear Incoming Students and Parents,

In just a few weeks, you will begin your journey as a Saint. We are excited that you will be joining our Xavier community this upcoming 2020-2021 school year. This email contains information regarding **four important items: Family Portal (Xavier's School Information System), Scheduling & Counseling, Summer Assignments, and BYOD Program.**

Family Portal:

Family Portal is Xavier College Prep's school information system (SIS). Students and parents use Family Portal to access school information such as calendars and announcements, as well as student information regarding classes, attendance, grades, schedules, etc. Please follow the instructions **attached** at the bottom of this email to set up your Family Portal account. **Students** and **parents** will each set up their **separate accounts** as they see different information. If you have trouble setting up your account, please call Marcie Quagliani at (760) 601-3900 ext. 6255, for assistance.

Scheduling & Counseling:

Our Admissions team, counselors, and academic departments have worked to assess your individual gifts and talents to create your schedule. We have reviewed your application and looked at your last two years of academic performance and progress. For incoming ninth graders, we also considered the results from your High School Placement Test (HSPT), which include your Cognitive Skills Quotient (CSQ) scores and Grade Equivalency (GE) scores, as well as the results from your optional English placement exam, mathematics exit exam, and world language placement exam. Using this data, we crafted a schedule to meet you where you are and to challenge you at the most appropriate level to experience growth and success.

Most incoming ninth-grade students start with the following **curriculum**:

- English: English I (Full Year)
- Physical Education: PE & Health (Full Year / Every Other Day)
- Mathematics: Algebra I (Full Year)
- Science: Integrated Science or Biology (Full Year)
- Social Studies: World Geography (Semester)
- Technology: STREAM - Introduction to Makerspace or Coding (Semester)
- Theology: Foundations of Faith (Full Year)
- World Languages: Spanish I, French I, Spanish I for Native Speakers (Full Year)

Schedules are now accessible on Family Portal. Please note that these schedules are tentative and may shift periodically in order to maintain balanced class sizes. If you are an incoming freshman and have not yet taken the High School Placement Test (HSPT), your schedule is missing both your math and science courses. You will have the opportunity to take the HSPT at Xavier on Thursday, August



6th in order for our academic departments to place you appropriately. Official schedules will be released during the first week of school, starting on Monday, August 10, 2020; be on the lookout for a follow-up email with more details. **Please note that Xavier College Prep does not make any schedule modifications to accommodate requests for specific teachers.** Please contact your counselor for further questions.

Once you have created your Family Portal account, follow these instructions for **accessing your 2020-2021 academic schedule**:

Go to the Xavier website: www.xavierprep.org

Click on the main menu () located in the upper right corner

Click on **Parents** or **Students**

Log in to Family Portal

Click on **Student** from the navigation bar located on the left side of the page

Click on **Schedules** located at the bottom of sub-list

If you have any questions regarding your schedule or want to make changes, your counselor will be available as of Monday, August 3, 2020 from 9am to 3pm via appointment through Zoom. Counselors may be able to make student-initiated schedule changes up until early September. Here is our list of counselors who can assist you with making schedule changes:

<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Ms. Christyann Anderson, Guidance Counselor	9 th and 10th grade, last names A-K	Extension: 6271 canderson@xavierprep.org ; to schedule an appointment click here calendly.com/canderson-counseling
Mrs. Claudia Garcia, Guidance Counselor	9 th and 10th grade, last names L-Z	Extension: 6241 cgarcia@xavierprep.org ; to schedule an appointment click here calendly.com/cgarcia-counselor
Mrs. Leticia Sendejo, College Counselor	11th and 12th grade, last names A-K	Extension: 6236 lsendejo@xavierprep.org ; to schedule an appointment click here calendly.com/lsendejo
Mr. Peter Kulevich, College Counselor	11th and 12th grade, last names L-Z	Extension: 6136 pkulevich@xavierprep.org
Mrs. Angela Germanos, International Student Counselor	9th through 12th	Extension: 6180 agermanos@xavierprep.org
Ms. Andrea St. Onge, Learning Specialist/ Accommodations*	9th through 12th	Extension: 6245 ast.ong@xavierprep.org



*If you have a previous accommodation plan, psycho-educational or neuropsychological assessment, or diagnosis, please fill out this [form](#) in order to initiate our process with Xavier's Learning Specialist.

Our counseling department is here to serve our students. Students are always welcome to make an appointment through Zoom before school, at break, at lunch, and after school with any questions. Counselors will invite their students to meet with them at different times during the school year. Parents and students may contact counselors to set-up **Zoom** appointments throughout the school year. Counselors are readily accessible via email and phone.

Optional Exit/Placement Exams:

Optional exams for placing into advanced level courses are in the following subject areas: English, Mathematics, French, and Spanish. These exams are not required unless a student wants to be considered for a course other than our College Prep (CP) level course. For further information, click [here](#).

If you have not yet taken the Algebra I exit exam, the English placement test, or the French I/Spanish I placement test and wish to take any of these assessments to be considered for a higher-level course click [here](#). Optional testings will be available according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 2pm: Algebra I Exit Exam

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 3:30pm: French Placement Test

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 2pm: English Placement Test

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 3:30pm: Spanish Placement Test

Summer Assignments:

All students have required summer reading. Please find the summer reading list on our Xavier website:

Go to www.xavierprep.org

Under ACADEMICS, click on [Summer Assignments](#)

For incoming tenth or eleventh-grade transfer students, you may be enrolled in an Honors (H) or Advanced Placement (AP) course. Please consult your schedule and find any AP summer course work on the Xavier website:

Go to www.xavierprep.org

Under ACADEMICS, click on [Summer Assignments](#)

BYOD Program:

Xavier will continue a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program for the incoming freshmen this fall. We ask that you bring a device that you own or purchase a new device for school which meets the qualifications listed in the attached document. We have also listed a few options for devices that meet



our criteria. Students and families needing assistance finding or purchasing a device, please contact our Business Office.

Mark your calendar! Our first day of school is Monday, August 10, 2020.

Course supplies/materials lists will be published in each course syllabus. Syllabi will be provided during the first days of school. More information will also be presented at *Back-to-School Night* on Tuesday, August 25th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

In all that you do with family and friends, know that we are thinking of you and praying with and for you this summer. Remember to stay cool, stay healthy, stay safe, and make good choices!

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Peace and Blessings,

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