

## Class Descriptions:

### English

Writing is the primary goal of the course. The paragraph structures that dominate the first part of freshman year are taught and executed. To support this effort, grammar that applies to the structure of the sentence is taught. Punctuation and capitalization are reviewed. Vocabulary and spelling are also part of the course.

### Math

A course designed to introduce students to some of the basic concepts of Algebra I (first degree equation solving, laws of exponents, slope, and intercept of a line). Equivalent to about 1 1/2 quarters of an Algebra I course.

### Study Skills

A skills oriented approach geared to improve students' ability to plan, organize, read, listen critically, summarize and self-test. Numerous other attitudinal and practical steps for self help are taught , which will lead to mastery learning. Organizational skills, time management, active reading and active listening skills, self testing, note taking and expository writing are tools to this mastery learning. Students find this course very instrumental to their first years' success. **This course fills up quickly , early registration is advised.**

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Commonly asked questions:

1. My son will miss class because of athletic camp, family vacation, scout camp, mission trip, etc.  
ANS: No problem if the time missed is not greater than 1 week. (more than one week – don't enroll your son)
2. What courses should my son take?  
ANS: If you have received a recommendation from either English or Math, heed their advice and enroll for that subject. If you haven't gotten a formal notice from either of these two departments (you know your son better than they do, they have limited data) and you feel he may struggle based upon the peer group he will be joining here at St X, enroll in that subject.
3. Can my son take all 3 summer offerings?  
ANS: Yes. The schedule does permit this, but I believe this is normally too much for a student.
4. If my son does not enroll, but I want him to do some school work this summer, are there handouts available from any of these courses?  
ANS: No
5. Are any of these summer courses recorded on the student's permanent record?  
ANS: No
6. Can other students who are not incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to St. X, take these courses?  
ANS: No
7. Must I wait until after my freshman family conference to register?  
ANS: No. Several things are at play here. Your conference moderator may or may not recommend a summer class. Your conference may be later than most. Letters from the Math and English depts. don't get sent out until mid May. Study Skills class fills up early. If study skills is a priority to you, sign up early.
8. Can my son do weight training and still do an academic classes?  
ANS: Yes. The time slots permit this.