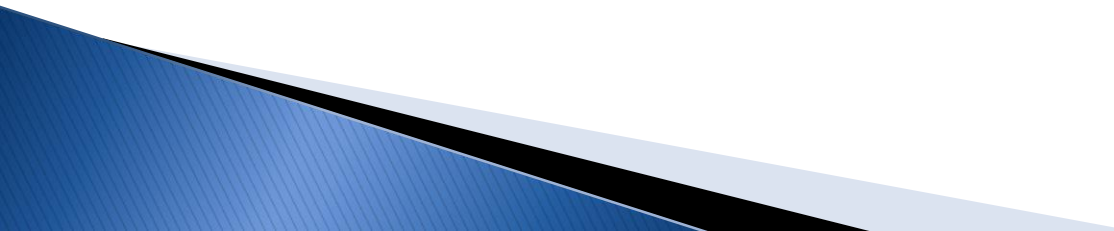


# FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

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# TIPS FOR UCCESS

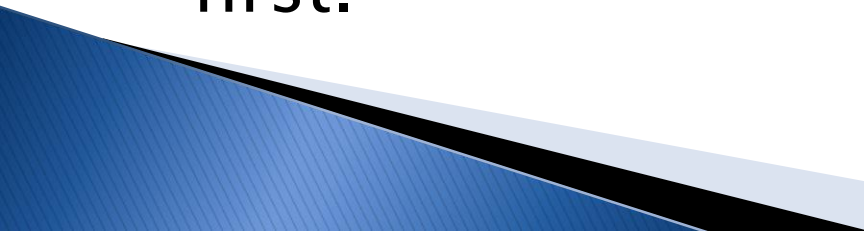
# ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

- Good attendance and punctuality are critical for high school success.
  - Absence is defined as missing 15 minutes of class time.
  - ▶ Students who accumulate more than 10 absences in a class for a semester may face academic penalties and may fail the class for the semester due to excessive absences.
  - Students who accumulate more than 10 absences in an individual class per semester must provide documentation to the Attendance Appeals Committee
  - ▶ TARDY TO CLASS– Upon the third tardy and at every third tardy thereafter, the student will receive a detention.
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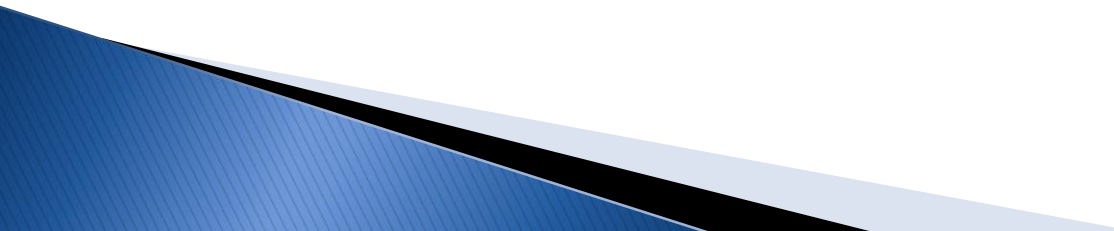
# Good Study Habit “Tips”

- Get organized
- DO your homework – Sounds simple, but students who do not put enough effort into homework end up with grades that suffer!
- Get help immediately if you are having trouble in a class.
- Turn OFF the TV/VIDEO GAMES!
- Fast Fact – Studies show that people forget almost half of what they hear or read within an hour. WRITE it down to remember it!

# Academic support

- ▶ Help is available for students who are struggling!
  - ▶ After school help time – 3:05 – 3:30 p.m.
  - ▶ May be requested by the teacher, student, or parent. Schedule at least a day in advance.
  - ▶ Academic support staff
  - ▶ A variety of services including tutoring and a daily accountability program.
  - ▶ Contact with academic support staff members always goes through the teacher first.
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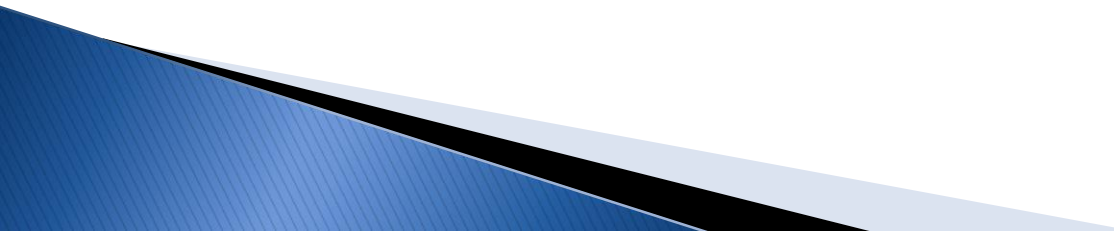
# GENERAL INFORMATION

- Lunch 11:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
  - iPad and school-issued case
  - Class Supplies
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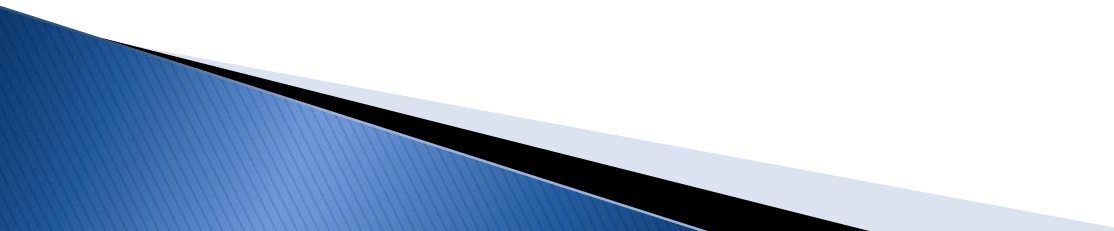
# Semester Exams

- May count up to 10% of semester grade during grade 9 and up to 20% by grade 12.
- To be eligible for consideration of exemption, a student must have at least a 90% average for the semester prior to the exam, after deductions for academic penalties, and no more than 5 absences from the class, including suspensions, during the semester.

# Semester Exams

- ▶ Teacher requirements for exemptions may be higher than the minimum. Also, teachers may opt to require all students to take the semester exam for their course. Teachers will announce the exam policy for each course at the beginning of the year in the course syllabus.
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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Uniforms – One T-shirt and shorts set issued to student
  - This year's cost for additional items was \$7 for shirt and \$7 for shorts (\$14 per set).
  - PE I & II credits should be earned before entering junior year.
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# Alternate Supervised P.E.

**P.E. credit may be awarded to students who play a high school sport.**

- Portfolio must be maintained (demonstration of mastery of P.E. standards)
- Completion of athletic season
- Mandatory Physicals – Students participating in an athletic program during 2017–2018 school year are required to have a physical before the first practice. Physical form must be dated after April 1, 2017.

# ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- Students should only bring electronic devices that aid in the educational process.
- School cannot be responsible for damages.
- Devices (including cell phones) used inappropriately will be confiscated and returned at a later date.



# SENIOR TRIP

- WASHINGTON, DC



- NEW YORK, NY


# COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Start looking for areas where you can serve.
- Community Service hours are extremely important when applying to colleges and for scholarships.
- Be sure to log all community service hours following the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## REQUIREMENTS

- 60 hours by graduation
  - No pay for service work
  - Not to include work for immediate or extended family members
  - Up to 50% hours in church/Christian setting or up to 100% in a community/missions setting
  - Forms available on CAI website
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# CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS & EXTRA CURRICULAR



Student Council, National Honor Society,  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish  
Honor Society, Solo/Ensemble Competition,  
Drama Productions, Classic Movie Club, Chapel  
Music, Theatre Club

# STUDENT COUNCIL



- Two Student Council representatives per class (as well as overall Student Body leaders)
- Students typically campaign in the spring for the following year.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



- National Honor Society membership is based on service, character, leadership and academic performance.
- With a 3.3 cumulative GPA, students may be considered for induction after the first semester of sophomore year.
- A five-member faculty council reviews students' resumes. Students need a majority vote for induction.



# FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

- FCA encourages students to put their faith in action.
- It is open to all HS students, not just athletes
- Meets weekly during lunch
- Some projects include: Louisville Rescue Mission, Parents Night Out, school projects for coaches and athletes



# SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

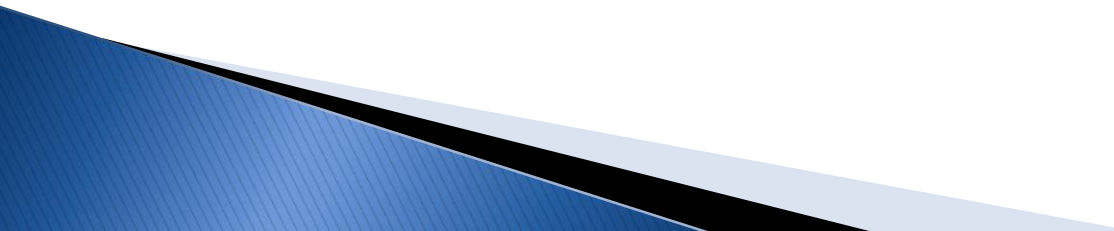


- Enrolled in a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester or higher Spanish course
- Overall weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher and a grade of “B” or better in Spanish
- A five-member faculty council reviews students’ resumes. Students need a majority vote for induction.

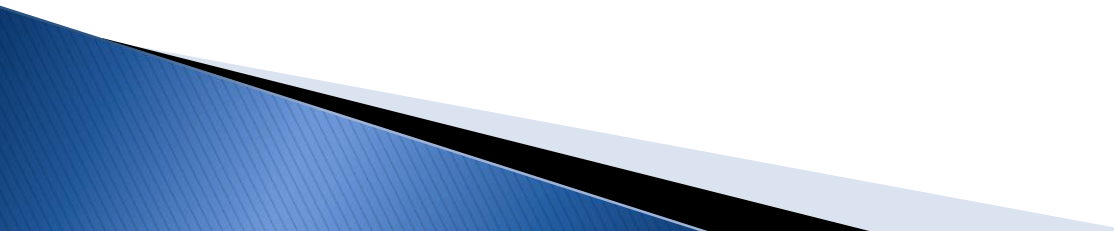
# High School Testing



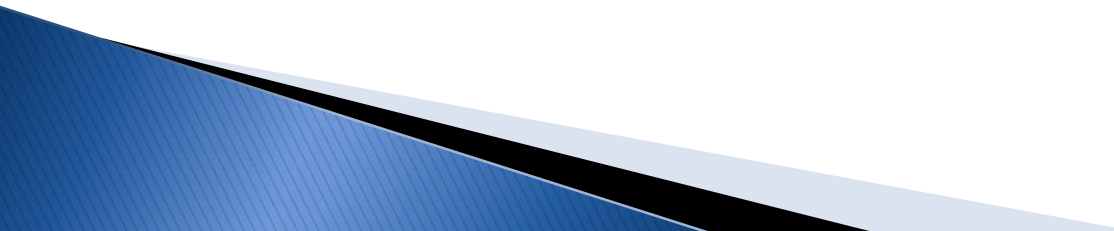
# I-STEP GRADUATION EXAM

- Students need to meet or exceed the “pass” score on the Grade 10 Graduation Exam in math and English to qualify for a diploma.
  - Retest options will be available.
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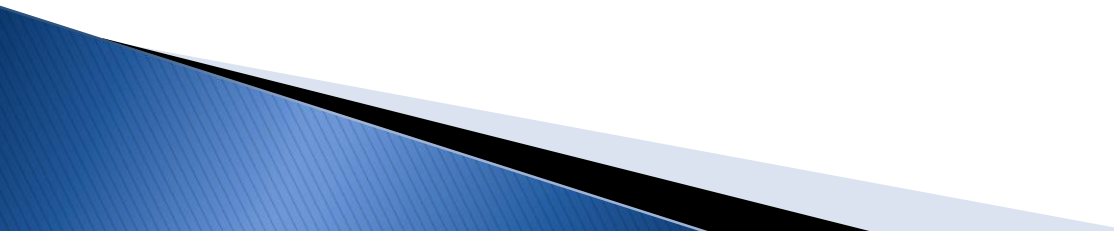
# Other Exams during HS

- **PSAT** – Preliminary SAT taken in Sophomore and Junior year
  - Junior year the PSAT is the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program
  - **SAT/ACT** – Used for college admissions
  - **AP Placement Tests**
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# Course Scheduling Options


- ▶ High School is **not** “one-size-fits-all”!
  - ▶ Many Elective Choices
  - ▶ Different levels of classes – according to student skill level (College-Prep, Honors, AP)
  - ▶ Opportunities to focus on areas of interest
  - ▶ Study Hall
  - ▶ **Meet with your counselors to arrange classes or to discuss options**
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# Indiana has found that:

- A rigorous high school academic curriculum is the single-most significant factor determining a student's success in college.
  - Rigorous academic preparation is wanted by employers, colleges, apprenticeship programs, and the military.
  - Careers for students without rigorous preparation are becoming fewer.
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# MATH OPTIONS


## ALGEBRA I or GEOMETRY

- Algebra I (reg. or honors)= Pre-Calculus Track
  - Geometry (reg. or honors)= AP Calculus Track
  - If Algebra I was taken in 8<sup>th</sup> grade a student can repeat for mastery.
  - If the semester grade for Algebra I is below “C” it will be recommended that the class be repeated.
  - Must take a math or a quantitative reasoning course (math, chemistry, physics, AP Biology, Economics, etc..) each year in high school.
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# MATH LAB

Taken concurrently with Algebra I  
May be offered during the school day or  
before school

## Possible Qualifiers:

- Difficulties in Pre-Algebra
  - Not passing ISTEP Math, Spring 2017
  - Not passing Terra Nova Math, Spring 2017
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# PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

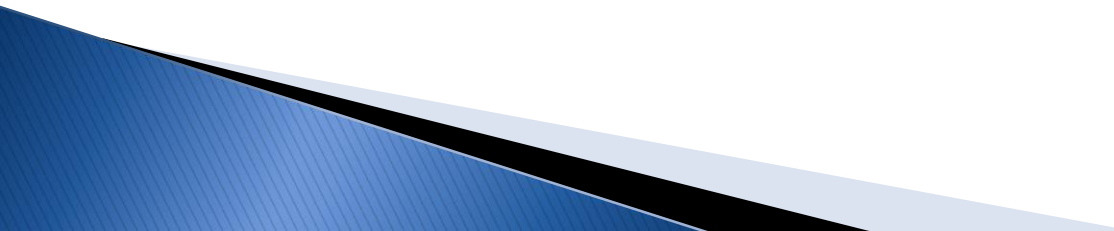
- Principles of Biomedical Sciences
  - Human Body Systems
  - Medical Interventions

# FRESHMAN FINE ARTS OPTIONS

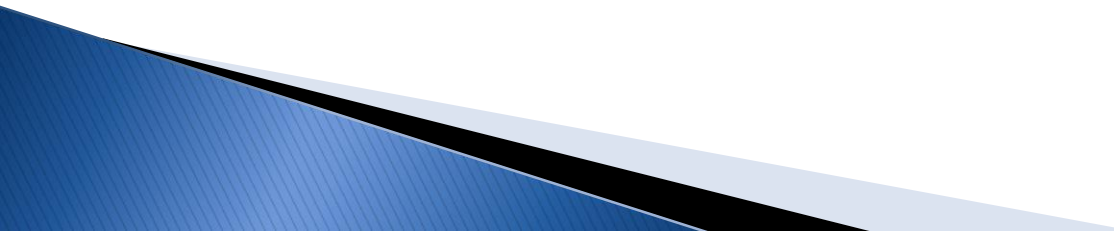
- Band and Jazz Band
- Choir and Show Choir
- Choral Chamber Ensemble
- Music Appreciation/History
- Art
- Music Theory

It is possible to double-up in fine arts.

# Zero Period Courses

- ▶ Some classes meet before school 2–3 days per week for ½ credit
  - ▶ Show Choir
  - ▶ Jazz Band
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# Grade Scales

- Regular 4.0 GPA value
  - College Prep 4.3 GPA value
  - Honors 4.8 GPA value
  - Advanced Placement 5.3 GPA value
  - Dual Credit 5.3 GPA value plus college credit
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# DIPLOMA OPTIONS

- Core 40 Diploma
- Core 40 with Academic Honors



# Valedictorian/Salutatorian Policy

- Determined by quality points, not weighted GPA.
- Quality points calculated on a maximum of 68 credits.  
If more than 58 credits, courses are chosen in the following order:
  1. Required courses
  2. CAI courses
  3. Other courses
- To be considered the student must:
  1. Attend CAI for 5 consecutive semesters immediately preceding graduation.
  2. Be a full-time high school student (8 semesters).
  3. Meet all graduation requirements outlined by CAI and the Core 40 or Academic Honors Diploma.

*For more details see the CAI Upper School Handbook*

# COURSE DESCRIPTION CATALOG

Visit the CAI website at

<http://caschools.us/in>

found under MS/HS; Documents and Links  
(HS Course Description Catalog)

It's very important to use this in  
selecting classes.

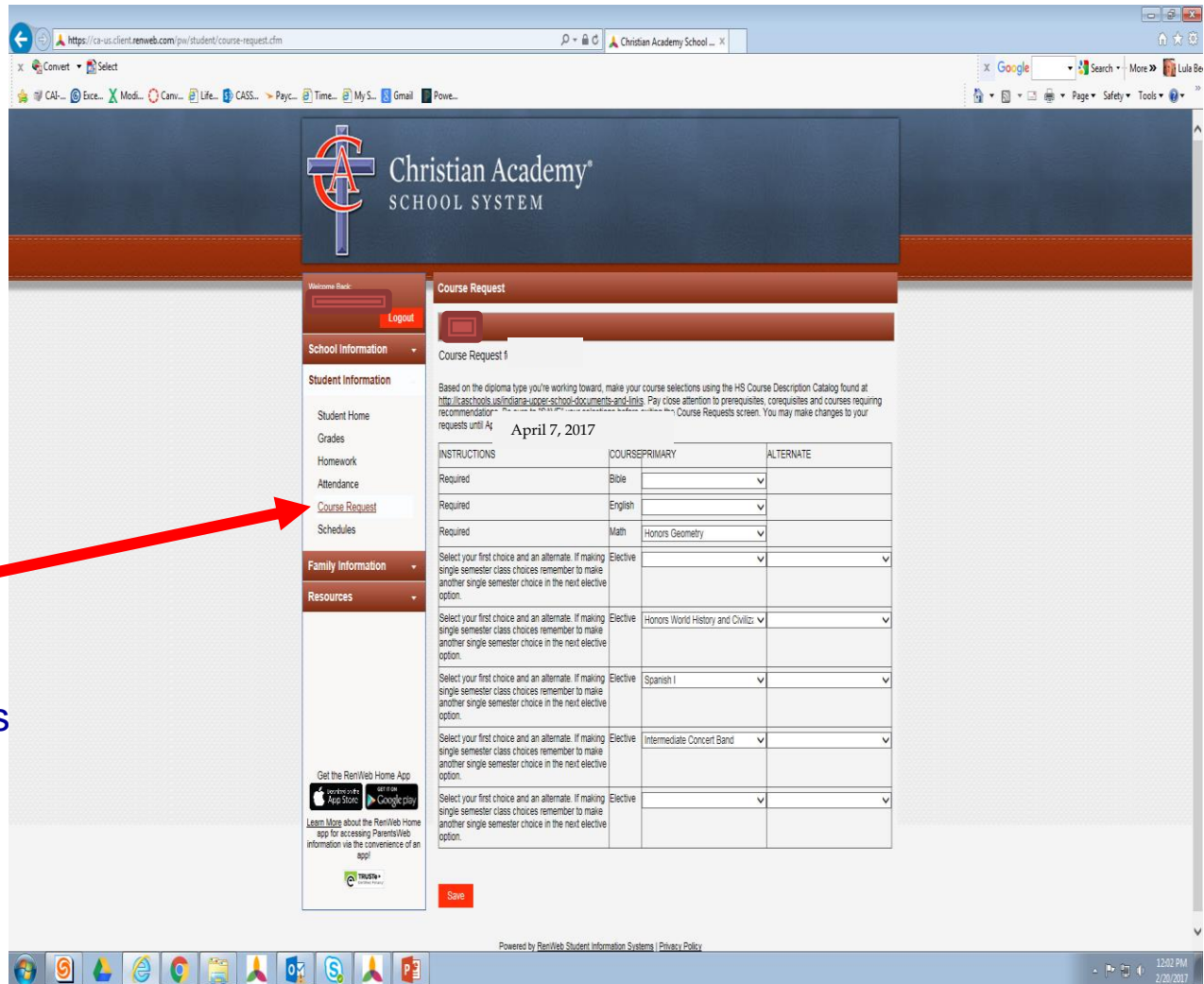


## FOUR YEAR PLAN

## ONLINE CLASS REQUESTS

**Online access available March 6–April 7, 2017**

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School Information

Student Information

- Student Home
- Grades
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- Attendance
- Course Request**
- Schedules

Family Information

Resources

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Learn more about the RenWeb Home app for accessing ParentsWeb information via the convenience of an app!

Course Request

Course Request 1

Based on the diploma type you're working toward, make your course selections using the HS Course Description Catalog found at <http://caschools.us/independent-school-documents-and-links>. Pay close attention to prerequisites, corequisites and courses requiring recommendation. You may make changes to your requests until April 7, 2017.

INSTRUCTIONS	COURSE/PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
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Required	Math	Honors Geometry <input type="text"/>
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# HELPFUL RESOURCES

- LEARN MORE INDIANA WEBSITE

[www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org)

- HOW TO GO 2 COLLEGE WEBSITE

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- COUNSELOR'S PAGE

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# Twenty-First Century Scholars Program

