

A message from our Principal

- At St Joseph Catholic High School we are excited to extend our course offerings to include the Advanced Placement Program and Pre-Advanced Placement Program.
- I believe the Advanced Placement Program complements our mandate to provide opportunities for higher level academic exploration offering a value-added program to our students.
- Our teachers are experts in their field of instruction and are on the cutting edge of current teaching methodologies. They have gained program expertise through their participation in a College Board sponsored Advanced Placement Institute and are looking forward to providing an enriching and challenging experience for our students.

*Mr Mike Matheson
Principal*

How does the Pre-AP Program work at St Joseph Catholic High School?

Pre- AP will be offered to Junior High and High School Students in 4 subject areas: English Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science.

A student may enter the Pre-AP stream if he or she has achieved 65% or better in the prerequisite course work and has a recommendation from a previous teacher.



Gain Skills that Will Help you Succeed in High School and College/University

You will:

- get a head start on university-level work.
- improve your writing skills and sharpen your problem solving techniques.
- develop study habits necessary in tackling rigorous course work.
- engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, and learn to write clearly and persuasively.
- broaden your intellectual horizons by being a part of a community of students and educators who are passionate, curious, and committed to academic excellence.

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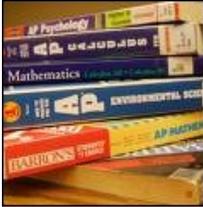


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Semper Fidelis*

Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement Program offers students flexibility and challenge while also providing credit for college and university programs around the world.

Advanced Placement is an internationally recognized program that is supported by 16,000 schools worldwide.



In Canada, there are 571 schools participating in advanced Placement and the west is leading the way!

Students who successfully complete AP examinations can obtain credit for university courses at most institutions.

Advanced Placement allows students to experience university-level curriculum without sacrificing high school marks—if anything, the enrichment provides the students with better opportunity to do better in traditional high school classes.

What is the Purpose of Pre- AP?

To equip junior and senior high school teachers with the strategies and tools they need to engage their students in active, high-level learning, thereby ensuring that every student acquires the knowledge and develops the skills, habits of mind, concepts and critical thinking needed to succeed in Advanced Placement classes.

Why is Pre-AP and AP a good choice for St. Joe's students?

Students who work ahead or in depth will thrive with the challenging curriculum in a specific area.

Students have an opportunity to explore subjects that they can focus on in greater detail.

Develops students who have a strong work ethic.

Welcomes students who have a 65 % grade and are self-motivated.

Provides a rich and rigorous program that focuses on analytical thinking and writing skills.

Creates a learning environment that encourages students to take intellectual risks, formulate questions, draw inferences, and construct solid verbal and written arguments.

The teachers at St Joseph Catholic High School are passionate about their subject area and work hard to provide a differentiated program.

What Courses are offered at St. Joseph Catholic High School?

In the 2011/2012 school year, St Joseph Catholic High School will be offering the following Pre- AP courses:

Math 9, 10C, 20-1, 30-1

Social Studies 9, 10-1, 20-1

English Language Arts 9, 10-1, 20-1

Science 9,10

Pre –AP Highlights:

Incorporates a global perspective

Fosters a culture of character and responsible citizenship.

It is all about “good teaching”.

Development of vertical teams within departments where teachers work cooperatively to align curriculum , instruction, and assessment to help students acquire the academic skills to succeed in the Advanced Placement Program.

Pre-AP teacher professional development resources reflect topics, concepts, and skills found in AP

Advanced Placement vs International Baccalaureate

Determining which program is the best for your child is a difficult decision. Both programs provide an opportunity for enrichment and are accepted by major universities are around the world.

Category	AP	IB
Does every course allow the potential for University Credit?	Yes	No
Is there flexibility to take as few as one course or as many as the school offers?	Yes	No
How many schools offer the program worldwide?	16 000	2 904
How many schools offer the program in Canada?	571	288
How many schools offer the program in Alberta?	76	40