



*Achieve Success*  
**St. Mary's High School**

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Dear Class of 2019,

Congratulations on the completion of 3 ½ years at St. Mary's High School! It is now time for the final phase! As part of the graduation requirements of St. Mary's High School, each senior is required to complete our **Capstone Project**, the Senior Portfolio.

The **Senior Portfolio** is a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic, intellectual, and experience-based project for our students. The assignments cover all eight of the disciplines studied and provide our students with a “global view” of the liberal arts education that they have earned at St. Mary's High School.

**ALL** seniors are required to complete **ALL** assignments for each discipline!

- \* Students taking an AP course (in their senior year) in a discipline will be exempt from that portion of the Portfolio. (The exemption form must be signed and turned in to receive credit)
- The assignments for each discipline can be found on Schoology, all with due dates of either **May 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- All assignments are to be turned in **directly to Mr. Junik**, Dean of Academics and Curriculum.
- All assignments are **worth 12.5 points**. (Totaling 100points)
- All portfolio assignments will be **graded** by a team consisting of St. Mary's department chairs.
- The final grade assigned to the Senior Portfolio will be reflected for all senior classes as both the **4<sup>th</sup> quarter average and Final Exam score**.

Keith Junik  
Dean of Academic Affairs and Curriculum

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### An overview of assignments by discipline:

- English** – College 101 writing submissions and critique. The submission of two different essays will be accompanied by a reflection essay for each. Lastly, the student will submit a “Thinking about yourself as a writer” evaluation for each.
- Fine Arts** – The exploration of Art or Music in the community. Students will attend off campus shows and one on campus show. Student attendance will be followed up by a reflection essay for each.  
Students in dance will complete the Dance Practical including a 2-minute self-choreographed routine in the dance style of their choosing. The practical will be followed by attendance at an off-campus dance showcase.
- Language & Computer** - This combination assignment pairs students abilities to use the movie-making and editing tools learned in 21<sup>st</sup> century computing with the foreign language skills they have learned in Spanish/French/or Chinese. Students will submit a fully edited short film in the foreign language of choice.
- Math** - Students will complete an assignments that forces them to use research and calculations to determine where they will go to college, how much it will cost, and how much they will need to pay back with interest on their student loans. They will then create a monthly and yearly budget based on anticipated income from a job in the profession they wish to earn a degree in.
- Physical Ed.**- Students must demonstrate their physical abilities by completing our mandated Physical fitness test. (Run a mile, sit-ups, push-ups, shuttle runs, and sit & reach)
- Religion** - In keeping with the Franciscan tradition of serving others, Students will participate in the Senior Day of Caring (January 30<sup>th</sup>) Students will also write two essays. A reflection on how the 100+ hours of community service have impacted them and the second a research-based essay on their college of choice... what kind of service opportunities are available? What organizations are on campus to help in this pursuit? How might you continue to be a person of charity in the next 4 years?
- Science** - Students will create an Annotated Bibliography. Students will select a topic based on “A problem in the world that can be solved by Science” The final submission will include at least 5 scholarly journal articles and summarizing paragraph for each.
- Social Studies**- Students will complete a Public Policy Opinion Paper. There are several checkpoints for this paper throughout the school year. The final submission needs to be at least 8 pages in length.

Full assignments, rubrics, and exemption forms are found on Schoology -

Course: St. Mary's HS – Senior Portfolio  
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