

# **ACADEMIC CHANGES FOR 2023-2024**

# **Business Department**

✓ **Media Production** will be .50 credit and now a semester long to allow more students the opportunity to participate.

# **Fine Arts Department**

✓ *Music Technology* will be offered, worth .50 credit and last one semester.

# **Schedule Changes**

- ✓ If a student chooses to drop an AP or CCP course after 5/31/23, the schedule change fee will be \$100. All other schedule changes require a \$50 fee.
- ✓ Full Year courses (i.e.: Physics, Accounting, etc.) CANNOT be dropped at the semester.

### **Standardized Test Scores**

- ✓ Holy Name High School cannot send ACT/SAT scores on a student's behalf.
- ✓ Due to changes in colleges' requirements, standardized test scores are no longer considered valid unless they come directly from the testing agency. It is the student's responsibility to have his/her test scores sent from the testing agency.

### The State of Ohio's Graduation Requirements

- ✓ Earn a state minimum of 20 credits (minus Theology) in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language, Fine Arts, Health, PE, and electives.
  (Achieved at meeting the 25 credit hours required at Holy Name High School)
- ✓ Graduation Testing Requirements
  - Students reach remediation-free scores on either the IOWA or ACT. (Students make take either multiple times in an attempt to reach the required scores.)
  - Graduation seals are not required at Holy Name High School. Earning the necessary scores on the ACT and/or IOWA indicates a student is 'college and career ready'.

# **Academic Honors Diploma**

- ✓ Began with the Class of 2022; updated by the ODE in August 2021
- ✓ High school students can gain state recognition for exceeding Ohio's graduation requirements through an **Academic Honors Diploma**. Holy Name will award this recognition to seniors who meet ALL BUT ONE of the following criteria as listed below:
  - 1. Earned four credits of Mathematics including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and another higher-level course.
  - 2. Earned four credits of Science including Biology, Chemistry, and two other inquiry based courses with laboratory experiences including Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Physics/Honors Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Forensics, and Robotics.
  - 3. Earned four credits of Social Studies including World History, US History, Government, and additional electives.
  - 4. Earned three credits of the same World Language.
  - 5. Earned one credit of Fine Arts.
  - 6. Earned a cumulative grade point average after seven semesters of a 3.75 or higher.
  - 7. Score a 27 or higher on the ACT OR score a 1280 or higher on the SAT.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Earning four credits of English is a minimum graduation requirement in the State of Ohio. Thus, it is not included in the list of requirements.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Students may use regular college prep courses, honors courses, Advanced Placement courses, and/or College Credit Plus (CCP) courses to meet the requirement.

<sup>\*\*</sup> A senior who meets **all but one** of the requirements listed above will receive a special "Academic Honors Diploma" seal placed on their Holy Name High School diploma.