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Dear Parents of Incoming Freshmen (JHS Class of 2019):

Jesuit's Summer Session is an excellent way for students to enhance their academic skills and pursue their interests while they learn about Jesuit. Last year, more than 600 students attended Jesuit's Summer Session classes, including over 70 incoming freshmen. Summer Session students become familiar with the campus, make friends with other students, and meet members of the faculty, staff, and administration.

If your child needs to reinforce English skills, please consider enrollment in our basic **English Grammar** course and/or basic **English Writing** course. A strong background in grammar and writing will be necessary for successful completion of 9th grade English.

JHS Summer Session offers several math options for students who need review and enrichment: **Intro to Algebra**, **Basic Algebra I**, and **Algebra I**. If your child needs to reinforce math skills before taking General Algebra or Algebra I in the fall, our summer program will be most helpful. We strongly recommend a summer math course for those students who do not have a solid grasp of basic math concepts. Note that **Basic Algebra I** is a non-credit course that meets for 55 minutes each day. **Intro to Algebra** and **Algebra I** are one semester credit courses that meet for 2 hours each day. A student who successfully completes either of these two courses earns a credit and a possible move ahead in the math sequence (based on instructor recommendation).

For the accelerated math student, we offer two semesters of **Accelerated Geometry** in the summer. To take this course, a student must get permission from his/her current math teacher, and must have received either an A in regular Algebra I or an A or B in Accelerated Algebra I in 8th grade. Upon successful completion of this course, the student could take Algebra II/Trigonometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors, or Precalculus Honors as a freshman. Such a placement will allow the student to advance through two years of Calculus in high school—or more, if the student chooses to continue in summer math programs. For the gifted math student, this track provides a wonderful opportunity to begin college math while still in high school.

Our **Study Skills** course can help your son or daughter become a more efficient, more organized student. Students learn the skills and techniques they will need to complete their Jesuit courses successfully. The **Reading** course emphasizes effective reading strategies, as well as vocabulary enhancement. Students who have taken a year of Spanish in 8th grade and would like to enhance their skills in order to take Spanish II may wish to take **Spanish II Prep**, a five-week, two-hour-per-day course that prepares students for the vocabulary and grammar of Spanish II.

Other courses available for fun and enrichment include, *iPad Basics, Real World 101, Pep Band, Cooking & Gardening, Clay Studio, and Successful Summer Reading.*

Our enthusiastic drama staff will again be offering ***Drama Camps and Workshops***, culminating in a full performance in Jesuit's Moyer Theatre on July 9-12. This summer's production will be ***Big Fish***. Students have two options: Tech Theatre, whose members build the set and run the lights, sound, and stage; or Drama Camp. Incoming freshmen who wish to be part of the cast must audition in late April/early May, and be available to attend Camp Caldera for ten days in July.

Jesuit's extensive Summer Athletics Camps are administered separately from the Summer Session. Registration is to be done ONLINE. The schedule and link for registration can be found at www.athleticcamps.jesuitportland.org.

Please refer to the Summer Session catalog for additional information at www.jesuitportland.org/summersession. Summer Session begins June 15 and concludes July 17. Registration opens April 20 for current Jesuit students and incoming freshmen. Registration fees are discounted through June 1. We encourage you to register early, as many courses fill quickly. **Registration is only available online.** If you have any questions, please call the Summer Session Registrar, Susie Rall, at 503-291-5460 or email summersession@jesuitportland.org.

You will receive an email from our Information Technology department with a user name and password to access the "Parent Portal" on the JHS website prior to April 20. The Parent Portal is where you will find the Summer Session registration.



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