THE SFA WEEKLY Newsletter

OCTOBER 7
2026

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. MCINNIS, PRINCIPAL

100 Years of Tradition, Faith, and Fun: The SFA Parish Picnic is Here!

Dear SFA Families:

It is officially time for one of our favorite parish and school traditions: the SFA Parish Picnic! The sights and sounds of the weekend are almost here, led by that booming, incessant voice over the loudspeaker continuously announcing where to buy pull-tabs, reminding everyone that this year's food is proudly made by The Blarney Stone, and urging folks to try their luck at the Chuck-a-Luck wheel! From the excitement of the Parish Picnic Parade through St. Francis Heights to the roar of the Tinsley Amusement rides, there is truly something for all ages.

Our 100th Centennial Year & Franciscan Jubilee picnic is the ultimate celebration of our school and parish community. Beyond the games, RC race track, and evening hayrides, sunset brings everyone together near the stage for live music. It's the perfect opportunity to catch up with fellow alumni and long-time neighbors while reminiscing and laughing about how "young" we are all getting!

Whether you are a seasoned "start-to-close" picnic master, planning a targeted visit for your favorite events, or haven't been back in years—please come out and join us! Everyone is welcome to share in the fun.

A Special Request for Help at 10 PM: As the music wraps up and the lights fade, we have one final, crucial request. If you have any time whatsoever to stay after 10:00 PM to assist with cleanup, it is one of the single best forms of service you can provide. The more hands we have on deck, the faster we can knock it out, allowing all our hardworking volunteers to head home for a well-deserved rest.

We'll see you this Saturday at St. Francis of Assisi!

Yours in Christ and St. Francis,

Timothy M. McInnis, Ph.D.
Principal, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Class of 1984

This Week at St. Francis

- **6th Grade Science:** Our 6th graders put science into action with an Alka-Seltzer rocket experiment, exploring chemical reactions, pressure, and propulsion.
- **7th Grade Science:** Our 7th graders explored motion with a pendulum experiment, observing how length and gravity affect movement.
- **Catholic Connections:** Our middle school students put their faith into action during Catholic Connections by helping clean up the lot and caring for our school and parish community.
- **4th Grade & Mini Vinnies:** Our 4th graders gave a beautiful rendition of St. Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio, followed by our Mini Vinnies Walk for the Poor. Thanks to your generous donations, we raised over $950 for our local St. Vincent de Paul!
- **Annual Pet Blessing:** Our annual Pet Blessing was a success! We loved welcoming our SFA families and their furry friends as we celebrated the feast of St. Francis.





St. Francis Play





Pet Blessing













Catholic Connections at work!



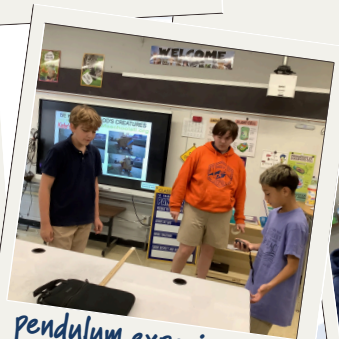
Blast off with 6th gr!











Pendulum experiement with 7th gr!





Mini Vinnies

BULLETIN BOARD

HOMEPAGE

WE'RE HIRING

JOIN THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHING TEAM AT SFA CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

Are you looking for a flexible, part-time opportunity to work with children? SFA Catholic School is building its substitute teacher pool for upcoming short- and long-term assignments across multiple grade levels. This is a great fit for retirees, college students earning a degree, or anyone passionate about education!

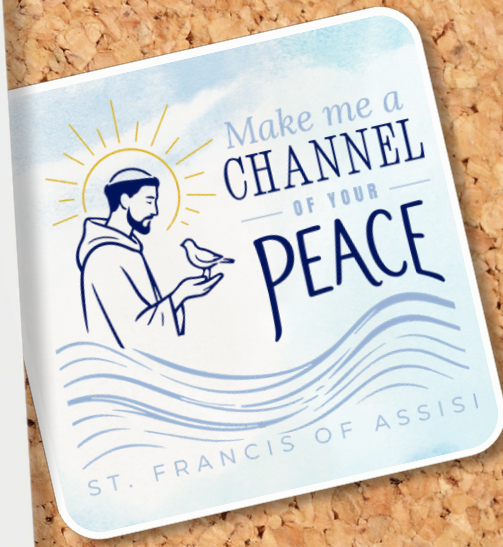
APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- **High school diploma required; a Bachelor's degree in education or a related field preferred.**
- **Completed substitute application & brief interview**
- **Background check clearance**
- **Protecting God's Children online training completion**

TO APPLY:

Contact Principal Dr. Tim McInnis at **(314) 486-5979** or **tim.mcinnis@sfaschoolstl.org.**







LEARN MORE

Get Ready to ShakeOut.

October 15, 2026

ShakeOut™

ShakeOut.org

MARATHON KIDS

WE ARE AT: **700 MILES**

CLUB GOAL: **2100 MILES**

Way to go SFA Marathon Kids!!!



KEEP UP THE PACE!

Register: ShakeOut...

HOMEPAGE

Save the Date

ST. FRANCIS of Assisi PARISH PICNIC

OCTOBER 10, 2026
10am - 10pm

& ADULT NIGHT at the picnic | OCT 9 6-10 PM

Saturday Kicks Off with the PICNIC PARADE

REMINDER:
St. Francis
NO SCHOOL
OCT 8, 9 & 12

Students meet at 9 AM in the courtyard for the Opening Ceremony & Prayer at 9:15 AM, then head to the parade route.

PARADE BEGINS AT 9:30 AM.
PICNIC STARTS AT 10 AM!

QUESTIONS
Contact Abby LeCroy at 314.369.1051
or abigaillecroy@gmail.com

PARISH PICNIC FACEBOOK PAGE

Thank you for celebrating 100 years with us!



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COME JOIN THE FORCE AT THE PARADE & PARISH PICNIC! SNAP A PIC WITH YOUR FAVORITE STAR WARS CHARACTERS

-it's your Destiny!



STAR WARS
CHARACTERS WILL WALK THE PARADE ROUTE AND AROUND AT THE PICNIC.
PARADE AT 9:30 AM

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10am - 10pm

Scheduled EVENTS

(TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- PARISH PARADE 9:30AM
- TINSLEY AMUSEMENT RIDES 10AM – 10PM
- CONCESSIONS & BEER 10AM – 10PM
- GAMES 10AM – 8PM
- BAGS LONG TOSS 10AM – 4PM
- BALLOON ANIMALS 10AM – 11AM
- HORTON'S HEROES CRAFTS 10AM – 3PM
- BLARNEY STONE MENU 11AM – 8PM
- FACEPAINTING 11AM – 2PM
- THAI FOOD 12PM – 8PM
- BASEBALL THROW 12PM – 4PM
- BINGO 12PM – 5PM
- RC RACE TRACK 2PM – 6PM
- GLOW ITEMS 5PM – 8PM
- HAYRIDES 4PM – 6PM
- CHUCK-A-LUCK & HORSE RACE 6PM – 10PM
- MUSIC BY NOAH GLEN 6PM – 10PM

live Music by... NOAH GLEN THESE DIRTY CHORDS

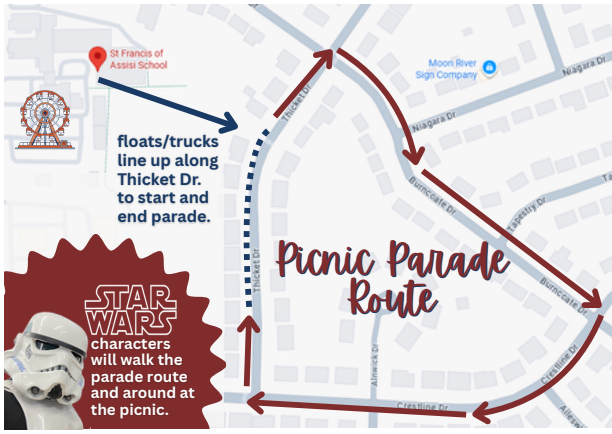
FOOD & DRINK Ticket Pricing

BLARNEY STONE MENU

- 16" 1-TOPPING PIZZA: 16 (OR 2 A SLICE)
- 6 HOT WINGS: 12
- 6 JUMBO TOASTED RAVIOLI: 12
- NACHOS: 6
- 3 BAVARIAN PRETZEL STICKS: 11
- TURKEY WRAP: 10
- CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP: 10
- BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH: 10
- BBQ HAMBURGER: 4
- BBQ HOT DOG: 2
- BASKET OF FRENCH FRIES: 2
- ICE CREAM BY THE MALT SHOPPE: 5

DRINKS

- GOOD 2 GROW JUICE: 4
- WATER: 1
- SODA: 2
- GATORADE: 3
- DRAFT BEER: 4
- CAN BEER: 5



PICNIC PARADE

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PARADE BEGINS AT 9:30 AM. PICNIC STARTS AT 10 AM!

SAWAS DEE THAI FOOD 12-8 PM

- PAD THAI: 14
- PAD KEE MAU: 14
- THAI FRIED RICE: 14
- KHAO SOI: 14
- COCONUT SHRIMP (5 PCS): 8
- MANGO STICKY RICE: 8
- FRUIT SMOOTHIE: 8
- SPRING ROLLS (4 PCS): 7
- CRAB RANGOON (4 PCS): 7
- THAI TEA/THAI COFFEE: 6

*THAI FOOD USE TICKETS OR CASH!

Presale TICKET PICKUP!

1 TICKET= $1

Picnic Presale Tickets are available for pickup!

Wednesday 10/7 | 5-7 PM | SFA North Lot
Friday night 10/9 | at the Ticket Tent
Saturday 10/10 | All day at the Garage

On Saturday

- IF YOU'VE ALREADY PICKED UP YOUR TICKETS, HEAD STRAIGHT TO TINSLEY BOOTH TO GET YOUR RIDE BRACELET.
- IF YOU'RE PURCHASING TINSLEY RIDE BRACELETS ON SATURDAY, YOU MUST BUY THEM AT THE GARAGE FIRST, THEN TAKE YOUR TICKET TO TINSLEY TO RECEIVE YOUR BRACELET.

Calling All Bakers! FOR PUMPKIN LANE

We're looking for delicious homemade baked goods for the Pumpkin Lane Cake Walk at the school picnic!

CAKES, COOKIES, BROWNIES, CUPCAKES
– whatever your specialty, we'd love to have it!



Donations may be dropped off at the gym concession stand beginning WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 7.**

HELP US STOCK the Game Booths

We're collecting prizes for the Parish Picnic GAME BOOTHS!

- **Individually wrapped candy & full-size candy bars**
- **Full-size Skittles, Sour Punch Straws & Airheads**
- **Hostess snacks**
- ***Homemade treats**

(Please bring homemade treats no earlier than the week of the picnic.)

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

Be part of the action, meet great people, and make the day even more fun... VOLUNTEER

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ST. FRANCIS of Assisi

ADULT NIGHT at the picnic | OCT 9 6–10 PM

A NIGHT JUST FOR THE GROWN-UPS!
Join fellow SFA parents, parishioners, and friends for drinks, food, games, and good company.

FRIDAY NIGHT
(TICKETS OR CASH)

1 TICKET = $1

Draft Beer 4 Tickets

Can Beer & Seltzers 5 Tickets

Thai Food Tickets or Cash
PRICES VARY

Pretzel 2 Tickets

CHUCK-A-LUCK
HORSE RACE
PULL TABS

live Music by

SOUTHERN GYPSI

SFA Parish Picnic Parade

October 10, 2026

The Parade begins at 9:30 A.M.

- Students can wear class shirts and or dress up.
- **Preschool through 8th grade** will all meet in the courtyard at 9:00am. No children should be on the parade route while we are lining up vehicles.
- **The opening ceremony** will start at 9:15 in the courtyard with an opening prayer and the National Anthem. After the opening ceremony, everyone will walk to the parade route.
- **Each class can walk or ride in the parade.** Head room parents should be reaching out regarding if your class will be walking or riding. ***If classes are riding in vehicles, please remind the students to stay seated. Parents should also walk along the vehicles to help keep children seated and safe.***
- You're welcome to bring candy to hand out along the parade route. Please make sure there are people nearby to receive it—we don't want candy left all over the streets. Also, remind the kids be careful not to throw the candy too hard—let's keep it fun and safe for everyone!

Display your SFA and class spirit by creating posters or decorating your vehicle!



A HAUNTINGLY
SWEET NIGHT AWAITS!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us Saturday night, **October 24th**, for a frightfully fun evening full of Ghoulish Games, Eerie Tunes, Tasty Treats & Spooky Contests! *It's going to be a BOO-tiful night of fun for the whole family!*

OCT 24
6-9PM

Don't Ghost us... VOLUNTEER
Join the fun and help bring our Trunk or Treat to life!

ADMISSION & EXTRAS

Trunk + Family of Trick-or-Treaters: $15
(Bring your decorated trunk and join the fun!)

Family of Trick-or-Treaters *(no trunk)*: **$35**

Individual Trick-or-Treater: $10

Light-Up Toys: $5 each

Pizzas: $10

DETAILS

- **Decorated Trunks Required for all trunk participants**
- **Costume Contest & Trunk Decorating Contest**
- **Spook-tacular Games in the Gym**
- **Outdoor Concessions Open**

Register with link or QR code

https://saint-francis-of-assisi-trunk-or-treat.square.site/

Location

St. Francis of Assisi School
South Lot & Gym
4556 Telegraph Rd, St. Louis, MO 63129

Contact

Sarah Rehagen
314-450-6654 or sarahrehagen0@gmail.com

HOMEPAGE

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SPIRIT WEAR

fall drops

Show your SFA spirit with fresh fall gear from our partners at ***South City Sporting Goods***. Perfect for school spirit mondays, games, weekends & all things SFA!

SCAN • SHOP • SHOW YOUR SFA SPIRIT



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

HOME & SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. BUILD COMMUNITY.

HOMEPAGE

FALL
Volunteer Opportunities

Help with events, activites, special projects this FALL!

Sign Up!

SPRING
Volunteer Opportunities

Help with exciting events, celebrations, and more this SPRING!

Sign Up!



Support Our School **Clear the Lists!**

Our teachers have put together classroom wish lists with items that would be helpful throughout the school year. If you'd like to help, take a look and see if there's anything you'd like to check off their lists! Thank you for supporting our teachers and students!



- Mrs. Faust/Atrium
- PK2 - Mr. Adams
- PK4 - Mrs. Kircher
- Kindergarten - Mrs. Della Croce & Mrs. Irvin
- 1st Grade - Mrs. Wayne
- 2nd Grade - Mrs. Terriault
- 5th Grade - Mrs. Rutledge
- 6th Grade - Ms. Mayer
- 7th Grade - Mrs. Schmitz
- Stream - Mrs. Watson
- Gym - Mrs. Smith
- Performing Arts - Dr. Jordan

**Don't see a teacher? Their list is on the way!*

MOMMY & ME EVENT

November 6th at the Tot Spot

FATHER/SON EVENT

November 14th Registration Open!

OCTOBER 24

Trunk or Treat!

Join us at Trunk or Treat on October 24th. Registration information coming soon!

When SFA Comes Together, Amazing Things Follow.

Together, we make SFA a place where faith, family, and community thrive. Thank you for being part of it.

FOR QUESTIONS TO THE HOME & SCHOOL BOARD PLEASE CONTACT US AT: SFAHS@SFASTL.ORG

HOMEPAGE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRESCHOOL

HOME OF THE BABY PANTHERS

MOMMY and me PLAY DATE

PLAY ♥ CONNECT ♥ GIVE BACK

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | TOT SPOT SOCIAL

A FUN NIGHT FOR MOMS AND LITTLE ONES
ALL WHILE SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

RAFFLE
to support our NEW PLAYGROUND!

1 TICKET $5 | 5 TICKETS $20

LOTS OF AMAZING PRIZES
FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES!

brighter futures start with play ♥



let's play ♥
FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
BABY PANTHERS
FAITH FRIENDS BRIGHT FUTURES

LINK for **Tot Spot Social** TICKETS

SFA's FATHER-SON NIGHT *at the* ST. LOUIS BLUES GAME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

GAME TIME 6:00 PM



ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE SEATED TOGETHER TO ENJOY THE GAME!

SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH!

Hot Lunch

OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 CHEF JOJO'S RAVIOLI (BEEF RAVIOLI IN RED SAUCE) SALAD GARLIC BREAD PINEAPPLE	2 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE) PRETZELS CELERY STICKS PINEAPPLE
5 CHICKEN RINGS CURLY FRIES CHEESY VEGGIE CASSEROLE ½ BANANA	NAT'L TACO DAY 6 CRUNCHY BEEF TACO SOFT BEEF TACO REFRIED BEANS CORN ½ BANANA	7 CORN DOG TATOR TOTS COOKED CARROTS CARAMEL APPLES	8 NO SCHOOL PICNIC PREP	9 NO SCHOOL PICNIC PREP
12 NO SCHOOL	13 CHICKEN NUGGETS FRIES CORN ON THE COB ORANGE SLICES	14 FRENCH TOAST STICKS BACON CHOCOLATE PUDDING ORANGE SLICES	15 LOADED POTATO (BUTTER, SOUR CREAM, CHEESE & BACON) SALAD CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE ORANGE SLICES	16 DOMINO PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP, SAUSAGE) RAW BABY CARROTS W/ RANCH DIP CHEEZ-ITS ORANGE SLICES
19 CIRCLE CHEESE PIZZA PARTY SALAD APPLE SLICES EARTHQUAKE CAKE	20 MOSTACCIOLI GARLIC BREAD SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) APPLE SLICES	21 MEXICAN PIZZA SPANISH RICE APPLE SLICES CHURRO	22 SWEDISH MEATBALS EGG NOODLES VEGETABLE MEDLEY APPLE SLICES	23* CHICK-FIL-A CHIPS CUCUMBER SLICES APPLE SLICES
26 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES WITH WHITE GRAVY GREEN BEANS CANTALOUPE	27 PANCAKES SAUSAGE YOGURT CANTALOUPE	28 WITCH'S FINGERS (CHICKEN FRIES) SPOOKY SPAGHETTI GREEN SLIME (APPLE SAUCE WITH LIME JELLO) GRAVE YARD DESSERT	29 HALF DAY NO LUNCH 11:30 DISMISSAL	30 NO SCHOOL

THE GREAT SHAKE OUT ON OCT 19TH @ 10:19

OCTOBER 16TH B-DAY LUNCH

PLEASE DON'T ORDER LUNCH IF YOU ARE BRINGING A LUNCH FOR YOUR KIDDO

PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP DON'T ORDER SCHOOL LUNCH

The School LUNCH periods

11:20 - 11:40 // 3,4,5
11:30 // Preschool
11:45 - 12:05 // K, 1, 2
12:15 - 12:35 // 6,7,8





FOR ANY LUNCH QUESTIONS OR TO CANCEL LUNCH CONTACT JO HUFKER AT JO.HUFKER@SFASCHOOLSTL.ORG OR CALL 314-487-5736 X126

LUNCH ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

Dont forget to order school photos

ORDER NOW!



ORDER YOUR FALL PHOTOS

Fall photo orders are due! Orders will include $7.50 shipping charge and be mailed to the address on the order. The direct link is below or scan the QR code!

https://stldigital.com/photo-galleries/stfrancisfallphotos2026/

stldigital.com
YOUR OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

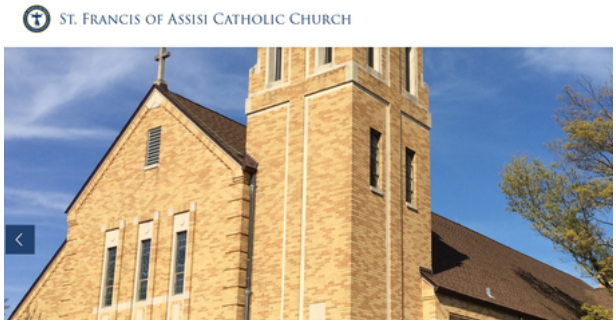
How to Access Photos

- Visit STLdigital.com and select Find My Photos.
- Scan your child's QR code or enter the password.
- Missing your code? Contact the school or preschool office.
- Order questions? Contact STL Digital at paul@stldigital.com.

HOMEPAGE







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SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

october



7 Sch Brd Mtg

8 No School | Parish Picnic Set Up | Teacher PD

9 No School | SFA Parish Picnic 21+ Night

10 SFA Parish Picnic 🎡

12 No School

14 Enroll. Mgmt. Mtg.

16 🥳BDAY Lunch | End Q1

17 Confirmation Retreat 8 Gr Students 9AM-3PM

18 Rite of Enrollment 7 Gr Students 11AM Mass

22 Faith Family

24 Trunk Or Treat

28 K-8 P/T Conf. 4-8PM

29 Halloween Parties | **Half Day** | K-8 P/T Conf. 1-4PM

30 No School

Volunteering at SFA

If you're planning to volunteer at the school in any capacity, please make sure you've completed the Protecting God's Children training. 👉 Click here to visit the Archdiocese of St. Louis website and register for an upcoming training session. If you've already completed the training through another school or parish, you will need to log in to your account and add **St. Francis of Assisi** to your profile to verify your training and so you will be included on our approved volunteer list.

sfastl.org
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
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Phone: 314.487.5736 **Fax:** 314.416.7118
School ext: 121 // **Preschool ext:** 132 // **Parish ext:** 150

Tuition Questions

Please contact **Dan Denton** our business manager at businessmanager@sfastl.org or 314.487.5736 ext: 142

FACTS Parent Helpline: 866-441-4637

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

MOUSE RACES



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

BENEFITS THE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Discover Notre Dame High School!

6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and their families are invited to experience Notre Dame High School! Meet our teachers, coaches, administrators, and staff. Tour our beautiful campus, and discover the academics, community, and mission that make ND a special place to learn, grow, and thrive.

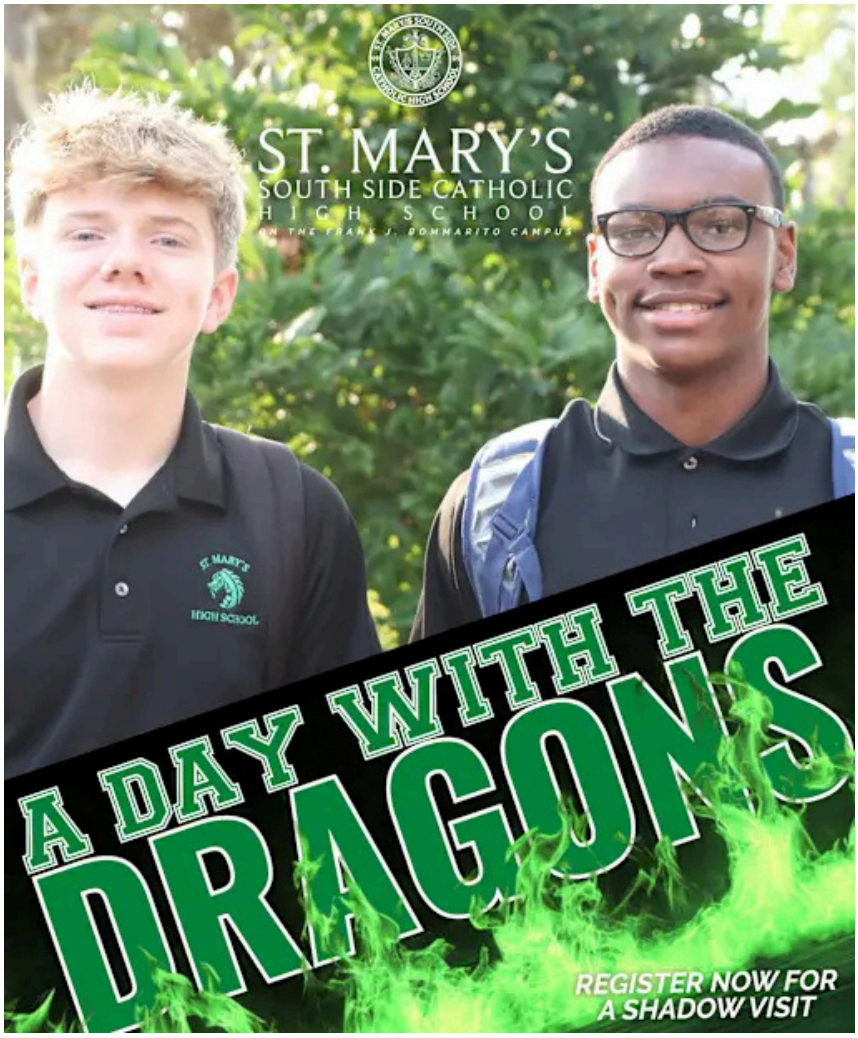
Sunday, October 25, 10 AM–2 PM.

Tours depart every 15 minutes. Registration is required. Please visit the following website to register today:
https://www.ndhs.net/page/visit.

Step right up and see all you are meant to be at ND!







SMSSC SHADOW DAY LINK



Join us at URSULINE ACADEMY!

Ursuline Academy is excited to host in-person events this fall! Please join us for the following upcoming events, we hope to see you there!

SHADOW VISITS

8th Graders, join us and experience being part of the UA family! Paired with one of our student ambassadors, visitors will see a community built on the standards of academic excellence and respect for the uniqueness of each person. You will visit classes, and discover the power within YOU!
Remaining dates: October 23rd, November 4th, November 11th

ARCHDIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

You and your family can come explore all the amazing things a Catholic high school education has to offer! Future Bears and their families can chat with Ursuline Student Ambassadors about why Ursuline Academy is the best place to be.
Tuesday, October 6th at Duchesne, 5:30 pm - 7 pm

OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Ursuline Academy is thrilled to invite you -families and students in grades 5th-8th to join us for our Open House on Sunday, October 18th. Join us from 11:00 - 3:00 PM to experience a tour guided by an Ursuline Student Ambassador. See our state-of-the-art science classrooms, dance and music rooms, and so much more. Meet our passionate faculty and staff, dedicated to making sure every student reaches her full potential. You will also learn about our proven college-preparatory academics, our Global Education program, our dedication to Serviam, and extensive opportunities to get involved.

- *Registering online is the easiest way to sign up, but walk-ins will be welcome!*
- *Tours will run approximately 45 minutes*

If you have any questions, please contact:
Ms. Carla Wehner, Director of Admissions, (314) 984-2858 or cwehner@ursulinestl.org

URSULINE ACADEMY

PICTURE YOURSELF AT URSULINE!

REGISTER TODAY!

Scan the QR code to register for events and VISIT UA!



High School with a *Higher Purpose*

Open House

Thursday, October 1st

6:30 - 8:30PM

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. LOUIS

ChestertonAcademySTL.org

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

TOUR OUR CAMPUS, MEET FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND COACHES. DISCOVER THE COMMUNITY AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT YOU!



OCT 25
2026

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

