THE SFA WEEKLY Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. MCINNIS, PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Baseline NWEA Testing

As we kick off the new academic year, our students will soon participate in baseline NWEA academic growth assessments.
NWEA measures math and reading skills to map out a student's current academic growth. This is a baseline assessment, meaning students cannot—and should not—study in advance. The results give our teaching staff a clear, initial data point to pinpoint strengths, identify areas for growth, and tailor classroom instruction to meet your child right where they are.

The best way to prepare your student is simply to set them up for a calm, comfortable morning:

- A Good Night's Rest: Ensure your child gets a full night of sleep before test days.
- A Healthy Breakfast: A solid meal in the morning keeps energy and concentration steady.
- Encouragement: Remind them that this assessment is not graded; it simply helps us know how to best teach them this year. Encourage them to try their best and relax!

Welcome Our New School Counselor, Ms. Kara Dunn

I am thrilled to announce a fantastic addition to our school community! Please join me in giving a warm welcome to our new school counselor, Ms. Kara Dunn.

Ms. Dunn holds a Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and joins us through Saint Louis Counseling, a ministry of Catholic Charities. Through this partnership, Ms. Dunn will be on campus to provide dedicated emotional, social, and mental health support to our students.

Keep an eye out for an information packet being e-mailed this week. It contains details regarding the scope of services Ms. Dunn provides, as well as required consent forms. If you would like your child to utilize individual counseling or support services with Ms. Dunn during the school year, simply review, complete, and return those forms to the main office.

We are delighted to have Ms. Dunn on our team to support our students' overall well-being and growth!

Dr. Tim McInnis
Principal, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Class of 1984



IMPORTANT SAFETY & TRAFFIC UPDATE: South Parking Lot Drop-Off Line

Dear Families,
As we work to ensure every school morning starts smoothly, I need to ask for your direct partnership with our South Parking Lot drop-off routine turning in from Telegraph Road.

We are noticing significant, growing gaps between vehicles in the drop-off line. These delays are causing unnecessary traffic backups onto Telegraph Road, extending wait times, and—most importantly—creating safety risks for our students, staff, and drivers.

It has become readily apparent that driver distraction—primarily phone use and other multi-tasking while in line—is the main cause of these gaps. To keep our students safe and the line moving efficiently, please adhere to the following adjustments immediately:

- **Stay Focused & Present:** Put phones completely away once you enter the turn lane and drop-off zone. Your primary focus must remain on the vehicle ahead of you and the safety of the surrounding children.
- **Maintain Close, Safe Proximity:** Gently pull up as close to the vehicle in front of you as safely possible. Closing these multi-car gaps keeps the line moving and prevents hazardous congestion on Telegraph Road.
- **Have Students Ready:** Ensure your child has their backpack, lunch, and coat ready to unload as soon as your vehicle comes to a complete stop in the drop-off zone.

I truly dislike having to play "traffic police," but student safety is and will always be my absolute number one priority.

Thank you so much for your attention, cooperation, and commitment to keeping our school community safe and efficient every morning.

Dr. Tim McInnis, Principal


Welcome Back
SFA!
2026-2027
FIRST DAY
FIRST DAY of Kindergarten
AFTER FALL
Class of 2027
SALVATORE'S First Day 6TH GRADE
MIDDLE SCHOOL, BRUH
Good Teammates
Bad Teammates

BULLETIN BOARD

HOMEPAGE

Welcome Baby Kircher







LOUIS
JOSEPH
KIRCHER
8/10/26





SFA GEAR

CHECK OUT THE
ST. FRANCIS SPIRIT SHOP
for **athletics gear** and more!

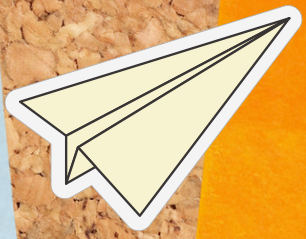
MORE TO COME!

SFA Picnic Shirts and new Spirit Wear will be available soon!



REMINDER:

Students may wear SFA Spirit Wear on Mondays with uniform bottoms or the SFA logo sweatpants from ***Just Me Apparel***



Don't forget to return the bright orange **Economic Deprivation Survey** sent home this week! Every response helps our school access the federal program services available to our students!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

HOME & SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. BUILD COMMUNITY.

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!

- PK2 - Mr. Adams
- PK4 - Mrs. Soell
- 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!*

AUGUST 27

Back to School Night

6:30pm, Gym and then Classrooms

SEPTEMBER 22

Planning Meeting

6:30pm, SFA School RM 21/23 (Middle School, 2nd floor).
All are welcome to join us at these meetings!

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

It's Your Time to Shine!

SFA PICTURE DAY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26



PICTURE DAY DETAILS!

STL Digital is coming back to take school pictures!

Students may dress out of uniform for Picture Day! Pictures will be taken outdoors first thing in the morning and completed before lunch.

If your preschooler does not typically attend on Wednesdays, you may bring them to the SFA playground at 8:00 AM.

Don't forget to wear athletic shoes for recess and PE! If you miss Picture Day, **retakes will be Tuesday, September 22nd.**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30PM - GYM

THEN VISIT CLASSROOMS

Come meet our wonderful new staff, reconnect with familiar faces, and get the inside scoop on all the exciting things planned for this school year.
We can't wait to see you and share what's ahead!

BONUS FOR STUDENTS!

Students whose parent or guardian attends the meeting will earn a FREE DRESS-DOWN DAY on Friday!

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Need babysitting during the meeting? We've got you covered! Please RSVP if you will need childcare so we can plan for the number of children attending.

RSVP to:
sarah.bundren@sfaschoolstl.org

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!







A BIG Thanks!

For making the Class of 2027 Car Wash a HUGE success!



Over the summer on Sundays, our SFA 8th Grade students came together for an incredible car wash fundraiser — and their hard work truly paid off. With teamwork, enthusiasm, and a whole lot of determination, they raised $4,120, surpassing last year's total by more than $1,700.

These students showed up every week ready to work, even when the weather didn't cooperate. They powered through a rain-soaked Sunday and an extreme 116° heat index Sunday, and still kept spirits high. Watching them encourage one another, laugh together, and take pride in serving our community made this fundraiser something special.





A heartfelt thank-you to all the parents, grandparents, and families who supported the effort — whether by providing lunches, snacks, drinks, popsicles, donating supplies, or stopping by for a wash. Your generosity helped make each weekend a success.



The final Sunday wrapped up with a fun water-balloon and water-gun celebration, followed by a well-earned trip to Oberweis for the helpers. It was the perfect ending to a great month of teamwork and service.

We are very proud of our 8th graders for their dedication and grateful to our SFA families for supporting them. Thank you for helping make this four-week fundraiser such a memorable success!



CLASS of 2027

MUM FUNDRAISER

PRE-ORDER your mums now!

Complete the Google form here. Send in payment to school office or rectory via Cash or Check, please put on envelope ATTENTION: Sarah Rehagen (make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi and put in the memo line Mums Class of 2027) OR you can click this Venmo link and pay via Venmo, please put in memo/subject "Mums."

- $15 each (9-inch pot)



WHITE ORANGE YELLOW PURPLE RED



ORDERS DUE

SEPT 18th

@SFA8thGrade-2027

venmo

Wiethop Greenhouse offers the 5 colors of mums (shown above). They are expected to be blooming mid-September, but this is an estimate subject to weather conditions. Order pickup will be in the SFA North Lot on September 26th, 2026. More info to come on pickup.

Orders are not confirmed until Payment is received.

For questions, please contact Sarah Rehagen 314-450-6654 OR sarahrehagen0@gmail.com

HOMEPAGE

Hot Lunch



AUGUST 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		NATIONAL POTATO DAY!	13 HALF DAY NO LUNCH 11:30 DISMISSAL	14 CLASS IS BACK IN SESSION **CIRCLE CHEESE PIZZA** SO LONG SUMMER **SALAD** WELCOME BACK **WATERMELON** AREN'T YA GLAD YOU'RE BACK **OREO COOKIES**
17 CHICKEN NUGGETS FRIES CORN ON THE COB WATERMELON	18 FRENCH TOAST STICKS BACON CHOCOLATE PUDDING WATERMELON	19 LOADED BAKED POTATO (BUTTER, SOUR CREAM, CHEESE & BACON) SALAD CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE WATERMELON	20 CORN DOG FRENCH FRIES COOKED CARROTS WATERMELON	21 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE) PRETZELS BABY CARROTS (RANCH AVAILABLE) MANDARIN ORANGES
24 BURGER ON A BUN (CHOOSE CHEESEBURGER OR HAMBURGER IN FACTS) CURLY FRIES COOKED BROCCOLI STRAWBERRIES	25 MOSTACCIOLI GARLIC BREAD SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) STRAWBERRY DESSERT	26 PICTURE PERFECT PANCAKES SMILING SAUSAGE YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD YOGURT SIMPLY STUNNING STRAWBERRIES	27 CHICKEN STRIPS TATER TOTS GRAPE TOMATOES STRAWBERRIES	28 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE, PEP OR SAUSAGE) GOLDFISH SLICED CUCUMBERS APPLE SAUCE
31 TOASTED RAVIOLIS W/ MARINARA SAUCE SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) ORANGE SLICES				



SAME AS LAST YEAR WHEN WE HAVE DOMINO'S OR CHICK-FIL-A, (WHICH ARE ON FRIDAYS), THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH CREDITS OFFERED UNLESS YOU CAN LET ME KNOW OF THE ABSENCE BEFORE I PLACE THE ORDER. WE HAVE TO PLACE OUR ORDER AND PAY A WEEK IN ADVANCE.



SAME AS LAST YEAR WHEN WE HAVE SALAD. A MIX OF ICEBERG, ROMAINE AND SOMETIMES SPRING. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE CHEESE IN THE SALAD. OTHER ITEMS LIKE CRUTONS CUCUMBERS & TOMATOES WILL FIND THERE WAY IN OCCASSIONALLY. WE WILL SERVE IT WITHOUT DRESSING. STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF RANCH AND ITALIAN DRESSING.

SAME AS LAST YEAR: MILK IS NOT INCLUDED WITH A LUNCH. MILK HAS TO BE PURCHASED FOR AN ENTIRE SEMESTER (AUG 13TH-DEC17). I HAVE SENT EMAILS WITH DETAILS. IF YOU WANT TO ORDER MILK FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) AND YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ONE OF MY EMAILS, REACH OUT TO ME AND WE CAN GET IT TAKEN CARE OF. JO.HUFKER@SFASCHOOLSTL.ORG OR 314 487-5736 X 126



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



HOMEPAGE

Snack & Scripture

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
Every Wednesday
3-3:45PM
IN YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM



SUBSCRIBE

*To our weekly **Bulletin** to see what's going on in the Parish!*

And check out our Parish website for more events and all things SFA!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

If you still need Protecting Gods Children, see below

save the date!

august

26 School Pictures 📷
27 H&S Back to School Night 6:30PM



september

2 Sch Brd Mtg
7 Labor Day – No School
11 Mid-Q1 | 🥳BDAY Lunch AUG/SEP
14-16 6th Grade Camp
22 Picture Retakes & All School Photo
25 SFA Fun Run | Half Day
30 7 Gr Conf. Parent & Student Meeting 6:30PM Gym

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
4550 Telegraph Rd. St. Louis, MO 63129
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



SFA Athletic Association

We're raising dough!

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH OAKVILLE

25% OF NET SALES WILL BE DONATED*

August 20, 2026
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
5696 Telegraph Road, St Louis, MO

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Click the link below for the flyer

5696 Telegraph • 6904 Lindbergh



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SFA ALUMNI NETWORK
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or 50 years ago... YOU ARE PART OF THE SFA STORY

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Reconnect

WITH CLASSMATES AND SFA

Receive

SFA UPDATES, ALUMNI NEWS & EVENT INVITES

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SCAN TO JOIN

OUR ALUMNI DATABASE

https://forms.gle/PqXHWHYkSgt9ENRaA

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Mark your calendars!

St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH PICNIC

10.10.26

21+ Night 10.9.26



Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and community at the

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic

October 10, 2026

Bring your family, gather with friends, and come enjoy a great day filled with parish spirit as we celebrate the wonderful community we share.

More details to come—we can't wait to see you there!

Be sure to check out our Parish Picnic Facebook page, too, for updates and fun sneak peeks!

QUESTIONS?

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

EDUCATION WITH A HIGHER CALLING

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2026 Fall Fairs

Families with students in grades 5 and up can explore exciting educational opportunities by meeting representatives from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis!

Meet representatives from over ***20 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS,*** including all-girls, all-boys, and coeducational options, at each fair.

To see the full list of schools, please check our website:
ARCHSTLSCHOOLS.ORG

HOSTED BY
St. Joseph's Academy

Thursday
September 10
5:30-7:00 p.m.

2307 S Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131
314.394.4321

HOSTED BY
St. Louis University High School

Wednesday
September 23
5:30-7:00 p.m.

4970 Oakland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110
314.269.2097

HOSTED BY
Duchesne High School

Tuesday
October 6
5:30-7:00 p.m.

2550 Elm St.
St Charles, MO 63301
636.757.6932

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE



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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TUESDAYS

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$48 per month

$15 one-time registration fee



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www.tappingwithtinasballerinas.com

Gateway Tang Soo Do

St. Francis of Assisi Family Martial Arts

Martial Arts Classes

MONDAYS: August 17 – Dec 14, 2026

NO CLASS LABOR DAY OR CONFIRMATION

6:30pm in the Parish Center (Gym)

Fall 2026 Pricing: *(discounts apply to **Immediate Family**)*

$60 for 1st Family Member
$45 for 2nd Family Member
$30 for 3rd Family Member
$15 for 4th Family Member
FREE for 5th, 6th … Family Members

New Students Welcome

- *No Experience Needed*
- *Ages 5 – Adult*
- *Try a class for FREE*

Net Proceeds Donated to SFA School STEM / STREAM Program*

Information and registration forms can be found at:

https://sites.google.com/site/gatewaytsd/

Head Instructor: Jack Pereira
Instructor/Admin: Jeremy Loscheider
Phone/Text: 314-814-2831
Email: stochastic.one@gmail.com

*We may use up to 5% for WTSDA fees or equipment repair
SFA has received to date more than $94,000 from the martial arts program