THE SFA WEEKLY Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 16
2026

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. MCINNIS, PRINCIPAL

Dear SFA Families,

Heading into my very first trip to YMCA Camp Lakewood in Potosi, MO, I'll admit—I wasn't entirely sure what to expect. But any lingering uncertainty disappeared the moment I arrived, and the experience far exceeded anything I could have imagined!

From sharing lunch and laughter with our students to watching them dive headfirst into archery, air rifle, and scenic trail hikes, it was an absolute joy to see our sixth graders in action. Camp Lakewood truly provides the ultimate kickoff to middle school. It offers our students a unique space to bond in ways that simply aren't possible within the four walls of a traditional classroom, instilling vital lessons in leadership, independence, and, most importantly, fun and fellowship.

This unforgettable trip wouldn't have been possible without our incredible community. A huge thank you to all of our dedicated parent volunteers, with special appreciation to Miss Lori Mayer, Miss Julie Bingham, and Mrs. Lisa Berkbigler for their outstanding support as sponsors. We also extend our deepest gratitude to James and Annie Anterio for generously providing a beautiful travel bus, ensuring our students rode safely to and from camp in comfort and style.

Thank you all for making this tradition such a wonderful success for our St. Francis of Assisi family!
Dr. McInnis

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


CAMP
YMCA CAMP
SFA 6TH GRADE CAMP
BEST TIME EVER!

This Week at St. Francis

• **We honored the 25th anniversary of 9/11 at Mass last week.** Mrs. Faust, Mrs. Paeper, and our sacristans helped organize a beautiful tribute, which was given by Dr. McInnis and our 5th grade students and concelebrated by Msgr. Mark. We are grateful for everyone who helped make this special Mass a meaningful way to remember and memorialize this important day.

• **Our Middle School Houses** gathered this morning for Catholic Connections! House leaders led presentations and helped bring our faith and community together.

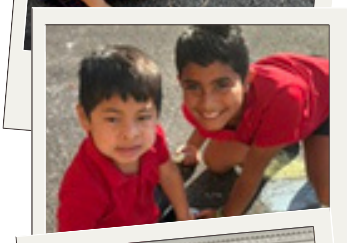
• 4th grade had a special visit from Fr. Paul, who talked with students about the saints. Today, they also met with their buddies for the first time!

• **Our 7th graders** are getting ready for the Color Fun Run! They're showing off their gear and getting excited for a fun day ahead!

• **Our middle school scientists** have been busy! 6th and 7th grade worked with triple beam balances, while 8th grade checked their bacteria plates as they continued their science investigations.









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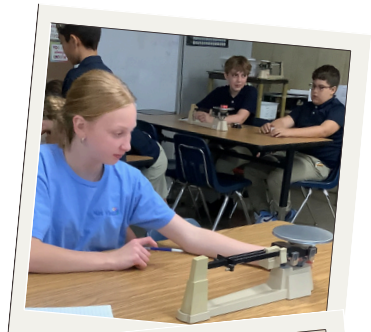
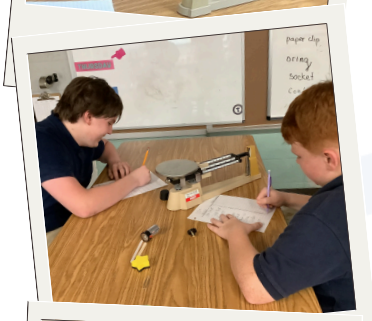
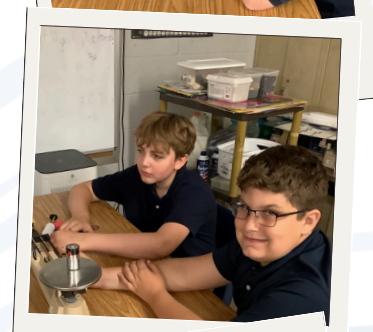
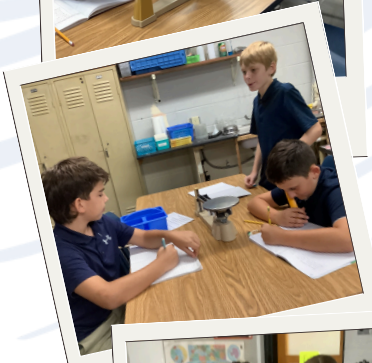


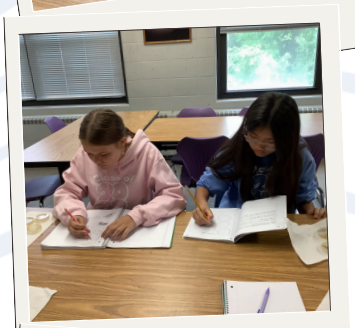


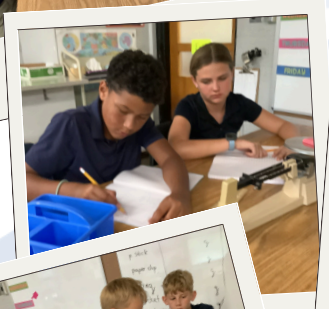






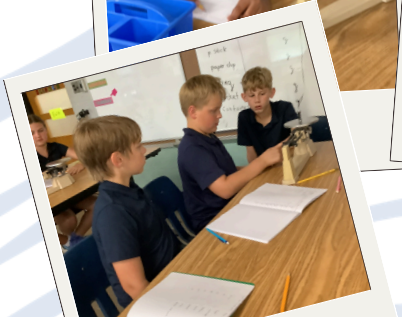






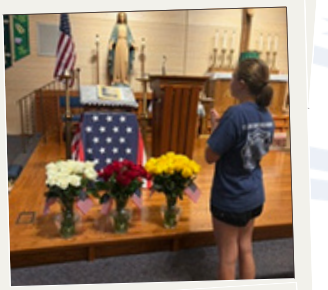


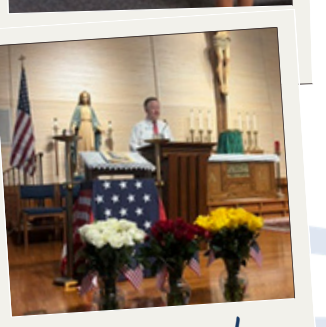
Middle School Science











Remembering 9/11



Color Run Ready!







Middle School House presentations

BULLETIN BOARD

HOMEPAGE



KEEP UP THE PACE!

MARATHON KIDS

Starts this week and runs through **December 15th.**

STUDENT PERSONAL GOAL: **26 MILES**



CLUB GOAL: **2100 MILES**

AND WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START!

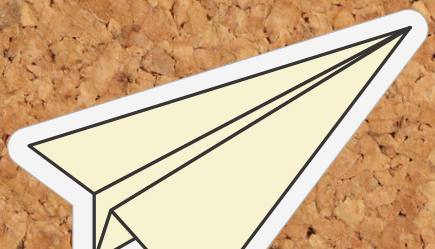
Our **80 students** have already logged an **AMAZING 90 MILES** together!

Great job, SFA! Keep moving!









LEARN MORE

Get Ready to ShakeOut.

October 15, 2026

ShakeOut

ShakeOut.org

HOMEPAGE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

HOME & SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. BUILD COMMUNITY.

FALL
Volunteer Opportunities

Help with events, activites, special projects this FALL!

Sign Up!

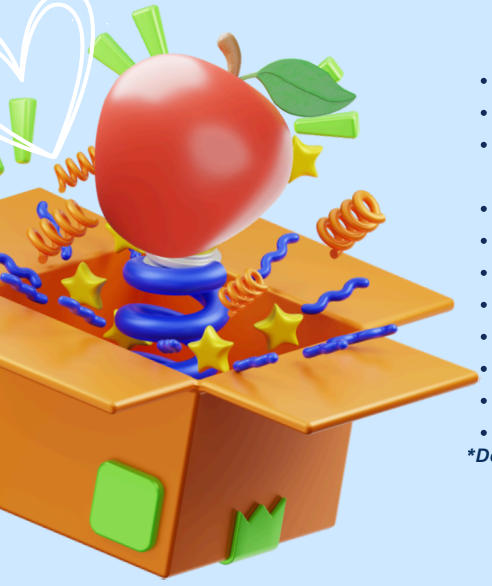
SPRING
Volunteer Opportunities

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!*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLOR FUN RUN

09 DAYS LEFT!

See flyer for details

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**

ST. FRANCIS of Assisi PARISH PICNIC & ADULT NIGHT at the picnic | OCT 9 6–10 PM

OCTOBER 10, 2026
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**
LIVE MUSIC BY **THESE DIRTY CHORDS** **6PM – 10PM**

FOOD AT THE PICNIC!

We're excited to welcome some new food options to this year's Parish Picnic!

NEW THIS YEAR: We're teaming up with our neighbors at The Blarney Stone! They will be serving up food on Saturday from 11am-8pm. Check out their menu below!

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**

BLARNEYSTONE SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

ALSO ON SATURDAY
Ice Cream by *The Malt Shoppe*: $5

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

THAI FOOD will be here Friday night AND Saturday!

Come hungry and enjoy a little something for everyone!

VOLUNTEER Sign-Ups!

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Volunteer Sign-Ups Open Today! We need our amazing parents and parishioners to help make this year's picnic a success! We're looking for volunteers Friday and Saturday, and even one hour can make a big difference!

SIGN UP TODAY!
for volunteer slots!

Sponsorship

TICKET SALES, RIDE BRACELETS, & MORE!

ON SALE NOW!

SCAN QR CODE
for picnic website

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.

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

PARISH PICNIC FACEBOOK PAGE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 100 YEARS 1927 - 2027

Thank you for celebrating 100 years with us!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Make me a CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

HOMEPAGE

100 YEARS

1927 - 2027

100 Years of Faith, Service & Community

Celebrating Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

Join us throughout this special Centennial year as we honor a century of Catholic education, Franciscan values, and a community that grows together in faith.











Our Next CENTENNIAL EVENT

ALUMNI MASS & RECEPTION

Sunday, September 20, 2026

11 AM ALUMNI MASS

Reception & Tour to follow

Join us for a special day as we come together to celebrate **100 years of St. Francis of Assisi**. Reconnect with old friends and see how our school and parish continue to grow in faith and community.

All Alumni, former faculty & friends of SFA are invited!

Save the Dates

Oct 9-10, 2026

PARISH PICNIC

A special Centennial edition of our annual Parish celebration.

Details to come!

Nov 2026

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTH

Throughout November, our school and parish community will participate in a month long food drive to benefit those in need.

Dec 2026

ORNAMENT SALE

Commemorate this milestone year with a limited edition 100th Anniversary ornament.

STAY CONNECTED!

Scan the QR code to join our Alumni Database!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

100 YEARS

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

COLOR FUN RUN

Get Movin's FUND HUB

Schedule

9:30–10:30 AM — COLOR RUN BEGINS!

see each grade level run time below:

9:30 AM - Grades 6, 7 & 8
9:45 AM - PK2, PK3 & PK4
10 AM - Grades K, 1 & 2
10:15 AM - Grades 3, 4 & 5
10:30–10:45 AM PIE EVENT — IF WE HIT $50,000!
10:45 AM Preschool moves to the North Lot for dismissal. K–8 enjoys snow cones & helps with cleanup.
DISMISSAL || Preschool - 11 AM || K-8 - 11:30AM

WE HAVE NEW GOALS!

$40,000

Reach $45,000 BEFORE the run
→ A very SPECIAL GUEST will be our Emcee for the day!

$50,000

Reach $50,000 BEFORE the run
→ Fr. Paul & Dr. McInnis get pied!
Two students who have raised $150 or more will be randomly selected to do the honors!

LET'S GET TO $50,000!

Volunteers!

We need help with snow cones and color throwing!

Since this is a Color Run, we will not need parents marking laps this year. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up for a role in advance! SIGN UP HERE: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC2AA5FFC07-64039504-sfahome#/**

Please email **sfahs@sfastl.org** if you have any questions

SHARE! SHARE! SHARE!

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER & DONATE

RETAKES & ALL SCHOOL Photo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMEBER 22



RETAKES & ALL SCHOOL PHOTO DETAILS!

All students will need to wear (or bring) their 26-27 color class t-shirts with uniform bottoms (8th wears their royal blue class t-shirts) on **Tuesday Sept. 22nd for the ALL SCHOOL PHOTO**. The photo will be taken after picture retakes. All photos will be completed by 9:45/10am.

Students who missed picture day and/or need retakes may dress out of uniform Tuesday, September 22nd **(please also bring your class t-shirt to change into for the all school photo).**

*If your preschooler needs a retake and doesn't attend on Tuesdays, you can bring them to the SFA playground at 8 am for their retake.

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.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30

Click the link or scan the QR code!





HOMEPAGE

CLASS of 2027

MUM FUNDRAISER

Last Chance

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

Last Chance



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
sarahrehagen0@gmail.com

Last Chance

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

MOUSE RACES



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

BENEFITS THE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

HOMEPAGE

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 MEATBALLS 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



HOMEPAGE

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!

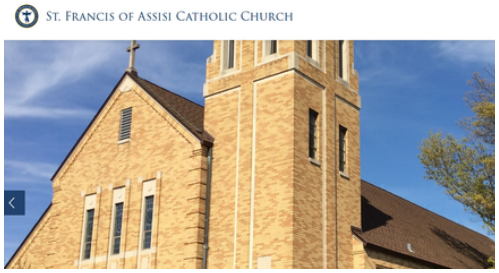
Snack & Scripture

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!



MEDIA AUTHORIZATION FORM

Haven't signed yet? Please complete the Media Authorization Form in FACTS to let us know your preferences for photos, videos, and school communications!

Reminder



If you received a welcome yard sign please remember to return it to the school office. Thank you!

SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

save the date!

september



17 - SFAAA Cane's Restaurant Night

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

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER at

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

THURSDAY, SEP 17 | 10AM-10PM
RAISING CANE'S 1163 JEFFCO BLVD ARNOLD, MO 63010

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

ATHLETIC RESTAURANT NIGHT

Raising Funds with Raising Cane's



Learn more about how we can support you at **CanesAndCommunity.com**

Terms and conditions apply. Learn more: raisingcanes.com/fundraiser

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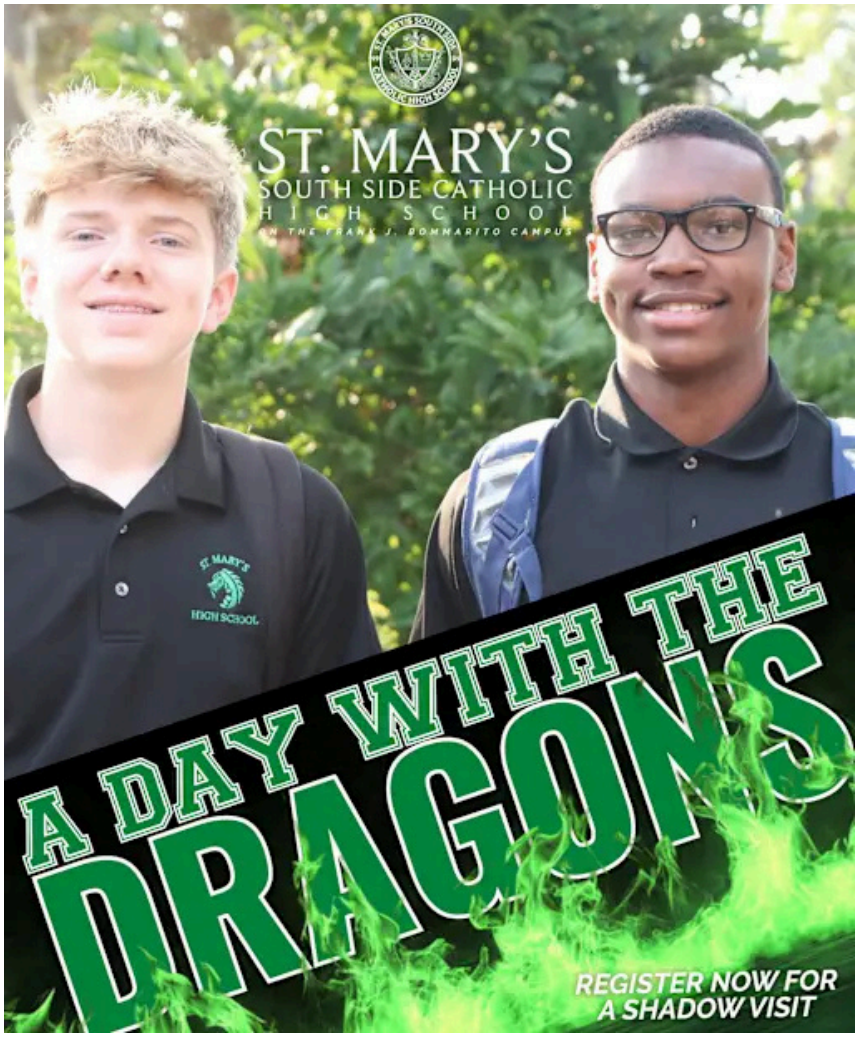

SMSSC SHADOW DAY LINK

Youth Orchestra

for Middle School Students

Cost

$300 per semester
(+instrument rental, more information on our website)

Program Details

Co-ed program for grades 6-8

Beginning Band

- No experience necessary
- Learn brass, woodwind or percussion instruments

Beginning Strings

- No experience necessary
- Learn violin, viola or cello

Intermediate Orchestra

- 1+ year of experience required
- Includes strings, woodwinds, brass or percussion

Key Dates *at Cor Jesu Academy*

Virtual Informational Meeting:

- September 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Instrument Exploration Night:

- September 14 at 5:30 p.m.

First Rehearsal:

- September 21

Weekly Rehearsals: *Monday Nights*

- Beginning Band: 4:15-4:55 p.m.
- Intermediate: 5-5:55 p.m.
- Beginning Strings: 6-6:45 p.m.

For more information, scan the QR Code!

Questions? Email Ms. Maggie Feder '17 at mfeder@corjesu.org or call (314) 300-6424.

HOMEPAGE



UPCOMING Admissions Events NDHS

Shadow Days

Open to 8th Graders

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

SELECT DATES

Rebel Reveal Night

Open to 6th - 8th Graders & Families

OCTOBER

07

Open House

Open to 6th - 8th Graders & Families

OCTOBER

25



High School with a *Higher Purpose*

Open House

Thursday, October 1st

6:30 - 8:30PM

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. LOUIS

ChestertonAcademySTL.org

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