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FROM THE DESK OF DR. MCINNIS, PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

This Friday, October 16, marks the end of the first quarter. Nine weeks in, our students have settled into their routines, and our teachers have gotten to know them as learners. Report cards will follow, and I want to take a moment to talk about what they do (and don't) tell you.

If your own school memories include a report card full of letter grades and percentages, you may find ours looks a little different. We use standards-based assessment. Rather than averaging a student's scores into a single grade, we look at specific skills and concepts, called standards, and describe where your child is with each one. Learning is a continuum, not a finish line, and the end of the quarter is simply a snapshot of where your child's learning has landed as of
today.

A few things worth keeping in mind as you read:

It's completely normal not to be secure in every area. It's only October. Your child is not expected to have mastered everything yet, and a report with "progressing" or "approaching" marks this early in the year is not a cause for worry. That's what growth looks like.

The report card reflects only what we've assessed so far. Many standards haven't been taught yet, and others have only just been introduced. You'll see more of the picture fill in as the year goes on.

Understanding can fluctuate. A child may show a strong understanding of a skill one week and need more practice with it the next. This is a normal part of learning, and our teachers are watching for the overall trend, not a single moment.

When the report card comes home, I encourage you to look at it together with your child. Celebrate what's going well, and talk about one or two areas where they're still growing. Please also reach out to your child's teacher with any questions. They are always glad to talk about what they're seeing in the classroom and how you can support learning at home. You will also have a chance in just a few weeks to speak to the teachers one-on-one at parent-teacher conferences later this month.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education. It is a gift to walk alongside you and your children each day.

In the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi,

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

This Week at St. Francis

- Kindergarten and 6th grade buddies teamed up to create a fun fall craft together!
- Our 3rd and PK4 buddies got crafty making monsters just in time for Halloween!
- Kindergarten is enjoying all things fall, from working together in the classroom to spending time outside in the beautiful autumn weather!











6th grade and Kindergarten Buddies!









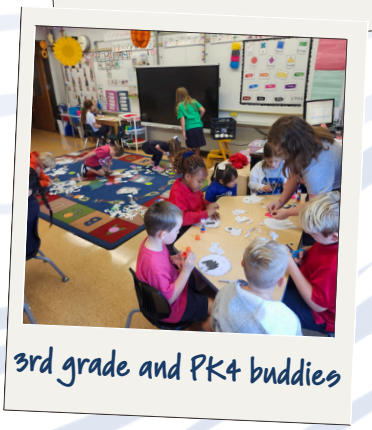












3rd grade and PK4 buddies



Kindergarten Fun!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

For parents of students in K - 8th grade

(Middle School students attend with parents)

October 28th 4 - 8 PM & October 29th 1- 4 PM

Conferences located in the St. Francis Gym

SIGN UP LINK

https://ptcfast.com/schools/St_Francis_of_Assisi_I

Please review the Parent-Teacher Conference schedule for October 28th and 29th. Conferences will take place in the SFA Gym at the following times:

- **Wednesday, October 28th from 4:00–8:00 PM**
- **Thursday, October 29th from 1:00–4:00 PM**

When signing up, please select your child's homeroom teacher and any additional teachers you wish to meet with. After choosing your times, click Submit. **You will receive a confirmation email with a verification link—please click the link to finalize your selections.** If you're unable to attend or if a specific time is unavailable, contact the teacher(s) directly.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **NO AFTERCARE on Thursday 10/29!**
- Middle School students should attend the conferences with parents.
- October 29th is a half-day with 11:30 AM dismissal (11 AM for preschool)
- THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 30TH!
- Preschool conferences will be held in January—details will be shared closer to that time.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the school office:
Sarah Bundren at 314-487.5736 ext. 121 OR sarah.bundren@sfaschoolstl.org

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.**



Get Ready to ShakeOut.

LEARN MORE

October 15, 2026

ShakeOut™

ShakeOut.org

MARATHON KIDS

WE ARE AT: **700 MILES**

CLUB GOAL: **2100 MILES**

Congratulations to Alissa Soderquist! Who just completed a marathon!



KEEP UP THE PACE!

Register: **ShakeOut**

HOMEPAGE

OAKVILLE DENTAL CARE

Sweet Swap

Trade Your Candy for Cash

Bring in your extra Halloween candy and get **$1 for each pound donated.** Plus, you'll be entered to win a **$50 Amazon gift card!**

All collected candy will be donated to the **Ronald McDonald House,** helping bring a little extra joy to families in need.

CANDY COLLECTION DAYS

November 2nd–6th

6076 Telegraph Road



Let's make a sweet difference together!



ST. FRANCIS of Assisi

PARISH PICNIC

Thank You, SFA Community!

What an incredible weekend! Our Parish Picnic and Jubilee Centennial Celebration was one to remember, and it was wonderful to see so many people come together to celebrate everything that makes St. Francis of Assisi so special.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our volunteers, vendors, sponsors, alumni, ministries, parishioners, priests, staff, students, and everyone who helped make this weekend such a success. Whether you gave your time, supported our vendors, sponsored the event, or joined us for the festivities, you helped make it all possible.

A special thank you to everyone who came back the following day to help with cleanup. Your extra time and willingness to pitch in made a big difference, and we truly appreciate it!

This weekend was a beautiful reflection of the faith, fellowship, and community that have been at the heart of SFA for 100 years. We are so grateful for the many people who continue to make this parish and school such a wonderful place to call home.

Thank you for being part of this milestone celebration and helping make it a weekend we will always remember!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Abby LeCroy and the Parish Picnic Committee

Save the Date

SFA Parish Picnic

OCT 9TH 2027

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 7TH GRADE CLASS

WELCOMES

VETERANS

ACTIVE & RETIRED MILITARY



FOR OUR ANNUAL

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for a special morning at St. Francis of Assisi as we come together to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. We'll begin with Mass, followed by a breakfast reception as we celebrate and thank our Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Veterans are welcome to bring photos, memorabilia, and stories to share. If you have photos you'd like included in our celebration, please email copies to the address below. We look forward to honoring you and sharing in this meaningful morning together!

NOV	MASS AT SFA	FRI
6	FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION WITH BREAKFAST IN THE GYM	7:45
2026		A.M.

RSVP BY NOV 2

To RSVP scan the QR code, click link below, OR contact the school office:

314.487.5736 or email sarah.bundren@sfaschoolstl.org

Link to register: https://forms.gle/m3ZXE78Vp2PzhSks5

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*

MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVENT

November 8th *the Craft Social: A mother-daughter crafting event!*

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

THE CRAFT SOCIAL

A Mother-Daughter Crafting Event!

CREATE, CONNECT & MAKE MEMORIES

SUNDAY, NOV 8

2PM - 5PM ❤ SFA GYM

Pricing:
$30 per child
$55 for 2 or more children

Crafting Stations

1. **Hair Clip Bar** Create your own adorable hair clips and add charms to make them uniquely yours!
2. **Cosmetic Bag Bar** Personalize a cosmetic bag with fun patches to create a cute accessory you can take everywhere!
3. **Keychain Charm Bar** Design your own custom keychain with colorful charms and a special photo to make it extra meaningful!
4. **Picture Frame** Get creative and decorate a picture frame to take home as a keepsake of your special day together.
5. **Tie-Dye Mom + Me Shirts** Make matching memories with custom tie-dye shirts for Mom and daughter(s)!
6. **Slime Bar** Mix, customize, and create your own slime with fun charms and colorful sprinkles. Get creative and make it your own!
7. **Selfie Stations** Strike a pose and capture some fun memories together! Visit our themed photo spots for the perfect mother-daughter snapshots.
8. **Ribbon Charm Bar** Create a fun, personalized ribbon accessory by choosing your favorite colors and adding charms for a look that's all your own!

An SFA Home & School Event

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

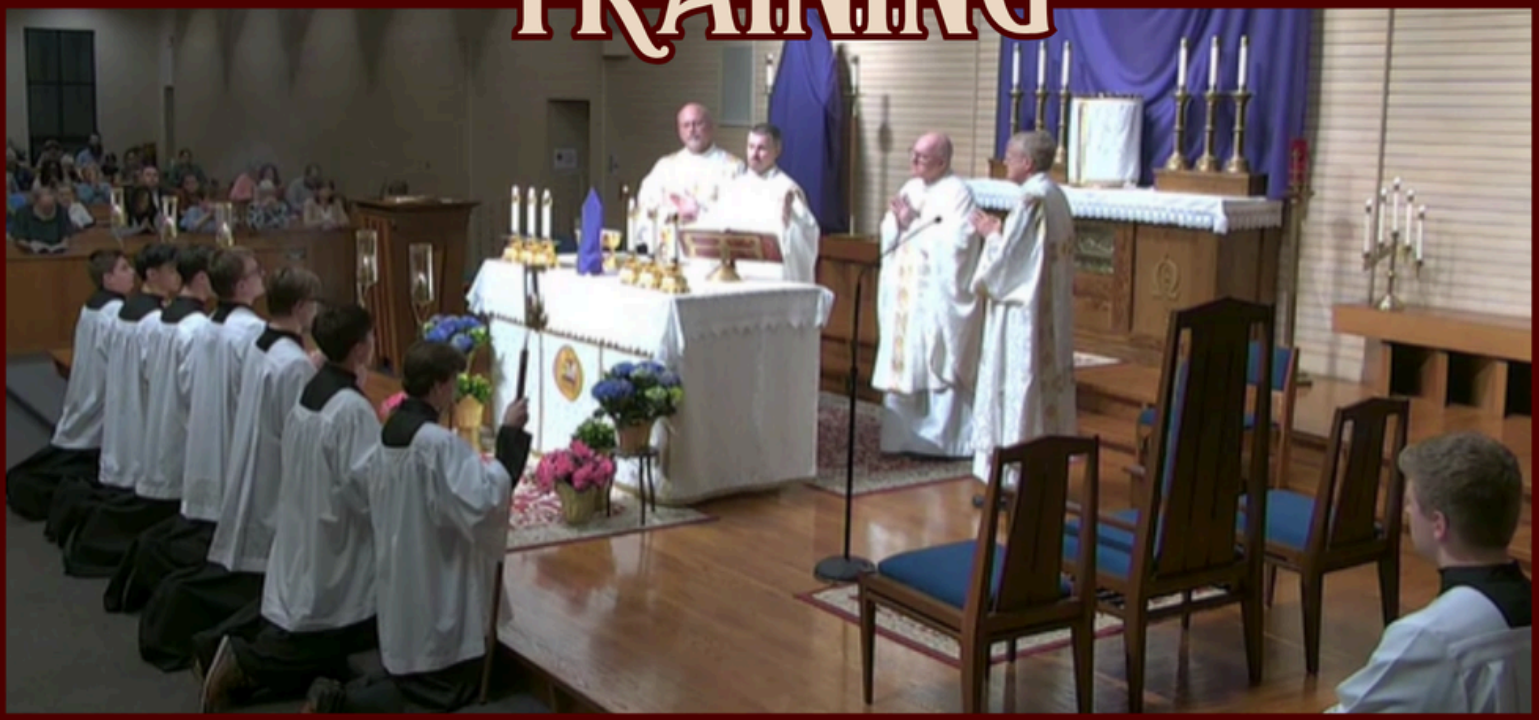
GAME TIME 6:00 PM



ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE SEATED TOGETHER TO ENJOY THE GAME!

SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



OPEN TO
BOYS AND GIRLS IN 5TH GRADE ON UP

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH

OR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST

9-10:30AM IN CHURCH

DEACON SCOTT SCHARDAN WILL HAVE PERMISSION FORMS
THAT WILL NEED COMPLETED PRIOR TO
BEING ADDED TO THE SERVING SCHEDULE.
QUESTIONS: CALL ANN AT 314-487-5736 EXT. 150 OR
PARISHOFFICE@SFASTL.ORG
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS DATE BUT STILL WANT TRAINING,
PLEASE LET ANN KNOW

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 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

BIRTHDAY LUNCH FRIDAYS!

If your child is one that celebrates their birthday this month, you or another significant adult can come eat with your child during their lunch period. You can bring fast food or homemade lunch for the birthday child and for yourself!

Birthday Lunch Arrival:

Please sign-in (in gym lobby sign-in sheet) You may enter the gym, have a seat at a table and wait for them to arrive.

Check the school calendar for Dates of Birthday lunch! Lunch times are on this page!

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.OR OR CALL 314-487-5736 X126

LUNCH ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

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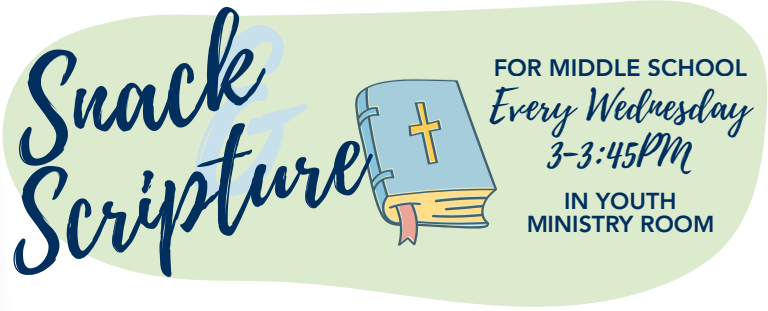

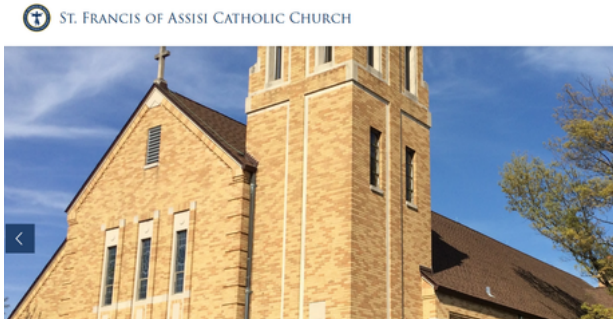

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SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL



october

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
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



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!



HOMEPAGE





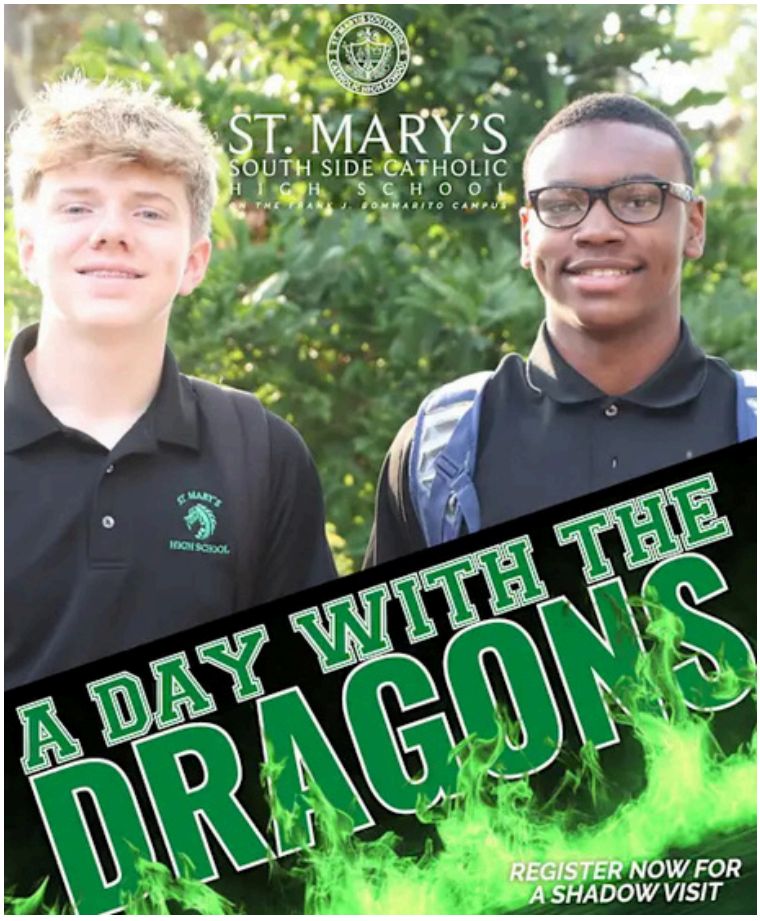
HIGH SCHOOL 101:
Discover OHS

📅 November 5th
📍 OHS Library
⏰ 6:00–7:00 PM

This event is open to students of all ages who are considering attending Oakville High School. The evening will highlight the wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities available at OHS, including our STEM initiatives and other unique programs. Guests will also have the chance to tour the school.

Looking ahead, for families who have chosen to attend OHS: join us in February for Curriculum Night to explore courses, clubs, and meet department reps!

OAKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
5557 Milburn RD. St. Louis, MO 63129



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

