ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

MARCH 4, 2026





Guest readers made 1st grade extra special—thank you, Mrs. Hufker! And 4th had epic volcano

A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear SFA Families,

As we continue through this season of Lent, we find ourselves reflecting on the many ways our community comes together to support the mission of our school. We are pleased to share that our recent Trivia Night was a significant success, raising approximately $40,000. This achievement is a testament to your collective generosity and the dedication of the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to organize the evening. We are deeply grateful for your support, which directly impacts the quality of education and resources we provide for our students.

Our spiritual journey continues as we observe the Lenten season. Last week, our students had the opportunity to participate in the Stations of the Cross. It was a meaningful time of prayer and reflection, allowing our school community to walk together in faith and contemplate the sacrifices of Christ. We remain committed to providing these quiet moments of spiritual growth alongside our academic curriculum.

In the classrooms, our preschool and lower elementary students have been actively engaged in "Read Across America." This initiative is an important part of fostering a lifelong love of literacy, and we encourage you to speak with your child about the specific stories and activities they have participated in this week. Additionally, we held an assembly today featuring "Musial Moments." This program is well-regarded throughout the St. Louis region for its innovative approach to teaching civility, respect, and selflessness, and it served as a valuable reminder of the importance of character in our daily lives.

Finally, looking ahead to Grandparents Day, we ask that you please read the RSVP instructions in the newsletter email with care. Our goal is to create a meaningful experience for our students and their grandparents while maintaining our established safety expectations and protocols. Thank you for your cooperation in following these guidelines as we prepare for this special day. We are truly a unique community, and we thank you once again for your continued commitment to St. Francis of Assisi.

~ SFA Leadership Team

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"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for **GREATNESS**.*"*

POPE BENEDICT XVI

this week

K–2 had a blast at the Touhill Performing Arts Center for The Three Little Pigs! They loved the bus ride and the hilarious twist on the classic story. 4th grade had the pick day last week to erupt their volcanoes they've been working so hard on with Mrs. Klages. Our 8th graders competed in their robotics competition at SLUH this weekend, led by Mr. Herries, who has guided them all year as they prepared to code and compete in the jamboree!







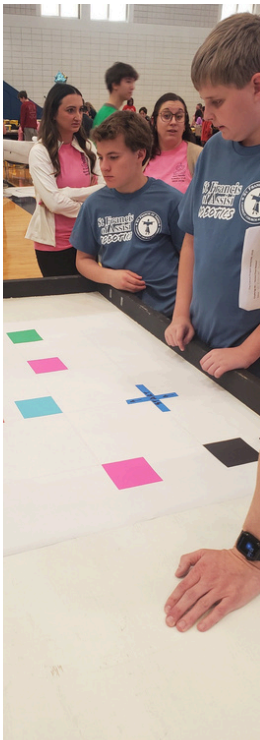














ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents leave handprints on our hearts forever.

We can't wait to see you! Join us for a morning of fun, crafts, and memories with your grandchildren.



MARCH 13
9 - 10:30 AM

Parking is available in the North and South Lots. Upon arrival we will direct guests to meet their grandchild(ren) *(organized alphabetically by students' last names).*

Grandparents may enter through either the Gym or Preschool doors.

RSVP

Click the RSVP link or scan the QR below to let us know which grandparents or guests will be joining us and the student(s) they'll be celebrating with.

LINK TO REGISTER

https://forms.gle/3MuQB8AKasDtcVtZA

NOTES

For Grandparents Day, If you have multiple grandchildren with different last names, please choose whichever last name group you'd like to start with. — all your grandchildren will stay with you, no matter their last names.

DISMISSAL

11 AM dismissal for Preschool & 11:30 AM Dismissal for K-8

Grandparents Day will conclude at 10:30 to help with parking and half-day dismissal. If your child will be leaving at 10:30 with a grandparent, please indicate this on the RSVP form and **remind the grandparent to sign out at the designated sign-out sheets.**

Please see notes in newsletter email to review the saftey protocols for Grandparents Day!



ORDER YOUR SFA BROADWAY ANNIE JR. T-SHIRTS!



SFA Broadway Shirts Are Available for purchase until March 6th!

- ***Annie Jr.* Spirit Wear Shirt** – Available for all students! Wear it on any Spirit Wear Monday and Friday, May 1st for the in-school performance!
- **Cast & Crew Shirt** – Only for members of SFA Broadway. Cast & Crew may wear these shirts on any rehearsal day.

IMPORTANT:

- All Cast & Crew members should purchase the black ***Annie Jr***.
- The red option is for Spirit Wear participation.

QUESTIONS?

Cast and Crew families can contact Emily Schmitz at emily.schmitz@sfaschoolstl.org.



ORDER NOW THROUGH MARCH 6!

https://sfa.314printco.com

HOMEPAGE

LENT AT SFA 2026

FISH FRY

Join us Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent for our annual Fish Fry! Dinner is being served from 4-7 pm. Good Friday Fish Fry will be 4-6 pm. Menu is online.

LIKE TO BAKE?

Our fish fry needs desserts! Bring any store bought or homemade baked good to the gym or Rectory any Fish Fry Day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will be led every Friday at 12:30 pm (or immediately following the noon Mass). On Good Friday, Stations will be at 3pm instead.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration will begin Thursday, March 26th at 8:15 am and run through Holy Thursday, April 2nd at 8 am. Please see sign-ups in the back of church. Come spend time with Jesus.

EVENING MASS/HOMILY SERIES NEW

"The Life of St. Francis of Assisi" *Homily Series in honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year*

Join us this Lent for Mass on Wednesday nights at 7pm, running through March 25th.

RECONCILIATION WEEKEND MARCH 20TH & 21ST

SFA annual Reconciliation Weekend

6-8 pm Friday, March 20th

9 am - 3 pm Saturday, March 21st

BOOK STUDY NEW

Ladies, please keep an eye out for the ***BLESSED IS SHE*** ministry this Lent. They will be taking a deep dive into selected letters from **"Sincerely Stone Heart"** by Emily WIlson Hussem. See bulletin for details.

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

There will be no 7:45am, noon, or 4pm Mass during Triduum

Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00pm

Good Friday

Confession 12-3 pm
Stations of the cross 3pm
Passion service at 7:00pm



Holy Saturday

Vigil Mass at 8pm

Easter Sunday

7am- 9am-11am

St. Francis of Assisi Church Website

Hot Lunch

HOMEPAGE

MAKE UP LUNCHES FROM OUR JANUARY SNOW DAYS

*IF YOU ORDERED LUNCH JAN 26TH YOU AUTOMATICALLY HAVE A LUNCH FOR MARCH 2ND.

* IF YOU ORDERED LUNCH JAN 27TH YOU AUTOMATICALLY HAVE A LUNCH FOR MARCH 3RD.

IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER IF YOU BOUGHT YOUR CHILD A LUNCH THOSE DAYS, CLICK ANYWHERE IN THIS TEXT BOX AND A LINK "SNOW DAY LIST JAN 26 & 27" WILL APPREAR. CLICK THE LINK AND YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF BUYERS FROM JANUARY 26 & 27.

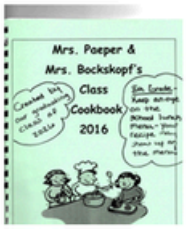
MARCH MENU 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SNOW DAY LUNCHES				
MAR 2/JAN 26 HOT DOG ON A BUN TATOR TOTS PEAS ORANGE SLICES	MAR 3/JAN 27 TACO TUESDAY 1 BEEF SOFT TACO 1 BEEF CRUNCHY TACO CORN CSW TREAT	4 ORANGE CHICKEN FRIED RICE STEAMED BROCCOLI ORANGE SLICES	5 BYRNE FAMILY LASAGNA SALAD MINT ORANGE SLICES	6 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE ONLY) POTATO CHIPS RAW CARROTS W/RANCH ORANGE SLICES
9 PRETZEL PIZZA GREEN BEANS APPLE SLICES RICE CRISPY TREAT	10 PANCAKES SAUSAGE YOGURT APPLE SLICES	11 CHICKEN PARMESAN BUTTERED NOODLES CALIFORNIA MEDLEY FERGUSON APPLE CARTWHEELS	12 CIRCLE CHEESE PIZZA SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) MANDARIN ORANGES OREO COOKIES (2)	13 11:30 DISMISSAL GRANDPARENTS DAY NO LUNCH
16 NO SCHOOL S B	17 NO SCHOOL R R	18 NO SCHOOL I E	19 NO SCHOOL N A	20 NO SCHOOL G K
23 CORN DOG TATOR TOTS COOKED CARROTS ½ BANANA	24 SOFT PRETZEL W/ CHEESE SALAD BAKED BEANS ½ BANANA	25 CHICKEN NUGGETS FRIES CORN ½ BANANA	26 TOASTED RAVS W/ MARINARA SAUCE SALAD (RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING) ½ BANANA S'MORES COOKIE	27 DOMINOS PIZZA (CHEESE ONLY) PRETZELS CUCUMBER SLICES W/ RANCH MANDARIN ORANGES
30 MOZZARELLA STICKS W/ MARINARA SAUCE SALAD GRAPES CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE	31 FRENCH TOAST STICKS SAUSAGE CHOCOLATE PUDDING GRAPES	APRIL 1 CHICKEN STRIPS TATER TOTS GRAPE TOMATOES GRAPES	APRIL 2 11:30 DISMISSAL HOLY THURSDAY NO LUNCH	APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL

MARCH B-DAY LUNCH REMEMBERN OT TO ORDER A LUNCH IF YOU ARE BRINGING A LUNCH







BIRTHDAY LUNCH

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! Please check the dates for the monthly birthday lunches.

UPON ARRIVAL FOR BIRTHDAY LUNCH
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.

Monthly Birthday Lunch
OCT 10/10
NOV 11/14
DEC/JUN 12/12
JAN/JUL 1/9
FEB 2/6
MAR 3/6
~~APR 4/10~~
MAY 5/8





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for volunteers to help with Birthday Lunches

* Making sure all visitors are buzzed in with the main office
* Welcoming parents and guests as they arrive
* Ensuring everyone signs in and out on the provided sheet
* Staying in the foyer to help guide visitors
* Kindly reminding guests to remain in the cafeteria area

11:00AM - 12:45PM
MARCH 6TH
APRIL 10TH
MAY 8TH

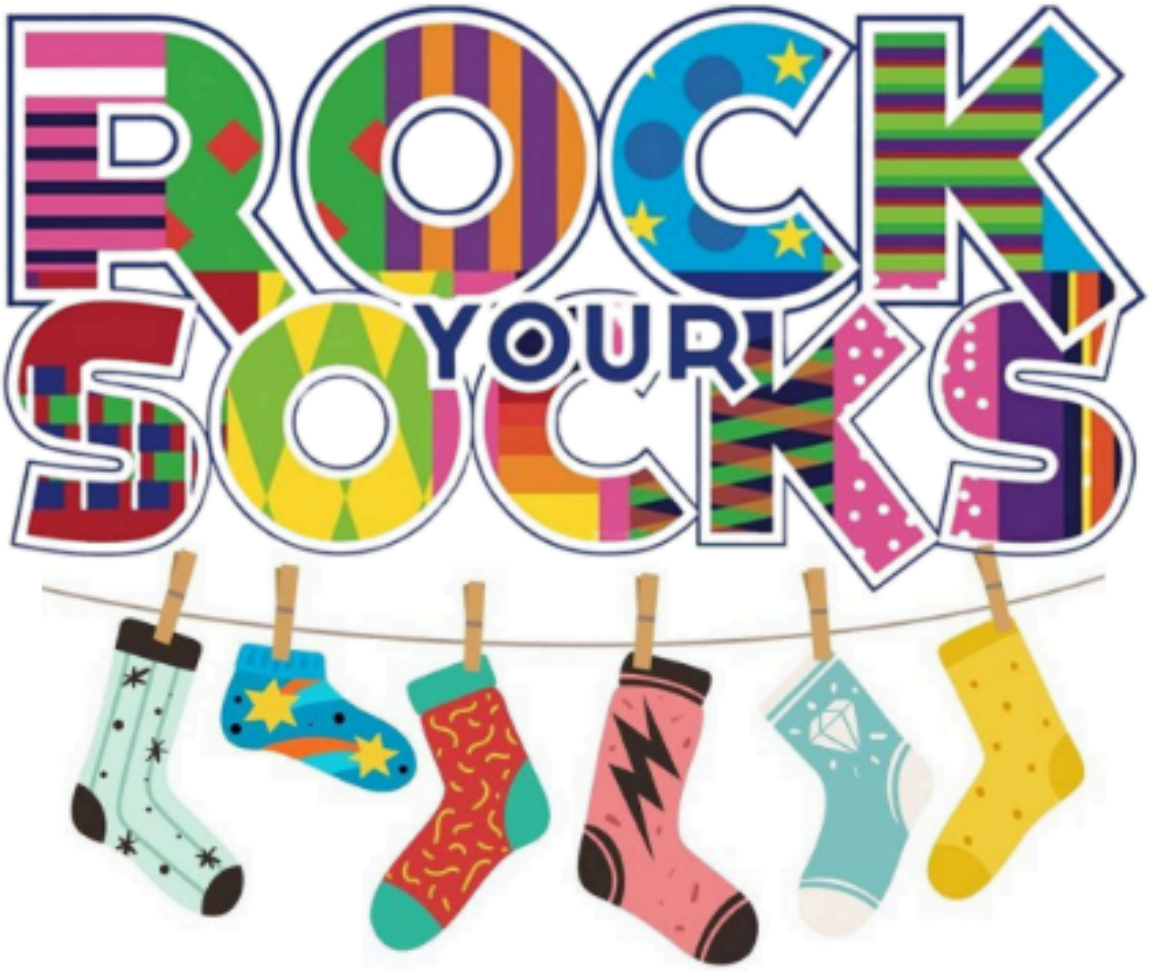
SIGN UP HERE

The School LUNCH periods

11:20 - 11:40 // 3rd, 4th, 5th
11:30 // Preschool (eats in classroom)
11:45 - 12:05 // Kindergarten, 1, 2nd
12:15 - 12:35 // 6th, 7th & 8th

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

For any LUNCH questions please contact Jo Hufker at jo.hufker@sfaschoolstl.org or 314-487-5736 x126



WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST SOCKS ON MONDAY, MARCH 23rd!

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

3 - 21

Every year on March 21, people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks. March 21 is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of Down syndrome chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks!

TUNE IN

COVENANT NETWORK
Catholic Radio

96.7



The students of "Horton's Heroes", our middle-school Respect Life Club, will be on air from **3 to 4 pm** on **Monday, March 23** participating in the station's Spring "Radiothon". Please tune in and support our students by supporting Covenant Network Catholic Radio!

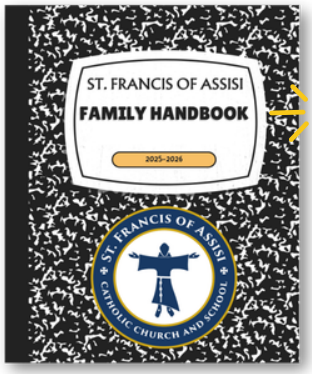
reminders & save the dates

HOMEPAGE



Snack & Scripture

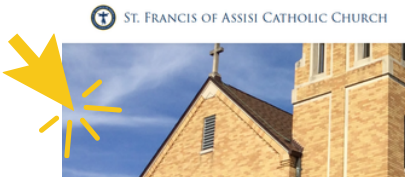
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
Every Wednesday
3-3:45PM
IN YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM



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!



Quick Guide to ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL
AND PARKING ASSIGNMENTS



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK $25



Click here to Order the 2026 SFA Yearbook

Save the Date!

SEE FULL 2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

march

4 School Board Meeting
6 Birthday Lunch
7 Father Daughter Dance
11 Cafe Telegraph H&S Restaurant Night
12 SFAAA Panera Night
13 Grandparents Day | **11:30 Dismissal -** Teacher PD | End Q3
16-20 Spring Break | No School
23 Crazy Sock Day! | Tune in to Hortons Heroes
26 Spring Pictures | Club Pictures (bring club shirts)
28 First Communion Retreat 9:30-11:30am

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 new business manager at businessmanager@sfastl.org or 314.487.5736 ext: 142

FACTS Parent Helpline: 866-441-4637

HOMEPAGE

Save the Date for VBS

Vacation Bible School

July 13th–17th

Kindergarten – 5th grade

Registration Coming Soon!

If you are interested in volunteering or have a high schooler looking for service hours, please email **Jan Fabick** at ***janet.fabick@sfaschoolstl.org***

BLESSED IS SHE

Calling all SFA Moms!

Join us this Lent for a beautiful and meaningful journey with Sincerely Stoneheart: Unmask the Enemy's Lies, Find the Truth That Sets You Free by Emily Wilson Hussem. Written in the spirit of C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters, this powerful book gently uncovers the lies that can weigh on a woman's heart and points us back to the life-giving truth of Christ.

We will gather on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Atrium (accessible through the side door on the north lot of the school nearest Telegraph Road) on the following dates: February 23, March 9, March 23, and April 6 (Easter Monday).

At each meeting, we will listen together to the audiobook of a few of the letters, followed by discussion and time to share reflections and takeaways. There will also be space to talk about any additional letters you've read in the weeks between our gatherings. Purchasing the book or audiobook is not required for this discussion group.

Come as you are and invite a friend! Whether Lent is a season you embrace eagerly or one you enter quietly, this series offers encouragement, community, and truth for the journey. We would love to walk through Lent with you.

LENT SERIES



scan here

St. Francis of Assisi

FISH FRY 2026

sign-ups are open!

VOLUNTEER NOW!

4-7 PM

SFA PARISH CENTER

Ash Wednesday:

February 18th

Fridays in Lent:

February 20th & 27th

March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Good Friday:

April 3rd (4-6pm)

St Francis of Assisi
4556 Telegraph Rd. St. Louis, MO 63129
MENU: www.sfastl.org

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FISH FRY

CREW NEEDS YOU!

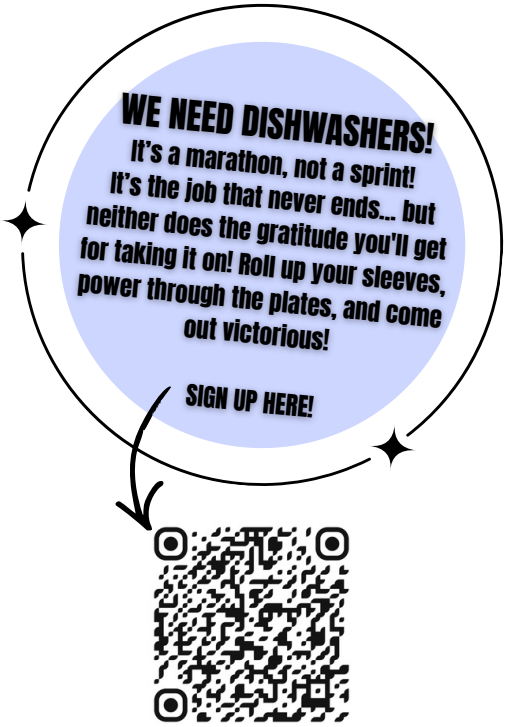
Dear Parents,

Again this year as a school-wide Lenten service project, we are asking our SFA families to help support our parish Fish Fries.

We need volunteers to come early and help prep food, and during the serving hours, 4 to 7, to prepare and keep the line stocked.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Your child will be helping in the dining room UNLESS you would like them to be a runner for delivering the take-out orders to the cars in the lot. If they want to be a runner, have them sign up on the Sign-up Genius (see QR, link below, or sfastl.org)

DATES	WORK SCHEDULE	BAKED GOODS SCHEDULE
~~FEB 13~~	~~8TH GRADE~~	~~KINDERGARTEN~~
~~FEB 20~~	~~7TH GRADE~~	~~1ST GRADE~~
~~FEB 27~~	~~6TH GRADE~~	~~2ND GRADE~~
MAR 6	5TH GRADE	3RD GRADE
MAR 13	4TH GRADE	4TH GRADE
MAR 20	3RD GRADE	5TH GRADE
MAR 27	8TH GRADE	6TH GRADE
APR 3	7TH GRADE	K/1ST/ 2ND



SignUp Genius Volunteer:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAEA722A2FEC25-57818489-2026#/

Important Notes:

- Please come as a family—students should not be dropped off. One parent should work alongside their child.
- If you have multiple children, your family can choose which night to participate.
- Wear your SFA shirts and show off our school pride!
- If you are unable to volunteer, please consider donating baked goods on your child's assigned night. You don't need to sign up in advance; just drop them off at school the day of the Fish Fry.

Thank you for your time and support!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT JOSEPH HOEING: 314-703-2627 OR JOSEPHHOEING@GMAIL.COM.

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH OAKVILLE

March 12, 2026
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
5696 Telegraph Road
St Louis, MO

In Cafe Drive-Thru
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

Panera
FUNDRAISING



3RD ANNUAL SFA SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP



SCAN HERE

DATES **15-18 JUNE** 2026

Camp is all skills and open to all
BOYS & GIRLS entering 2nd - 8th Grades!
Campers will be grouped by age & ability.

Times

Incoming 5th-8th:
9:00-11:00 AM

Incoming 2nd-4th:
11:30 AM -1:30 PM

COST **$90**
INCLUDES FREE T-SHIRT

Camp Venue

St. Francis of Assisi
4556 Telegraph Rd
Saint Louis, MO 63129

Camp Director:

Coach Deb Nicollerat
debnicollerat722@gmail.com

Coach Deb has 35+ years of coaching experience training all levels of players in all aspects of the game. Her camp is staffed by club coaches and players.

Registration Link

tinyurl.com/SFAVolleyCamp

Scholarships

Family & Student Information

2026-2027 School Year

HOMEPAGE

MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

Empowered by

TODAY & TOMORROW

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Program

About MOScholars:

The MissouriEmpowerment Scholarship Accounts Program known as MOScholars, provides financial support to qualifying families to offset educational expenses including tuition.

Families Must PreQualify to Apply

ttef-stl.org/MOScholars
OR
Scan the QR Code

Contact the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation:



Jeanette Katic
Program Director
314-792-7043
mottef@archstl.org

Application Period Opens Fall 2025

Benefits

- A **$6,375 annual scholarship** for eligible K-12 students
- **Renewable** through high school
- Access to exceptional private education and approved educational resources

Who is Eligible?

All of Missouri residents are eligible.

OR

IEP/ISP

- Private School
- Not intended for students remaining in public schools

Not to exceed 300% free and reduced lunch

AND

1. Must have attended a public or charter public school for one semester during the previous 12 months
2. Or entering Kindergarten or 1st grade.
3. Or a sibling of a qualified student who received a scholarship in the previous year and will again in the upcoming school year.

MOScholars

Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program

Powered by the Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation

The MOScholars Program provides financial support to qualifying Missouri families to help cover educational expenses, including tuition at eligible schools.

Student Eligibility:

- ☐ Be a Missouri resident
- ☐ Have a student who meets **ONE** of the paths to eligibility (found on the back)

Scan below to learn more and take the pre-qual survey:

MOScholars Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)			
Household Size	Annual Income		
	100%	200%	300%
1	$28,953	$57,906	$86,859
2	$39,128	$78,256	$117,384
3	$49,303	$98,606	$147,909
4	$59,478	$118,956	$178,434
5	$69,653	$139,306	$208,959
6	$79,828	$159,656	$239,484
7	$90,003	$180,006	$270,009
8	$100,178	$200,356	$300,534

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Pick a path to eligibility

Path 1:

- ☐ The student has a written IEP/ISP
- ☐ The IEP/ISP must be dated within 36 months of application

Path 2:

- ☐ The family does not exceed 300% of free and reduced lunch income guidelines
- ☐ The student is entering Kindergarten or 1st grade

Path 3:

- ☐ The family does not exceed 300% of free and reduced lunch income guidelines
- ☐ Must have attended a public/charter school for one semester during the previous 12 months

Path 4:

- ☐ The family does not exceed 300% of free and reduced lunch income guidelines
- ☐ A sibling of a qualified student who received a scholarship in the previous year and will again the upcoming school year.

Questions? Contact Jeanette Katic, Program Director

314-792-7043 | jeanettekatic@archstl.org

HOMEPAGE

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

*Up to **$2,500** per student!*

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 20, 2026

AVAILABLE FOR:

- *ALL elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis*
- *ALL Catholic High Schools*
- *Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis*



APPLY HERE:

FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISIT TTEF-STL.ORG OR CONTACT LAURA GEORGE,
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SCHOLARSHIP
314.792.7777 | LAURAGEORGE@ARCHSTL.ORG





MARCH 10, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

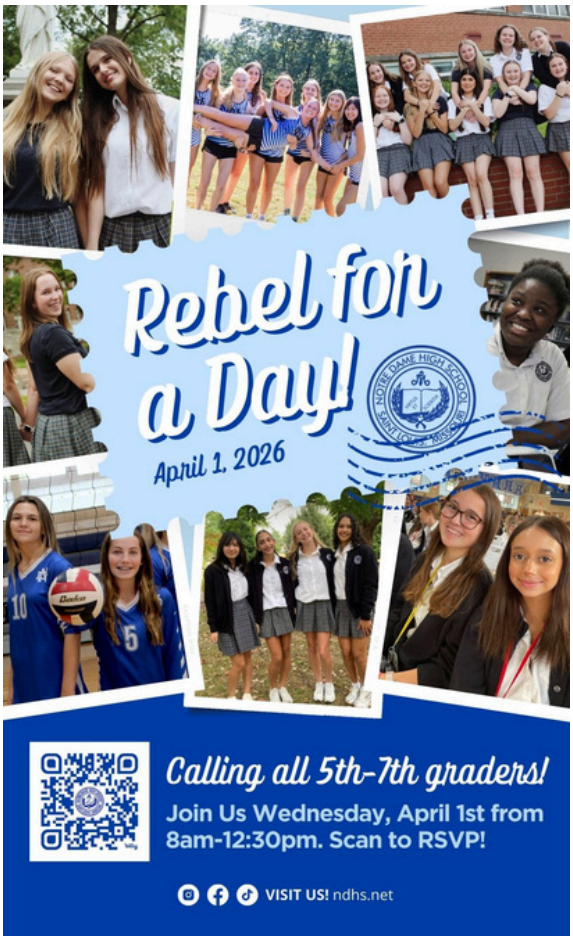
Join us for a warm and informative evening at St. Pius X, where you'll have the opportunity to learn more about our community and discover what it means to belong to the St. Pius X family.

6:30-6:40: Opening welcome session in the gym showcasing our mission

6:45-8:10: Choose 3 of 6 informative sessions tailored to your interests

Session topics: Academic Excellence, Tuition Assistance, Student Involvement, House System, Freshmen to Senior transition, and Student Support







St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Uniform Fitting Dates!

Thursday, March 26 - Saturday, March 28, 2026

Just Me Apparel

232 Old Sulphur Spring Rd
Manchester, MO 63021
(636) 391-3551

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10am-4pm

Thursday
10am-6pm

Saturday
10am-2pm

Closed Sunday & Monday

WHAT IS A UNIFORM FITTING?

A school uniform fitting allows students and families to try on uniform tops and bottoms for the correct fit and size. Families can take home the items or place orders for any out-of-stock products or special order items.

CAN I ORDER ONLINE?

Absolutely! Our store is open year-round, and if you already know your child's size, ordering online is a great option! We offer $5 USPS shipping during your fitting dates.

WHY SHOULD WE ATTEND?

All paid orders will enjoy a 10% discount on the total purchase, whether made online or in-store! If we happen to be out of stock in your desired size or color, we will gladly place an order on your behalf. This allows us enough time to ensure the item arrives before the school year begins.

WHAT IF MY CHILD GROWS?

We fit for growth! Any stock items purchased that are unworn and with tags can be exchanged for another size!

Shop Online Anytime at www.justmeapparel.com!