THE SFA WEEKLY Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 30
2026

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. MCINNIS, PRINCIPAL

Celebrating Our Patron, St. Francis of Assisi

Dear SFA Families,

This Sunday, October 4th, holds special meaning for our school community as we celebrate the Feast Day of our beloved patron, Saint Francis of Assisi. This year is particularly historic, as the Church marks the 800th anniversary of his passing (1226–2026).

As the patron saint of animals and the environment, St. Francis is often remembered for his deep love and gentleness toward all of God's creation. Many of us see a reflection of that joy right in our own homes through our beloved pets—whether it's a loyal dog, a playful cat, or a quiet family turtle. The care, patience, and unconditional love we share with our animals offer us a daily glimpse into the kindness and compassion St. Francis modeled throughout his life.

In this special milestone year, we are called in a renewed way to invoke St. Francis and ask for his intercession. We pray that his example of humility, peace, stewardship, and service will continue to guide the hearts and minds of our students every single day.

Let us pray together this week for our school family and for our students, that they may grow to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis—showing care for creation, love for one another, and peace in all they do.

Yours as an instrument of His peace,

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

This Week at St. Francis

- **STEM students** became archaeologists, creating their own excavation tools and using them to discover hidden artifacts.
- **Middle school students i**n Puppetry Elective brought stories to life by creating shadow puppets and building miniature theaters.
- **Señor DeMartini** showed his Panther spirit while cheering on the 8th grade boys soccer team!
- **Second graders** learned about dams in science and put their knowledge into action by building their own with LEGO bricks.

















Señor DeMartini cheers on the 8th grade soccer!



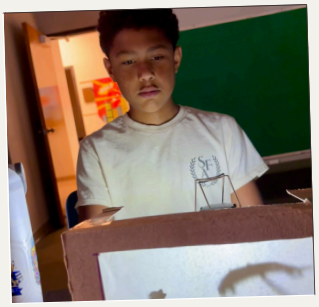






2nd Grade





Shadow Puppets







Middle School Science

THANK YOU!

Thank you for making our first-ever **Color Fun Run** such an unforgettable day for our students! From the color, the laughter, and all the fun, it was so special to see our SFA community come together and let our kids have a day they'll remember! And because of your incredible support, **we surpassed our fundraising goal!**

$47,410 Raised

118% of our goal!

All 298 students registered for the Fun Color Run - **first time we've had 100% participation!**

141 students reached our per student goal of raising $150!
AND
48 students reached our super stretch goal of raising $300

Team Terriault had
100% participation
all students had at least one donation!

Teams Adams, Della Croce and Irvin, Klages, Wendl, Lee, Rutledge, Wayne, and Terriault all reached
100% or more of their classroom goal!

Thank you!!!

to all of the parent volunteers who helped with setup, sno cones, and color throwing!
We could not have done it without you!












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!

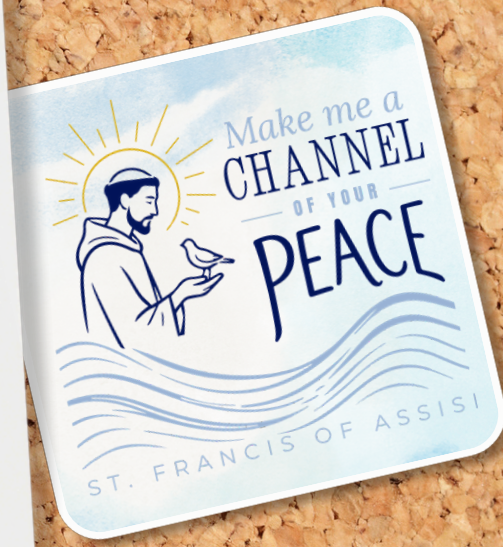
APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- 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: **500 MILES**

CLUB GOAL: **2100 MILES**

Congratulations to 5th grader JAY BRUST who has just completed a marathon!!



KEEP UP THE PACE!

HOMEPAGE

SFA MINI VINNIES

WALK FOR THE POOR



MON 10/5



The student club **Mini Vinnies** is hosting their annual ***Walk for the Poor!*** With a $1 donation per student, participants can enjoy a dress-out day on **Monday, October 5th**. All proceeds will go to support those in need through our local St. Vincent de Paul organization.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community!

Save the Date

The St. Francis Of Assisi 4th grade class presents

A St. Francis of Assisi PRAYER SERVICE

Our 4th graders are carrying on a special SFA tradition as they help us learn more about St. Francis through a prayer service celebrating his life and message.



"Come, Brother Wolf, let us make peace."

They'll bring the beloved story of

St. Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio

to life as they act out the story for our school community. We can't wait to see them share their talents and teach us a little more about our patron saint!

Monday, October 5
7:45 AM | SFA Gym

4th grade parents are invited to join us! After morning drop-off, parents may park by the rectory and head into the gym to enjoy the prayer service with us.

ST. FRANCIS of Assisi PARISH PICNIC

OCTOBER 10, 2026
10am - 10pm

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

Sponsorships STILL AVAILABLE!

Want to help make this year's Parish Picnic a success?
There are still sponsorship opportunities available!

And sponsorship isn't the only way to help! You can also:

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

DONATE TREATS OR BAKED GOODS

SUPPORT THE PICNIC IN ANY WAY YOU CAN!

Every bit of support helps make this special weekend possible.
Thank you for being part of our SFA parish community!
We can't wait to celebrate with you at the Parish Picnic!

SCAN QR CODE
for picnic website

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!

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.)

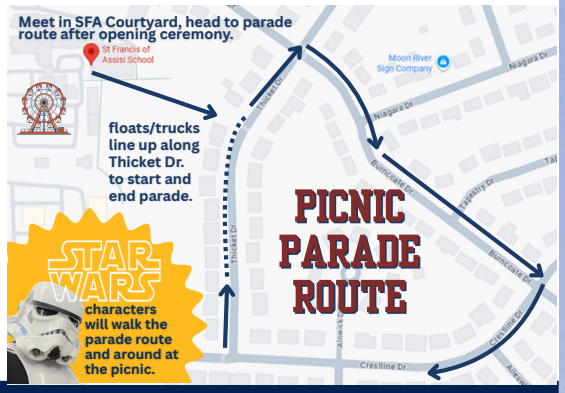
Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

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

PARISH PICNIC FACEBOOK PAGE

Thank you for celebrating 100 years with us!

ST. FRANCIS
of Assisi
PARISH PICNIC
OCTOBER 10, 2026
10am - 10pm



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!



If you have any questions please contact

Allison Kusmitch
akusmitch2@gmail.com | 636-497-9636

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!*

COLOR RUN SUCCESS

See flyer for details!

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**

Come and Enjoy with us:

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER | 24 | SATURDAY

Join us for a frightfully fun night full of Games, Music, Food and a Costume and Trunk Contest!

6pm - 9pm

Location:

St. Francis of Assisi School
4550 Telegraph Rd St. Louis, MO 63129

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

Picture Day Orders Due!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30



ORDER YOUR FALL PHOTOS

Fall photo orders are due! If you order by midnight tonight you'll receive free shipping to the school! After that, 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



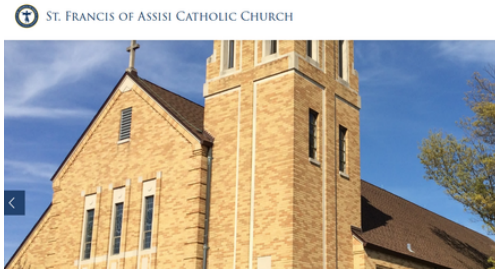
Snack & Scripture

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!



SFA DRESS CODE

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Just Me Apparel
www.justmeapparel.com

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

save the date!

september

30 7 Gr Conf. Parent & Student Meeting 6:30PM Gym



october

1 SFA Parish Pet Blessing | SFA Courtyard 3:30
5 SFA Feast Day Celebration | 4th Gr St. Francis Play 7:45 AM | Mini Vinnies Walk for the Poor
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
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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

MOUSE RACES



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

BENEFITS THE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30

Click the link or scan the QR code!







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.

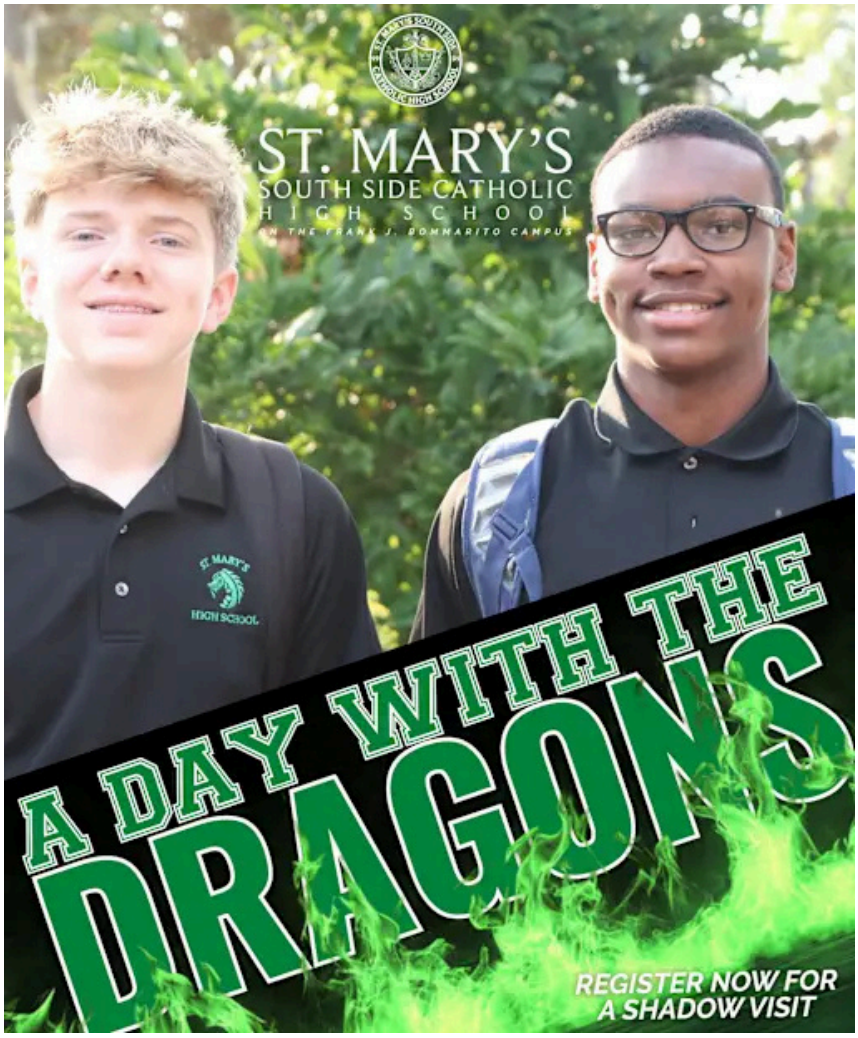
Sunday, October 25, 10 AM–2 PM.

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

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