ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 18, 2026





A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Families,
Peace and blessings to you all! Today, our school community gathered for Ash Wednesday, marking the start of our journey through Lent. It was so moving to see everyone—from our energetic preschoolers to our graduating 8th graders—receive their ashes together. As we begin these forty days of prayer and reflection, we hope this season brings your family a sense of peace and a renewed connection to God's love.

The halls of SFA are absolutely buzzing because Broadway auditions started yesterday! We'll keep things rolling Thursday, with final callbacks scheduled for Friday. We are thrilled to share that we have a record number of students trying out this year. Their courage and talent are truly inspiring, and we can already tell this is going to be a spectacular show. Go ahead and mark your calendars now for May 1st and 2nd—you won't want to miss it!

While you have your planners open, don't forget our Winter Concert next Tuesday, February 24th. Our 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders have been working so hard on their songs and are so excited to perform for you. Finally, please keep an eye on our social media pages for updates and our brand-new series, "The Faces of SFA." It's a wonderful way to see the people who make our school such a special place to be.

We hope this Lent is a season of grace and growth for all of you. We are so grateful to be on this journey with your families.

In the spirit of the season, I'll leave you with this reminder from the prophet Joel:
"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart..." — Joel 2:12

~ 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

HOMEPAGE

The past week at St. Francis of Assisi School was full of faith, friendship, and fun!
We buried the Alleluia during a beautiful prayer service led by our 7th graders and burned palms to prepare our hearts for Lent. Our 1st graders practiced their best winks, and 3rd and 5th grade are hard at work preparing for next week's Winter Concert. Last Friday, our 5th grade and PK2 friends shared their buddy project with parishioners, handing out Valentine cards to spread love to our parish family.

























HOMEPAGE

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

If you have not yet re-enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year, the registration fee goes up on March 1st. Please register your child/children before March 1, 2026 to ensure their spot in next year's class.

Another reminder that scholarship applications are open! Find out more about the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) and MoScholars at ttef-stl.org or scan the QR code!

TTEF & MOSCHOLARS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RE-ENROLLMENT

Please go to **www.factsmgt.com**
>> Select ***Parent Log In*** from the menu bar and FACTS Family Portal from the drop-down menu.
>> Type in your username and password. Our District Code is **SFA-MO.**
>> After logging in, click on **Apply/Enroll** in the left menu.
>> Click on the **Enrollment/Reenrollment** link. The online enrollment system will open with a link to the enrollment packet for your child/children. Students who currently attend St. Francis should follow the re-enrollment process. Students new to St. Francis (*younger siblings not yet enrolled*) should start with the application for new student.

RE-ENROLL BEFORE MARCH 1st!

District Code SFA-MO

Let us know if you have any questions!

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www.sfastl.org

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

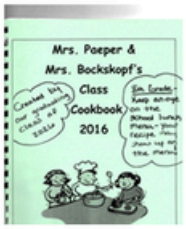
SNOW DAY LUNCHES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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







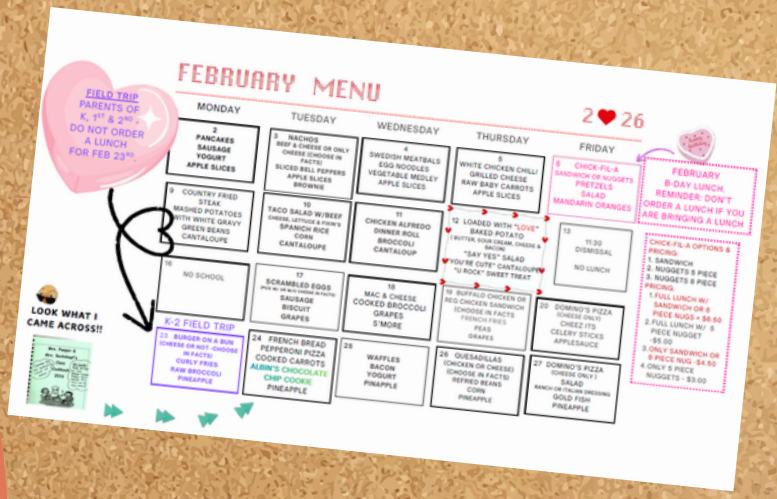
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

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

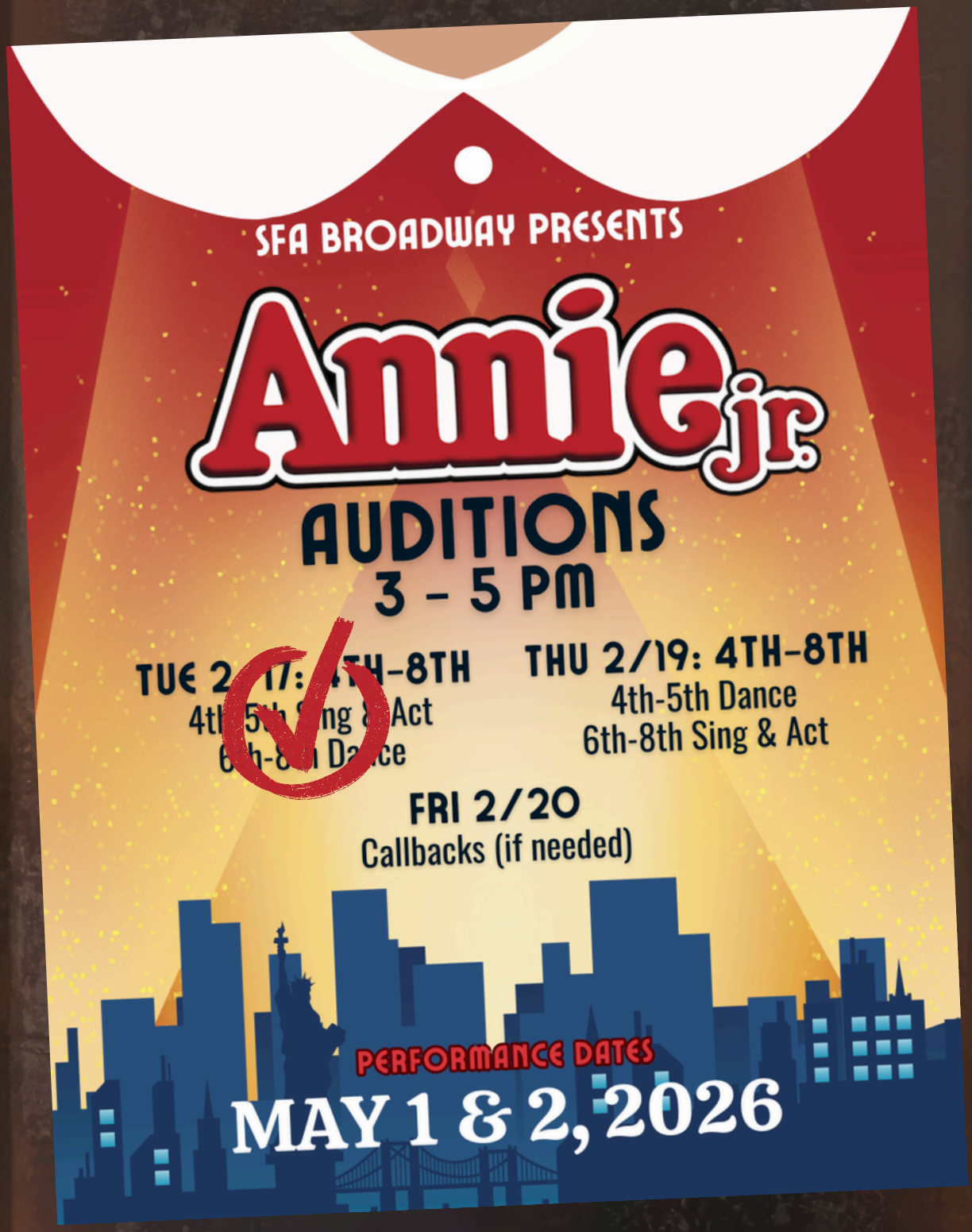


The School LUNCH periods

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



Parents of SFA Broadway!

Thursday Audition Schedule

Thursday, 4th-5th graders (dance) audition 3:00-5:00 PM

6th-8th graders (singing) audition individually in alphabetical order. Singing Auditions often finish early-students may leave as soon as they are done, so please be ready for pickup. Callbacks on Friday if needed! We appreciate your support!

Shell We Dance?

2026 Father Daughter Dance

Volunteer Here!

Saturday, March 7 5:30-8:30pm

Get ready for a fin-tastic night with Dad, making waves of memories!



SFA GYM

SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME

Admission: $50 per family

Includes Dinner, DJ, Dancing & Photo Ops

If Dad can't make it, bring a Grandpa, an Uncle or a Special Father Figure

Register by February 28th

questions: Angela Cafferata - angela.m.cafferata@gmail.com | 314.602.5073

reminders & save the dates

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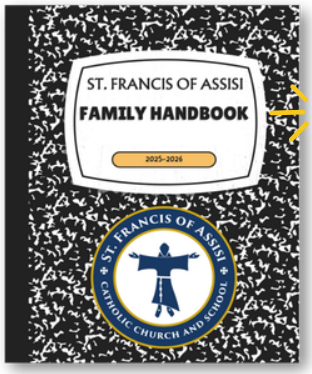
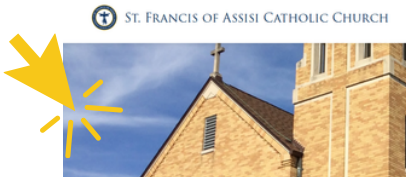


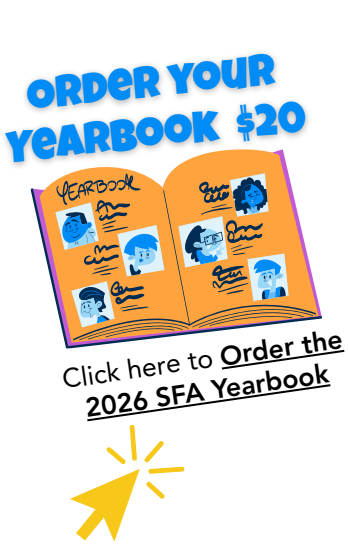
SUBSCRIBE

*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

Save the Date!

SEE FULL 2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

february

18 Ash Wednesday // FISH FRY 4-7

19 SFA Broadway Auditions 4-8th grade 3-5pm

20 SFA Broadway Callbacks 3-5pm // **FISH FRY 4-7**

24 Winter Concert performed by grades 1,3,5 6:30 PM Gym

27 FISH FRY 4-7

28 8th Grade Clavius Jamboree | SFA Trivia Night

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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CENTER GYM

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UR OWN SNACKS/FOOD

TABLE OF - $350

0/50 & RAFFLE BASKET

BECKY ROHLFIN 98@AOL.COM OR

EMILY FARROW AT FARROWSTL@YAHOO.COM

SOLD OUT

MUST BE 21+

TO REGISTER YOUR TABLE

Click HERE, scan the QR code, or visit the website using the link provided.

https://square.link/u/p99J5qe4



scan here
HOMEPAGE

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

FISH FRY

CREW NEEDS YOU!

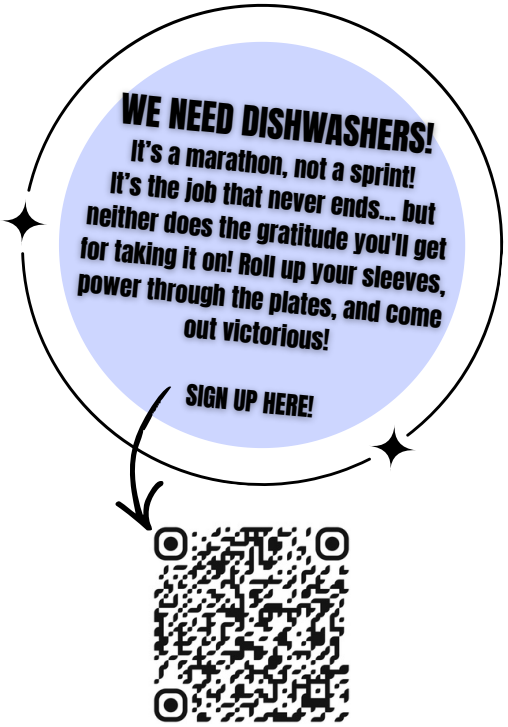
Dear Parents,

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 18	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.

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



ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

7TH GRADE SPRING
SHADOW DAYS
EXPERIENCE LIFE AS A LANCER!

ATTEND CLASSES WITH A CURRENT STPX STUDENT

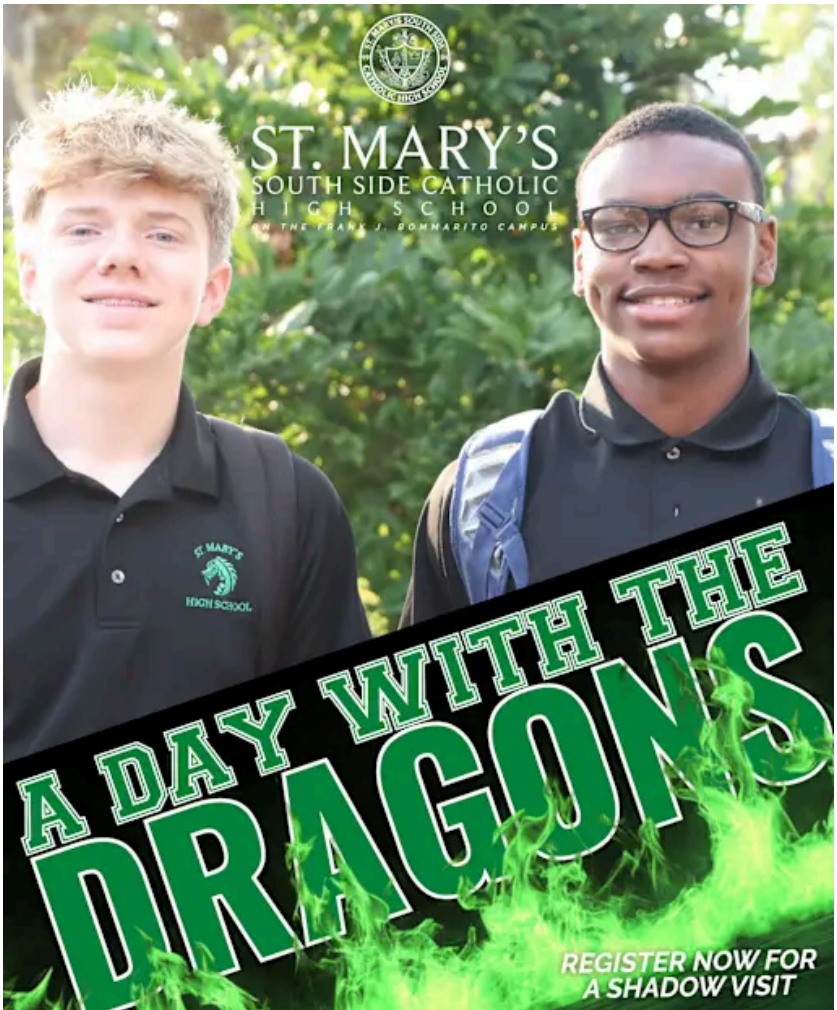
MEET OTHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND COACHES

EXPERIENCE OUR LUNCH HOUR AND HIGH SCHOOL LIFE AT ST. PIUS X FIRST-HAND

SCHEDULE TODAY!

Breanna Bannes '15
bbannes@stpius.com
(636) 931-7487 ext. 117

www.stpius.com/admissions



We are sharing a fundraiser organized by a school parent to support a student's father who is currently undergoing cancer treatment. As a school community, we keep this family in our prayers during this challenging time. Any support is deeply appreciated, and donations will help with medical and related expenses. Please see flyer below on how you can help the family.



Brysons father is currently battling stage 4 metastatic colon cancer. To support him Bryson is conducting a fundraising initiative, which will help cover medical expenses and raise awareness for this serve condition. Your contribution will directly support his fathers care, with aiming of maximizing his life expectancy. We appreciate any form of support you can offer, be it through prayer, meal Gift cards or donations.

With great love, Bryson



$25

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE FAMILY

Venmo:

@kristyn.stevens



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!