ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 11, 2026





A NOTE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Families,
I hope you've all had a chance to get outside and soak up some of this beautiful sunshine! It has been so wonderful seeing the kids burning off some energy outside without needing three layers of coats. I know Punxsutawney Phil predicted more winter, but I'm really hoping he's wrong this time; I think we're all more than ready for spring to be right around the corner!

As we enjoy these warmer days, please keep in mind that Lent is also just around the corner. It is such a special, sacred season for our faith—a time to hit the "reset" button and really focus on our relationship with God. In the middle of the usual school-year craziness, I hope we can all find ways to keep our hearts mindful of what this season is all about. One of our favorite ways we come together during this time is through our Fish Frys! It's a great way to hang out and get to know other families from preschool through 8th grade, but we do need some extra hands to make them a success. You can find the volunteer sign-up link right here in the newsletter if you're able to help out.

On a more serious note, we want to share a quick reminder about school safety. We know life is busy and it's easy to be forgetful when you're in a hurry, but it is so important that you always stop by the office to sign in. This isn't just for the morning drop-off rush; it applies throughout the entire school day and even during after-school hours. Please remember that no one is allowed to wander the halls at any time. Even if you are kindly let in by someone else exiting the building (which we also try to avoid for security reasons!), you still must head straight to the office to check in. Our absolute first priority is keeping your children safe, and everyone working together to follow these expectations ensures we can do just that.

Thank you for all you do for our school community. Enjoy the beautiful weather while it's here, and have a blessed week!

~ 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

Our 8th graders wrapped up Cotillion with a dinner and dance alongside five schools, showing off their best manners—and their brightest smiles! Fifth grade and their PK2 buddies spread Valentine cheer by creating cards for our parishioners, and their amazing constellation projects are now on display in the gym lobby—they've worked so hard! Meanwhile, 8th graders teamed up with their 2nd grade buddies to make cards for the Brendan's Friday Backpack fundraiser. Fourth grade alsowore red to honor Mrs. Klages' nephew and raise awareness for heart health—such a thoughtful tribute! And of course, there's been plenty of skating fun at SFA—this is the last week of the skating PE unit! So much learning, laughter, and love all in one week!

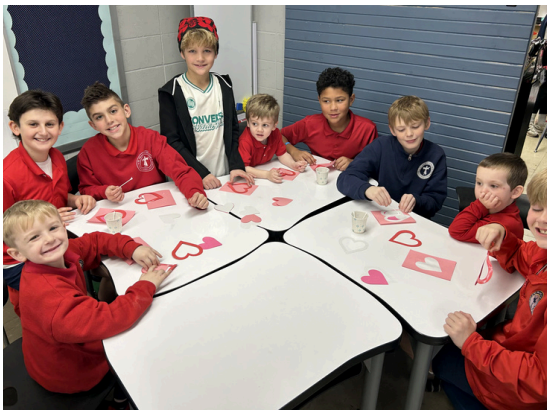
















ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

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!

School sarah.bundren@sfaschoolstl.org // **314.487.5736 ext. 121**
Preschool michelle.mondello@sfaschoolstl.org // **314.487.5736 ext. 132**
Financial businessmanager@sfastl.org // **314.487.5736 ext. 142**

www.sfastl.org

Hot Lunch

HOMEPAGE

FEBRUARY MENU 2 ♥ 26

FIELD TRIP
PARENTS OF K, 1ST & 2ND - DO NOT ORDER A LUNCH FOR FEB 23RD.

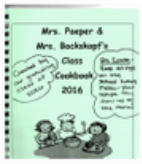
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 PANCAKES SAUSAGE YOGURT APPLE SLICES	3 NACHOS BEEF & CHEESE OR ONLY CHEESE (CHOOSE IN FACTS) SLICED BELL PEPPERS APPLE SLICES BROWNIE	4 SWEDISH MEATBALS EGG NOODLES VEGETABLE MEDLEY APPLE SLICES	5 WHITE CHICKEN CHILLI GRILLED CHEESE RAW BABY CARROTS APPLE SLICES	6 CHICK-FIL-A SANDWICH OR NUGGETS PRETZELS SALAD MANDARIN ORANGES
9 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES WITH WHITE GRAVY GREEN BEANS CANTALOUPE	10 TACO SALAD W/BEEF CHEESE, LETTUCE & FIXIN'S SPANICH RICE CORN CANTALOUPE	11 CHICKEN ALFREDO DINNER ROLL BROCCOLI CANTALOUP	12 LOADED WITH "LOVE" BAKED POTATO (BUTTER, SOUR CREAM, CHEESE & BACON) "SAY YES" SALAD "YOU'RE CUTE" CANTALOUPE "U ROCK" SWEET TREAT	13 11:30 DISMISSAL NO LUNCH
16 NO SCHOOL	17 SCRAMBLED EGGS (PICK W/ OR W/O CHEESE IN FACTS) SAUSAGE BISCUIT GRAPES	18 MAC & CHEESE COOKED BROCCOLI GRAPES S'MORE	19 BUFFALO CHICKEN OR REG CHICKEN SANDWICH (CHOOSE IN FACTS FRENCH FRIES PEAS GRAPES	20 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE ONLY) CHEEZ ITS CELERY STICKS APPLESAUCE
K-2 FIELD TRIP 23 BURGER ON A BUN (CHEESE OR NOT -CHOOSE IN FACTS) CURLY FRIES RAW BROCCOLI PINEAPPLE	24 FRENCH BREAD PEPPERONI PIZZA COOKED CARROTS ALBIN'S CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE PINEAPPLE	25 WAFFLES BACON YOGURT PINAPPLE	26 QUESADILLAS (CHICKEN OR CHEESE) (CHOOSE IN FACTS) REFRIED BEANS CORN PINEAPPLE	27 DOMINO'S PIZZA (CHEESE ONLY) SALAD RANCH OR ITALIAN DRESSING GOLD FISH PINEAPPLE

FEBRUARY B-DAY LUNCH. REMINDER: DON'T ORDER A LUNCH IF YOU ARE BRINGING A LUNCH

CHICK-FIL-A OPTIONS & PRICING:
1. SANDWICH
2. NUGGETS 5 PIECE
3. NUGGETS 8 PIECE

PRICING:
1. FULL LUNCH W/ SANDWICH OR 8 PIECE NUGS = $6.50
2. FULL LUNCH W/ 5 PIECE NUGGET -$5.00
3. ONLY SANDWICH OR 8 PIECE NUG -$4.50
4. ONLY 5 PIECE NUGGETS - $3.00

LOOK WHAT I CAME ACROSS!!



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

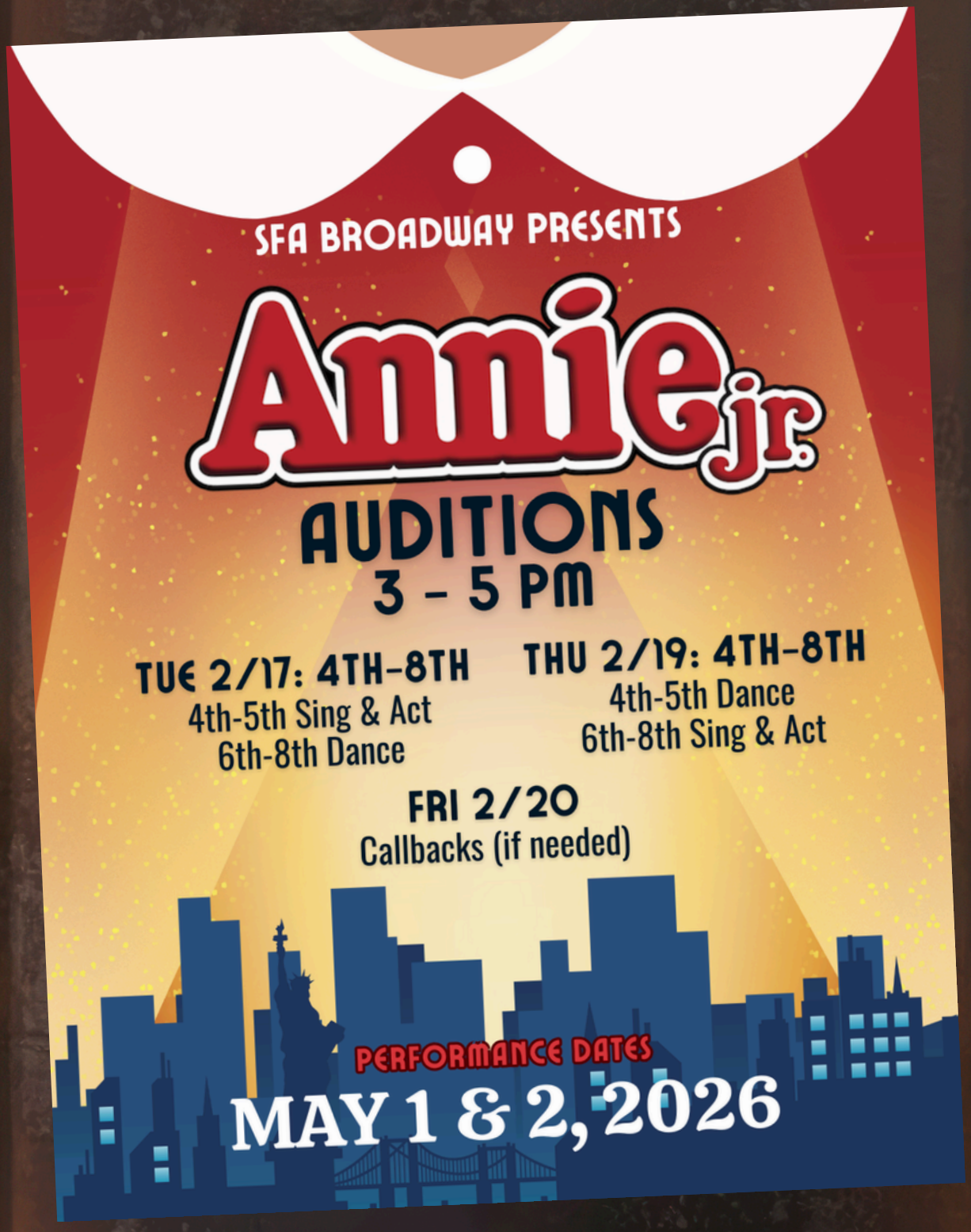
11:20 - 11:40 // 3rd, 4th, 5th
11:30 // Preschool (eats in classroom)
11:45 - 12:05 // Kindergarten, 1, 2nd
12:15 - 12:35 // 6th, 7th & 8th

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

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







Parents of SFA Broadway!

If your child indicated interest in SFA Broadway, you should have received an email. Please review the email from Mrs. Schmitz for important details regarding the time commitment and parent participation involved.

We appreciate your support!

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

TO THE STUDENTS WHO MAKE OUR DAYS SWEETER!



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13

VALENTINE'S DRESS-DOWN DAY!

Rock your Valentine's colors—reds, pinks, hearts, and all the love!

CLASS PARTIES

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade: 10:00–11:00 AM

Preschool only: 9:30–10:30 AM

REMINDER: IT'S A HALF DAY!

Preschool dismisses at: 11:00 AM

K–8 dismisses at: 11:30 AM

Valentines Parties are for Preschool through 3rd Grade.

SIGN-IN PROCEDURES

Parking: Available in either the North Lot or South Lot.

- Parents may enter through either the Preschool entrance or the Main Gym Lobby.
- Please ring the bell to be buzzed in. We kindly ask that you do not prop doors open or allow entry to those who have not been buzzed in by the office.

SIGN-IN LOCATIONS:

- Preschool Parents: Sign in (and out) at the Preschool Office.
- K-8 Parents: Sign in (and out) at the Main School Office.
- Visitor Sign-In (SchoolPass System)
- **SchoolPass tablets are located in the Main Office (for K-8 parents) and Preschool Office (PK2, PK3, PK4 parents).**
- You must scan in and receive a printed visitor pass upon arrival.
- First-time users will need to scan a driver's license or enter the information manually. Please be patient—there may be a line!
- After signing in, you will receive a printed pass with your individual QR code and PIN. This pin is required to sign in and out anytime you volunteer.

VOLUNTEER SIGN OUT

Please do not leave early without signing out.

Notify your child's teacher and sign them out in the office.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

All volunteers must have completed Protecting God's Children to participate.

If you are unsure of your status, please contact Child Safety Coordinator Kim Hahn at bookkeeper@sfastl.org | 314-487-5736 ext. 101

Preschool and Kindergarten

WINTER

family fun night



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

6-7:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

RSVP by February 10th
michelle.mondello@sfaschoolstl.org

Bring the whole family for a fun night of games and crafts, while parents get a chance to meet other school families!

Bring a preschool or kindergarten aged friend who might be interested in SFA too!

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

Admission: $50 per family

Includes Dinner, DJ, Dancing & Photo Ops

SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME

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

HOMEPAGE

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW JUST $17 !

But hurry – the price is going up FRIDAY!

To guarantee your Yearbook at the current price, order now using the link

Order the 2026 SFA Yearbook

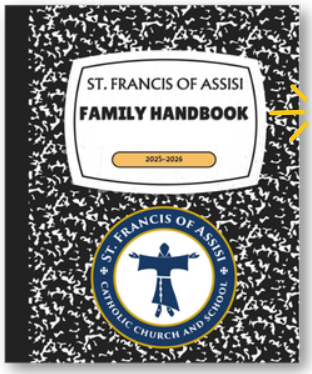
Snack & Scripture

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Every Wednesday

3-3:45PM

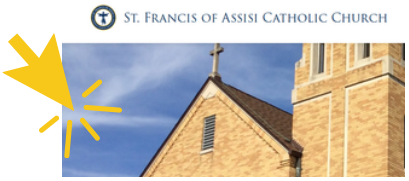
IN YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM



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

Save the Date!

SEE FULL 2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

february



12 Preschool Kindergarten Play Date
13 **11:30 Dismissal** | Valentines Parties | Valentines Dress Down | Teacher PD
16 **President's Day - No School**
17 SFA Broadway Auditions 4-8th grade 3-5pm
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

MUSIC

TRIVIA

MUSIC, COMMUNITY, AND GOOD VIBES!

02.28.2026

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH CENTER GYM
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM || TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM

BEER, WINE, SODA & WATER INCLUDED.
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS/FOOD
TABLE OF 10 - $350

50/50 & RAFFLE BASKETS

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
BECKY ROHLFING AT RLA98@AOL.COM OR
EMILY FARROW AT FARROWSTL@YAHOO.COM

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
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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!

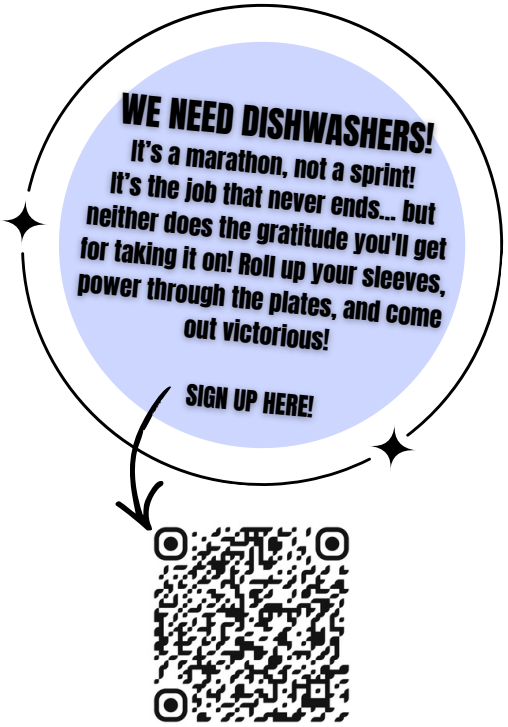
Dear Parents,

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.



It's yearbook time and we need your help! Please send us pictures of our fantastic and photogenic students!

Some things we are looking for are:

From the end of last school year (Mar.-May 2025):

Sacraments
Field Day
Sports
Parish events from April and May

From this year (Aug. 2025-Jan. 2026) :

Backpack Blessing
First Day of School
Parish Picnic
6th Grade Camp
Our lady of Guadalupe
Breakfast with Santa
Veteran's Mass
Sports
Fun Run
Field trips
Christmas Performances
Classroom parties
Trunk or Treat
Clubs

*Please have all pictures submitted by **February 13** so I can get the pictures organized and sent to the company creating the yearbook.*

Thank you for your help! There are two ways to send your pictures to us:

1) **Share them to my drive** at sheri.howley@sfaschoolstl.org
2) **Email them to my email address** and we will include them as choices for our yearbook staff to use when designing our pages.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sheri.howley@sfaschoolstl.org

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

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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
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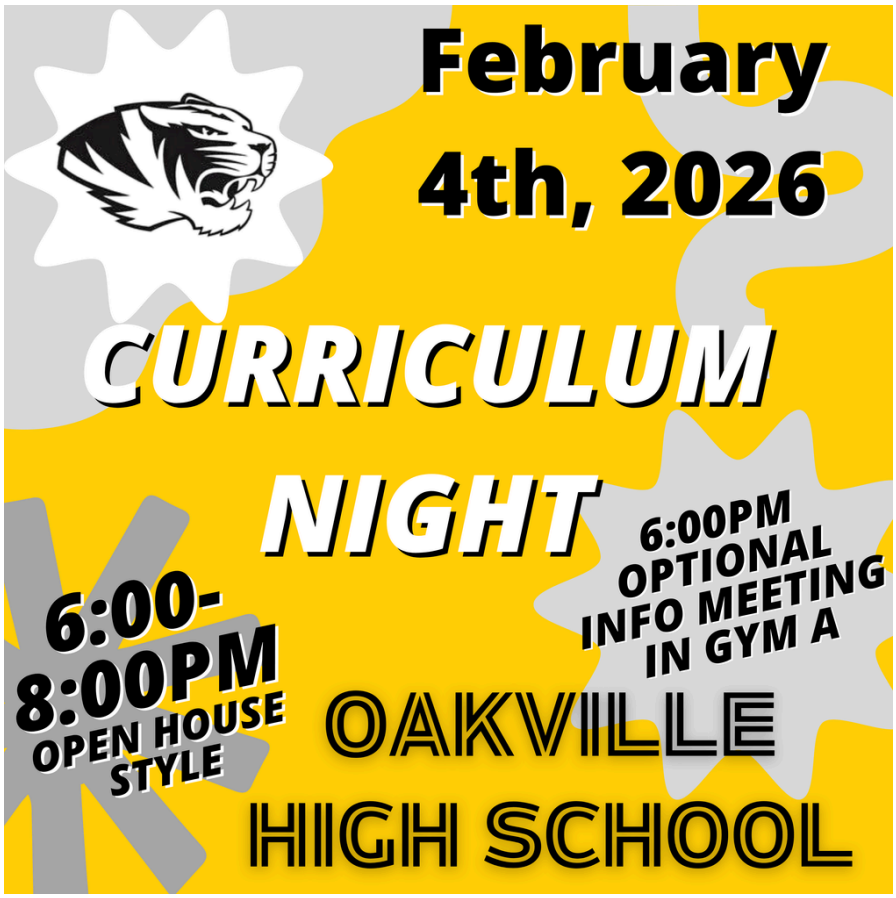
February
4th, 2026
CURRICULUM
NIGHT
6:00-
8:00PM
OPEN HOUSE
STYLE
6:00PM
OPTIONAL
INFO MEETING
IN GYM A
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HIGH SCHOOL

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!