



RED RAIDER REVIEW

January 31, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mr. Michael Messor

Dear St. Francis Families,

We're doing a lot of community building and celebrating on campus! This past Thursday night, we welcomed members of the Class of 2029 and their families with our annual Accepted Students Reception. On Sunday, we host the annual Father-Son Communion Breakfast in our newly remodeled Student Dining Room.

The St. Francis Parents' Guild will be sponsoring a parent social for *current* parents this coming Thursday, February 6th, from 6:30-7:30 before the scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences. Refreshments and snacks will be provided, and parents will have an opportunity to mingle and learn about upcoming Parents' Guild sponsored events. No need to RSVP! More information about the event can be found as you scroll through the newsletter.

With snow days, midterms, and national holidays, it seems crazy to think we will be out for Winter Break in just two weeks. It's important for our students to get off to a strong start here in the second semester. Meeting with your son's teachers in-person next week is a good way to get on the same page to support each other in helping your son to succeed in the classroom. If you are

unable to attend, please don't hesitate to reach out regarding grades or comments that you might have questions about from the report card.

The extracurricular life of the school remains busy and is intensifying over the next few weeks. Our athletes are preparing for the postseason playoffs as they vie for league and state championships. Our artists are rehearsing for the upcoming spring musical and their state competitions. We have a large group of students traveling to Italy on pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis. There are so many opportunities for greatness ahead! We're proud of our young men regardless of their achievements, but their hard work and talent is something to marvel at. No matter the journey, watching their growth as men who lead and perform under pressure is rewarding for us all. We wish everyone great success and safe travels in the coming weeks!

I look forward to seeing you on campus soon! Have a great weekend! Go Red Raiders!

Sincerely,

Mike Messoré '91
Principal

ATTENDANCE REVIEW

TARDINESS

Starting Monday, February 3rd, the administration will enforce the following rules:

Excuses such as "personal" will no longer be deemed an excused tardy. We want our students to practice time management and plan for circumstances that could be beyond their control. As our policy states, **"Once a student has 5 unexcused tardies, parents will be notified by mail, and every subsequent unexcused tardy will result in detention the following school day."**

If a student is tardy, then he must sign in at the Main Office and have his parent/guardian submit an electronic note. If the student cannot submit a legitimate electronic excuse on the day of the tardiness, he will be assigned detention the following school day.

Timothy Monahan
Assistant Principal

Krystle Herc
Attendance Officer

TUITION RATES & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Dear Parents,

It's that time of the year again. The returning student tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year are as follows:

Tuition: \$14,550

Fees: \$725

Tech Fee \$375

Total \$15,650

- A \$300 Fundraising fee will be charged to the second-semester tuition if the fundraising obligation (Red Raider Raffle) is unmet.
- \$30 Fee for all returned checks
- Deposits are non-refundable

*Please note: The tuition assistance and/or scholarships you were awarded will remain the same. If you would like a re-evaluation of your **tuition assistance package**, please fill out an application with **FACTS** (This is a new system, and you will be prompted to create an account.)*

If you do not want a re-evaluation, no action is required on your part at this time.

A re-enrollment deposit of \$500 will automatically be charged to your tuition account in March 2025.

[Click here to apply for tuition assistance.](#)

The Deadline to Apply for Tuition assistance for the 2025-2026 school year is March 1, 2025.

- *If you have an incoming freshman, you should have already received a package for your current student.*

Questions? Contact the Business Office directly at 716-627-2399 or 716-627-1200

HOUSE SYSTEM UPDATE



WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

Our students got very creative during Spirit Week. On Monday, they got to support their favorite sports team and there were still quite a few Bills fans! Hawaii was the overwhelming choice for Tuesday's "favorite state" theme. The real fun was Thursday for "anything but a backpack" day. We saw suitcases, beach bags, construction buckets, recycling bins and more. **Nate Powers '25** was especially inspired and brought in an inflatable boat!



Gabe Moran '26



Oliver Bennett '25



Zech Boyle '26



Brady Backus '27



Brenden Skalski '28



Tavio Hoose '26

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SUNY FINANCIAL DAYS

SUNY Financial Days is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to receive help with their FAFSA forms from Financial Aid Experts.

SUNY campus experts across the state will be hosting the event on February 8th. The event is free and open to all New Yorkers seeking hands-on assistance with FAFSA completion, regardless of whether they applied to a SUNY or the campus hosting the event.

Students can register using [this link!](#)

A blue and purple poster for SUNY Financial Aid Days. It features the text "SUNY FINANCIAL AID DAYS" in large, bold letters, followed by "Jan. 25 & Feb. 8" with a yellow underline. Below that, it says "Receive hands-on assistance with FAFSA completion." There is a QR code and the SUNY logo at the bottom right. The URL "suny.edu/studentevents" is at the bottom left.

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Jan. 25 & Feb. 8

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with FAFSA completion.





suny.edu/studentevents



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Click pdf below for an UPDATED list of available scholarship opportunities for **February**.



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ATLAS

March SAT Tutoring & Test Prep

Intensive Classes & Private Tutoring Start 2/8 for the March 8 SAT
Intensive Classes & Private Tutoring Start 2/15 for later In-School March test dates

April ACT & May SAT Tutoring & Test Prep

Group Prep & Private Tutoring Starts March 8 & is enrolling now!

Academic Tutoring

Tutoring is ongoing & scheduling now through the 2025 school year

AtlasTestPrep.com | 716.299.TEST

FINE ARTS

CHICAGO TEEN EDITION

Our students are busy rehearsing for Chicago Teen Edition. Please consider supporting the Fine Arts Department by purchasing a patron for the for the program. Click on the pdf for a printable copy, and submit to Fr. Mark David Skura at skuram@stfrancishigh.org.



St. Francis High School
Department of the Fine Arts
4129 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg, NY 14075
Tel (716) 627.1200 Fax (716) 627.4610 www.stfrancishigh.org

Single Line Program Patron

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Program Patron Schedule

Arts Benefactor..... \$100.00 and over
Sustaining Patron..... \$50.00 to \$99.00
Special Patron..... \$25.00 to \$49.00
Patron..... \$10.00 to \$24.00
Student Message..... \$5.00

Program Advertising Contract

Company Name _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Approximate Size of Advertisement: (Check one)

- ☐ inside front or back cover (4 1/4" x 7 1/4") at \$350.00
- ☐ full page (4 1/4" x 7 1/4") at \$125.00
- ☐ half page (4 1/4" x 3 1/4") at \$75.00
- ☐ third page (4 1/4" x 2") at \$40.00
- ☐ sixth page (2 1/4" x 2") at \$20.00

Please Submit Copy for Advertisement
electronic copy may be sent to Skuram@stfrancishigh.org

Program Printing Deadline: February 14, 2025

For additional information please call Georgette Rautenstrauch at (716) 627-1200

Please Make checks payable to St. Francis High School

Thank you for your support!

Ticket Information

Tickets for *Chicago: Teen Edition* are \$13.00 each and are available online at stfrancis.ludus.com or through the main office of the school.
All seats are reserved so purchase early for best selection.

Performance Dates and Times

Friday, March 14, 2025 at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 7:00pm

Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 3:00pm

STUDENT SELLER (if applicable) _____



Patron Form Chicago 2025.pdf

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ATHLETICS

SPORTS CALENDAR

January 31

- JV Bowling vs. O'Hara 1, 3:00 p.m. - Abbott Bowling Center
- V Bowling vs. Bishop Timon, 3:00 p.m. - Abbott Bowling Center
- V Basketball vs. Akron, 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's Collegiate Inst.
- V Fed Hockey vs. St. Joe's, 6:15 p.m. - Leisure Rinks
- Prep Hockey Nichols Tournament, 6:30 p.m. - Nichols

February 1- 2

- Wrestling CHSAA Dual Championships @ Iona Prep

February 1

- Prep Hockey Nichols Tournament, 8:00 p.m. - Nichols
- Frosh Basketball vs. Williamsville North, 10:00 a.m. - SFHS
- Bowling Quaker Invitational, 10:00 a.m. - Airport Lanes



- Indoor Track Frosh/Soph Championship, 5:30 p.m. - Houghton College

February 3

- JV Basketball vs. St. Mary's, 5:30 p.m. - SFHS
- V Basketball vs. St. Mary's, 7:00 p.m. - SFHS

February 4

- JV Bowling vs. St. Joe's, 3:00 p.m. - Classic Lanes
- V Bowling vs. Canisius, 3:00 p.m. - Classic Lanes
- Frosh Basketball vs. St. Mary's, 4:00 p.m. - SFHS
- JV Basketball vs. Orchard Park, 5:30 p.m. - SFHS
- Swim All-Catholic Championship Tournament, 6:00 p.m. - Maryvale HS
- V Basketball vs. Orchard Park, 7:00 p.m. - SFHS

February 6

- V Bowling vs. O'Hara, 3:00 p.m. - Abbott Lanes

February 7

- Frosh Basketball vs. St. Joe's, 4:00 p.m. - SFHS
- JV Basketball vs. St. Joe's, 5:30 p.m. - SFHS
- V Fed Hockey vs. St. Mary's, 6:15 p.m. - Leisure Rinks
- V Basketball vs. St. Joe's, 7:00 p.m. - SFHS

February 8

- Wrestling MMHSA All-Catholic Championships, 9:00 a.m. - St. Joe's
- V Bowling MMHSA All-Catholic Championships, 10:00 a.m. - Classic Lanes
- Frosh Basketball vs. Orchard Park, 11:00 a.m. - SFHS
- V Fed Hockey vs. Kenmore West, 6:30 p.m. - Tacoma/North Buffalo Ice Rink



SECTION VI FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Congratulations to our outstanding student-athletes who won the Section VI Fall Scholar Athlete Title as well as our Honorable Mentions! Your dedication to both academics and athletics is a testament to the strength of our athletic program and the well-rounded excellence we strive for at St. Francis High School.

Scholar Athlete Winner:

Jack Tebeau Boys Golf St. Francis

William Hanson Football St. Francis

Honorable Mention:

Charlie Allesi Boys Volleyball St. Francis

Brandon Blaszak Boys Volleyball St. Francis

Cameron Bush Boys Cross Country St. Francis

Dominic Davis Boys Cross Country St. Francis

Chad English Boys Soccer St. Francis

Ethan Farley Football St. Francis

Elliot Graham Boys Soccer St. Francis

Elijah Greenough Football St. Francis

Maxwell Haggerty Football St. Francis

Tucker Jobe Football St. Francis

- Karol Krzyszton Boys Volleyball St. Francis
- Nicholas Picone Boys Golf St. Francis
- Nathaniel Powers Boys Cross Country St. Francis
- Theodore Reid Boys Cross Country St. Francis
- Kaleb Schall Boys Golf St. Francis
- Benjamin Siler Boys Soccer St. Francis
- Connor Smith Boys Soccer St. Francis
- Michael Stadler Boys Cross Country St. Francis
- Maximus Sturniolo Boys Cross Country St. Francis
- Louis Violanti Boys Soccer St. Francis



BOWLING TEAM RUNNERS-UP IN KWIATKOWSKI TOURNAMENT

The team brought their A-game to the 4th Annual Pat Kwiatkowski Memorial High School Classic, delivering an incredible performance that showcased teamwork and determination.



The match kicked off with a solid 3-game total of 3,032 pins, with every bowler averaging above 193—a testament to their consistent focus. The Raiders shined during the 8-game Baker format, rolling to an impressive total of 1,607 pins and maintaining an average of over 200.

Special acknowledgment to Senior Matt Kotlowski. Matt rolled 124 pins above his average and helped carry the team during the 3rd game. He also only had 1 non-split spare miss and marked 13 out of 16 frames during the Baker session.



EDWARDS NOMINATED FOR SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cullen Edwards '26 has been nominated for the SI National High School Lower Weight Wrestler of the Week for his upset victory at Wyoming Seminary this past weekend 4-1. Cullen is part of the Red Raider wrestling team, a team currently ranked #1 in WNY.

It's time to cast your vote! **Click on the picture** to vote for Cullen for this prestigious and well-deserved honor. You can vote more than once! Voting ends at 11:59 PT on Feb. 2.

WINTER SPORTS TEAM PHOTO SCHEDULE

Team photos for all of the winter sports teams were rescheduled for February 5th. All photos will be taken in the gym lobby after school.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

February 2

- Father-Son Communion Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. - Friars' Hall Chapel

February 4

- 1st Semester Report Card available online at 3:00 p.m.
- Sophomore Class Retreat

February 6

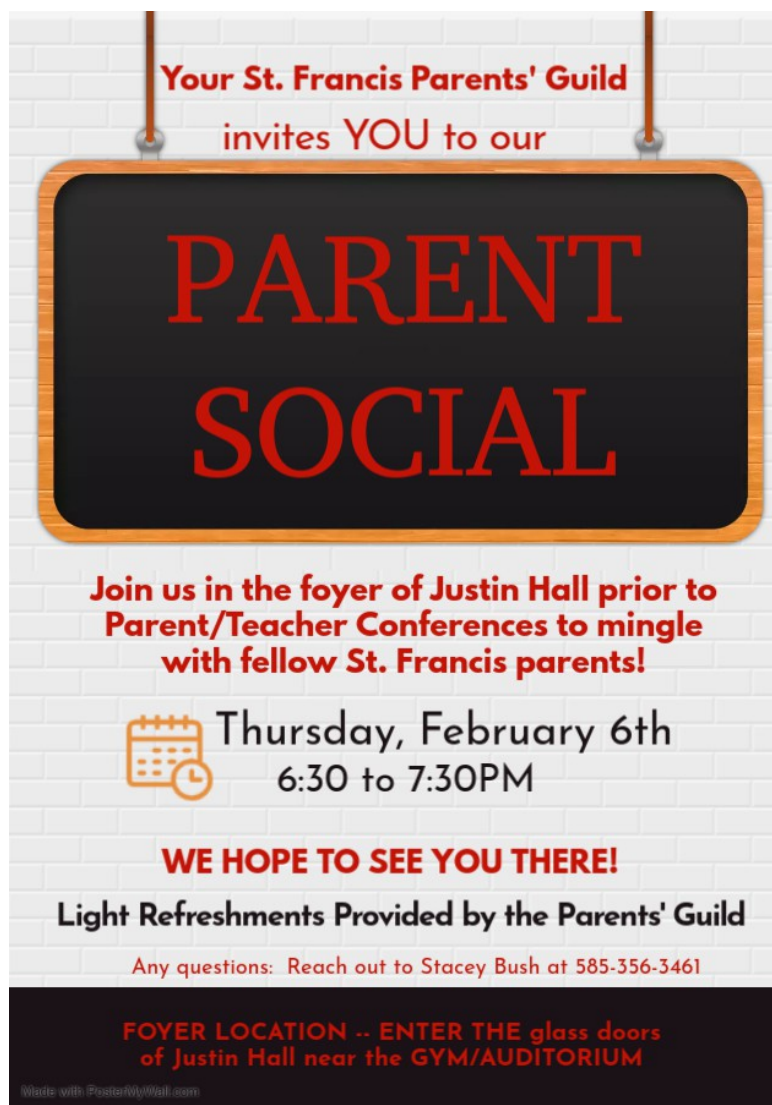
- Parents' Guild Meeting, 7:00 p.m. - Alumni Hall Theatre
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, following meeting - Gym
- Campus Store Open 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

February 7

- Faculty Collaboration Day - NO CLASSES
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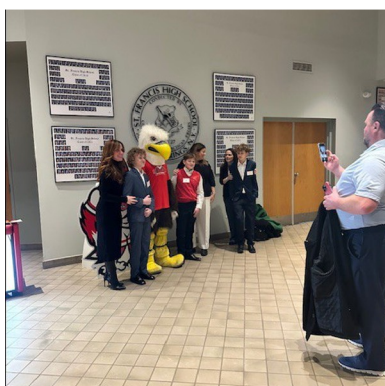
PARENTS' GUILD



ADMISSIONS

ACCEPTED STUDENTS NIGHT

The Class of 2029 and their families were invited to campus this past Thursday evening to celebrate their acceptance to St. Francis High School. Our Alumni Association handed out swag bags and everyone enjoyed an amazing taco bar. It was a great opportunity for the boys to meet each other and begin lifelong friendships. Welcome to St. Francis!



STEM NIGHT

We invite all 6th - 8th grade boys to join us for STEM Night on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. This free event offers an engaging opportunity to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through three interactive lab stations. Participants will engage in hands-on experiments designed to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and a passion for STEM learning.

Click a picture to register.



RISING RED RAIDER SUMMER CAMP

Join us for a unique summer experience that blends academic enrichment and adventure. The *Rising Red Raider Camp* is designed to prepare young learners for the upcoming school year with engaging, hands-on activities that are both fun and educational.

For gentlemen entering grades 7 & 8 in Fall 2025.

Dates: June 30–July 25, 2025

Time: 8:30AM–2:30 PM (Mon-Thurs); Fridays 8:30AM–12:00 PM (Field Trips)

Cost: \$399 **Early bird pricing of \$299 now*

Mornings: Dive into core subjects — Math, English, Science, and Social Studies — taught by passionate teachers who make learning exciting.

Afternoons: Time for specialized experiences in areas like Robotics, Engineering, and Outdoor Adventures (stay tuned for more details).

Fridays: Explore new places with exciting field trips that take learning beyond the classroom.

Camp highlights:

- Daily academic enrichment + physical activities
- Exciting hands-on learning experiences
- Field trips to ignite curiosity and exploration
- Cost of Prep course is included for Fall 2025 to start the school year strong.

Spaces are limited, so sign up early to secure your spot at this summer camp experience.

Click on any picture to register.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

SOPHOMORE CLASS RETREAT - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

On Tuesday, February 4th, the Sophomore Class will gather at the St. Francis Parish Social Center at 4263 St. Francis Drive, Hamburg (directly across the street from SFHS). The retreat begins at 8:20 a.m. and concludes at 2:05 p.m.

Student attendance will be taken at 8:30 a.m. sharp! Students do not need to bring backpacks or personal items with them. All cell phones will be collected at the beginning of the retreat and returned at the end of the retreat. Students are to dress comfortably and appropriately for low-impact activities. Approved attire consists of a SFHS t-shirt or hoodie, appropriate length shorts, sweatpants or jeans, socks and sneakers, and no jewelry above the neck.

Lunch and recreation will take place at Abbott Lanes in Lackawanna. Lunch will be provided. Anyone with dietary or food allergy restrictions are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Please DO NOT schedule an Uber Eats, food delivery, etc. Transportation between St. Francis Parish and Abbott Lanes will be provided to all students via a bussing service.

We look forward to gathering together with the Sophomores for a day of reflection, activities, and prayer! If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Bryan at hajovskyb@stfrancishigh.org.

PLEASE PRINT PERMISSION FORM PDF BELOW AND RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY



Soph. Retreat Permission Form.pdf

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YEARBOOK

UPDATED INFORMATION

The deadline for Senior ads is February 14th!

Please note that extra yearbooks are NOT being ordered this year.

Click on picture to purchase an ad for your senior or to order a yearbook!

SENIOR YEARBOOK INFO

BABY PICTURES



Attention Parents!

This year's Senior spread will be the same layout as last year's book. There is space for up to 4 baby (childhood) photos. If you'd like to submit them please email in .jpeg format to: herck@stfrancishigh.org

PARENT ADS

If you'd like to purchase an ad for the yearbook see link below:

[BUY AN AD](#)

Deadline: 2/14/25

FAQ

HOW DO I BUY A BOOK?

Use the link below to buy a book:

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$85





ORDER DEADLINE?

3/21/25



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Be on the look out for an email from **Mrs. Dole** to complete your picks for the Senior Superlative questionnaire

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