



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mr. Michael Messor

Dear St. Francis Families,

On Wednesday, we took another leap forward in building relationships with a successful Parents' Guild Social. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend, ask questions, and share ideas for the betterment of our partnership. We were able to line up candidates to take on leadership positions at various levels, but we are still looking for more parents and guardians (even alumni parents) who would be willing to serve on our Board of Directors.

The Board consists of the following positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Director, Sunshine Committee Director, Alumni Parent Representative, two Class Directors for each grade level, and the Principal of St. Francis High School. There are also various committees set up to run particular events and initiatives. We are hoping to provide parents the opportunity to get involved in larger or smaller roles that fit their schedules and interests.

There is still time to get involved. If you are interested in a position on our Board of Directors or if you would like to nominate someone for a position, please email both Krystle Herc

(herck@stfrancishigh.org) and me (messore@stfrancishigh.org) with your interest or nomination. Once all of our candidates have been identified, we will work to elect a Board for the 2025-2026 school year. The Board will meet in odd months (September, November, January, March, May, July). There are many ways to get involved and all are welcome to participate at any time throughout the school year. More details will follow soon!

SENIOR PARENTS: on Thursday, we celebrated Mass in the Chapel and ate a final meal in the Student Dining Room as we began our send off of the Class of 2025. Following Mass, we rehearsed for the Baccalaureate Mass celebration, and **your sons were given envelopes with their GRADUATION TICKETS.** Please check today to make sure that they are not still in their car or stuffed in their pants' pocket on the floor, under some other random clothes. We still have plenty going on between now and graduation—exams, prom, Justinian, graduation rehearsal, capstone presentations, Fine Arts Banquet. Please encourage your sons to make good choices and finish the year strong. There is so much to celebrate. Let's make sure we help them make the most of their last high school experiences before they begin their next journey.

For **parents of underclassmen**, there will be Online Progress Reports posted on May 8th. With only a month left in the semester, please encourage your son to end the year strong. It is never too late to reach out to teachers or to get extra help for anyone who might be struggling with the content or time management. Check the portal to review your son's progress, discuss any concerns with him, and if you have concerns, contact the teacher to get a more complete picture of the situation. Even this late in the year, it's possible for teachers and students to make connections and work together toward success.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a great weekend! Go Red Raiders!

Sincerely,

Mike Messore '91
Principal

JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM



The Junior-Senior Prom will be held on **May 9th** from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. at Orchard Park Country Club located at 4777 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park. The cost per couple is \$135 and includes a buffet style dinner, DJ, photo booth, and a limited edition St. Francis gift.

Follow the link below for additional information and important prom rules.

SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE

The administration of the Advanced Placement, Local, and Dual-Enrollment exams for seniors will take place from May 5, 2025, through May 14, 2025. All students are expected to be present for their examinations. The schedule for the exams has been posted on the school website as well as throughout the school for students to take notice. The exam schedule is also listed below. Any student that has a conflict with an exam **MUST** receive approval from the school administration. Additionally, all students just follow the spring dress code during the exams. The rules for the dress code are listed below. If there are any questions or concerns please reach out to Mr. Messore ([messorem@stfrancishigh.org](mailto:messore@stfrancishigh.org)) or Mr. Monahan (monahant@stfrancishigh.org)

DRESS CODE:

- **Students must follow the current Spring Dress Code**
- St. Francis High School Polo shirt tucked in or Dress shirt tucked in and a tie
- Dress pants with belt
- Socks should be at least ankle length
- Dress shoes should have laces and must be tied; loafers and slip-ons will be acceptable
- **NO** army boots, work boots, or cowboy boots
- **NO** slippers or shoes that have a slipper appearance



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PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR SENIOR PARENTS

Fr. Matthew J. Foley, OFM Conv.
&
Administration, Faculty & Staff
Of
St. Francis High School
Cordially invite you to a Senior Parents
Cocktail Reception
In your honor, as we celebrate
The Graduation of The Class of 2025
Thursday, the 8th of May 2025
From 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

President's Reception for Senior Parents

Forms Landing Page - St. Francis High School

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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



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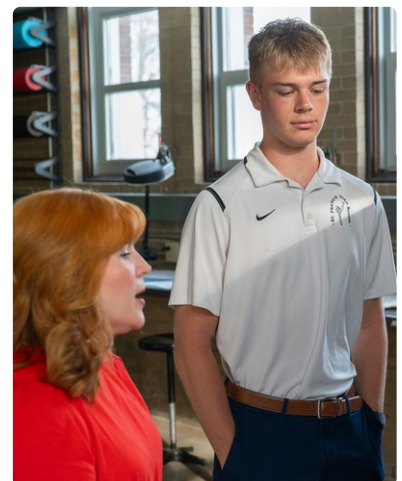
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ARTIST HIGHLIGHT

CHAD ENGLISH

The Franciscans have a rich history interwoven with art and, naturally, has become an essential part of our curriculum in forming men of creativity and intellect; Senior Chad English is the perfect example of both those qualities. From an early age, he found a passion for woodworking, a craft he began at just five years old. What started as a simple hobby grew into a way of life, providing a “chill and relaxed” escape from the pressures of school.

Chad's journey in the arts formally began his sophomore year with a studio art class. By junior year, he was so invested that he took two art classes a day. Although woodworking was familiar, painting was a new frontier. Remarkably, he didn't pick up a paintbrush until his senior year. “I never painted until this year and I had no idea how to begin,” he said, “the secret is being patient with yourself. Now I use better techniques and sketch things out before starting.” His senior year has been a time of exploration and growing confidence, especially as he took on projects like the challenging golf-themed textured painting, where he even learned the important differences between brushes.

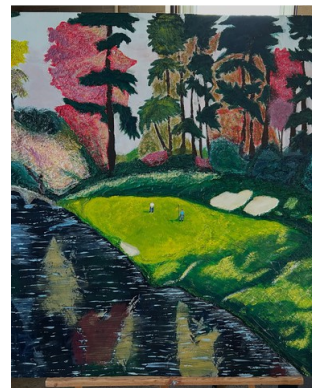


Under the guidance of art teacher Mrs. Dole, who played a key role in encouraging his growth, he found new opportunities to blend his interests, particularly woodworking and art. "I was scared to try new things," Chad shared, "but Mrs. Dole was a great help." Through her encouragement, he learned important skills like utilizing color tones, time management, and how to maximize every 40-minute class period. He also found inspiration in social media, pulling ideas from a wide range of interests, including his love for golf. "He is the ideal student," Mrs. Dole comments, "Chad's classmates often remark they wish they had taken an art class after seeing the creative pieces he makes."

Beyond the classroom, Chad has sold woodworking pieces like Adirondack chairs through word of mouth, demonstrating both his craftsmanship and entrepreneurial spirit. He has completed over four major projects this year alone, a testament to his passion.

Looking ahead, Chad plans to study architecture, a path that perfectly blends his love of art, design, and hands-on creation. What started as a way to sharpen his drawing skills has blossomed into a full-fledged passion, one he is excited to continue at the University at Buffalo next fall.





ATHLETICS



DAVIS BREAKS RECORD

This past week, Senior Dominic Davis broke a record for the 400m intermediate hurdles during the Dunkirk Invitational. Davis recently committed to RIT for Track & Field.

SPORTS CALENDAR

May 2

- Tennis vs. Park School, 3:30 p.m. - Park School
- JV Baseball vs. Orchard Park, 4:30 p.m. - Orchard Park
- Track & Field Golden Falcon Invitational, 4:30 p.m. - Falconer HS
- V Baseball vs. Orchard Park, 5:00 p.m. - SFHS Sgroi Memorial Field

May 5

- JV Lacrosse vs. Canisius, 4:30 p.m. - Canisius Stransky Complex
- V Baseball vs. Aquinas, 5:00 p.m. - Aquinas
- Frosh Baseball vs. Clarence, 5:45 p.m. - SFHS Lower Diamond
- V Lacrosse vs. Canisius, 6:00 p.m. - SFHS

May 6

- V Tennis vs. Nichols, 3:30 p.m. - SFHS
- JV Baseball vs. St. Mary's, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS Sgroi Memorial Field
- V Baseball vs. St. Mary's, 4:30 p.m. - St. Mary's Westwood Park
- V Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's, 5:00 p.m. - SFHS

May 7

- V Tennis vs. Gow School, 3:30 p.m. - SFHS
- V Track & Field vs. Bishop Timon, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS
- Frosh Baseball vs. Clarence, 5:00 p.m. - Clarence HS

May 8

- V Baseball vs. St. Mary's, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS Sgroi Memorial Field
- JV Baseball vs. St. Mary's, 4:30 p.m. - St. Mary's Westwood Park
- JV Lacrosse vs. Nichols, 5:00 p.m. - SFHS
- V Lacrosse vs. Nichols, 5:00 p.m. - Nichols
- Frosh Baseball vs. Clarence, 5:45 p.m. - SFHS Lower Diamond



CAMPUS CALENDAR

May 3

- Justinian XLIII Dinner Auction

May 8

- President's Reception for Senior Parents, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Mastrantoni Suite

May 9

- Senior/Junior Prom, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Orchard Park Country Club



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