



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mr. Michael Messor

Dear St. Francis Families,

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated Monday through Friday at St. Francis High School. None of what we do would be possible without the passion and effort of our teachers. There are so many ways that they impact the lives of our students by fostering academic growth, building essential life skills, and providing support and encouragement during difficult times. Like parenting, teaching is not an easy job. I'm proud of our teachers' commitment and persistence in helping students at all levels

achieve. Your sons are sometimes at school more than they are at home, and the relationships they build with their teachers, coaches, and our staff members can be just as important as their classroom learning. I'm grateful for everything that our teachers do all year to help our men succeed and hold them accountable when they need extra guidance or exercise poor judgement.

For example, you may or may not have heard about the #ChromebookChallenge, a Tik Tok trend encouraging students to stick sharp metal objects into the charging and USB ports of school-issued Chromebooks, creating a short, often leading to sparks and even fires. I was alerted to this earlier in the week, and sure enough, we've had a run of Chromebooks less than one-year old being

turned in for repairs...they won't charge for some strange reason?? Some students admitted to what we suspected, and have been disciplined accordingly. For more information, please see the bulletin from New York State posted below regarding this issue.

This is vandalism. It's unacceptable and dangerous. If your son intentionally damages his Chromebook, he will face disciplinary action and will be held responsible for any costs associated with repairing or replacing the devices. I personally visited every classroom today to inform every student in attendance of this issue and the consequences. Please speak to your sons about making good choices regarding trends such as this and others that encourage vandalism in bathrooms and in classrooms.

Speaking of making good decisions, tonight is the Junior/Senior Prom. We want our students to have a fun, memorable, safe experience. Please review the prom rules that were sent out earlier this week. Our Kolbe House faculty will be staffing the event. We're looking forward to a great evening with the upperclassmen!

Thank you to all senior parents who attended the President's Reception on Thursday night. I enjoyed catching up with alumni friends and parents of my English students. The next couple of weeks will be filled with excitement as graduation approaches. Fr. Matt was right when he said that it goes by fast! We appreciate all of the support from senior parents over the years in partnering with us to help your sons grow into St. Francis men.

Last and most importantly...Happy Mother's Day to all of our St. Francis Moms! I hope your weekend is filled with love and appreciation. You deserve it!

Have a great weekend! Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

Mike Messoré '91
Principal



URGENT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

Please open pdf below to enlarge message from Mr. Messoré and Homeland Security.

Information Bulletin

School Response Guidance Document – Chromebook Social Media Trend

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Fire Prevention and Control and the State Education Department have become aware of a dangerous social media trend known as the "Chromebook Trend" or "Chromebook Challenge" that encourages students to insert lead or metal items like paperclips, pushpins, aluminum foil and mechanical pencils into the USB port of their Chromebook forcing an electrical short circuit. This action can result in the failure of the lithium-ion battery in the device, posing a serious fire risk and the production of large quantities of toxic and flammable vapor.

Several incidents have been reported within New York State schools.

Hazard:

The lithium-ion batteries in the laptop can go into thermal runaway causing the release of flammable and toxic vapors. These vapors can ignite causing fires and explosions.

Response:

Do not touch the device! Stay as far away from it as possible.

If safe to do so, ensure you remove the power source if the device is plugged into an outlet for charging.

Follow your building fire evacuation plan. Utilize the **R.A.C.E.** acronym.

- R** - Rescue or remove anyone from the immediate area of the event
- A** - Alarm / notify the building occupants by activating the fire alarm system
- C** - Confine the area by closing the door behind you when evacuating
- E** - Evacuate the building. Do not stay in the area of the device even if there is no visible flame. The smoke released from a battery is toxic and flammable. Extinguish the fire only if it is blocking your exit path and you are trapped. Lithium-ion batteries require specialized techniques to properly extinguish them. Do not attempt to fight a fire if you are not trained to do so.

Report any suspicious activity involving tampering with battery powered electronic devices.

Remove any damaged battery powered electronic devices and dispose of them in accordance with recommended safety practices.

Notify all staff including bus drivers and student guardians, and parents of this trend.

If a device is tampered with at school and it does not fail (catch fire, explode or create vapor), it can still fail and cause a fire or explosion at a much later time when the device is off property such as on a school bus or at home or left unattended.

If a device has been tampered with, do not plug the device in to a power source to charge it.



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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Thank you to our amazing teachers for your kindness, generosity, and dedication. You make a difference in so many lives! Thank you for going the extra mile - every single day!

We celebrated our teachers this week with jumbo cookie treats on Monday and a delicious taco bar lunch on Tuesday courtesy of the Parents Guild. Mr. Messore and Mr. Monahan whipped up a pancake and omelet breakfast this morning to express their gratitude to all of our teachers for everything they do for our boys.



JUSTINIAN 43

Thank you!

On behalf of the entire St. Francis community, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous support of Justinian 43, our most significant fundraising event of the year. Thanks to your remarkable generosity, we are able to continue our mission of providing a transformative Franciscan education to more young men who seek to grow in excellence, character, and faith.

Your contributions—whether from family, friends, or alumni—reflect the enduring spirit of our founder's dream, Fr. Justin Figas. We are truly blessed by your commitment to our students and to the future of St. Francis!



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. Messori (messori@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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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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



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ATHLETICS

SPORTS CALENDAR

May 10

- V Tennis vs. MMHSAA All-Catholic, 9:00 a.m. - Chestnut Ridge Park
- Frosh Baseball vs. Williamsville North, 10:00 a.m. - Williamsville North HS

- JV Lacrosse vs. Lake Shore, 11:00 a.m. - SFHS
- V Lacrosse vs. Lake Shore, 12:00 p.m. - Lake Shore HS
- V Baseball vs. Dunkirk, 1:00 p.m. - Dunkirk HS

May 11

- V Tennis vs. MMHSAA All-Catholic, 9:00 a.m. - Chestnut Ridge Park

May 12

- V Track & Field vs. Canisius, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS
- Frosh Baseball vs. Lancaster, 5:00 p.m. - Lancaster HS

May 13

- V Baseball vs. Cathedral Prep, 4:30 p.m. - Cathedral Prep HS
- V Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's, 5:00 p.m. - SFHS
- JV Baseball vs. Cathedral Prep, 6:30 p.m. - Mercyhurst Prep HS

May 14

- V Baseball vs. Timon, 4:30 p.m. - Cazenovia Park Field
- JV Baseball vs. Timon, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS Sgroi Memorial Field
- Frosh Baseball vs. Lancaster, 5:00 p.m. - SFHS Lower Diamond

May 15

- V Baseball vs. Williamsville North, 4:30 p.m. - Williamsville North HS

May 16

- V Baseball vs. Timon, 4:30 p.m. - SFSH Sgroi Memorial Field
- JV Baseball vs. Timon, 4:30 p.m. - Cazenovia Park Field
- Frosh Baseball vs. Lancaster, 5:30 p.m. - SFHS Lower Diamond

May 17

- Varsity Track & Field All-Catholics, 8:30 a.m. - SFHS



CAMPUS CALENDAR

May 9

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

May 11

- Mother's Day

May 12

- Senior Portrait Make-up Day, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

May 14

- Class of 2029 Orientation, 6:30 p.m. - Alumni Hall Theatre (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)



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