



RED RAIDER REVIEW

May 16, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mr. Michael Messor

Dear St. Francis Families,

This week the Class of 2025, completed their final exams, and we welcomed the Class of 2029 to campus as a group for the first time with the Freshman Orientation. At the orientation, some of the seniors shared stories about their growth since the time they sat in the same seats for their orientation. Another group of our students consisting of juniors and sophomores were in attendance to model our seasonal and spirit-based dress codes before fulfilling an even more important role for the evening—

introducing themselves as mentors and big brothers to the members of the Class of 2029. The night was full of information, setting the tone and expectations, but the opportunity to continue to build and strengthen our community opportunity to connect our incoming students with our student leaders who accepted this responsibility and rearranged their busy schedules to help welcome our new students.

Next week Wednesday, we will celebrate the class of 2025 Baccalaureate Liturgy in Alumni Hall Theatre on campus, then on Friday our young men will receive their St. Francis High School Diplomas during Commencement Exercises at Our Lady of Victory Basilica. We're looking forward

to acknowledging the achievements and successes of our graduates before they take the next steps in their journeys. The achievement and success is not just theirs, as so many people, especially their parents and guardians played an important role in supporting them and providing them the opportunity for a Franciscan education.

With the seniors out of school, our juniors have been preparing to emerge as the new leaders of the school. I signed many forms this week for students to run for leadership positions in their respective houses. The competition in the elections will be fierce, and the creativity of the candidates' campaign poster game is taking off to a level we have not seen in a while. The enthusiasm is encouraging and is a credit to the House Deans and the senior leaders who continued to grow and develop the house system after its inaugural year. Guys are stepping up and buying in. I'm seeing a lot of smiles and positive energy.

Even though the seniors are out of school, the senior athletes are still finishing their seasons and competing for championships. Congratulations to our Varsity Lacrosse team on a big, 17-6 win over Timon yesterday and good luck in the next round! Track and Field will compete in the All-Catholics this weekend in pursuit of a postseason championship to follow up on their regular season title. The Varsity baseball team is gearing up for an end-of-the-season run, and the wrestling team is hosting an off-season tournament.

The Fine Arts Department is still hard at work as well with our Jazz Band playing in the Hamburg Music Festival today and our dramatic performers heading Downtown to Shea's Buffalo to showcase their talents on the big stage at the Shea's Wonder Awards. Break a leg, guys!

Have great weekend! Go Red Raiders!

Sincerely,
Mike Messoro '91
Principal

UNDERCLASSMEN EXAM INFO AND SCHEDULE

FINAL EXAM PROCEDURES

The administration of the final exams for all underclassmen will take place during **June 6, 2025 through June 13, 2025**. All students are expected to be present for their examination. 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.



All final exams will take place in the Main Gym. **All morning exams will start promptly at 8:30 am and all afternoon exams will start promptly at 11:30 am.** The minimum time allowed for each exam is 1 hour and 30 minutes. The maximum time allowed for each exam is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

All students should enter through the doors near the Auditorium on LaSalle Ave and wait in the foyer by the Campus Store until allowed entry for the exam. No students should enter through the gymnasium!

Students are expected to continue to follow the rules of the St. Francis High School Student Handbook. Students may receive behavioral consequences including detentions for any misbehavior before, during, and/or after the administration of the exams while on campus. Students should be respectful of those taking the exams while on campus. If students decide to venture off campus they are reminded that they still represent St. Francis High School. **Every student should be sensitive to the reputation of St. Francis High School in the local community and refrain from any form of public misconduct or illegal behavior that will tarnish his own reputation and that of the school.** Any reports made to school administrators of student misconduct or unacceptable behavior are liable to disciplinary action.

Please note that transportation for exam week will be at the normal times both in the morning and afternoon. **The Student Dining Room will be open in the morning for breakfast ONLY. THERE ARE NO MID-DAY BUSES.** Additionally, all students must follow the 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)

FINAL EXAM DRESS CODE:

The following will apply during the exams:

- Students **MUST** wear a St. Francis Polo
- Students may **ONLY** wear either dress shorts or dress pants; **NO** jeans, sweatpants, or gym shorts
- Students may **ONLY** wear casual shoes, sneakers, or dress shoes



Final Exam Schedule 2025

ALL exams will be located in the Main Gym. Students should enter through the Auditorium Foyer.

Monday June 2nd	Tuesday June 3rd	Wednesday June 4th	Thursday June 5th	Friday June 6th
Regular School Day	Regular School Day	Last Day of Classes (Full Day)	House Celebration Day (Full Day)	8:30 am - Science Biology Earth Science
				11:30 am - Science Chemistry Physics

Monday June 9th	Tuesday June 10th	Wednesday June 11th	Thursday June 12th	Friday June 13th
8:30 am - Spanish SPA 1 SPA 2 SPA 3 SPA 4	8:30 am - English Freshmen/ Sophomores	8:30 am - Math Int. Math 9 Int. Math 10	8:30 am - Religion Freshmen / Sophomores	8:30 am - Social Studies Buffalo Hist./Global 1 Global 2
11:30 am - NO EXAM Study Hours	11:30 am - English Juniors	11:30 am - <u>Math</u> Int. Math 11 Pre-Calculus	11:30 am - Religion Juniors	11:30 am - Social Studies US History

***Students with accommodations, approved by the Counseling Office, will report to room 2D for the exams**

****Breakfast will still be available in the SDR each morning**

*****Transportation will be the same as a normal school day**

SENIOR - JUNIOR PROM

The Seniors and Juniors enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing with their dates at Orchard Park Country Club last Friday evening.





FINE ARTS

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The St. Francis Jazz Ensemble kicked off Hamburg Music Fest this afternoon at Fattey Beer. They were joined by former St. Francis Fine Arts Director, Craig Fattey and Jacob Gearhardt, '24.



TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Depew School District

Depew Schools have a Superintendent's Conference Day on **Monday May 19th** and **will not be** transporting on that day. St. Francis is in session so students will have to provide their own transportation to school.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MAJOR TUITION ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA EARLY COLLEGE

For students looking to get a jump start on their College Education, the University of Alabama is offering online courses for High School Students starting at \$33 per Credit Hour. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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



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ATHLETICS

LANDON WELKA & BRODY SAM REACH LACROSSE CAREER GOALS

On May 6th Landon Welka '25 eclipsed the 200-point mark in his varsity lacrosse career. During senior night Landon scored 4 goals and added 3 assists to bring his point total to 203 (145G 58A). The Red Raiders would go on to beat St. Mary's of Lancaster 19-4. Landon recently signed with Mercyhurst University to continue his lacrosse and academic career.

In the lacrosse team's following game vs Nichols, on May 8th, Goalie Brody Sam '26 reached 500 career saves. Brody would end the night with 510 career saves.



Landon Welka



Brody Sam

SPORTS CALENDAR

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

May 18

- Varsity Track & Field All-Catholics, 2:00 p.m. - SFHS
- V Lacrosse Semi-Finals vs. Nichols, 3:00 p.m. - Canisius University

May 19

- JV Baseball vs. Canisius, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS Sgroi Memorial Field
- Frosh Baseball vs. Orchard Park, 5:00 p.m. - Orchard Park - Barrow's Field
- V Baseball vs. Canisius, 5:00 p.m. - Canisius Stransky Sports Complex

May 20

- V Baseball vs. Canisius, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS Sgroi Memorial Field
- JV Baseball vs. Canisius, 4:30 p.m. - Canisius Stransky Sports Complex
- Frosh Baseball vs. Orchard Park, 5:00 p.m. - SFHS Lower Diamond

May 22

- Frosh Baseball vs. Orchard Park, 5:00 p.m. - Orchard Park Barrow's Field

May 23

- JV Baseball vs. St. Joe's, 4:30 p.m. - SFHS

May 24

- Varsity Track & Field CHSAA Intersectional, 9:00 a.m. - Icahn Stadium



CAMPUS CALENDAR

May 18

- Fine Arts Banquet, 5:00 p.m. - Illo DiPaolo's Banquet Center

May 20

- **Mandatory** Graduation Rehearsal, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Victory Basilica

May 21

- Baccalaureate Liturgy, 7:00 p.m. - Alumni Hall Theatre - Admittance by ticket only

May 23

- Commencement Exercises, 7:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Victory Basilica - Admittance by ticket only
- **NO CLASSES**
- Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



ADMISSIONS

2025 RISING RED RAIDER 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: 8:30 AM–2:30 PM (Mon-Thurs); Fridays 8:30 AM–12:00 PM (Field Trips)

Cost: \$250 **for a limited time only!*

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
- The Prep course cost 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 picture to register!](#)

ATHLETIC SUMMER CAMPS

Our Athletic Summer Camps focus on improving skills and knowledge in specific sports. Taught by St. Francis High School coaches, the camps take place in state-of-the-art athletic facilities. [Click the picture to access the registration form for the following camps:](#)



Basketball Camp

July 28th - July 31st

\$199

Football Camp

July 21 - July 24th

\$115

Lacrosse Camp

August 4th - August 7th

\$115

Baseball Camp

August 4th - August 6th

\$100

XC & Track Camp

August 11th - August 14th

\$100

Soccer Camp

June 23rd - June 26th

\$149

Grammar Basketball Camp (entering 3rd, 4th, 5th)

July 7th - July 10th

\$115

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