

COLLEGE CONNECTION

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KEY DATES

JANUARY 12

COLLEGE STUDENT PANEL (JUNIORS/ SENIORS) during Empower Hour

- **JANUARY 13**
Final Add/Drop Day for 2nd Semester Courses
- **JANUARY 16**
Career Connections Panel: Medical (LC | Empower Hour)
- **JANUARY 14-30**
Class of '27 Individual Registration Meetings
- **JANUARY 22**
Career Connections Panel: Political Science/Law (LC | Empower Hour)
- **JANUARY 23**
2026 St. Dominic Trades Expo (10am-1:30pm)
- **JANUARY 26**
All Class of '27 Registration Meeting (PAC | 11:35am)
- **JANUARY 29**
All Class of '29 Registration Meeting (PAC | 11:15am)
All Class of '28 Registration Meeting (PAC | 11:35am)
- **FEBRUARY 2**
2026-27 Course Registration Begins

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Angela is a licensed Missouri real estate professional for Network Global. She attended Truman State University and will be part of the St. Dominic Business Career Connection Panel on February 26th.

[FULL INTERVIEW](#)


SPOTLIGHT

JAN
12

College Student Panel (Juniors/Seniors)
PAC | Empower Hour

Ten St. Dominic Class of '25 graduates will be on campus for a college, trade school, and career panel. They will discuss the college application process, financial aid, housing, how to choose the best school or career path, and life after high school. Schools and programs represented include Mizzou, Kansas State University, Drake University, Missouri S&T, Skin Institute, State Tech, Boehmer Brothers Utility Supply Company, SCAAD and several others.



HELPFUL Tips



Resume Writing Tips

- ✓ **Tailor Your Resume:** Customize your resume for each application by including keywords from the job description and prioritizing the most relevant experiences.
- ✓ **Use Action Verbs:** Start bullet points with strong action verbs to describe your achievements (e.g., managed, coordinated, assisted, created).
- ✓ **Keep it Concise:** A high school resume should generally be one page long.
- ✓ **Proofread Carefully:** Errors in grammar or spelling can detract from your professionalism. Have a trusted adult, teacher, or career counselor review your resume.
- ✓ **Choose a Clean Format:** Use an easy-to-read font (e.g., Calibri, Arial, Garamond) and ensure plenty of white space. You can find free templates on sites like Canva, Microsoft Word, or Google Docs.
- ✓ **Study with others:** Work with a study group to discuss material and reinforce your learning.

Key Steps to Asking for References

1. **Ask for Permission First (Don't Assume):** Never add someone to a list without their OK.
2. **Choose the Right Method:** A phone call is personal, but an email gives them time to think and respond comfortably.
3. **Be Clear & Specific:**
 1. State the role and company you're applying for.
 2. Explain why you're asking them, mentioning specific skills or projects you shared.
 3. Ask if they are comfortable or willing to provide a positive reference, rather than just "Will you be my reference?"
4. **Provide Materials:** Send your updated resume and the job description so they can tailor their comments.
5. **Give Time & Details:** Give them advance notice and provide contact info they're comfortable with.
6. **Say Thank You:** Express gratitude when they agree and update them if you get the job.

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GUIDANCE Focus

Class of 2027

Registration Meetings

Beginning the week of January 12th, Mrs. Nero (A-K) and Mrs. Koepke (L-Z) will begin meeting with all juniors individually to discuss the senior course schedule, graduation requirements and college planning. Students will receive an email from their College Guidance Coordinator with a specific date and time for this meeting. It is very important that students mark this down and attend this meeting to prepare for 2026-27 Course Registration.



COLLEGE Planning

Scholarship

- Where is the money? Check out our live list of FREE scholarships that you can apply for!
- Also, check out these popular search engines to locate more scholarships specific to your student:
[My Scholarship Central](#) | [Scholarships.com](#)

2025-2026
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



CLASS OF 2026

Report all Earned Scholarships [HERE](#)

SCOIR CHECKLIST

- Complete your profile
- Add colleges to your list (e.g., "Following" or "Applied")
- Request teacher recommendations
- Request transcripts
- Update application status (e.g., "Accepted," "Waitlisted," "Denied")
- Indicate your final college choice by marking yourself as "Enrolling"



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HELPFUL Links

- ▶ **College Guidance**
stdominichs.org/academics/college
- ▶ **Scoir**
scoir.com
- ▶ **Scholarships**
fastweb.com | myscholly.com
- ▶ **FAFSA**
studentaid.gov
- ▶ **Common App**
commonapp.org
- ▶ **NCAA Eligibility**
web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3
- ▶ **ACT**
act.org
- ▶ **SAT**
satsuite.collegeboard.org



JANUARY COLLEGE Visits

Students of all grade levels have the unique opportunity to connect with college representatives during Empower Hour in the Eisenbath Atrium. **The following colleges will be on campus during the dates noted below.**



High Point University
1/21/26



Kansas State University
2/5/26



Ole Miss
2/12/26

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