

SPORTS

RECOGNITION NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026





To All Loyal Red Raiders,

Welcome to our 48th Sports Awards Ceremony for St. Francis High School. We are excited to take time as we conclude the 2025-2026 school year to look back and acknowledge our accomplishments throughout the year. Our Teams and its members represented St. Francis High School with class and dignity along with a consistent high level of competitiveness necessary to take on the challenges our teams face with their schedules. Thank you for being here and for all of your support during the course of the year. So much of what we do is accomplished by all of us working together to give our guys the opportunity to represent themselves, their families and St. Francis High School. It is amazing what we can accomplish when no one cares who gets the credit. I am so proud of the men of St. Francis who work day in and day out to make great things possible by working to be the best version of themselves.

Thank you to the Bycina, Jablonski, Pace and Wilson Families for all of your support you give to St. Francis High School with your scholarship awards. Their memorial awards represent the attributes that lead to success not just in the sports or competitions these young men take on now in their High School career at St. Francis High School but to win the biggest game of all life. May the St. Francis brothers of these men whom these awards are dedicated to here tonight appreciate the acknowledgement of their work while representing St. Francis High School. May all of us here take something from their stories to seek improvement in ourselves and carry on the attributes these men represented. May God give them and their families Peace as we remind them here tonight that they remain part of the fabric that is the St. Francis Family.

To the seniors, Thank you for all that you accomplished here in your time at St. Francis. So many of you took on the expectation to be a leader and a foundation for your teams to take on the challenges you faced during the season. Those memories and life lessons will serve you well as you leave St. Francis and strive to find your life's work. I hope all of you take those steps in your life with the passion and the commitment you gave to our school and to our programs. I hope all of you take St. Francis with you as it remains the foundation of your successes in the Future. Be Humble & Kind.

Nights like tonight are made possible by your support. May our working together continue as we move forward dedicated to our process that sees our young men evolve both in academics and athletics. Thank you to all of our patrons and those who support tonight. Our entire staff in Athletics is grateful for your help throughout our school along with supporting this evening. Our coaches remain our best resource as they continue to work to make our men and our teams formidable in our leagues, New York State, and nationally. Thank you for what you do to help our athletes. We remain determined to build off of our proud tradition and look to strive even higher believing in our values and the Franciscan education that is the foundation of our success. Thank you for believing in St. Francis and making this school special. Finally, Thank you Fr. Matt, Mr. Michael Messore and the entire St. Francis Administration who play a vital role in our ability to make these opportunities possible.

St. Francis Pray for Us.

Go Red Raiders!

God Bless

Steve Otremba, Athletic Director

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Mr. Sam Hendricks Sports Information Director

Fr Matthew Foley, OFM Conv. . . . President of St. Francis High School

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mr. Sam Hendricks

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Mr. Sam Hendricks

Mr. Jerry Smith

Mr. Jesse White

Mr. Ron Lorenz

Mr. Carl Clark

Mr. Nik Fattey '97, HOF '08

Mr. Jack Panek

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS AND SERVICE PINS

Mr. Sam Hendricks

Mr. Brian Ferris '00, HOF '10

Mr. Jack Panek

Mr. Bob Hasenoerhl

Mr. Nate Suchyna '00, HOF '10

Mr. Alex Schaffstall '12

PRESENTATION OF TEAM INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Mr. Sam Hendricks

Mr. Brian Ferris '00, HOF '10

Mr. Jack Panek

Mr. Bob Hasenoerhl

Mr. Nate Suchyna '00, HOF '10

Mr. Alex Schaffstall '12

PRESENTATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM AWARDS AND PRESENTATION OF ALL CATHOLIC/ALL STAR AWARDS

Mr. Nate Suchyna

Championship Team Coaches

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Mr. Sam Hendricks

A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE GYMNASIUM



ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

RED RAIDER ATHLETICS 2025-2026

ADMINISTRATION AND COACHING STAFF



Friar Matthew Foley, President, OFM Conv.

Mr. Michael Messore, Principal

Mr. Timothy Monahan, Assistant Principal

Mr. Kyle Anderson, Dean of Students

Mrs. Sue Schaffstall, Vice President of Marketing and Communications

Mr. Paul Bartell, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations

Mr. Steve Otremba, Director of Athletics

Mr. Alex Schaffstall, Assistant Director of Athletics

Mr. Sam Hendricks, Sports Information Director

Mr. Nate Suchyna, Director of Admissions, Athletic Trainer

Mr. David Dyson, Athletic Trainer

Cross Country – Jon Kiefer, Kevin Hoak, Alex Schaffstall

Football – Jerry Smith, Steve Otremba, Craig Browning, James Patterson, Mike Chuchla, Domonic Cook Sr., Scott Greenough, Greg Greenough, Lee Behnke, Nathan Jobe, Bob Kendall, Kevin Murphy, Adam Redden, Brandon Bradshaw, Bob Wesolek

Golf - Chuck Stephenson, Mike Cullen, John Tebeau

Soccer – Carl Clark, Arek Janiga, Matthew Albrecht, Steven-Lewis Dickey

Volleyball – Rob Klumpp, Bob Hasenoehrl

Basketball – Brian Ferris, Todd Zielinski, Chris Hoak, Conrad Gawronski, Dorion Ivey, Noah Grabar, Nick Kryszak

Bowling – Jason Cretacci, Ryan Crapo

Hockey – Nik Fattey, Jordan Farnham, Eric Urbank, Marc Fattey, Chris Ciamaga, Jack Panek, Kevin Wicka, Mike Rogan, Joe Guenther, Steve Monaco, Chris Roswell, Joe Coniglio

Hockey Moderator – Jason Cretacci

Indoor Track – Arek Janiga, Bob Hasenoehrl, Alex Schaffstall

Swimming – Brandon Gaspar, Alexis Slimak

Wrestling – Ron Lorenz, Steve Hart, Brad Devlin, Kellen Devlin, Kevin Lucinski, Jesse White, Jeff Catrabone,

Baseball – Paul Bartell, John Catanzaro, Gary Kaczor, Ed Hoak, Craig Browning, Chris Hoak, Pat Gavigan

Lacrosse – Mike Burke, Fred White, Kyle Zitnik, AJ Lahrs, Joe Coniglio, Josh Pavlovich

Tennis – David Wiencek

Track and Field – Steve Otremba, Nate Suchyna, Bob Hasenoehrl, Arek Janiga, Alex Schaffstall

GO RED RAIDERS!

CLASS OF 2026

Tanyon Aquila
Prep Hoc

Nathan Barnas
V Soc, Ind T&F, T&F

Andrew Boyd
Prep Hoc

Zach Caldwell
V Wres

Cole Cervoni
Golf

Bradyn Chudoba
V Hoc, V Base

Hayden Cole
Prep Hoc

Gavyn Cotter
V Hoc

Patrick Coughlin
V XC, V Lax

Timothy Coughlin
V XC, V Bkt, V Lax

Tyler Dusza
Prep Hoc

Cullen Edwards
V Wres

Andrew Ellman
V Bowl

Thomas Fino
V FB

Joshua Fischer
V Soc, Ind T&F, T&F

Connor Flood
V Soc

Mason Fox
JV Bowl

Cristopher Gosciack
V Soc, V Hoc

Peter Gow
V Soc

Garrick Green
V Soc, V Hoc

Garrick Green
V Hoc

La'rafus Green
V FB

David Haj
V FB

Larry Hardy III
V FB

Kole Haseley
V Wres

Kaden Heidt
V Lax

Cam Hill
Prep Hoc

Dominic Inera
V Soc, V Bkt

Dimitrius Jovic
V Wres

Brayden Keppel
Golf, V Bowl, V Hoc

Logan Knodel
V Bowl

Luke Lanning
V VB, Tennis

Griffin LaPlante
V Wres

Andrew Lindstrom
V FB, V Bkt

Jamison LiVecchi
Golf

Troy Massey
Prep Hoc

Connor Matte
V Hoc

Tim McCann
V FB, T&F

Owen Miller
V Wres, V Lax

Will Miller
Prep Hoc

Gabriel Moran
V Bowl

Andrew Mroz
V Hoc

Connor Nannen
Golf, Prep Hoc, V Base

Evan Newby-McKinnie
V Bkt

Dylan Noecker
V Base

Evan Noecker
V FB, V Bkt, V Base

Mason Nurmi
V Soc, V Swim, Tennis

James O'Brien
V Base

Luke Panzarella
V Base

Nico Pinelli
V FB

Thomas Pivarunas
V XC, Ind T&F, T&F

Maguire Proulx
Prep Hoc

Brady Rakoski
V Hoc, V Lax

Nathan Riechenberg
V XC

Kyle Roth
V XC, T&F

Jack Salerno
V VB, V Base

Brody Sam
V Lax

Cash Sam
V Lax

Josiah Schoch
V Swim, Tennis

Donovan Schwanz
V Lax

Vincent Scott
V FB, V Lax

Jacob Shull
V Hoc

Joshua Sikorski
V Hoc, V Lax

Sam Skalski
V FB

Tage Stroh
V Lax

Frank Suda
V Hoc

Aidan Wallace
V VB, Ind T&F, T&F

Colton Warner
V VB, Ind T&F, T&F

Rory White
V Wres

Brandon Wiefert
V Wres

William Wortkoetter
V FB, V Wres

Oleg Zaitsev
V Swim

Matthew Zielinski
V FB, V Bkt

CLASS OF 2027

Logan Aiello
Prep Hoc

Cam Alessandra
V Hoc

Andre Amos
V FB, T&F

Alexander Bacon
V FB, V Bkt

Isaac Bennett
Tennis

Matthew Borrello
V Base

Chase Bousquet
Golf, V Hoc, V Lax

Nathan Brese
V Base

Michael Brozyna
V VB, JV Bowl, Tennis

Trent Buttles
V FB

Tim Cich
V VB

Tyrone Clark Jr.
V FB

Cameron Connolly
Ind T&F, T&F

Domonic Cook Jr.
V FB

Matthew Cook
JV Soc

Aidan Curran
V Base

Romello Dunn
V FB

Reed Eckhert
V Soc, V Lax

Josh Eigbe
V FB, T&F

Gavin Evtimovski
Prep Hoc

Liam Fattey
V Soc, Prep Hoc

Luke Fleischman
V FB

Jordan Folch
V FB

Nathan Fredenburg
V VB, V Bowl, Tennis

Landon Govan
V FB

Evan Greenough
V FB, V Lax

Jhensen Hernandez
V Bkt, V Base

Aiden Hopwood
V FB

Luke Janak
Golf

Jacob Janis
V FB

Brenin Jemiolo
Prep Hoc

Brady Jones
JV Red Hoc

Jayden Jones
V FB

Jackson Kalinowski
V Base

Brayden Kellison-Neglia
V Wres

Ryan Lavelle
V Swim

Jacob Long
V VB, Tennis

Ethan Marasciulo
JV White Hoc

Zak Massaro
V Wres

Owen Miller
V Hoc

Everett Mullins
Golf, V Hoc

Cameron Munley
V Lax

Anwar Musleh
T&F, Prep Hoc

Max McCarthy
V Wres

Kane O'Connor
V Soc, Prep Hoc

Evan Pierce
V Hoc

Cole Rodo
V FB, V Bkt

Aidan Rogers
JV Red Hoc, V Base

Brooks Runfolo
V FB, V Lax

Ronald Rytel
V Bowl

Tyler Same
V Hoc

Matthew Schaller
V Base

Shawn Scott
V Base

Isaac Snyder
V XC, Ind T&F, T&F

Shepard Snyder
V Soc, Ind T&F, T&F

Blake Stepniak
V Base

Connor Sutter
V Soc, Prep Hoc

Lucas Szczesniak
V Bkt

Lo'Ren Thompson
V FB, V Bkt, T&F

Lukas Tokasz
V Soc, JV Red Hoc

Zachary Tyszka
V VB, V Bkt, T&F

David Valdez
V Soc, V Swim, Tennis

Richard Ventry
V VB

Noah Violanti
V FB, T&F

Terrance Ware
V FB

Matthew Warnes
V Base

Gabe Waterman
Prep Hoc

Ryan Werner
Prep Hoc

Cam Wiepert
V Wres

John Winseman
V Wres

Donavin Wittschack
V XC

Kaiden Wright
V FB, Ind T&F, T&F

Thomas Zawada
V VB

CLASS OF 2028

Luke Anderson
V Soc, JV Bkt, JV Lax

Mason Anderson
V FB, V Bkt

Rocco Batt
V Wres

Billy Battleson
JV FB, JV Base

Edward Bauerlein
JV FB

Ronald Bolognese
V Bkt

Carter Bradshaw
JV FB, Ind T&F, T&F

Tremayne Brooks
JV FB

Anthony Brown
JV Red Hoc

Izuba Buhendwa
JV Soc, T&F

Steven Carpenter Jr.
JV FB

Tanner Catrabone
V Wres

Jacob Cervi
Golf, JV Base

Jacob Ciamaga
Golf, JV White Hoc

Elijah Clark
JV Soc, Ind T&F, T&F

Joseph Colantino
JV FB, V Wres, JV Base

Joseph Colantino
JV Base

Matthew Coniglio
JV Lax

Matthew Coniglio
JV Red Hoc, JV Lax

Abdiel Cordero
JV FB

Thomas Cosen
V FB, JV Base

Jeremyah Costner
JV FB

Carter Cuzzupoli
V Hoc

Lucas Cybulski
V Hoc, V Base

Matheu Drewiega
JV Bkt

Parker Fannan
JV Lax

Justin Fera
JV FB

Liam Folckemer
JV Red Hoc, JV Lax

Jiovanni Fomby
Ind T&F

Evan Frascella
JV FB, T&F

Kelly Freeman
V Soc

Jeremy Gauthier
V FB, Ind T&F, T&F

Sam Glauser
JV FB, V Wres, T&F

Evan Graham
JV VB, JV Lax

Ali Hamideh
V Wres

Jacob Hanks
JV Base

Dylan Hartnett
V Swim

Justin Hauret
JV Red Hoc

Collin Heftka
V XC, JV Base

Cole Herc
JV White Hoc, JV Base

Noah Johnson
JV FB

Zah'ki Johnson
JV FB

Mason Kendall
JV FB

Jonovan Kristan
JV Base

Jordan Lindsay
JV FB, JV Bkt

Kenneth Litzinger III
V FB

Cameron London
JV FB

Trevor Mahoney
V Soc, Ind T&F, V Lax

Sam Mata
JV FB, V Lax

Thomas McCann
JV FB, T&F

Dami'on McGrier
JV FB, Ind T&F, T&F

Damon McGrier Jr.
V FB, T&F

Samuel McLaughlin
JV FB

Mason Mitchell
JV FB, Ind T&F, T&F

Michael Morgan
JV FB, JV Bkt

Jamar Nevins Jr.
JV FB

Jakob Nurmi
JV VB, Tennis

Teagan Nyitrai
JV FB

Kane O'Connor
Prep Hoc

Aiden Pickard
V Swim

Camp Pokigo
JV Red Hoc

Jonathan Quinones
JV FB, T&F

Isaac Rainville
V Hoc

Thomas Reaska
JV FB, V Bkt

Jack Riehle
JV White Hoc, JV Base

Charles Roberts
Golf, T&F

Dominic Rodo
JV Bkt

Luke Ruszaj
JV FB, T&F

Corey Sauberan
JV Lax

Michael Scerra
JV Soc

Cayden Schaus
JV VB

Dylan Schindler
JV White Hoc

Evan Sedota
V XC, JV Bowl

Brendan Skalski
JV FB

Joshua Skarbowski
JV White Hoc

Christian Spicer
JV FB, V Lax

Xavier Stack
JV FB, V Lax

Sean Sullivan
V Hoc

Mike Szilagyi
JV Base

Melvin Tillman Jr.
JV FB

Noah Venditti
JV Base

Jayden Wagner
JV Red Hoc

Gavin Walczak
JV FB

Evan Weyer
V Soc, Tennis

Jakob White
JV Red Hoc, JV Lax

JB Wilson
JV Soc, JV Bkt

Patrick Winseman
V Wres

Luke Wischman
V Soc, Ind T&F, T&F

Chase Ziobro
V Base

CLASS OF 2029

Ethan Astyk
Fr FB, JV Bkt, JV Base

Marius Austin Jr
Fr FB, Ind T&F, T&F

A.J. Ball
Ind T&F

Lonny Bauer
Fr FB, Fr Bkt, Fr Base

Noah Bly
Fr FB

Keaton Braun
V Hoc

Jack Brostko
JV Red Hoc, Fr Base

Jamison Bryan
JV VB, JV Bkt

Mason Carl
JV Lax

Giovanni Cerrone
Fr FB, JV Lax

Michael Cerrone
Fr FB, V Lax

Luke Cervoni
Fr Bkt

Gunner Clinch
Fr FB, Fr Base

Nunzio Coniglio
Fr FB, Fr Bkt, Fr Base

Ja'Meir Cooper
Fr FB

Landon Currie
Fr FB, Fr Base

Cole Daigler
JV White Hoc

Dom Darch
V Wres

Matthew Davis
JV Soc, JV Bowl, Ind T&F

Mikey DeLong
JV White Hoc, JV Lax

Nick Diamond
JV Bowl

Oskar Doerflein
V XC, V Wres, T&F

Jack Dulak
Fr Bkt

Jalin Eldridge
Fr FB

Tyler Fischer
JV Soc, Ind T&F, T&F

Evan Fisher
JV Soc, Ind T&F, Fr Base

Davion Fugate
JV Bkt

Ronald Gang
V XC, JV White Hoc, Fr Base

Jax Giorgis
JV White Hoc

Cullen Gorman
Fr FB

Dash Gorman
JV Soc, Fr Bkt

Dash Gorman
JV Soc

Levi Haas
Golf, Ind T&F

Brayden Hammer
JV Red Hoc

Sami Hanash
JV Red Hoc

Jack Hannon
V Wres

Max Hohle
JV Lax

Brayden Ibowicz
V Wres

Brennan Keane
JV Lax, JV White Hoc

Koston Kelly
JV White Hoc

Jeremiah Kidd
Fr FB, Fr Bkt

Brayden Kobylski
JV White Hoc

Collin Kriegbaum
JV White Hoc, JV Base

Jaden Lahrs
Fr FB, JV Lax

Khade Lester
Fr FB, V Lax

Matt Malicki
Fr FB, V Lax

Milo Manske
JV VB, JV Red Hoc

Sonny Martinez
Fr FB, V Wres

Connor McCall
Fr FB, JV Red Hoc

Benjamin McCann
JV Red Hoc, JV Lax

Amir McCarty Zachary
Fr FB

Gabriel McDougall
Fr FB

Quentin McNeill Jr
Fr FB

Chris Michalek
V Wres

Christian Modica
JV Soc

Tyler Morgan
JV FB, Fr Bkt

Xavier Mulvihill
JV FB, T&F

Brady O'Connor
V Hoc

Kayden Oyer
JV Red Hoc, JV Lac

Dominic Papa
V XC, Ind T&F, Fr Base, T&F

Aiden Primiano
JV White Hoc

Sawyer Quinn
V XC, V Swim, Tennis

Tremaine Richardson
Fr FB

Tyler Rider
JV Soc, JV Red Hoc

Navi Rivers
Fr FB

William Roberts
Fr Bkt

William Roberts
Fr Base

Adam Rogers
Fr FB, JV Red Hoc, JV Lax

Mason Roth
JV VB

Nicholas Russo
JV Soc, JV White Hoc

Cory Sauberan
JV White Hoc

Joshua Schaller
Fr Base

Eric Stevens Jr.
Fr FB, Fr Bkt, Fr Base

Lexton Switzer
JV Red Hoc

Mason Syracuse
JV Soc, JV Red Hoc, JV Lax

Jaxon Tocco
V Wres

Francis Torchia
JV Soc, JV White Hoc, JV Lax

Max Trowbridge
Golf, JV Red Hoc, JV Lax

Evan Utley
Golf, Fr Base

Matthew Vacanti
JV Soc, JV White Hoc

Jameir Vincent
Fr FB

Daniel Wagner
Fr FB

Ben Wasiura
Fr Bkt, Fr Base

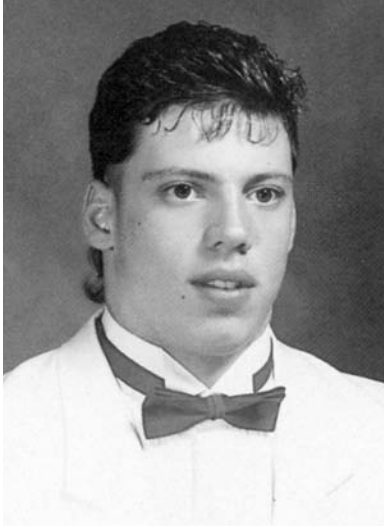
Eli Webb
JV VB, V Wres

Emmett Wheeler
JV White Hoc, Fr Base

Jackson Winkelman
Fr FB, Fr Bkt, JV Base

Joshua Wintringer
JV Soc, Ind T&F, Fr Base

SCHOLARSHIPS



RONALD A. PACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Ron Pace, a 1990 St. Francis graduate who passed away shortly after graduating, would like to present annually a football scholarship and plaque to a deserving graduate.

Ron had a great love and respect for St. Francis High School, and the sports he participated in – football, wrestling and lacrosse. Despite being dyslexic, Ron set and achieved outstanding goals for himself in the classroom and in sports.

This scholarship, therefore, is awarded to a senior who also displays a perseverance in maintaining academic standards in the classroom and also fulfills his desire to compete athletically.



GEORGE WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The George Wilson Memorial Scholarship is presented in memory of a long time benefactor of St. Francis High School.

This scholarship is awarded annually with pride by the Wilson and White families.

The scholarship will go to an underclassman that best exemplifies the spirit, hard work and community involvement that emanated throughout George Wilson's life. This athlete must participate in Wrestling, Football or both and must be well-rounded, have a love of St. Francis High School and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Midshipman 1st Class

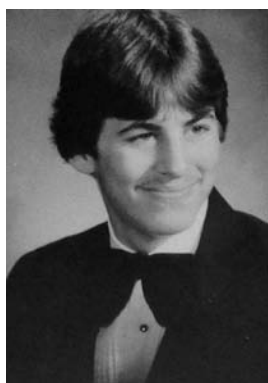
Jason D. Jablonski SALUTE Award

The Jablonski family is humbled to honor their son/brother, Jason 'JJ' Jablonski, a 2013 graduate and 2018 inductee into the Fr. Rufinus Niedzwiecki Athletic Hall of Fame.

With wholehearted belief that he would not have received an Appointment to the Naval Academy without the education and growth as a young man while attending St Francis High School, JJ was humbly grateful for the opportunities he was blessed with while there including being Yearbook Editor, and a member of the Soccer, Hockey and Track & Field teams.

JJ had the innate ability to be both encouraging and commanding while upholding the hallmark humbleness of a St. Francis gentleman and a US Naval Academy Midshipman. This award will go to a current Sophomore or Junior who best demonstrates these qualities, attributes and skills that made him such an impact on everyone he met, mostly being a respected teammate/leader who made those around him better and a worthy foe feared by opposing teams. This athlete must participate in Soccer, Hockey or both and must be a demonstrated leader on and off the field.

S - Selfless
A - Acts of
L - Leadership to
U - Unite
T - Teammates to
E - Excel



Michael Bycina Optimist Award

A member of St. Francis High School's Class of 1982, Michael J. Bycina was a devoted husband, father, son, friend, coach and mentor remembered for his robust personality, strong work ethic, unwavering faith and enthusiastic outlook on life.

An outstanding hockey player, he skated for the Buffalo Regals and Junior Sabres before playing collegiately at the University of Waterloo. Mike went on to play professionally in the Atlantic Coast League, International Hockey League and American Hockey League. In 1985, he participated in the Buffalo Sabres Training Camp after receiving an invitation from legendary NHL Hall of Fame Coach Scotty Bowman. Mike's passion for hockey was lifelong as he coached in several youth organizations after his career ended, inspiring young players throughout Western New York with his ever-present smile and constant encouragement.

While Mike is no longer with us, his legacy of positivity and optimism lives on through his wife Dina, children Michael John and Allana, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

ST. FRANCIS SPORTS REVIEW

BASEBALL

VARSITY BASEBALL

The 2026 varsity baseball season began with the annual spring training trip to Tampa, FL where the team practiced and played high schools from Florida, gaining valuable time outside during what would turn out to be incredibly rainy spring in Western New York.

The poor weather limited the number of non-league games played as the Red Raiders finished tied for 4th in Monsignor Martin Athletic Association before bowing out in the first round of the Georgetown Cup playoffs 4-3 to St. Joe's in extra innings.

Aidan Curran '27, Blake Stepniak '27, Matt Warnes '27 and Chase Ziobro '28 provided stability with Curran providing the pitching highlight of the season by tossing a no-hitter against Bishop Timon-St. Jude. Other key players included seniors James O'Brien, Luke Panzarella and sophomore Lucas Cybulski.

Congrats to Luke Panzarella (Alfred State) and Finger Lakes commits James O'Brien, Dylan Noecker, and Evan Noecker on moving on to the next level to continue their academic and baseball careers at the collegiate level.

JV BASEBALL

The 2026 St. Francis JV Baseball team finished the season with a strong 10-4 overall record, showing consistent improvement throughout the year and receiving contributions from across the roster.

Offensively, the lineup was led by several productive hitters. Jackson Winkelman led the team in hits with 18 on his 41 at bats averaging .439 and scoring 16 runs which tied for 2nd on the team with Jack Reihle who had 12 hits. Noah Vendetti had an outstanding season at the plate, batting .444 to lead the team in batting average. Ethan Astyk (.410) and Billy Battleson (.390) each recorded 16 hits, helping provide stability at the top of the order, while Battleson scored a team-high 18 runs. Joe Colantino (.343) added power to the lineup with a home run and 12 runs, and Jonovan Kristen contributed a balanced offensive season with a .370 average, 10 hits, and 15 runs scored.

The team showed depth throughout the batting order with 9 players hitting over .300, the 6 already mentioned and also Mike Szilagyi (.355) with 11 hits, Cole Herc (.333) and Collin Heftka (.308). Tommy Cosen contributed both offensively and on the mound, drawing six hit-by-pitches and recording extra-base hits while also serving as one of the team's primary pitchers.

Pitching was another major strength for the team. Cosen handled a large portion of the innings workload, recording 28 strikeouts over nearly 30 innings pitched while earning three wins. Jonovan Kristen added three wins of his own and struck out 19 batters in 16 innings. Cervi was highly effective posting a 2-0 record with 18 strikeouts in 9 innings pitched. Freshmen Ethan Astyk and Collin Kriegbaum also had 1 win earned on the mound. The staff showed resilience and depth throughout the season, helping the team secure key victories.

Game highlights from the season include a 15-6 win over Nichols to start the year, which was followed up by an 8-3, 7-inning no-hitter in the rematch, with the win credited to Cervi with Cosen coming in relief to seal it. The Red Raiders also swept Cardinal O'Hara and Timon in league play, while defeating Canisius 9-4 in their lone matchup and had a chance to split their series with St. Joe's. After finding themselves down 5-0 to start the second matchup Joe Colantino hit a grand slam home run to get the Raiders back into the game. Ethan Astyk batted in another off a nice double to give the Red Raiders a shot, but they eventually fell to the Marauders in a 5-6 loss. Non-League wins over Sweet Home, Hutch Tech and Eden allowed the Red Raiders to finish the season with a 10-4 record during a swampy spring that saw many

Overall, the 2026 JV Baseball team demonstrated strong offensive production, reliable pitching, and balanced team contributions. Finishing with a 10-4 record reflects the group's competitiveness, growth, and ability to perform consistently throughout the season.

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

The 2026 season was led by Captains Eric Stevens and Ben Wasuria. This year's squad shows great potential for future success in the coming seasons. The offense was led by Landon Currie, Evan Fisher, Emmett Wheeler, and Dominic Papa. They all hit for an average over .400 and were consistent contributors throughout the season. On the mound Landon Currie was dominant in terms of ERA, quality starts, and accuracy. He managed to go deep into games because of this. Papa, Roberts, Wintringer, Fisher, and Bauer also performed well on the mound.

BASKETBALL

VARSITY BASKETBALL

The 2025-26 Varsity Basketball season was defined by resilience, growth, and a strong finish that carried the team into the Monsignor Martin playoffs with momentum. The Raiders finished 15-11 overall and 8-6 in league play.

St. Francis opened the year with a 72-54 road victory over Lake Shore High School before earning an important early league win over St. Mary's High School, 64-61. They then traveled to Staten Island to play St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity (the eventual CHSAA State Champions). They bounced back with a 60-49 win over Timon before and then won the Live Like Luca Holiday Tournament with wins over Frontier and Williamsville East.

As the season progressed, the Raiders continued to develop chemistry and toughness against a demanding Monsignor Martin schedule. After starting 3-0 in December they slid to 4-5 in League play after January. February would fare better for the Red Raiders going 4-1 to finish the regular season 8-6. The overtime win over Timon on February 8 was one of the season's most memorable moments, as the Raiders battled back to earn a dramatic 64-63 victory. Just days later, they added another statement win by defeating Nichols School 64-61 in overtime, continuing a strong late-season surge. The team would win their first round playoff game over O'Hara 65-43

The Raiders were led by a veteran core that provided leadership and consistency all year long. Andrew Lindstrom paced the offense, averaging 19.6 points per game while also contributing 117 rebounds, 51 assists, and 58 steals across 26 games while eclipsing 1000 points in his career. Evan Newby added scoring efficiency and toughness inside, shooting 58% on two-point attempts while contributing 132 rebounds and 40 assists. Matt Zielinski also played a key role offensively, knocking down 21 three-pointers and scoring efficiently from the free-throw line at a 71% clip.

The Raiders also benefited from strong all-around contributions throughout the roster. Dom Insera remained one of the team's most versatile players, recording 74 assists and 51 steals while helping anchor the defense. Sophomores Tom Reaska and Mason Anderson provided valuable depth and energy, with Anderson contributing 105 rebounds and Reaska adding 31 steals and 10 blocked shots.

JV BASKETBALL AND FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Highlights from the JV Basketball season included wins over Cardinal O'Hara, St. Mary's, Nichols and Middle Early College. The short bench saw all members of the team playing important minutes. Luke Anderson, Ethan Astyk, Jamison Bryan, Mattheu Drewiga, Davion Fugate, Jordan Lindsay, Mikey Morgan, and JB Wilson made up the entire roster. Wilson led the team offensively while Bryan and Lindsay split time leading the breakout. Davion Fugate and Mikey Morgan brought positive attitudes and effort to the court every day.

Highlights from the Freshman Basketball season included a 52-26 win over St. Mary's to start the season, a 59-32 win over Will North at home and a 54-22 road win over Lockport. The team focused on development and improving skills and basketball IQ as the level of competition increases moving forward.

BOWLING

VARSITY BOWLING

The 2025-2026 St. Francis Red Raider A-Squad line-up consisted of Senior Andrew Ellman, Junior Nathan Fredenburg, Senior Gabriel Moran, Junior Ronald Rytel, Senior Logan Knodel and Senior Brayden Keppel. The Red Raiders finished the season with a 38-7 record, an improvement on last season, good for 2nd place behind Canisius.

Our anchor Brayden Keppel led the team with a 196.5 average, good for 4th in the league. Brayden was most comfortable on the lanes as the season progressed, rolling 600+ series from Jan. 21st through the end of the season. Brady saw his average improve 11 pins over the last 7 matches of the season. His high game of 287 was an exciting chase at 300 that was broken up on the 2nd ball of the 10th frame. He finished the day with a 684 set.

For the season Brady finished with team highs in cleaned frames, strikes, spares, single-pin spares, spares without splits, and 1st ball average (9.1). Leadoff bowler Andrew Ellman had the team's lone 700+ set this season, a 703 vs. Timon before the Christmas break. The 2970 three game total the Red Raiders rolled that day was the league high this season. Our 4-bowler Logan Knodel had a high game of 267 and a high set of 656, both vs. Canisius. Junior Ronald Rytel made the jump this season from B-Squad and improved his average 18 pins from last season. He was consistently in the line-up as our 3-man. Ronnie rolled a high game of 238 and had high sets of 556, both vs. Canisius.

Newcomer Junior Nathan Fredenburg and Senior Gabriel Moran rounded out the A-Squad this season, both rolling in the 2-spot for the team. Nate had a high game of 233 in his first season of organized bowling. Gabe saved his best for last, rolling a season high of 174 during the last game of All-Catholics to make sure the Red Raiders finished in 2nd.

At All-Catholics Brady Keppel continued his run of high marks, rolling a pair of 237s as part of a 5-game total of 1058 to earn the 1-seed going into the Individual Step-Ladder Championship. In it, he would meet the 2-seed, Jermaine Moss of O'Hara. Brady was clean through 10 frames, keeping the pressure on Moss, who was clean through 9. Keppel's 4-bagger and double were too much for Moss to overcome and Keppel won the championship match 235-212. At the NYSCHSAA Championship in West Babylon, NY, Keppel rolled a 5-game total of 895 to finish in 23rd and Ellman finished with a 968 total, good for 12th place.

JV BOWLING

With the help of Assistant Coach Ryan Crapo, the B-Squad saw all 5 members improve throughout the season. The B-Squad was led by anchor Evan Sedota whose average rose 16 pins throughout the season. Evan's best was saved for the end of the season, earning his first 200+ game of his career and a high set of 559 during the last match of the season vs. St. Joe's. He also earned a call-up to the A-Squad and contributed to the team's 2nd place finish at the All-Catholic Championship. Freshman Matthew Davis also saw gains during the season, improving 26 pins on average during the season. His first 400 set also came during the last match of the season vs. St. Joe's. That matchday 14 competition vs. St. Joe's was also the B-Squad's highest 3-game total of the season (1559). The team was rounded out by senior Mason Fox (high game 145), junior Michael Brozyna (high game 179) and our team's hype man, freshman Nicholas Diamond. Nick always brought a positive energy and encouragement to his teammates and the neighboring A-Squad.

CROSS COUNTRY

The 2025 Cross Country season was defined by several newcomers on a squad that returned 1 varsity runner from the previous season. Returning Senior Tom Pivarunas began the year as the team's top finisher, placing 5th overall at the WNY Official's Invitational in Grand Island. First year harrier Junior Isaac Snyder would back up Thomas at that first meet, and would be the team's 2nd finisher until their last meet of the year where he would place 9th at the All-Catholic Championship crossing the line first for the Red Raiders. The emergence of Freshman Oskar Doerflian as the team's top finisher during each of the team's dual meets shows that the future is bright for the program. Fellow Freshman Dominic Papa spent most of the season in the 4th position, scoring Varsity points for the Raiders all year. Senior Pat Coughlin, also a first time participant, held down the 5th spot. Senior Tim Coughlin had a season cut

short by injury and made a gritty effort to attempt to return to competition. Junior Donnie Wittschack and Senior Kyle Roth rounded out the varsity squad for the majority of the season. The story of the regular season was one of razor thin margins with the team defeating Canisius with a score of 27-28 and falling to Nichols by a point 28-27. The coaching staff would like to express gratitude to all those that came out for the first time, they helped the team to a 4-2 record and 3rd place regular season finish in the Monsignor Martin League that has seen an increase in talent and parity across several programs.

FOOTBALL

VARSITY FOOTBALL

The 2025 season was a tremendous year for the St. Francis High School football program, as the Raiders finished with a 10-2 overall record, captured an undefeated 5-0 league mark, and earned a top-10 ranking in New York State. The team showcased one of the most explosive offenses in the area, posted 2 shutouts vs league opponents and consistently rose to the occasion in the biggest games of the season.

St. Francis opened the year with an exciting 42-35 road victory over Jackson before adding another impressive non-league win against St. Andrew's College, 20-15. After a tough loss to nationally respected Catholic Memorial, the Red Raiders responded exactly the way championship-caliber teams do — by winning eight consecutive games. During that stretch, St. Francis dominated both league and regional opponents, including victories over Cathedral Prep (49-22), St. Joe's (35-0), Erie High School (46-6), Bishop Timon (59-35), McDowell (35-28), and Canisius (29-14).

The Red Raiders were especially dominant in the postseason. They defeated Bishop Timon, in a commanding 35-0 playoff shutout and earned a victory over Canisius, a 41-34 win in the MHSAA championship matchup that turned into a shootout with the victors being the team that could get a stop on defense. The season ultimately concluded with a loss against Iona Prep in the CHSAA State Championship Game.

Offensively, St. Francis was dynamic and balanced, producing 4,904 total yards and 57 touchdowns on the season. Quarterback Trent Buttles led the offense with 1,929 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes while also adding 657 rushing yards and 9 rushing touchdowns. His dual-threat ability made the Raiders difficult to defend every week. Willy Wortkoetter led the lineman in giving his quarterback time to throw or opening up holes for his backs.

The running game was among the team's biggest strengths. Domonic Cook Jr. rushed for 748 rushing yards and 11 rushing touchdowns despite his season being cut short due to injury. Tyrone Clark Jr. rushed for 1,177 yards and 19 touchdowns while averaging over 107 rushing yards per game. Clark Jr. was thrust into a more prominent role after Cook Jr. went down and answered the call. Altogether, the offense averaged nearly 242 rushing yards per game and 409 total yards per contest.

The passing attack was equally productive, led by big-play receivers Mason Anderson and Aiden Hopwood. Anderson hauled in 31 receptions for 571 yards and 11 touchdowns, while Hopwood added 34 catches for 576 yards and 5 scores. Their ability to stretch the field created matchup problems throughout the season. Matt Zielinski and

Defensively, the Raiders played fast and physical football all year. The unit recorded over 800 total tackles and forced multiple turnovers in key moments. Larry Hardy III led the team with 92 tackles, while Trent Buttles contributed 87 tackles and three interceptions from his defensive role. The defense was at its best in the postseason, shutting out Bishop Timon and holding St. Joe's to zero points earlier in the year.

Special teams also played an important role in the Raiders' success. Kicker Jacob Janis converted 38 PATs and connected on a field goal. The return game added another explosive element, highlighted by Clark Jr.'s 80-yard kickoff return touchdown.

Overall, the 2025 St. Francis football team combined explosive offensive production, physical defense, and postseason success to produce a memorable 10-win season. With strong leadership from veteran players and major contributions from underclassmen throughout the roster, the Red Raiders continue to distinguish themselves as a premier program in New York State Football.

JV FOOTBALL

The JV Football team ran away with an impressive 6-1 record during the 2025 season. Week 1 the Red Raiders faced Huron Heights out of Ontario and came away with a 40-6 win. A 16 day hiatus before playing Canisius for the first of 2 matchups did not slow down the Red Raiders as they pulled away to a 20-8 victory in a well attended game at home. The next week the team put together its first of 3 shutouts of the year defeating Cathedral Prep 41-0. Week 5 brought St. Joe's to Polian field and the Raiders brought their league record to 2-0 and 4-0 overall after posting a 20-7 win. Another long layoff led into a Home matchup with Bishop Timon in which the Red Raiders posted their 2nd shutout defeating the Tigers 36-0. The only loss of the season came the next week in a 27-41 loss at the hands of McDowell down in Erie PA. The team bounced back the next week defeating Canisius for the second time in a low scoring 7-0 affair that sealed a league title for the JV squad. Defensively the team gave up only 62 points in 7 games (under 8.9 PPG). While on the offensive side of the ball they scored a total of 191 points (28.3 PPG).

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The Freshman Football season started as an up and down ride that led to a 5-3-1 record as the team found its stride in the second half of the 2025 season. The season started with an 18-27 loss to Orchard Park in week 1. The Red Raiders then exploded offensively in a 54-0 rout of Canisius in week 2. The view from the top of the mountain was short lived as the young team dropped their next game to Lancaster in an 18-21 game that was back and forth until the end. They then bounced back to split their series with Orchard Park avenging their week 1 defeat in another close one, winning 12-7. The following week the Red Raiders found themselves on the wrong side of a lopsided affair, dropping their game with Health Science by a score of 6-44. Coming into week 6 with a 2-3 record the rollercoaster ride would end there as the team would go on to finish out the year 3-0-1. In their remaining games they would defeat Canisius 28-0, Jamestown 41-6, play Lancaster to a 14-14 tie, and finish off the season with a 34-14 win over Jamestown.

GOLF

It was a bit of a slow start for the SFHS Varsity Golf Team but the last couple of weeks showed much improved play and much promise for the future. While the overall record was 3-9, the team easily could have been .500 with some 1 shot losses to Canisius (at Cherry Hill), Nichols (at CCB) and St Joes (at Sheridan Park). The team welcomed 3 new freshmen - Levi Haas, Max Trowbridge and Evan Utley who each found their way into the starting line-up multiple times. With 9-hole stroke averages of 46, 47 and 49 respectively they provide a sound foundation for future years of SFHS Golf. The team also welcomed new members Connor Nannen (Sr.) and Charlie Roberts (Soph).

Nannen started every match for SFHS and peaked with a one over par 37 in his final match at Sheridan Park. Roberts has shown improvement and will look to break into the starting line-up his Jr. Year. The team was anchored by a combination of: Seniors Cole Cervoni, Jamison LiVecchi, Brady Keppel, Juniors - Everett Mullins, Chase Bousquet, Luke Janak, Jacob Cervi and Sophomore Jacob Ciamaga

Highlights for the 2025 Season Include: Everett Mullins (41.1 9HSA) Jamison LiVecchi (41.3 9HSA) each qualifying for the Catholic State Championship in June 2026. Chase Bousquet and Jacob Ciamaga taking their games up a notch with much improved 2025 9-hole stroke averages of 42.3 and 44.1 respectively. A 3rd place finish at the All-Catholic Team Championship with solid performance from LiVecchi-38/ Mullins-39/ Ciamaga - 43/ Cervoni -43/ Bousquet - 44. Top Scores at All Catholic 18-hole Individual Championship for St Francis include: Everett Mullins – 80, Jamison LiVecchi – 82, Jacob Ciamaga – 84, Cole Cervoni - 85

The Team finished their season with the 4th Annual Coaches Cup held at Wanakah Country Club on October 18th, a Ryder Cup format which includes players and coaches paired with some dads and SFHS Golf Alumni.

Congratulations to all “Team Cullen” Members including Gerry Nannen, Connor Nannen, Evan Utley, John Tebeau, Chris Ciamaga, Jacob Ciamaga, Luke Janak, Charlie Roberts, Paul Gozsewski and Cole Cervoni. Coaches would like to acknowledge Team Co-Captains Cole Cervoni and Jamison LiVecchi for their leadership and wish them and fellow graduating seniors Brayden Keppel and Connor Nannen well as they continue their academic pursuits beginning in the fall of 2026. Thanks to all team members and parents for a wonderful year.

HOCKEY

PREP HOCKEY

This year's Prep season was a historic one, as our team played more than 70 games across three different countries. The Prep team competed everywhere from Rhode Island to Minnesota to Sweden. While in Sweden, the team faced off against Huddinge, Sundsvall, Södertälje, and Boo HC — an experience our players will never forget.

This season, the team was led by Coach Jordan Farnham, junior goaltender Gabe Waterman, who made more than 50 starts in net, and junior Ryan Werner, who recorded an incredible 50-goal season. The team's leadership group consisted of Captain Cam Hill and Assistant Captain Will Miller.

The season came to a historic conclusion when Prep earned a bid to the 2025–2026 USA Hockey National Championship in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Red Raiders finished the tournament with a perfect 6–0 record to capture the school's first-ever National Championship. The team was led offensively by juniors Ryan Werner with 12 points and Liam Fattey with 10 points, while goaltenders Gabe Waterman and Anwar Musleh posted outstanding goals-against averages of 0.49 and 1.00, respectively.

VARSITY HOCKEY

This year's Varsity team was defined not by wins and losses, but by perseverance, dedication, and brotherhood. Despite facing many challenges throughout the season, the team continued to compete hard every time they stepped onto the ice. This year's Varsity team showed resilience and consistently had each other's backs through every challenge they faced. Despite adversity, the team battled against tough competition while building valuable experience for the future of the program. The leadership shown by the upperclassmen helped create a positive culture centered on hard work, accountability, and teamwork.

This year's Varsity team was led by a young core surrounded by veteran leadership. In 14 league games, sophomore Sean Sullivan led the team with 10 goals and 10 assists, followed by sophomore Lucas Cybulski with 6 goals and 4 assists. The team also benefited from strong senior leadership from Brady Rakoski, Garrick Green, and Bradyn Chudoba. The team was coached by Nik Fattey, Marc Fattey, and Joe Gunther.

JV RED & JV WHITE HOCKEY

This year's JV season consisted of two evenly balanced teams focused on player development. Both teams competed hard and improved on and off the ice as the season progressed. The players showed tremendous dedication and determination throughout the season, whether competing on the ice or getting stronger in the gym. The program achieved its mission of not only winning games, but also building a culture of hard work, sportsmanship, confidence, and brotherhood. JV White and JV Red finished in 5th and 6th place, respectively, out of 12 teams in the NFJV.

JV Red was led by freshmen Max Trowbridge and Mason Syracuse, who each recorded 20 points in 18 games played. In addition, sophomore Jayden Wagner finished the season with 18 points in 17 games. Max Trowbridge also finished the season with the fourth-most goals in the NFJV and led the league in power-play goals.

JV White was led by sophomore Corey Sabueran and junior Ethan Marasciulo, who both finished with 23 points in 18 games. Freshman Emmett Wheeler also contributed 18 points in 17 games. Corey Sabueran ended the season with the second-most goals in the NFJV, scoring 18 goals overall. JV Red was coached by Jack Panek, Kevin Wicka, Mike Rogan and Joe Coniglio. JV White was coached by Chris Ciamaga, Steve Monaco and Chris Roswell.

INDOOR TRACK

The 2025-2026 Indoor Track & Field season saw 2 school records broken and numerous encouraging performances throughout the year. Junior Kaiden Wright broke the triple jump record going 44-6 and Sophomore Mason Mitchell broke the record in the 300m record going 36.22 which also sets the Sophomore record for 300m. Mason also broke the Sophomore record in the 55m running 6.85 and teamed up with Eli Clark, Carter Bradshaw, and Jeremy Gauthier to break the Sophomore 4x200m record going 1:40.11. Dominic Papa broke the Freshman record in the 600m running 1:34.13 The team competed against local competition for the majority of the season at Houghton University. They traveled to Section 5 to compete in the Jack Reed Showcase at Nazareth University. 7 members of the team traveled downstate for the CHSAA Intersectional Championship, Jeremy Gauthier ran the 55m Hurdles running a PR of 8.48 and jumped 5-8 in the high jump. Mason Mitchell made finals and placed 6th in the 300m after setting the record and also competed in the 55m. Isaac Snyder and Thomas Pivarunas both PR'd in the 1600m both running 4:47. Colton Warner threw 39-10.75 in the shot put and placed 6th in the weight throw with a toss of 48-9.50. Kaiden Wright placed 6th in the Triple Jump and 3rd in the High Jump with a leap of 6-0. Thank you to Seniors Nathan Barnas, Josh Fischer, Thomas Pivarunas, Aidan Wallace, and Colton Warner who were 4 year members of the Indoor Track & Field program.

LACROSSE

VARSITY LACROSSE

The Red Raiders Varsity Lacrosse team put together an impressive 2026 campaign, finishing 7-1 in non-league play, 4-4 in the MMHSAA regular season leading to an 11-6 overall record following a heartbreaking loss in the first round of the playoffs to end the season.

Offensively, St. Francis averaged nearly 11 goals per game and featured a dynamic attack led by senior standout Brady Rakoski, who paced the team with 51 goals & 72 total points. Josh Sikorski added another major scoring threat, totaling 27 goals & 40 points despite appearing in only 11 games due to injury limiting his availability through the middle portion of the campaign, while Evan Greenough contributed 35 points and led the team with 104 ground balls, impacting every phase of the game.

The Raiders also received significant production from younger players, highlighting the program's promising future. Sophomore Christian Spicer recorded 25 goals and 34 points, while freshman Michael Cerrone added 18 goals and 23 points in just 12 games. Freshman Matt Malicki emerged as a versatile playmaker with 29 points, including 17 assists good for 2nd on the team. Overall, St. Francis totaled 186 goals and 278 points on the season, demonstrating offensive depth and balance throughout the lineup. Senior faceoff specialist Owen Miller won 223 faceoffs at a 67 percent clip.

While in net, senior goalie Brody Sam anchored the Raiders with 165 saves and a .620 save percentage while recording 10 wins. St. Francis allowed just 6.4 goals per game as a team and posted two shutouts during the year.

JV LACROSSE

This JV lacrosse season was defined by adversity, grit, and growth. We faced challenges and setbacks, but under the leadership of our captain, Evan Graham, this team never stopped showing up, competing, and working to improve. Evan's stoic approach laid the bedrock for others to build.

What stands out most about this team, is not the record, but the resilience, character, and growth this group showed as players and teammates. Players like Luke Anderson, who in his first year playing, stepped up to be our goalie. Luke's determination propelled him from the basics to making selfless saves and keeping us in games.

Teammates like Max Trowbridge, never walked away from a challenge and were always willing to lend a hand. Max's character set a standard that brought positivity in our toughest moments. This season built a foundation of toughness and accountability that will carry forward, and that is something everyone here should be proud of.

SOCCER

VARSITY SOCCER

The 2025 Red Raiders soccer season showed meaningful growth and progress, highlighted by an improved overall record of 6-11-1 and a stronger showing in non-league competition. The Raiders demonstrated resilience throughout the year and took important steps forward against outside competition, reflecting the continued development of the program and its young core of players.

One of the biggest positives from the season was the team's offensive improvement. St. Francis scored 44 goals over 17 matches, averaging 2.6 goals per game, while also totaling 37 assists, showing a balanced and unselfish attacking approach. Senior leaders played a major role in that production, with Peter Gow leading the team with 13 goals and 28 points, while fellow senior Chris Gosciak added 9 goals and 24 points. Senior Dominic Inera anchored the attack as a playmaker, recording a team-high 10 assists along with 3 goals.

The Red Raiders also benefited from contributions throughout the lineup. Underclassmen continued to emerge as key contributors, giving the program optimism moving forward. Sophomores Luke Wischman and Evan Weyer each scored 4 goals, while Luke Anderson added 2 goals and 2 assists. Juniors such as Shepard Snyder, Lucas Tokasz, and Liam Fattey also provided important minutes and offensive support throughout the season. The balance between experienced seniors and developing younger players created a competitive roster that improved as the season progressed.

Defensively, senior goalkeeper Nathan Barnas provided steady leadership in net, recording 56 saves during the season and helping the Raiders remain competitive in many tough contests. The team's ability to compete in a challenging schedule while continuing to improve week-to-week reflected strong effort, commitment, and perseverance from the entire roster.

Overall, the season represented positive momentum for St. Francis soccer. The improvement in both the non-league schedule and overall record, combined with increased offensive production and valuable experience gained by younger players, provides a strong foundation for continued growth heading into next season.

JV SOCCER

The 2025 JV Soccer season was highlighted by a season sweep over Nichols as the team finished just under .500 with a 6-7-1 overall record. The efforts of Sophomore Eli Clark in net kept the team in many games as they won 3 by 1 goal margins and 2 by 2 goals. The only lopsided win was a 6-0 victory over Bishop Timon to begin the year. Sophomore JB Wilson led the offensive production for the team as they gained valuable experience and development that continued as the season progressed. With many sophomores playing starting roles on varsity, this young group showed determination beyond their years. Francis Torchia and Josh Wintringer stood out for their positive attitude and effort throughout the season.

SWIMMING

The St. Francis High School Varsity Swim Team completed another successful season in the Monsignor Martin League, facing Canisius High School and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute multiple times, along with non-league opponents such as Springville-Griffith Institute and invitationals including the Cathedral Preparatory Invitational and Sweet Home High School Invitational. The growth and competitiveness of this group stood out all season. Having only eight swimmers, meant everyone had to step up and swim a variety of events throughout the year. Sophomore Aiden Pickard, led the way breaking multiple program records and even a pool record. Pickard broke the St. Francis 50 Freestyle record with a time of 21.68; the St. Francis 100 Freestyle record with a time of 47.03 and broke his own previous record for the 100 Breast going 57.51. Along with that, he easily set a pool record in the 200 Individual Medley at Springville with a time of 2:02.98. Pickard placed 2nd overall in the 100 Freestyle and 3rd place overall in the 100 Breast at the CHSAA Championships in New York City on February 6-8th. With his top 3 finishes Pickard qualified for the NYSPHSAA Boys Federation Championship on March 6-7th at Ithaca College and elected to focus on the 100 Breaststroke where he placed 8th overall and became the first Red Raider in recent program history to medal at the State Championship meet.

Junior Ryan Lavelle also qualified for the CHSAA Championships and swam the 100 Freestyle and 100 Butterfly. Freshman, Sawyer Quinn stepped up and became our distance swimmer for most of the season swimming the 500 Freestyle and a majority of our meets; continuing to drop time and establish himself as a key contributor in the future.

Our seniors, Mason Nurmi, Oleg Zaitsev and team captain Josiah Schoch, all set the standard with leadership, accountability, and relentless effort in both practice and meets. Junior David Valdez embraced tough lineup spots and competed through adversity, consistently putting the team first. Sophomore Dylan Hartnett showed strong improvement throughout the year, quietly doing the work and making significant strides.

Behind it all, first year Assistant Coach Alexis Slimak made an immediate impact by keeping the team focused, positive, and accountable. This season was about more than wins; it was about progress, pride, and building a foundation for the future. With returning talent and state-level experience already in the program, the future is bright for St. Francis High School Swimming!

TENNIS

The 2026 Saint Francis High School Tennis season was defined as much by perseverance and commitment as by results on the scoreboard. From the outset, the team faced challenges that required adaptability and resilience. Between March 11 and May 12, the Red Raiders completed 22 practice sessions under a variety of conditions. Because of weather and court limitations, much of the early season preparation took place indoors, with 13 practices held at the Southtowns Tennis Center and six additional sessions conducted in the school gymnasium. Despite those limitations, the players maintained a consistent work ethic and took advantage of every opportunity to improve.

The team competed in eight Monsignor Martin league matches between April 17 and May 11. Although the squad struggled against league opponents the record alone did not fully capture the effort and determination shown by the players. With a limited roster and several beginners new to the sport, the team often competed against more experienced opponents while working to build both confidence and technical ability.

The season concluded competitively with participation in the All-Catholic Singles and Doubles Championships on May 16 at Chestnut Ridge Park. Representing Saint Francis in singles competition were Evan Weyer and Michael Brozyna. Doubles teams included Luke Lanning and Mason Nurmi, Josiah Schoch and David Valdez, and Nathan Fredenburg and Jacob Long.

The 2026 season may have tested the team in many ways, but it also demonstrated resilience, sportsmanship, and dedication from the players and coaching staff alike. Through difficult circumstances, the Saint Francis Tennis Team continued to represent the school with effort, character, and commitment to improvement, laying an important foundation for future seasons.

TRACK & FIELD

The Spring 2026 Outdoor Track & Field season saw a 3 way race for the league during the regular season and the Red Raiders were able to come out on top in going 8-0 during the regular season for the 8th consecutive year remaining undefeated in dual meets during that span. Critical matchups against Bishop Timon and St. Joe's highlighted the regular season.

The team was led on the track by sophomore sprinter Mason Mitchell in the 100m & 200m and by Junior Shepard Snyder in the 400m. Junior Kaiden Wright led the jumpers in all 3 disciplines. Senior Colton Warner was the team's top discus thrower, while Junior Lo'Ren Thompson edged past him in the shot put at the end of the year. The distance crew was led by Junior Isaac Snyder and Senior Thomas Pivarunas.

The St. Francis Track & Field team defeated Bishop Timon 64-50 on a cold sunny afternoon evening on April 20th at St. Francis High School. The meet had numerous swings in momentum. Different athletes from both squads stepped up and in some cases in multiple events as the Red Raiders used a big surge in the High Jump to win the meet. Kaiden Wright won the long and triple jump while Mason Mitchell won the 100 & 200m opens in cold difficult conditions for the jumpers and sprinters.

The St. Francis Track & Field team displayed the heart of a champion on May 6th coming from behind against rival St. Joe's to win the dual meet 59-55 in dramatic fashion. The Red Raiders won the last two relays of the meet to win. Mason Mitchell won the 100m & 200m, anchored the 4 x 400 relay and ran a big leg in the 4 x 100 to clinch the meet. Kaiden Wright won all 3 jumps and anchored the 4 x 100 winning relay. The team would go on to win their duals against St. Mary's and Gow the following week to seal the regular season title.

On the weekend of May 16-17, the challenging spring with regards to the weather gave way to sunny and warm conditions as the MMHSAA Track & Field All Catholic took place at St. Francis High School. All athletes involved took full advantage of the weather and the closely contested regular season set the stage for a highly competitive All Catholic Saturday & Sunday. The St. Francis Track & Field team won the All Catholic Title for the MMHSAA with 130 points displaying the resiliency and toughness that was their trademark throughout the spring 2026 season. Those traits led to the team winning its 8th straight regular season title. The All Catholic brought the best in the MMHSAA to test the Red Raiders and all who competed at the All Catholic. Giving way late and losing the team lead in the All Catholic, the Red Raiders dug down deep and won 3 of the final 5 events scored and critical places were earned to get the team over the top with the 4 x 100 relay winning the final event on Sunday to secure the programs 7th All Catholic Title in 8 years. The 7 point win was the closest margin of victory that St. Francis won at the All Catholic since 2018 when they won the team title by a mere 5 points. The St. Francis Team displayed great efforts with numerous individuals setting career marks and helping the team and themselves to honors over the 2 day event.

On May 23rd, St. Francis High School Track and Field traveled to the CHSAA New York State Intersectional Championship held at iconic Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island. Challenging conditions followed the Red Raiders as the damp rainy conditions overtook New York City. Competing at the B level based on their school size, St. Francis qualified 6 athletes for the NYSPHSAA Federation Meet on June 13-14 at Webster Schroeder High School. Senior Colton Warner (Discus), Kaiden Wright (Triple Jump) & 4 x 400 relay comprised of Shepard Snyder, Isaac Snyder, Anwar Musleh & Mason Mitchell.

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

This was my first season as Varsity Head Coach and head of program. Coming into this position, I had no idea what the skills of the players were and what ability the guys had. The development that I saw from the first OTA to the summer league play to the end of the season was impressive. Early in season this group was tested. We went to Eden for a match. The first two sets were really close, they could have gone either way. At the start of the third set, I told the boys that Eden was a team that we could beat if we only worried about one ball at a time. We served tough and played hard, taking the third and fourth sets. In the fifth, we took full control from the service line and won the match. The boys worked really hard and reverse swept a good Eden team. Another highlight of our season was the East Aurora Tournament. We went 4-2 in sets for pool play with a big match split against Lancaster. We finished pool play in second place, making it to the quarterfinals. In the quarterfinals, we played a close tough match against the eventual tournament winners, Gilman HS from Maryland. Aidan Wallace and Jack Salerno were chosen to the All Tournament team. Our last match of the season brought in Canisius for our Senior Night. The atmosphere of the gym was electric. The energy on and off the court was intoxicating. The boys followed the game plan I had set-up and we beat Canisius in 4 sets. This marked the first win against them in 23 years. The final tournament of the season, was at Grand Island. We finished second in pool play after two tough sets against Grand Island. In the playoff pool, we had an incredible set against Lancaster and won the set 36-34. It was a match that was watched by everyone in the gym. It also ended up being the match of the tournament. We ended our season 8-8, losing some matches we could have won. It was an incredible year.

Aidan Wallace: All Tournament team East Aurora Tournament; All Catholic team;
Team leader in Assists 450+; Aces-34

Luke Lanning: All Catholic Team; Team leader in Kills-150+;
Hitting % .209; Serve Receive Rating 2.32; Serve % 92

Jack Salerno: All Tournament Team East Aurora Tournament; Team Leader in Digs 144+.

JV VOLLEYBALL

This season we had a smaller team than usual and had some volunteers from the Varsity team often help out. Team captain Evan Graham was the setter and leader of the team helping them to achieve some nice wins. Mason Nurmi was a key player in our team's success with his serving and passing. Milo Manske came in as a freshman and was a huge contributor to the team right away with his play at the net and passing. Caden Schauss contributed to the team by being very versatile and displaying skills at every position. Mason Roth and Eli Webb in their first year playing volleyball really showed improvement and helped the team with their serving and net play. This season could not have been the success it was without the volunteered help of some of the Varsity players. Brody Winterhalter was a huge help with his net play, serving and passing. Ritchie Ventry, Tim Cich and Nate Fredenberg all were essential in the way that they chipped in to make the season possible. This was a season full of nice wins and some tough losses. We are very excited about the future of the program and already looking forward to next season.

WRESTLING

The 2025-2026 Wrestling team put together the most successful season in program history, consistently proving itself as the top team in Western New York and eventually the entire state. Throughout the year, the group captured championships at nearly every major event it entered, beginning with titles as Southtowns Dual Meet Champions, STWOA Team Champions, Falconer Team Champions, MMHSAA Team Champions, CHSAA Dual Meet Champions, and CHSAA Team Champions. The season culminated with the team winning the NYSPHSAA Federation Team Championship for the second year in a row while also setting the highest team scoring record in tournament history, solidifying the team's place among the elite programs in New York State wrestling history.

The team's success was built on depth, consistency, and outstanding individual performances throughout the postseason. At the NYSPHSAA Championships, the team qualified wrestlers in nearly every weight class and earned multiple podium finishes. Patrick Winseman battled to the blood round at 103 pounds, while John Winseman earned a 5th place finish at 110 pounds. Tanner Catrabone placed 8th at 118 pounds, and Cullen Edwards added another strong performance with a 5th place finish at 132 pounds. The upper weights played a major role in the team's championship run. Max McCarthy finished 7th at 150 pounds, and Griffin LaPlante captured his 2nd individual state championship as a Red Raider at 165 pounds. Rory White followed with a runner-up finish at 175 pounds, while Zach Caldwell earned a state title at 190 pounds. Dom Darch added a 3rd place finish at 215 pounds, and Willy Wortkoetter closed out the tournament with a 2nd place finish at heavyweight.

From start to finish, the season was defined by consistent excellence, team depth, and high-level performances on the biggest stages. Winning multiple tournament and dual meet championships throughout the year, and traveling out of state to wrestle nationally ranked competition, earning a top-50 national ranking after combined with record-breaking success at the state tournament, made this season the most accomplished in program history.

*Congratulations to the
St. Francis High School*

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

William Wortkoetter

and

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Evan Noecker

THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT'S HIGHEST AWARDS FOR 2026 WERE PRESENTED
AT THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY BASILICA
ON FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2026

DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE AWARD

Griffin LaPlante

and

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Connor Nannen & Colton Warner

THE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE BACCALAUREATE MASS AT
ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

We would also like to recognize the
**SECTION VI ALL-WNY
SCHOLAR ATHLETE WINNERS**

Andrew Ellman - Bowling
Aidan Wallace - Volleyball
Matthew Zielinski - Basketball

HONORABLE MENTION

Patrick Coughlin - Cross Country
Joshua Fischer - Soccer, Indoor Track
Connor Flood - Soccer
Mason Fox - Bowling
Christopher Gosciak - Soccer, Hockey
Logan Knodel - Bowling
Luke Lanning - Volleyball
Timothy McCann - Football
Owen Miller - Wrestling
Gabriel Moran - Bowling
Evan Noecker - Football
Mason Nurmi - Soccer, Swimming
Thomas Pivarunas - Cross Country, Indoor Track
Brayden Rakoski - Hockey
Nathan Reichenburg - Cross Country
Jack Salerno - Volleyball
Josiah Schoch - Swimming
Aidan Wallace - Indoor Track
Colton Warner - Volleyball, Indoor Track
Rory White - Wrestling
William Wortkoetter - Football, Wrestling
Oleg Zaitsev - Swimming
Matthew Capozzi - Ice Hockey
Matthew Zielinski - Football

**Spring Scholar-Athletes were not announced at time of publication*

ALL-CATHOLIC AND ALL-STAR SELECTIONS 2025-2026

Varsity Baseball

Blake Stepniak
1st Team All Catholic

Varsity Basketball

Andrew Lindstrom
1st Team All Catholic

Varsity Bowling

Andrew Ellman
1st Team All-Catholic

Brayden Keppel
All-Catholic Individual Champion
1st Team All-Catholic
MMHSAA High Game

Varsity Football

Mason Anderson
1st Team All Catholic
All WNY
2nd Team All NYS

Tyrone Clark Jr.
1st Team All Catholic
All WNY
All NYS
Connolly Cup Finalist

Domonic Cook Jr.
1st Team All Catholic

Luke Fleischman
1st Team All Catholic
All WNY

Larry Hardy
1st Team All Catholic
All WNY

Sam Skalski
1st Team All Catholic

Varsity Football *continued*

Terrance Ware Jr.
1st Team All Catholic

Willy Wortkoetter
1st Team All Catholic
Trench Trophy Offensive Lineman of the Year

Matt Zielinski
1st Team All Catholic

Trent Buttles
Buffalo News Dick Gallagher Player of the Year
MMHSAA Player of the Year
Connolly Cup Finalist
1st Team All Catholic
All WNY
All NYS

Varsity Lacrosse

Evan Greenough
1st Team All Catholic

Brady Rakoski
1st Team All Catholic

Varsity Soccer

Joshua Fischer
1st Team All Catholic

Dominic Inera
1st Team All Catholic

Varsity Swimming

Aiden Pickard
All Catholic 50 Freestyle
100 Breaststroke
CHSAA 2nd 100 Freestyle
3rd 100 Breaststroke
NYS Federation 8th 100 Breaststroke

ALL-CATHOLIC AND ALL-STAR SELECTIONS 2025-2026

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

Mason Mitchell

All Catholic 200m

4x100m Relay

Xavier Mulvihill

All Catholic 4x100m Relay

Shepard Snyder

All Catholic 4x100m Relay

Colton Warner

All Catholic Discus

Kaiden Wright

All Catholic Long Jump

High Jump

4x100m Relay

Shepard Snyder

All Catholic 4x100m Relay

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Aidan Wallace

1st Team All Catholic

Colton Warner

1st Team All Catholic

VARSITY WRESTLING

Patrick Winseman

All Catholic, CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation Qualifier 103 lbs

John Winseman

All Catholic, CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation 5th Place 110 lbs

Tanner Catrabone

All Catholic

CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation 8th Place 118 lbs

VARSITY WRESTLING *continued*

Brayden Kellison-Neglia

All Catholic Champion

CHSAA 3rd Place 126 lbs

Cullen Edwards

All Catholic, CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation 5th Place 132 lbs

Kole Hasely

All Catholic Champion

CHSAA Runner-Up 138 lbs

Zak Massaro

All Catholic Champion

CHSAA Runner-Up 144 lbs

Max McCarthy

All Catholic, CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation 7th Place 150 lbs

Joseph Colantino

All Catholic Champion

CHSAA Runner-Up 157 lbs

Griffin LaPlante

All Catholic, CHSAA

NYS Federation Champion 165 lbs

Rory White

All Catholic, CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation Runner-Up 175 lbs

Zachary Caldwell

All Catholic, CHSAA

NYS Federation Champion 190 lbs

Dominic Darch

All Catholic, CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation 3rd Place 215 lbs

Willy Wortkoetter

All Catholic

CHSAA Champion

NYS Federation Runner-Up 285 lbs

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 2025–2026

Congratulations on Being the Best

VARSITY FOOTBALL

MMHSAA Regular Season Champions & Playoff Champions

Head Coach: Jerry Smith

*Asst. Coaches: Steve Otremba, Craig Browning, Mike Chuchla, Scott Greenough, Greg Greenough,
Kevin Murphy, Adam Redden, James Patterson, Lee Behnke, Dominic Cook Sr.*



Andre Amos, Mason Anderson, Bray Babich, Alexander Bacon, Billy Battleson, Carter Bradshaw, Trent Buttles, Tyrone Clark Jr., Joseph Colantino, Domonic Cook Jr., Thomas Cosen, Romello Dunn, Joshua Eigbe, Thomas Fino, Luke Fleischman, Jordan Folch, Jeremy Gauthier, Landon Govan, La'rafus Green, Evan Greenough, David Haj, Larry Hardy III, Tavio Hoose, Aiden Hopwood, Jacob Janis, Jayden Jones, Andrew Lindstrom, Kenneth Litzinger III, Cameron London, Tim McCann, Damon McGrier, Mason Mitchell, Evan Noecker, Nico Pinelli, Thomas Reaska, Cologero Rodo, Brooks Runfola, Vincent Scott, Sam Skalski, Xavier Stack, Full Lo'Ren, Noah Violanti, Terrance Ware, Nick Willaims, William Wortkoetter, Kaiden Wright, Matthew Zielinski

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 2025–2026

Congratulations on Being the Best

JV FOOTBALL

MMHSAA Regular Season Champions

Head Coach: Bob Kendall

Asst. Coaches: Craig Browning, Brandon Bradshaw, Nathan Jobe, Robert Wesolek



Bray Babich, Billy Battleson, Edward Bauerlein, Carter Bradshaw, Tremayne Brooks, Steven Carpenter Jr., Joseph Colantino, Abdiel Cordero, Jeremyah Costner, Justin Fera, Evan Frascella, Jeremy Gauthier, Samuel Glauser, Zah'ki Johnson, Noah Johnson, Mason Kendall, Jordan Lindsay, Cameron London, Samuel Mata, Thomas McCann, Dami'ón McGrier, Samuel McLaughlin, Mason Mitchell, Tyler Morgan, Michael Morgan, Xavier Mulvihill, Jamar Nevins Jr., Teagan Nyitrai, Jonathan Quinones, Thomas Reaska, Luke Ruszaj, Brendan Skalski, Noah Spear, Christian Spicer, Melvin Tillman Jr., Gavin Walczak

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 2025–2026

Congratulations on Being the Best

VARSITY WRESTLING

**NYSPHSAA Federation State Champions
MMHSAA Regular Season, CHSAA Duals Champions**

Head Coach: Ron Lorenz

Asst. Coaches: Steve Hart, Brad Devlin, Kellen Devlin, Jeff Catrabone Kevin Lucinski, Jesse White



Rocco Batt, Zach Caldwell, Tanner Catrabone, Joe Colantino, Dom Darch, Oskar Doerflein, Romelo Dunn, Cullen Edwards, Sam Glauser, Ali Hamideh, Jack Hannon, Kole Haseley, Brayden Ibowicz, Dimitrius Jovic, Brayden Kellison, Griffin LaPlante, Sonny Martinez, Zak Massaro, Chris Michalek, Owen Miller, Max McCarthy, Jaxon Tocco, Eli Webb, Rory White, Cam Wiepert, Brandon Wiepert, Patrick Winseman, John Winseman, Willy Wortkoetter

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 2025–2026

Congratulations on Being the Best

VARSITY PREP HOCKEY

USA Hockey 1A National Champions

Head Coach: Jordan Farnham

Asst. Coaches: Erik Urbank, Lucas Herrman, Nik Fattey



Logan Aiello, Tanyon Aquila, John Bernas, Andrew Boyd , Hayden Cole, Tyler Dusza, Gavin Evtimovski , Liam Fattey, Cameron Hill,
Brenin Jemiolo, Troy Massey, William Miller, Anwar Musleh , Connor Nannen, Kane O'Connor, Maguire Proulx, Jacob Shull,
Connor Sutter, Gabriel Waterman, Ryan Werner

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 2025–2026

Congratulations on Being the Best

VARSDITY TRACK & FIELD

MMHSAA Regular Season & All Catholic Champions

Head Coach: Steve Otremba

Asst. Coaches: Bob Hasenoehrl, Arek Janiga, Alex Schaffstall, Nate Suchyna, Walt Wcislo

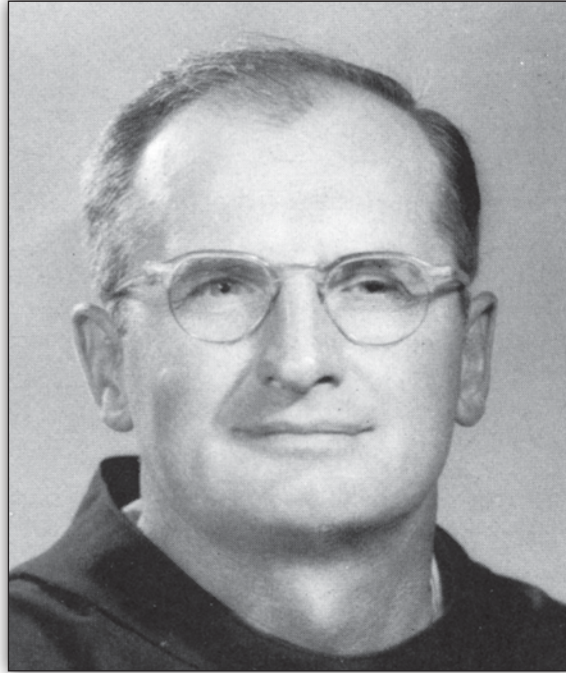


Andre Amos, Marius Austin Jr., Nathan Barnas, Carter Bradshaw, Izuba Buhendwa, Elijah Clark, Cameron Connolly, Oskar Doerflein, Josh Eigbe, Tyler Fischer, Josh Fischer, Evan Frascella, Jeremy Gauthier, Sam Glauser, Thomas McCann, Timothy McCann, Dami'on McGrier, Damon McGrier Jr., Mason Mitchell, Xavier Mulvihill, Anwar Musleh, Dominic Papa, Thomas Pivarunas, Jonathan Quinones Jr., Charles Roberts, Kyle Roth, Luke Ruszaj, Isaac Snyder, Shepard Snyder, Full Lo'Ren, Zachary Tyszk, Noah Violanti, Aidan Wallace, Colton Warner, Luke Wischman, Kaiden Wright

ST. FRANCIS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Dedicated to the Memory of

THE VERY REV. RUFINUS NIEDZWIECKI, OFM CONV.



The Very Rev. Rufinus Niedzviecki Memorial Sports Hall of Fame at St. Francis High School is named after one of Western New York's legendary sports figures. In over twenty years at his alma mater, St. Francis High School, Father Rufinus built a reputation as one of the area's finest and most knowledgeable coaches. His basketball teams always enjoyed winning seasons and won numerous Manhattan Cup titles; and his baseball teams were an annual fixture in the Georgetown Cup championships. Besides compiling one of the best records of any coach in the area, his astute administrative abilities led to the building of one of the finest athletic programs in the region at St. Francis.

An outstanding basketball and baseball player, Father Rufinus was a member of the first class to graduate from St. Francis in 1931. Known as a stern disciplinarian, Father "Rufe" is best remembered by his players as a gentle and kind person who was deeply concerned about every young man he coached. In 2002, Fr. Rufinus was inducted in the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame.

ST. FRANCIS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

1977

Rev. Rufinus Niedzwiecki,
OFM Conv., '31

1978

Adolph Trznadel '45
Steve Aalasny '57
Edward Maj '58
Gerald Morawski '63
Mark Finucane '74

1979

Joseph Mikulewicz '51
Stephen Mandy '55
Leroy Majtyka '58
Peter Compisi '65
Gerald Martin '74

1980

Walter Myslewski '47
Joseph Plawecki '48
James Burka '53
Michael Hoak '70
Greg Andzel '74

1981

Fr. Ignatius, OFM Conv. '31
Joseph Melerski '52
Sephen Hetey '55
Gary Kaczor '76

1982

Fr. Joseph, OFM Conv. '31
Tony Harasimowicz '54
Edward J. Hoak '68
Harold Summar, Jr. '75
Coach Ed DeJoy

1983

Arthur Cholewinski '53
John J. Kubitsy '53
Stan A. Buczkowski '54
James J. Michalek '59
William G. Wilson '75

1984

Henry J. Jankowski '42
Leonard Paczesnik '50
Anthony Paliwoda '62
Mark Dietrick '73
Coach Walter Andzel

1985

Ronald M. Bielicki '50
Frank E. Mormul '51
John J. Kaczor '51
Donald W. Shinnors '73
John L. Mastrantoni '76

1986

Fr. Adrian, OFM Conv. '35
Robert E. Roth '72
Bruce A. Sage '77
Michael C. Leavell '80

1987

Joseph Jastrzemski '46
Anthony Compisi '60
Robert Martin '61
Fr. Jude, OFM Conv. '66
Jim Boland '68
Matthew "Jerry" Glavy '81

1988

Joseph Dudas '49
Kenneth Rollek '62
Clair A. Montroy III '68
Daniel J. Neaverth '78
Joseph Laipple '81
Coach Ray Karney

1989

Leo Nowak '45
Victor Salasny '58
Jerome Kornowicz '63
William Jaworski Jr. '83
Gerald Courier '83
Michael Laipple '83

1990

Chris Patton '74
Jeff Bryk '80
Jeff Zern '82
Kevin Jerge '82
Scott Slade '82
E.J. Pfister '84

1991

Joseph H. Stein '59
Larry Simcox '61
George Kontrabecki '62
John Buczkowski '63
Gerald McEneaney '64

1992

Leonard S. Pittner '47
Felix A. Wasiak '48
Jerry Gorczyca '73
Matthew Jaworski '85
Mark Joseph Diebold '85
Coach John Courtney

1993

Richard Dompkowski '56
Jeffrey J. Blair '77
James Bochenski '77
James J. Donovan '78
Daniel B. Mayer '78
Cleophus J. Weeks '78

1994

Fr. Maurice Piszczatowski,
OFM Conv. '46
Henry Wargula '56
John P. Cisek '61
Richard A. Cisek '61
Henry T. Pietraszek '64
Eric R. Karney '87

1995

Michael R. Dylik '74
Doug Giacomoni '79
Ross Mancuso '84
William Laipple '86
Daniel P. Bohem '88

1996

Eugene Dudas '52
Richard Powers '54
Edward W. Halady '79
Robert T. Domon, Jr. '84
John X. Dantonio, D.D.S. '87
John C. Feltz '88
Thomas P. Pasternak

1997

Joseph John Helak '48
Scott Andrew Allan '89
Sean Patrick Muldowney '89
David Michael Hack '90
James Kubiak '90

1998

William R. Walsh '78
Michael E. Hartnett '84
Kevin M. Degnan '86
Marc G. Calveric '90
Christopher M. Dantonio '90

1999

1946 Inaugural Football Team
Robert Pacholski

2000

1950 Golf Team
Carlos Justinaino '69
Paul Bartell '88
Steve Otremba '90

2001

Christopher Polian '89
Anthony C. Fest '91
Scott J. Taylor '92
Larry Tyger '93
John Scibetta
Jerry Smith

2002

Donald Sheff '72
Dennis H. Hoak '73
George Kline '82
Joseph Volpe '85
Michael A. Messoro '91
William Joshua Davies '93

2003

Ron Curry '66
Jim Popielinski '70
Christofer C. Fattley '96

2004

Michael Patrick
Fitzgerald '66
John Conmy '88
Brian Polian '93
Brian Daboll '93

2005

Robert Panek '57
Matt Pawlikowski '88
Mark Drabik '94
Jesse White '95

ST. FRANCIS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

2006

Jim Chojnacki '91
Chris Pasternak '91
Dan Okoniewski '95
Coach John Bowers
Fr. Joseph Benicewicz, OFM Conv.

2007

Brian Attea '85
Bob D'Orazio '87
Jason Cichocki '92
Peter Cavaretta
Dr. Leo Michalek

2008

David Caldwell '92
Matt Davis '92
Nicholas Fattey '97
Craig Austin '98
Fr. Charles Jagodzinski, OFM
Conv.

2009

Frank Tabaczynski '94
Tom Bestpitch '96
William Mariani '98
Coach Joe Molloy

2010

Gil Alba '61
Korry Miller '93
Cort Knodel '93
Brian Ferris '00
Nathaniel Suchyna '00

2011

James Cullen '81
Gary Cullen '83
Peter Sartori '84
Patrick Cullen '85
Gaeton Camillo '99
Kevin Van Remmen

2012

Ed Hoak, Jr. '93
Dave Ferris '02
Kiel Illg '02
Mike Radon '02
Kyle Smith '02

2013

Andrew Degnan '91
Patrick Lalley '93
Patrick Hylant '97
Nicholas Zieziula '01

2014

Terence Waldorf '87
Mark Dantonio '93
Brian Mata '99
Vincent DeMarco '04

2015

John A. Compisi '66
Jason Blatner '98
Todd Kane '99
Scott Greene '01

2016

Dallas Pelz '99
Jim Negrych '03
Christopher Smith '05

2017

Daniel J. Kick '02
Adam Haas '03
Rick Lynch '03
Brian Haas '07

2018

Kevin Hoak '99
Andy Lanigan '02
Doug Worthington '05
+Jason "JJ" Jablonski '13

2019

Anthony Day '09
Zak Kedron '05
Kevin Roth '07
Vinny Scarcella '07

2022

Gregory A. Pivarunas '06
Dan J. Puckhaber '99
Nicholas Suchyna '03
Tom Telesco '91

2023

Ilio DiPaolo '06
Lucas Tasker '09
Brent Titus '06
Jon Van Remmen '08

2024

1974 Inaugural Hockey Team
Jacob A. Dylik '08
Adam Redden '10

2025

+Jaime Jayes '98
Andrew Maisano '06
Aaron Miller '89
Nick Schmitt '00
1985 Wrestling Team

Thank You

**TO OUR
PATRONS**



Tradition of Champions Patron:

Hank Pietraszek '68

Hall of Fame Patrons:

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Heilig Family. Mark '83, Ben '18, Mike '20
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Nate Suchyna '00, HOF '10
Alex P. Schaffstall '12

CLASS OF 2025

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

1985 VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM



Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the 1985 Wrestling Team stands as one of the most decorated squads in St. Francis Athletic History. Guided by head coach Jerry Smith, whose unmatched conditioning and relentless standards became a hallmark of the program, the Red Raiders completed a perfect 12–0 dual meet season while capturing their fourth straight Monsignor Martin All-Catholic Championship and, most memorably, the school's first-ever NYS CHSAA State Championship. In doing so, the team also delivered the first wrestling state title for any Western New York Catholic school, cementing their place in both local and state history.

The Red Raiders produced eight All-Catholic champions in 1985: Brian Attea '85, Chris Cromwell '85, Bill Laipple '86, Jeff Paryz '86, Phil Ryan '85, Jim Taube '86, Chuck Wall '87, and Rich Wall '88. Attea, Cromwell, and Chuck Wall advanced to capture CHSAA Individual State Titles, securing the first state crown in program and school history. Every wrestler contributed to the depth and balance of the lineup, ensuring that St. Francis remained untouchable across four straight championship seasons.

Other key contributors included Steve DeMeo '85, Michael Frawley '85, Frank Cunningham '85, James Jerge '85, Pat Koch '85, Matthew Smith '85, Andrew Beiger '86, Mark Caldwell '86, Kurt Haller '86, Robert Kaiser '86, Joseph Latona '86, Robert Schutz '86 (deceased), and Matthew Scozzaro '86. Several members of the 1985 team went on to achieve successes, not only on larger athletic stages but also professionally and personally.

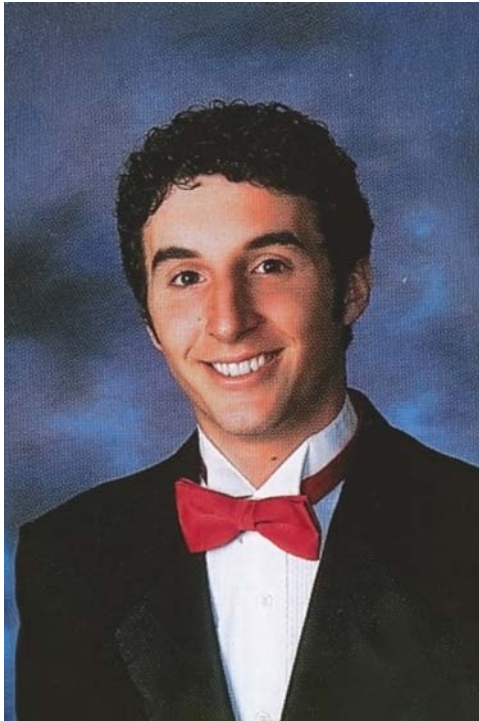
At the heart of it all was Coach Jerry Smith, whose influence is still remembered by team members decades later. Known for his unmatched conditioning programs and relentless demand for effort, Coach Smith pushed his wrestlers to their limits, forging not only champions on the mat but also men prepared for life's challenges. His leadership shaped the culture of toughness and brotherhood that defined the team and carried through generations of Red Raider wrestling.

The 1985 Wrestling Team was more than just undefeated—it was transformational. They captured championships that had never been won before, set a new standard for excellence at St. Francis, and inspired future athletes to pursue greatness. Forty years later, their accomplishments and the remarkable paths of their members continue to stand as a source of pride for the Red Raider Wrestling community, laying the groundwork for the First NYSPHSAA Federation Championship that was secured in 2025.

CLASS OF 2025

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

ANDREW MAISANO '06



During his years at St. Francis High School, Andrew Maisano distinguished himself as one of the school's most versatile and accomplished athletes, excelling in soccer, hockey, and lacrosse.

Andrew's athletic career was defined by both individual and team success. He earned First Team All-Catholic honors in soccer and lacrosse, while also securing Second Team All-Catholic recognition in both sports in 2005. He captained the soccer team in 2005 and the lacrosse team in 2006. Over his four years, he contributed to a string of memorable championships: the 2005 soccer team's regular season title, the 2006 Prep Hockey team's Midwest Prep Hockey League Championship, and the 2004 lacrosse team's league championship, in addition to multiple other successful campaigns.

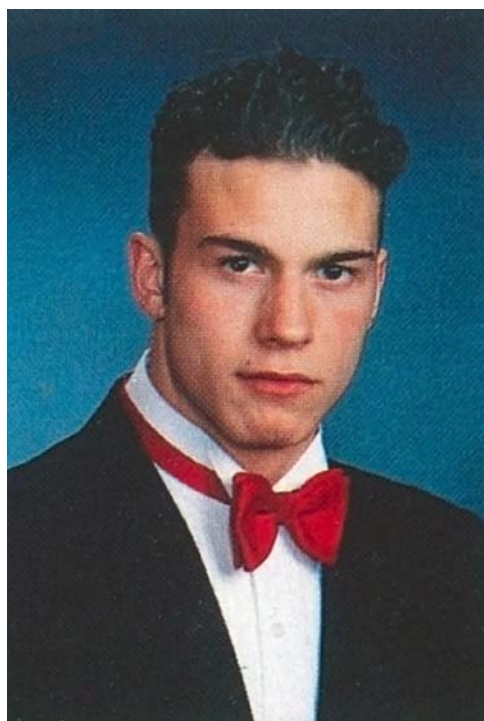
Andrew credits his coaches across sports for shaping his growth. In lacrosse, Mike Greco fostered team bonding and competition, while Mike Burke built a supportive culture that felt like family. In hockey, Nik Fattey, John Bowers, and Sal Valvo created a winning yet close-knit program. On the soccer field, Craig Fattey taught accountability and commitment, and JV coaches Smolinski and Cretacci introduced him to the discipline of being a well-rounded student-athlete.

After St. Francis, Andrew graduated top 2% from West Point in 2010 with a degree in Systems Engineering. He captained the Army lacrosse team to a Patriot League title and NCAA quarterfinals, and earned multiple academic honors (Patriot League Scholar Athlete of the Year, Academic All-American, Senior CLASS Award). He later earned an MBA from Harvard (2018) and is now Chief Growth Officer at Unison Risk Advisors. Andrew lives in Cleveland with his wife Megan and their four children, Maddie, Paul, Adrian and Luke.

CLASS OF 2025

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

JAMIE J. JAYES '97



Jamie J. Jayes, Class of 1997, was a standout athlete for the Red Raiders, excelling in football, earning First Team All-Catholic honors both his junior and senior year as well as All-WNY accolades. Jamie's name is still etched in the top 10 in multiple statistics earning him a coveted place in the storied history of St. Francis Football. His leadership and talent on the field set him apart, and his performance earned him opportunities at the next level. After graduation, Jamie attended Milford Academy, then Michigan State University, where he played football and contributed to a memorable Green vs. White game victory. Though his athletic career was shortened by injury, he carried the discipline, drive, and competitive spirit from the field into every part of his life. He later completed his degree in Psychology at UB and his MBA at Canisius College.

Jamie's professional achievements were as remarkable as his athletic ones. He rose to become the #1 pharmaceutical rep for Eli Lilly in the Eastern US, earning Rep of the Year and multiple other recognitions. Beyond this success, he went on to co-found Trusted Nurse Staffing with fellow alum Martin Vidal, and later Astute Staffing Agency with his sister, Jessica Jayes. Both ventures grew into thriving companies that reflect his vision, leadership, and dedication.

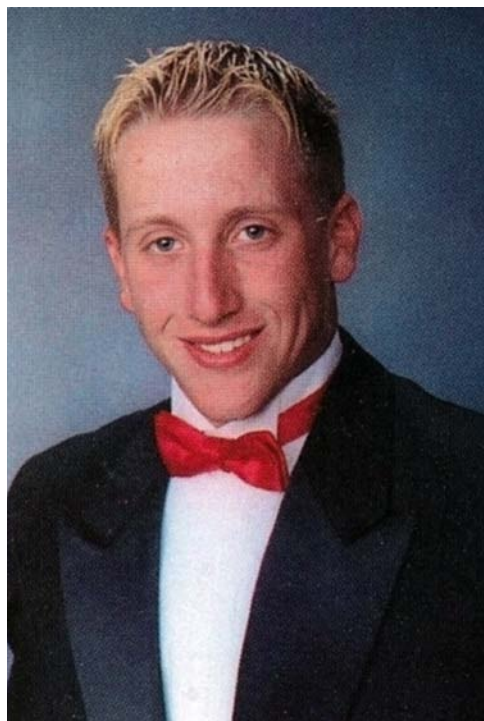
The lessons of sports and teamwork remained central to Jamie. He credited Coaches Scibetta and Smith for shaping his athletic skills and his character—relationships that remained deeply meaningful to him and his family. Believing in the lasting impact of athletics, Jamie's legacy continues through the "Jamie Jayes Lasting Impact Scholarship," created by his close friends and family to honor his values of discipline, leadership, and camaraderie.

Jamie also found joy and purpose in being an uncle. He invested his time and heart in encouraging his niece Bellarose, attending every game, practicing with her, and teaching her how to face both victories and setbacks with grace and resilience. His guidance lives on in her accomplishments and reflects the caring, driven, and supportive person he was to those who knew and loved him.

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NICHOLAS SCHMITT '00



During his four years at St. Francis High School, Nicholas Schmitt was a trailblazer and standout in multiple sports, leaving behind a legacy of leadership, championships, and firsts. A dominant force on the volleyball court, the ice, and the baseball diamond, he embodied the competitive spirit of the Red Raiders while paving the way for future athletes.

Nicholas' volleyball career was particularly historic. A four-year varsity starter, he earned First Team All-Catholic honors in 1998 and 1999 after being named Second Team All-Catholic in 1997. In 1999, he made history as the first Catholic League player ever selected First Team All-Western New York. He also captained the volleyball team from 1998 through 2000, leading the 1999 squad to a 22–1 record and a Monsignor Martin Championship, including a memorable victory over Canisius in the final. That same year, the team went undefeated in all league and non-league matches, with its only setback coming in tournament play. Nicholas capped off his senior year by being named the 2000 St. Francis Co-Athlete of the Year. On the ice, Nicholas was equally influential. He served as captain of the inaugural St. Francis Prep Hockey team in 1999, helping establish a program that quickly became a force in the region. Under his leadership, the Prep squad captured multiple tournament championships, including a memorable run at the St. Andrew's College Tournament in Ontario. He was also part of back-to-back

WNYVHF championships in 1998 and 1999, solidifying his reputation as both a skilled player and natural leader.

Nicholas also excelled on the baseball diamond, earning Second Team All-Catholic honors in 1998, further demonstrating his versatility as a three-sport athlete. His ability to balance multiple varsity sports while excelling in each reflected his unmatched dedication and competitive drive.

Equally important to Nicholas as the wins and accolades were the coaches who shaped his athletic journey. He credits John O'Hara (volleyball), John Bowers, Bob Boarder, and Craig Fattey (ice hockey), and Paul Bartell and Kevin VanRammen (baseball) as mentors who left a lifelong positive impact on his development both as an athlete and a person. The lessons of discipline, leadership, and teamwork they instilled helped guide him well beyond the walls of St. Francis.

After graduation, Nicholas earned both his bachelor's (2005) and master's (2009) degrees in English Education from Buffalo State College. He briefly played college hockey but found his greatest success in officiating. Since 2003 he has worked NCAA hockey and, beginning in 2010, NCAA lacrosse—officiating at all three divisions, six straight NCAA tournaments, and four World Championships, including the 2023 gold medal game in San Diego. A respected official worldwide, he has also refereed two New York State Championship games. Beyond athletics, Nicholas has taught English at Lancaster High School since 2005, serving as department chair for the past decade, and is co-owner of Connor's Restaurant in West Seneca. He now lives in Hamburg with his wife, Jennilee, and their children, Jackson and Kaydence, grateful for the friendships and values forged at St. Francis.



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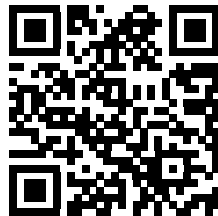
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