

PROFILE

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ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Francis High School is a private Roman Catholic, Franciscan college preparatory school that serves young men of diverse faiths and backgrounds from around the world.

Conducted by the Conventual Franciscan Friars, the entire school community works to develop the whole person through academic excellence, religious principles, and a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

Imbued with the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we prepare young men to use their knowledge for the good of society and to see God in all people, especially the poor, neglected and marginalized.

We envision a brotherhood of graduates who will live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and become leaders who are known by their faith, critical thinking, creativity, service to others, integrity, self-discipline, concern for the environment, and an openness to lifelong learning.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY, FRANCISCAN HERITAGE

Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated. Guided by the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan Order, we celebrate our identity as a Catholic school. Moreover, five Franciscan Friars serve in key dimensions of our school: administration, guidance, the religion department and campus ministry, and the fine arts. The entire SFHS community seeks to share the Franciscan message of *Pax et Bonum* (Peace and Good) to all those we meet along the educational journey. All students participate in a minimum of 40 hours of direct service to the low income and less fortunate during their time at SFHS.

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 416

Class of 2027	95
Class of 2028	96
Class of 2029	100
Class of 2030	125

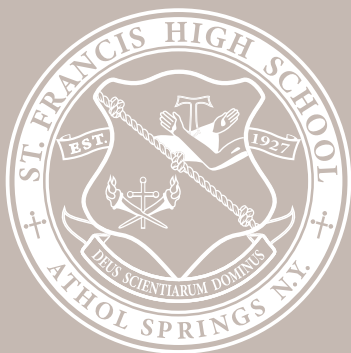
FACULTY:

31 Full-Time Faculty
6 Franciscan Friars

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 20

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 10:1

CEEB CODE: 330230



A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MEN IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Located on the shores of Lake Erie, our 67-acre campus is positioned in the suburban community of Athol Springs, NY – eight miles south of the city of Buffalo. SFHS maintains a rigorous college preparatory curriculum with Honors and AP courses across all subject areas and each grade level. We are accredited by the Middle States Association of High Schools. SFHS has a billet program which allows students from outside the local area to live with a host family and attend St. Francis High School.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Admission is selective and based upon examination, recommendation, and solid academic performance. A minimum of 27 credits are required for graduation. Allowances are made for transfer and international students. Students must earn the following credits in the following disciplines for graduation: Religious Studies - 4 credits, English - 4 credits, Social Studies - 4 credits, Natural Sciences - 3 credits, Mathematics - 3 credits, Foreign Languages - 2 credits, Fine Arts - 1 credit, Physical Education - 2

credits, Health - 0.5 credits, Freshman Seminar Studies Management & Introduction to Computers - 0.5 credits, Electives - 3 credits. Our complete course listing is available on the school website.

The school year is divided into 2 semesters, with 2 quarters in each semester.

The courses at our school are offered in the levels of College Prep, Honors, and Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment.

Franciscan Service Learning

Requirement for Direct and Indirect Service:

- 9th Grade: 10 hours
- 10th Grade: 15 hours
- 11th Grade: 20 hours
- 12th Grade: 25 hours

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED IN 2026-2027

In 2026, a total of 259 AP Exams were administered to 141 students.

AP Literature & Composition, AP Language & Composition, AP Calculus AB, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP World History

DUAL-ENROLLMENT COURSES

Spanish V, NUSTEP-Government, NUSTEP-U.S. History, NUSTEP-Statistics, Introduction to Calculus; Psychology, General Physics I & II, Accounting Foundations, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, English 101 (Senior English Classes)

GRADING SYSTEM

Our grading system is based on a 100-point weighted scale. Letter grades are assigned to credit-bearing activities and courses that do not follow the numeric grading scale. Honors courses receive 1.03 and AP courses and Dual-Enrollment receive 1.05 weights. A student must receive at least 70% to earn credit for a course. Only numerical grades are used in the computation of Grade Point Averages. Letter grades are assigned to credit-bearing activities such as Drama, Male Chorus, and Instrumental Music, as well as Physical Education courses.

LETTER GRADE EQUIVALENCY SFHS DOES NOT RANK OUR STUDENTS.

Academic Honors awarded to students each marking period achieving the following GPA:

First Honors 95-100+

Second Honors 90-94.99

We operate on a semester system.

The grading for the GPA is as follows:

1st Semester=40%

Midterm Assessment=10%

2nd Semester=40%

Final Assessment=10%

From the nature of the Catholic school also stems one of the most significant elements of its educational project: the synthesis between culture and faith. Indeed, knowledge set in the context of faith becomes wisdom and life vision.

The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium, #14

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular athletics are available in 15 interscholastic sports at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman levels. Intramural programs are also available. We have over 40 student clubs and activities including National Honor Society, school publications, drama and literary work, life-long learning activities, service organizations, and campus & peer ministry. And we have Work-Study opportunities.

PADUAN SCHOLARS

Our Paduan Scholars are academically and otherwise gifted students who have the potential to work at a very high standard and achieve a cross-curricular, culturally responsive education that prepares students for college at the most selective institutions across the nation. The program is named for St. Anthony of Padua, a Franciscan Friar renowned for his intellect, strength of character, and sure faith. One of the first Franciscan scholars, St. Anthony was commissioned by St. Francis to teach those things that will help others better know about God, the world, and each other. In the tradition of St. Anthony, the Scholars Program provides talented young men the opportunity to challenge themselves academically and to enrich their lives through the quest for knowledge and understanding. The curriculum involves innovative and differentiated instruction, including interdisciplinary and independent study projects, with the goal of helping the Scholars reach their full potential.

FRANCISCAN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

The acquisition of knowledge is only one aspect of Franciscan education.

Education in the truth, right reasoning, and good judgement are also essential elements which allow a person to live and love more fully. These qualities are emphasized so as to encourage the student to embrace a realistic preparation for college and for life.

Self-discipline is the foundation of an individual's total development and enables our students to achieve goals by fostering self-esteem and promoting greater respect for others. The SFHS student is taught to live within the bounds of society and take responsibility for actions.

Since Franciscan education takes a holistic approach toward the development of the person, students are encouraged to become more active Christians within society. Athletics, academics, fine arts, spirituality, socialization, and extracurricular clubs & activities are important facets of a SFHS education.

The ultimate goal of a SFHS education is the transformation of students into true *Christian gentlemen* who strive to appreciate their God-given talents and gifts, and who develop them to foster a healthy, loving relationship with God and neighbor.



STATISTICS - CLASS OF 2026

The Class of 2026 contributed more than **7,500 hours of direct service to the low income and marginalized** in the local WNY community.

The Class of 2026 donated over **\$6,200 to Catholic Charities and Franciscan Missionary causes** during their high school career.

The Class of 2026 earned **\$24.6 million in scholarships, awards, and merit aid** to more than 100 highly regarded colleges & universities.

89% attended a four-year college, 4% attended a two-year college (includes military service academies), 7% matriculated into the workforce or technical instruction.



RECENT SFHS GRADUATES WERE ADMITTED TO:

Alfred State University
Ave Maria University
Canisius University
Case Western Reserve University
Clarkson University
Cornell University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
D'Youville University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Erie Community College
Finger Lakes Community College
Fordham University
Hilbert College
Ithaca College
John Carroll University

Kent State University
Mercyhurst University
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
Niagara University
North Carolina State University
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Roberts Wesleyan University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Leo University
St. Bonaventure University
St. John Fisher University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Brockport

SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Niagara
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Stony Brook
Syracuse University
The Citadel
University at Buffalo
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Tampa
Virginia Tech
Walsh University

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