

COLLEGE CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2026 | ISSUE 02



KEY DATES

- **OCTOBER 1**
Junior Individual Guidance Counseling Meetings Begin
- **OCTOBER 6**
PSAT - 8am-11am, 8am - 12pm for extended time

OCTOBER 12

FAFSA FRENZY

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

College and University Financial Aid Officials and Missouri College and Career FAFSA specialists will be available to assist with completing the FAFSA

- **OCTOBER 15**
Mid-Semester Grade Reporting
- **OCTOBER 20**
Mid-Semester Parent-Teacher Conferences

SDHS ALUMNI

Jessica Larson '22
University of Missouri-Columbia

Jessica Larson was part of three state championship soccer teams from 2019-2022 at St. Dominic High School. In addition to being a leader in the nationally ranked soccer program, she was also a leader as Head of House at SDHS. Following graduation, Jessica continued her playing career as a student-athlete at Mizzou, where she was a member of the Team Leadership Group as well as the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. After graduating in December 2025 with a Bachelors of Health Science, she enrolled in the STLCC MRI Technologist Certificate Program with an anticipated graduation date of December 2027.

[FULL INTERVIEW](#)


SPOTLIGHT



OCT 12

FAFSA FRENZY

St. Dominic Learning Commons

5-6pm Seniors and their families with last names A-K

6-7pm Seniors and their families with last names L-Z

HELPFUL LINKS:

[How to create an FSA ID](#)
[Steps for students to take to complete the FAFSA](#)
[Filling out the FAFSA](#)


HELPFUL Tips

Letters of Recommendation

1. **Check Requirements** – Each college has different requirements, including who may write your letters and how many are needed.
2. **Choose Wisely** – Ask someone who knows you well. Consider a teacher related to your intended major or interests.
3. **Ask Early** – Ideally 4–6 weeks before your first deadline.
4. **Provide Information** – Give your recommender a resume/brag sheet, your goals and interests, and a list of colleges and deadlines.
5. **Say Thank You** – Send a thank-you after submission, and let them know where you decide to attend.

[LEARN MORE](#)


GUIDANCE Focus

Mid-Semester Reporting

October 15th: Mid-Semester Grades are finalized**October 16th:** Parents are notified of Academic Probation (59% and below) by Guidance**October 20th:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30pm-7pm)



COLLEGE Planning

Scholarship List 2026-2027

These scholarships are funded by a private company. You will find these scholarships have a wide range of criteria because the company sets the parameters of the scholarship. This document lists some private scholarships available to students. Look at the tabs at the bottom of the Google Sheet for scholarships by deadline.

2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



CLASS OF 2027

Report all Earned Scholarships HERE

The College Guidance Office keeps records of all scholarships our seniors have earned. Please report these as you earn them. Submitting more than one form throughout the year is acceptable and encouraged.

SCOIR CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete your profile
- ☐ Add colleges to your list (e.g., "Considering" or "Applying")
- ☐ Request teacher recommendations
- ☐ Request transcripts
- ☐ Update application status (e.g., submitted, accepted)
- ☐ Indicate your final college choice

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HELPFUL Links

► College Guidance

stdominichs.org/academics/college

► Scoir

scoir.com

► Scholarships

fastweb.com | myscholly.com

► FAFSA

studentaid.gov

► Common App

commonapp.org

► NCAA Eligibility

web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3

► ACT

act.org

► SAT

satsuite.collegeboard.org



OCTOBER COLLEGE Visits

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



University of Iowa
10/1/26



Southeast Missouri State University
10/7/26



University of Missouri Mizzou
10/8/26



St. Leo University
10/14/26



Missouri S & T
10/14/26



Saint Louis University
10/15/26



Lindenwood
10/22/26



Rockhurst University
10/28/26



Saint Mary's College
10/28/26