

A large group of young men, likely students, are gathered in a gymnasium, cheering enthusiastically with their arms raised. In the foreground, a young man in a patterned jacket and tie stands with arms raised, while another in a white t-shirt kneels with arms raised. The background is filled with other students, some in maroon shirts, also cheering. The scene is captured in a warm, slightly desaturated color palette.

MEN FOR OTHERS



DE SMET JESUIT

*“De Smet is not just another school. It is a place of formation for whole men, whole people. A place where **everyone has a home.** A place where everyone has the freedom to become fully themselves.”*

Gabe Rodriguez '26

Co-Valedictorian



FORMING MEN *for* OTHERS

At De Smet Jesuit, we prepare young men for more than college.
We prepare them for lives of purpose.

Here, students grow in faith, character, compassion, and confidence.
They learn to think critically, act justly, lead with integrity, and serve generously.

We educate the mind. We form the heart. We walk with each student as he
discovers his gifts and becomes the man God calls him to be.

This is our **mission.**
This is our **promise.**
This is what **sets us apart.**

FOUR PILLARS. ONE POWERFUL EXPERIENCE.

Our commitment to these four pillars define a De Smet Jesuit education. Together, they form young men ready for college, for life, and for something greater than themselves.

Pillar 01

CATHOLIC & JESUIT

The strongest element of our school is our Jesuit way of educating.

Pillar 02

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We inspire students to develop their God-given gifts and talents through our course offerings.

Pillar 03

CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON

The totality of who we are as humans is honored, respected, and cultivated.

Pillar 04

MEN FOR OTHERS

Forming men who will live not for themselves, but for God through service and the promotion of justice.



Pillar 01

CATHOLIC & JESUIT

Faith That Shapes Men

De Smet Jesuit exists to help our young men meet God. The God who is Love. **In knowing God they will come to know their true self.** In the Jesuit classroom students learn how to think. They master how to reason. They are taught to ask “Why? How? Whose voice has not yet been heard?”



Jesuit Tradition

Jesuit education flows out of the 500-year-old vision of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Our spirituality is at the heart of what we do.

Campus Ministry

Students help lead the daily Examen prayer, plan all-school Masses including Mass of the Holy Spirit, and lead a robust grade-level retreat program to enhance every student’s spiritual formation.

Inclusion

Our Inclusive Education Program for young men with intellectual disabilities within our high school setting prepares all our students to lead with empathy, serve with purpose, and make a difference in the world.

Welcomed Wherever He Is

Students of all faith backgrounds belong at De Smet Jesuit. We meet each student where he is. Whether his faith is deeply rooted, still developing, or filled with questions, every student is invited to explore, reflect, and grow.



*“De Smet **strengthened my faith** by giving me time to reflect, whether during examen, morning Mass, or class Mass. Those moments helped me see my day through God’s perspective.”*

Alex Renschen '25

Pillar 02

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Challenged to Think.
Supported to Thrive.

At De Smet Jesuit, academic excellence is deeply personal. **Every Spartan is challenged, known, and supported so he can achieve his best.**

Our Jesuit approach begins by knowing each student, including his strengths, his interests, and where he has room to grow. Teachers meet him where he is, then challenge him to think critically, take intellectual risks, and pursue his God-given potential.



College Prep Curriculum

Our curriculum is aligned to teach academic content and college readiness skills and includes 40+ advanced courses that earn college credit.

Balanced

Our 8-period block schedule and 8:30 a.m. start time give students time to be rested and prepared for their high school experience. Students have seven classes and one study period per semester. They attend four classes per day on a rotating basis.

Stephen P. Holmes '81
Center for Entrepreneurship

Spartans bring learning to life through business ideas, pitch competitions, student-run ventures, and guest speakers. Our Summer Mentorship Program connects students with hands-on experiences at more than 20 leading St. Louis companies.



*“I chose De Smet for the people and the classroom environment. The **teachers go out of their way** to help me grow and become a better student.”*

James Weber '28

Pillar 03

CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON

Seen for Who He Is.
Formed for Who He
Can Become.

The Jesuit value of *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person, guides how we support every Spartan. **He is known by name, valued for his gifts, and supported in his mind, faith, character, relationships, and well-being.**

At De Smet Jesuit, care means helping every student discover his strengths, build meaningful relationships, and find opportunities to grow.



Mentors in Every Moment

Teachers and staff do more than teach. They coach, lead, listen, and meet each student where he is.

Find His Place. Discover His People.

On a field. On a stage. In the robotics lab. Through a club, leadership role, or new interest. Every Spartan can find a place where he belongs.

Countless Ways to Belong

With more than 40 clubs, 20 sports, over 50 athletic teams, and numerous studio and performance arts offerings, students can explore their interests and discover new ones.

Every Spartan Gets Involved

Every student participates in at least one activity. Leadership opportunities and peer mentorship programs help Spartans build confidence, form connections, and support one another.



“At De Smet, **they meet you where you are,** both academically and in what you’re interested in. There’s really a place for everyone here.”

Augustus Bilger '27

Pillar 04

MEN FOR OTHERS

Formed to Lead.
Called to Serve.

A Spartan learns to look beyond himself, stand with others, and use his gifts for the greater good. **Every Spartan graduates with at least 150 service hours.**

Service is part of every Spartan's experience. Through meaningful relationships and purposeful action, students develop compassion, perspective, and responsibility.



Ignatian Global Scholars (IGS) Certificate Program

Through coursework, service, cultural immersion, and reflection, IGS students become informed, compassionate global citizens. Those who complete the program earn a certificate of distinction from the Jesuit Schools Network.

Day of Service

Freshmen pack meals. Sophomores host Special Olympics athletes. Juniors and seniors help lead. Together, the entire school serves the St. Louis community.

Junior Service Projects

Juniors serve those in need at over 50 community organizations in St. Louis, every week throughout the year.

Great Ignatian Challenge

52+ tons of food collected and growing. Spartans support people experiencing hunger and homelessness throughout St. Louis every October.



*“The Ignatian Global Scholars Certificate Program completely changed my time at De Smet. Not only did it help me build different skills, but it **Painted the path for my future.**”*

Ben Krinninger '25

BROTHERHOOD

LIKE NO OTHER

At De Smet Jesuit, brotherhood is more than school spirit. It is the feeling of being known, supported, challenged, and welcomed into something bigger than himself.

It takes shape in classrooms, retreats, teams, clubs, service, and everyday moments. Spartans celebrate one another's successes, face challenges, and grow together.

The connections formed here continue long after graduation through mentorship, alumni events, career networks, reunions, and friendships that last.

He arrives a student.
He leaves a Spartan.



*“The guys in this room are **here for you, always**, for the rest of your life. It doesn’t matter how many miles away you are.”*

Will Ortals '25
Valedictorian





READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT

A De Smet Jesuit education prepares a Spartan for more than college. It prepares him to think critically, act with purpose, and move forward with confidence.

He leaves grounded in his values, aware of what he is capable of, and connected to relationships that extend far beyond campus.

Ready to **learn**. Ready to **lead**. Ready to **serve**.
Ready for **what's next**.

BEYOND DE SMET JESUIT

Prepared for college.
Formed to make an impact.

Spartans leave De Smet Jesuit ready to pursue ambitious goals with confidence, purpose, and integrity.

Visit. Apply.
Become a **Spartan.**



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98%

of graduates attend four-year colleges

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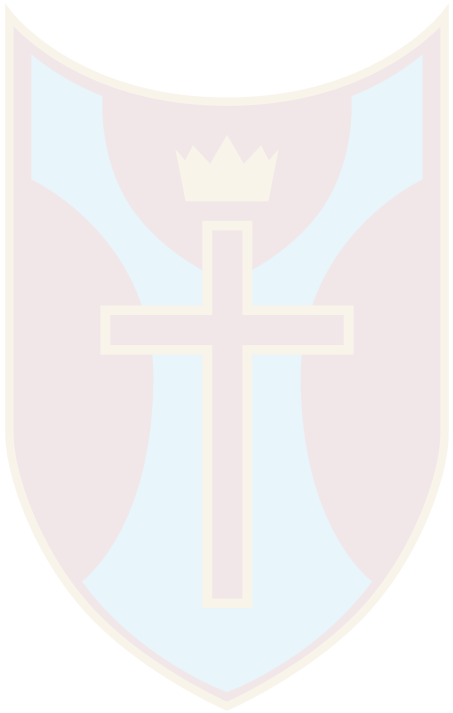
colleges attended by the Class of 2026

3 in 4

Spartans earn one or more scholarships

\$28M

in college scholarships earned by the Class of 2026



DE SMET JESUIT

A SPARTAN FOR LIFE



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