



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

MISSION

Guided by our Catholic faith, we develop well-rounded, confident, and moral young people.
Our students go on to become lifelong learners and leading lights in their communities.

Curriculum: SFA is well-known for its traditional curriculum and academic rigor. In compliance with the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Lifelong Formation and Education, we utilize remedial and enrichment activities, infused with best practices of differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Each classroom has the support of an instructional assistant. An in-depth description of the curriculum can be found at archlou.org and on our website at sfalouisville.org.

Religious Formation: At SFA, we welcome families of all faiths. As a Catholic school, prayer is a part of the student's entire school day. Students participate in morning prayer, classroom prayer, grace before meals, prayer tables, weekly Mass, and holy days of obligation that fall on school days.

- First Eucharist – Spring of the second grade
- First Reconciliation – Fall of the second grade
- Confirmation – Spring of the fifth grade year

Social Justice: Infused in all of our teaching at SFA is the importance of social justice. Our students recite and live out the PeaceBuilders' Pledge daily. They form Peace Families by working together with students in other grades to go into the community and perform service work. Further, each grade has a HeartPath – an underserved segment of the community that the class comes to understand and support.

Foreign Language: Students in grades 1-8 receive Spanish instruction for 2.5 hours per week. Kindergarten attends once weekly. This class, taught by a trilingual teacher from Guatemala, is multidisciplinary and incorporates language arts and social studies as students develop reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, all while learning more about their place among other people of the world.

Art: Students are exposed to a full range of media within the visual arts. By the time students leave our school, they will have experienced a wide variety of arts at varying levels of cognition. Exploration, as well as technical aspects of the materials, is stressed. Students are exposed to art history using appropriate developmental references. Each grade has art 45 minutes per week.

Music and Drama: This program is based on the Orff-Schulwerk methodology, where students explore and guide the learning process through singing, movement and rhythmic speech. Students in every grade engage in hands-on learning using xylophones, recorders, hand-drumming, percussion, ethnic dancing and folk-tale telling, pantomime and dramatic role playing. Each year, every student participates in public performances including parish and/or ecumenical religious services, nursing home visits, seasonal programs, community concerts and special-request television and/or public performances. Students have music and drama a minimum of 60 minutes per week, while many grades have 90 minutes.



Physical Education: The primary aim of physical education is to equip students with the knowledge, skills, capacities, and values to maintain a healthy lifestyle into adulthood. We focus on developing motor skills, responsible personal and social behavior, and respect for differences among people in physical activity settings.

Counseling Program: The counseling program offers a variety of social and emotional services to all students and their families free of charge throughout the school year. These services include individual counseling, group counseling, family counseling, peace education, and additional programming based on the school community's needs.

Library: Students in grades K-6 visit the library weekly for classes that teach them to access information, expand upon topics taught in the classroom, provide literary enrichment, and allow time to borrow books or take Accelerated Reader quizzes.

Adult Volunteer Program: On any visit to our school, you will find volunteers working with students on an individual basis and in small groups to support our program. Volunteers are especially in force during our Literacy Blocks. We also have tutors who volunteer their time after school as needed.

Language Development: We're proud to offer additional tutoring based on the Barton System. This program provides one-on-one tutoring to help struggling students improve their spelling, reading, and writing skills.



FACTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, St. Francis of Assisi is known for a curriculum that advances the fundamentals of language, math, arts and sciences; that provides both a breadth and depth of learning experiences; that emphasizes self-advocacy, STEAM and 21st Century life skills; and that encourages students to become lifelong learners and leading lights in their communities.

RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS 2022 - 2023

- 100+ award winners at each of the 2022 and 2023 Louisville Regional Science & Engineering Fair
- SFA middle school students won 1st Place in the School Awards Category in the Louisville Regional Science & Engineering Fair
- MAP scores in top 15% nationwide
- 2,000+ community service hours performed by 8th graders routinely each summer
- SFA students scored significantly higher than Archdiocese & National average on High School Placement test
- 8 scholarship winners to Archdiocese Catholic Schools
- 8 middle school students came in 1st Place in the State Science Fair; and 1 of these students won Best of Fair
- Governor's Cup Middle School team finished 5th in the state
- 4th grade Book Bee Team came in 1st Place in the Archdiocese Citywide Competition
- Winning school at state and regional science fairs

RECENT ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS 2022 - 2023

- 85% or more make high school honor roll
- Approx. 90% test out of high school freshman Spanish
- Approx. 50% test out of high school freshman Algebra
- 90% continue service work
- Multiple students continuing science fair projects at national and international levels
- 4 alumni scored a perfect ACT or were named National Merit Finalists in last 5 years

GLOBAL EDUCATION AT A PLACE THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

- **Size:** A maximum enrollment of 265 means our teachers know our students and their individual needs, and our students know each other.
- **Spanish:** Our classes, taught by a native speaker from Guatemala, are held daily for grades 1-8 and weekly for kindergarten.
- **Community Focus:** All grades are dedicated to different social justice issues through our HeartPaths program. Middle-schoolers participate in our Committee on Conscience outreach and develop

relationships with refugees through our many different activities. Our Holocaust studies program is the gateway to a lifetime of tolerance. Through it, students were prompted to write, lobby and witness the legislation of House Bill 128 that mandates Holocaust education for all Kentucky middle school students.

- **Technology:** A full-time technology coach works with teachers and students to individualize teaching through digital learning programs that include Lexia, Reading Plus, Dreambox, Moby Max and more. SFA has more than 240 student devices in use on a daily basis. All grades use computer labs, iPads and our mobile laptop lab, while 6th, 7th and 8th grades also have a 1:1 laptop program.

SPORTS PROGRAMS

Archery
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country & Track Football Field
Hockey
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Volleyball

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Art Club
Chess Club
Book Bee
Choir
Committee on Conscience/Community
Outreach Cub Scouts Girl Scouts
Governor's Cup
Math Counts
Performing Arts Program Quick Recall
Spelling Bee
Student Council



ATHLETIC PROGRAM

St. Francis of Assisi participates in the Louisville Archdiocese's Catholic School Athletic Association (CSAA) which sponsors 16 teams and individual sports throughout the course of the school year. Individual sports at SFA are provided as interest dictates. The SFA program is currently supervised and funded by the Athletic Ministry.

The SFA Program is open to all SFA students, including those members of the parish attending public school. The program is governed by the rules and philosophy of the CSAA, the SFA Athletic Program Policies and the SFA Code of Discipline.

Parents should watch for information in the Friday newsletter and Athletic Ministry emails & Athletic Ministry Facebook page that advertise sign-up times and requirements. The following is a list of sports, grades and approximate start of practice dates:

Archery	4 th – 8 th	November
Basketball	3 rd – 8 th	November 1st
Basketball	K – 2 nd	Early February
Boys Golf	3 rd – 8 th	May 1st
Boys Volleyball	3 rd – 8 th	February 1st
Cheerleading	1 st – 8 th	September
Contact Football	3 rd – 8 th	July 15th
Cross Country	K – 8 th	August 1st
Field Hockey	5 th – 8 th	May 1st (collaborate with St. Agnes)
Girls Volleyball	3 rd – 8 th	Last Monday of July
Girls Volleyball	1 st – 2 nd	Mid August
Soccer (Fall)	PreK – 2 nd	Mid August
Soccer	K – 8 th	March 1st
Swimming	1 st – 8 th	Mid March (1 day meet)
Tennis	3 rd – 8 th	January 1st (collaborate with St. Agnes, 1 week tournament)
Track & Field	3 rd – 8 th	March 1st

ADMISSION POLICY



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The basic purpose of Catholic schools is to assure that Catholic truths and values are fully integrated with the student's life and academic program. Students are expected to participate fully in the religious program of the school. No one shall be refused admission on the grounds of race, sex, national or ethnic origin, or religion.

Order of Admission

At the time of pre-registration (starting at Open House in October), St. Francis of Assisi School will use the following order of priority for admission to the school. Once a grade level is full, all remaining pre-registered students will be placed on a waiting list and will be admitted as openings become available.

The order of priority in admission is as follows:

1. Children from parish families with children already enrolled.
* This includes Non-Parishioners and Parishioners of other parishes without a school who already have children enrolled at SFA.
2. Children from parish families in which the oldest child is just reaching school age and children of other parishioners who may wish to transfer to SFA.
3. Children of new parishioners who are newly moved into the neighborhood who are transferring from a Catholic school or from an area where a Catholic school was not available but participated fully in the religious education programs offered.
4. Transfer Students: other Catholic children if the parish authority (a person designated by the pastor) judges the intent and motivation for attendance to be in accord with the purposes of Catholic education.
5. Transfer Students: non-Catholic students if the parish authority, on the basis of a personal interview and educational assessment, judges the intent and motivation for attendance to be in accord with the purposes of Catholic education.

*Applications will be prioritized based on date the application is received. In some cases children leave SFA to receive remedial educational support and wish to later return. While it is our wish to accommodate these students and efforts will be made to do so, each instance will be handled individually.

TUITION



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Francis of Assisi School Tuition

February 2023

St. Francis of Assisi School uses SMART Tuition Management Program for collecting school tuition. You have the option to join the SMART program or pay for your child's tuition in advance. **Families who are currently using the SMART Program will need to re-enroll by May 12, 2023 at enrollwithsmart.com** (see back of this letter for instructions). **If you have forgotten your USERNAME or PASSWORD, please call (888)868-8828.** New families will need to register online by June 9, 2023, at enrollwithsmart.com. The school code is 02952.

If you would like to change your tuition payment option, please contact Debra Renauer at drenauer@ccsfa.org or 456-6394, as soon as possible.

*There is a discounted amount offered for pre-payment of annual tuition. If you choose to pay in advance in one payment, you will receive a 2% discount. If you choose to make payment in two lump sums, you will receive a 1% discount. Payments are made directly to SFA and due on Friday, July 7, 2023, and Friday, January 5, 2024. Discounted amounts are listed below.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL TUITION, RESOURCE FEES, AND TECHNOLOGY FEES HAVE BEEN COMBINED INTO ONE AMOUNT.

Tuition for parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church for the 2023-2024 school year:

		*2%	*1%
Families with one child	\$7,500	\$7,350	\$7,425
Families with two children	\$12,750	\$12,495	\$12,623
Families with three children	\$17,700	\$17,346	\$17,523
Families with four children	\$20,750	\$20,335	\$20,543

Tuition for non-parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church for the 2023-2024 school year:

		*2%	*1%
Families with one child	\$9,950	\$9,751	\$9,851
Families with two children	\$18,750	\$18,375	\$18,563
Families with three children	\$27,500	\$26,950	\$27,225
Families with four children	\$29,750	\$29,155	\$29,453

Barton Program additional \$3000 per student (for students selected to be in this program)

Pre-school tuition for St. Francis of Assisi for the 2023-2024 school year:

		*2%	*1%
Tuition Per Student	\$6,950	\$6,811	\$6,881

If you have any questions, please contact Debra Renauer at 456-6394, Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-noon or by e-mail at drenauer@ccsfa.org.