

The Uniform Lowdown: Quick Reminders - Shoes

Fall has arrived. Changing seasons are the perfect time to review the uniform dress code, as detailed in our handbook. Shoes are first up! Comfy Crocs and other easy-to-slip-on clogs are an autumn staple in many households; however, they do not meet ASA's footwear requirements, which require shoes to have a closed toe and heel for safety reasons.

***From the Dress Code - Shoes:** Dress or tennis shoes, with a closed toe and heel for safety reasons. No sandals, clogs, "Crocs", "heelies", open-toe or open-backed shoes allowed at any time, including color days.*

Uniform Dress Code



Need Child Care October 15 & 16? Sign Up by October 5

All Saints Academy has two non-school days coming up during the academic calendar year as preschool through 8th grade instructional faculty attend professional development on **Thursday, October 15, 2026, and Friday, October 16, 2026**. All students who will be attending child care on those days (toddler through school age) **MUST REGISTER** for child care on those days. Sign-up sheets to register are located by each iPad for early childhood students and in the Saints Club entryway for school-age students. **Registration will close on Monday, October 5, 2026.**

Reminders:

- If you sign up your child for care on either October 15 or 16, and you do not cancel their reservation on or before October 5, 2026, your child will be charged for the day(s) you registered your child.
- If you arrive on October 15 or 16 and have not signed up your child, there may not be space for your child to attend. ASA will staff our child care program for these non-school days that fall during the academic calendar year according to the number of children signed up on October 5, 2026. Due to licensing requirements, there are minimum staff-to-student ratios that must be met. If there is space for your child to attend and your family has not registered for child care, there will be an additional \$10 charge as stated in ASA's child care handbook.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Break ASA Child Care Closures

Fall has arrived, which means many start looking ahead to the holidays and making plans to celebrate with loved ones. Here is an early reminder to help with your family's planning. All Saints Academy child care (toddler, preschool, and school age) will be **CLOSED** on the following days over Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks 2026 to observe the holidays:

- Thursday, November 26
- Friday, November 27
- Wednesday, December 23
- Thursday, December 24
- Friday, December 25

- Thursday, December 31
- Friday, January 1

Join the After-School Child Care Team!

Ready to be a part of a dynamic team helping form saints at ASA to serve all? ASA has posted a Monday through Friday child care provider position with the hours 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The job posting, which includes information regarding how to apply, can be found to the right. Please consider sharing this posting with anyone who might be interested in joining in our shared purpose!

[Apply Now!](#)

Bus Drivers Needed!

Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools Transportation Department is looking to hire Bus Drivers for 20+ hours/week during the school year (mostly morning/afternoon school hours, but some hours may be available for events during evenings and weekends). Bus drivers are responsible for safely transporting high school and elementary students to and from school or school-related activities following a set route and schedule. Substitute and fill-in Bus Drivers are also needed.

- Qualifications: Maintain a valid State of Michigan CDL
- Pay starts at \$21/hr.
- Part-time employee health benefits are available.
- Position is eligible for a part-time employee tuition discount of 33% after one year of service for children/students attending West Catholic High School or Catholic Central High School.

Interested candidates may complete an application for employment, or call Don St. Andre, HR Director, at 616-264-6272 for additional information.

[Apply Now](#)

Reminder: ASA Directory Opt-Out - Due Today!

We are starting to put together the ASA school directory for the 2026-2027 school year. The directory will be available electronically this year. If you would NOT like your family to be listed in the school directory, please complete this directory opt-out form **by today, September 25, 2026**. Please note that your child(ren) will still be listed on the class rosters. If you have any questions or concerns about this year's directory, reach out to Amanda Cusack at acusack@asagr.org.

[Directory Opt-Out Form](#)

ASA Carnival - Tomorrow, September 26!

The carnival is tomorrow, **September 26, 2026, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**, and is open to all ASA families. Wristbands and food are available at the door for \$20. Come join the fun!



Winter 1 Sports - Register by Wednesday!

Registrations for Winter I sports are now open! GRACEAC is offering Boys' Basketball for grades 3-8 and Competitive Cheer for grades 3-8. For more information and registration, please visit the GRACEAC website. **Registration closes on September 30, 2026.**

[Register Here](#)

Pastries With Pals

Please join us for donuts and refreshments on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**, in the gym at either campus! Never been to Pastries with Pals? Students are joined by a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or any adult pal for a donut and refreshment (juice or coffee). Stop in anytime between **7:15-8:15 a.m. at the Lower Campus**, or **7:30-8:00 a.m. at the Upper Campus**. Please note the different times at each campus. Don't worry, if there isn't anyone available to attend with your child, they will still get a donut, and there will be plenty of pals to sit with.

We need helpers! If you would like to help set up or serve at either campus, please contact Angela Mitchell at amitchell@asagr.org. A reminder: to volunteer at this or any ASA event, you must have completed the ASA Volunteer Requirements.

[ASA Volunteer Requirements](#)

Renewing the Catholic Family Speaker Series Continues

Our hope is to bring our parents together to learn from trusted experts, encourage one another, and strengthen families as we navigate the joys and challenges of parenting in today's world. The next session is **October 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, at Cathedral Square. The speaker is a clinical psychologist, author, and radio/television host, Dr. Ray Guarendi. The event is free, but please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

[RSVP to Attend](#)



2026/2027 SPEAKER SERIES
STAND STRONG
PARENT STRONG

Our Goal: Empower parents to lead with confidence and authority, stand strong against the culture, and create calmer, more effective discipline.

OCTOBER 8, 2026
6:00 PM | Q&A TO FOLLOW
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GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

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SPEAKER
DR. RAY

REGISTER HERE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

For the latest admissions information and event news (including camps), check these pages from Catholic Central and West Catholic each week:



EXPERIENCE WEST

Prospective families will have the opportunity to:

- **Tour campus** alongside a current West Catholic student
- **Hear from current parents** about their family's time at West Catholic
- **See the West Catholic experience** in action and learn what makes our community unique
- **Explore the enrollment process** and learn about the next steps
- **Connect with faculty and staff** who will be available to answer questions
- **Explore the menu** of the cafeteria's daily options
- **Indulge in the talents** of West Catholic's music students

 Tuesday, October 27
 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 West Catholic High School



**SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER**



FUTURE COUGARS

Fall Events at Catholic Central

OCT
1, 14, 27

FIRST LOOK | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Come with your family for an evening at CC. Tour our campus, meet Student Ambassadors, and get a first look at a school where students are called by name and invited to become more.

OCT 13
THROUGH
DEC 8

SHADOW DAYS

Spend a school day alongside a current Cougar. Attend classes, enjoy lunch, tour campus, and experience daily life in a community shaped by high expectations and relentless support.

NOV
8
SUN

OPEN HOUSE | 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Explore Catholic Central with your family. Meet teachers and students, learn about academics, athletics, student life, and faith formation, and discover how the Catholic Promise and Financial Aid can help make CC more accessible.



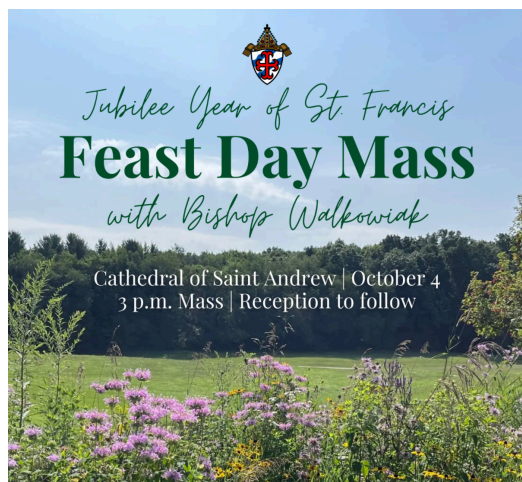
REGISTER



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jubilee Year of St. Francis Feast Day Mass

Join Bishop Walkowiak at the Cathedral of St. Andrew for mass on **October 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** A reception will follow. [Learn more about the Jubilee Year here.](#)



Daisy Scouts

All girls in kindergarten and first grade, along with their parents, are invited to an informational meeting on **Tuesday, October 6, at 5:30 p.m.** in the ASA Lower Campus Art Room to learn about Daisy Scouts. Please RSVP to Andrea Martindale at (810) 434-8813 by **October 5, 2026.** [See the full flyer.](#)



Junior Potter's Club

Earthbound Ceramics is launching a new Junior Potter's Club for students in 1st–8th grade. It is a 9-week hands-on ceramics program where students learn a new pottery technique each week while developing creativity, problem-solving, patience, and confidence. Their goal as a community ceramics studio is to make pottery as accessible as possible to as many people as possible. Learn more and register at earthboundgr.com/classes.

[Register Here](#)



JUNIOR POTTER'S CLUB
IT'S MORE THAN ART

A 9-WEEK CERAMICS PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1-8

- LEARN A NEW POTTERY TECHNIQUE EVERY WEEK
- HANDS-ON CREATIVE LEARNING
- BUILD CONFIDENCE, PATIENCE & PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS
- EARN STAMPS IN YOUR POTTER'S PASSPORT 20% OFF WHEN ENROLLING WITH FRIEND OR FAMILY

\$350 • 9 WEEKS
ENROLL NOW →

Each week, students explore a new ceramic technique – pinch pots, slab building, coil construction, tile decoration, sculpture, and even introductory wheel work in some sessions.

Ceramics is more than art. It teaches:

- Iterative thinking – envision, build, adjust, try again
- Physics & engineering basics – structure, balance, weight, moisture, gravity
- Sensory development – pressure, texture, resistance, fine-motor control
- Problem-solving – how to fix cracks, support walls, attach parts
- Focus & patience – a screen-free space to slow down and make something real

Earn stamps in their Potter Passport as they learn each technique, building pride and a sense of progress.

A supportive, hands-on studio environment where kids learn to bring their ideas to life.

EARTH BOUND CERAMICS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 26

12:00-2:00 p.m. ASA Carnival, Upper Campus

Monday, September 28

Fall MAP Testing - Retakes/Make-up Tests This Week

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5th Grade Fall Farm Days, Franciscan Life Process Center

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass at St. Jude

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5th Grade Fall Farm Days, Franciscan Life Process Center

3:50-5:15 p.m. Grades 2 & 3 Art Club, Lower Campus

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5th Grade Fall Farm Days, Franciscan Life Process Center

10:30 a.m. Lower Campus Mass at Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, October 1

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass at St. Jude

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5th Grade Fall Farm Days, Franciscan Life Process Center

Friday, October 2

Spirit Day

Home & School Popcorn Day

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5th Grade Fall Farm Days, Franciscan Life Process Center

Monday, October 5

6:30 p.m. Home & School Meeting, Upper Campus Library

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass at St. Jude

3:50-5:15 p.m. Grades 2 & 3 Art Club, Lower Campus

Wednesday, October 7

7:15-8:15 a.m. Pastries With Pals, Lower Campus

7:30-8:00 a.m. Pastries With Pals, Upper Campus

10:30 a.m. Lower Campus Mass at Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, October 8

8:30-11:30 a.m. Grade 2 Field Trip, John Ball Zoo

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass at St. Jude

Friday, October 9

Spirit Day

Kindergarten Dental Health Screening, Lower Campus

ASA Community Calendar

The Vision of All Saints Academy is to provide a transformative education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this education meets the needs of individual learners, preparing them to make a positive impact on others.

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