

The Uniform Lowdown: Quick Reminders - Outer Layers

The air temperature is dropping, so let's review the uniform dress code!

Outer layers (pullover, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts) are the most asked-about dress code item—from students, parents, and staff. With the new revisions, we would like to highlight some changes that are included in the transitional dress code this year but will take effect NEXT YEAR, recognizing that parents might make purchases this winter in hopes their child can wear the items in future years.

- **Sweaters must have the official All Saints Academy academic logo (left side placement) on them. The logo requirement will be new for the 27-28 school year.**
- **All outer layers must be BLACK, RED, or WHITE**
- **Crewneck, zip-up, or hooded sweatshirts with the official All Saints Academy academic logo only (left side placement) are approved; however, hoods may not be worn over the head inside the building.**

Additionally, keep in mind that a collared shirt must be worn underneath all outer layers.

If you have any doubts about whether an item will be approved in the new code, please contact either school office before taking off the tags!



Uniform Dress Code

Lower Campus Blessing of the Pets - Today, Friday, October 2

ASA's Blessing of the Pets is today (Friday, 10/2) at the Lower Campus in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, which is October 4.

Lower Campus parents/guardians are invited to bring any pet (dogs, cats, caged animals, etc.) at 2:50 p.m. to the hill on the west end of the school parking lot, where there will be a special blessing before the regular K-2 dismissal. All K-2 classes will be attending. Early Childhood (including preschool) teachers should have let families know if their classes will or will not be attending this year's Blessing of the Pets. If you have any questions, contact the Lower Campus office.

Pastries With Pals - This Wednesday!

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.

Upper Campus Conferences - It's Time To Schedule!

Upper Campus parents should have received an email this week inviting them to schedule their grades 3-8 parent-teacher conferences. Due to the academic and developmental needs of our older students, conferences will be held sooner for Upper Campus students. Lower Campus conferences will be held in November. Fall conferences at the Upper Campus are:

- Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

[Schedule Your Upper Campus Conferences](#)



No School - October 15 & 16

There will be **no school on Thursday-Friday, October 15-16, 2026**, due to professional development. Child care will be open for those who registered for these days by October 5, 2026. There is no school lunch on non-school days, so students must bring lunch from home. Child care students also play outside (unless it's raining), so be sure to bring weather-appropriate outer wear.

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.

[ASA Volunteer Requirements](#)

Stock Up on Spirit Wear Gear!

It's time to stock up on all your ASA Spirit Day gear! The ASA Spirit Store is open from now **until midnight on October 18, 2026**. Place your orders using the button below. Once the store has closed, orders will be processed and shipped directly to the school for pickup. Be sure to get your order in before the deadline!

[Shop in the Spirit Store](#)

Trunk or Treat Save the Date!

Home & School is hosting Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, 6:00–6:30 p.m.!**

Join us for a spooktacular evening of fun—decorate your trunk to participate, or bring candy to donate. We can't wait to see you there!

All Saints Day Family Celebration

ASA's feast day falls on a Sunday in 2026! This creates a wonderful opportunity for the full ASA community to come together for Mass and to celebrate the Saints. ASA's Mission Effectiveness Committee, composed of ASA faculty, staff, parents, and Board members, is excited to present a family celebration at St. Jude Parish on **Sunday, November 1, 2026**. We begin with an All Saints Day Mass celebrated at 1 p.m. and will then gather in the Brophy Center/Gym where families will join together, learn about the Saints, and enjoy fellowship. All families are welcome. Volunteer and service hour opportunities are available as well. Students in grades 5-8 can check [Helper Helper](#) to see about opportunities and sign up to help! To help with planning, please RSVP.

All Saints Day RSVP



K-8 Service Hours Reporting Has Changed

Did you see your September 30 email about the change in the way your child's service hours will be reported? Have you logged in to Helper Helper yet to set up your K-4 student's account and check their service hours balance? Have you asked your 5-8 grade student to show you how they access Helper Helper to report their service hours? If you need help getting your account set up, please contact either school office for help:

Lower Campus: 616-447-2997 or LCoffice@asagr.org

Upper Campus: 616-363-7725 or UCoffice@asagr.org

9/30 Service Hours Email

Helper Helper

ASA Ski Club Registration

It's that time of year again to start thinking about hitting the slopes! The ASA Ski Club will kick off in January at Cannonsburg Ski Area and is open to students of all grade levels, as well as their family members. All skill levels are welcome—from first-time skiers to experienced enthusiasts!

ASA Ski Club is a fun way to:

- Stay active during the winter months
- Enjoy time together as a family
- Meet and connect with other ASA families

For the club to be a success, we need great participation! **Please take a moment to complete the Google Form (linked below) to let us know if you're interested in joining the 2026–2027 ASA Ski Club.**

School punch cards offer discounted lift tickets for both students and parents, as well as discounts on rentals and private lessons. The cards can be used any day of the week. Kids ages 6 and under ski free! For additional details about the punch card program, please see the flyer linked below.

Questions? Please contact Erin Hackett at efoxhackett@gmail.com or (616) 540-1894. We hope to see you and your family on the slopes this winter! Happy skiing!

Interested in Joining Ski Club?

Ski Club Punch Cards

Stories of the Saints: Starting Preschool

What's it like starting preschool at age three? Take a peek inside the first month of preschool as our youngest students adjust to new routines, make friends, explore their creativity, and grow in confidence. Read about their exciting start to the school year below!

Stories of the Saints-Starting Preschool

Lower Campus K-8 Before School Drop Off & Morning Child Care

ASA remains committed to student safety while providing flexible options for students and families before school. Take a moment to review our before-school care policies for school-age students, which are in place as part of an all-encompassing safety plan at ASA.

Before-school child care is available at the Lower Campus for school-age (K-8) children starting at 6:30 a.m. each school day. **ALL STUDENTS arriving at the Lower Campus BEFORE 8 a.m. must be signed in on the child care iPads by a parent or guardian.** Students arriving at the Lower Campus before 8 a.m. are not permitted into the building without a parent or guardian. Once the doors are held open by an ASA staff member at 8:00 a.m., students may enter on their own. Any child arriving after the doors close at 8:15 a.m. must be accompanied into the school office by a parent/guardian to be checked in.

Our concern is that parents/guardians have been observed dropping off their child(ren) at the Lower Campus building—either for morning child care or to start the school day—before 8 a.m. without ensuring their child(ren) have proper supervision. This is why it is essential that Parent/guardians sign in any students arriving before 8 a.m. at the Lower Campus who are attending morning Saints Club (school-age child care).

Is Your Child Leaving Early?

Please remember that whenever your child is leaving school early, you must notify the school office. Your child's safety is very important to us, so if your child is leaving with a different parent for any reason, it is imperative that the school office staff is notified so we know you've given your permission for your child to leave with someone else. Even if a coach or ASA staff member has organized a carpool for an event, each parent must still give the school permission to release your child to someone other than those you have listed for authorized release.

For your convenience, there are many ways you can notify either school office of any attendance changes:

- Open the ASA app, tap **Attendance**, and [complete the form](#).
- Lower Campus: LCOffice@asagr.org or 616-447-2997
- Upper Campus: UCOffice@asagr.org or 616-363-7725

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](#)

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 Guare. The event is free, but please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

[RSVP to Attend](#)

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Parent Resources from the State of Michigan

Safe Firearm Storage

In accordance with State of Michigan requirements, (MCL 28.429 / House Bills 5450 & 5451) Please review the flyer from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: Safe Storage Flyer (MDHHS) on the right. Tap or click on the flyer image to view it in a larger format.

Post-Graduation Pathways (MCL 380.1293)

In accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 380.1293, you will find resources for exploring education and career opportunities after graduation on the Michigan Pathfinder site to explore college, career, training, and apprenticeship options.

[Michigan Pathfinder Site](#)

MDHHS | What is the secure storage law in Michigan?

Michigan's secure storage law went into effect Feb. 19, 2024 to help protect Michigan's youth and reduce firearm injuries. The law requires firearm owners to securely store firearms whenever minors are present or likely to be present. It also requires schools to share this information with all parents and guardians, which is intended to help parents, guardians and firearm owners understand and comply with Michigan's secure storage law.

Summary of the Law (MCL 28.429)

Secure Storage Requirements

If a firearm is unattended where a minor (under 18) is or is likely to be present, it must be:

- Secured in a locked box or container, and/or
- Unloaded and secured with a locking device, like a trigger or cable lock, that would prevent anyone from using it.

This law applies whether firearms are in your own home or brought to another location.

Firearms in Vehicles

While traveling with a firearm in a vehicle, the vehicle must be locked when not in use, and the firearm must be secured and either locked in a container or unloaded and disabled with a trigger or cable lock if a child is present or likely to be present in the vehicle or destination.

Importance and Benefits of Secure Storage to Help Keep Children Safe

Legal ownership of firearms is a Constitutional right. This comes with important safety responsibilities to prevent thefts, firearm homicide, firearm suicide, and unintentional firearm injuries, including among children. **Simply hiding unlocked firearms or keeping them on a shelf out of reach does not guarantee or equal secure storage under Michigan law.** Secure storage reduces the risk of unintentional injuries among children and theft of guns. When access to guns is reduced, the overall suicide rate drops.

Unintentional firearm injuries among children 17 years and younger happen most often:

- With guns that are loaded and unlocked.
- When a child is playing with a gun or showing it to someone else.

In these situations, the most common victim of an unintentional firearm injury is a friend or a sibling of the child.

Closets and nightstands are common locations of guns used in these fatal, unintended shootings.

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For more information and a full list of other resources, including Project ChildSafe, visit the MDHHS firearm secure storage page at [MDHHS Secure Storage](#).

Or scan the QR code below:

Project ChildSafe
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Call or text 988)
University of Michigan Family Guide to Firearm Home Safety

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

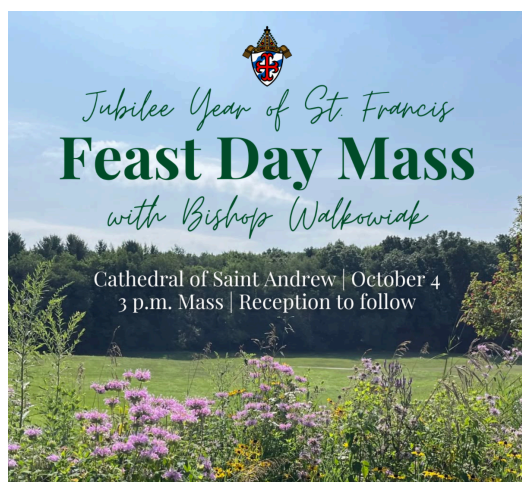
For the latest admissions information and event news (including camps), check these pages from Catholic Central and West Catholic each week:



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.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church

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

Wednesday, October 14

10:30 a.m. Lower Campus Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

4:30-7:30 p.m. Upper Campus Conferences, Upper Campus

Thursday October 15

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Child Care Open for those who registered

Friday, October 16

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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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