

Back to School 2008



Special points of interest:

- Students will purchase their books on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, pick-up schedules. Below is the time for each grade: **Seniors 7:50am - 9:20am, Juniors 9:20am—10:50am, Sophomores 10:50am – 12:20pm, Freshman report to Kohler at 12:30pm.**
- All 9-12 grade students will begin their first day of classes on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. Students may be in the hallways at 7:30 am. Classes begin at 7:50 am and end at 2:37 pm.

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# St. Francis High School

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## From the Desk of the SFHS Principal, Mr. Erick Chittle

Good Saint Francis High School Parents:

Peace be with you!

I consider it a great blessing to be back at our high school. A school under the guidance and protection of one of the most remarkable saints in the history of our great Church. Saint Francis surrendered his life completely following Christ by serving those in greatest need. In his simple and humble obedience to the Gospel, he renewed the Church.

As we strive to put Christ above all things at Saint Francis, we will continually work to fulfill our mission: to reach the full academic and spiritual potential of all our

### New Staff Additions

We are blessed with four new Christ-centered teachers: Ms. Meegan Zann, Mrs. Trish Zamarron, Mr. Rodney Taplin, and Mr. Greg Vaughan.

**Ms. Meegan Zann** will be joining our English Department. She has 8 years of teaching experience, and has taught all levels of high school English. She will be teaching Freshman English, and 11th grade A..P. Language.

students.

It is a special grace to be working again with young adults as it is a time when they are making decisions that form their character. We will continue to hold up truth as we teach all subject areas, and guide our young adults toward what is good and holy.

To continue to move our school on the continuum of excellence there is one noteworthy change. **On the second Thursday of every month school will begin at 8:35 a.m.** This late start will be used by our departments as time to meet in our Professional Learning Communities, PLCs. During this time our teachers will plan units, review data, and cre-

**Mrs. Trish Zamarron** will be teaching sophomores as they study Holy Scripture. Mrs. Zamarron has a deep knowledge our of faith and great zeal for passing it on to the next generation.

After serving our country for 21 years in the Marine Corps. Retired Lieutenant Colonel **Rodney Taplin** will instruct our students in World History and U.S. Government/ Geogrpahy.

ate common assessments. PLCs have been shown to be a powerful tool in school achievement.

On second Thursdays, students may arrive at school at the normal time, and gather in our dining room where breakfast will be served from 7:50 am. — 8:20 am. The cost of breakfast will depend on student’s selection.

Thank you for allowing us to help educate your children. I will be praying for them and asking Saint Francis to intercede for all of us this coming school year.

Peace and All Good,

Mr. Erick Chittle

**Mr. Greg Vaughan** will be coordinating the Academic Assistant Center as well as teaching two sections of Algebra, and an Exercise Science and Health Class. Mr. Vaughn will assist any of our students who need additional support.

Further, **Mrs. Jan McCall** will be expanding her teaching load at GTACS as she instructs the Seniors in World Religions, and facilitates a senior seminar in Catholic Apologetics.

## All System Mass

Please join us on Friday, September 5th at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Gym for Mass. This is a beautiful way to celebrate the starting of school by gathering together as one system.

To report absences please inform the school before 8:15 a.m.  
Call 946-8038  
Press "1" for the high school, and then "1"

## Summer Reading

Please note that all summer reading should be completed by the start of school. Teachers will quiz students on what they have read in their required books. A list of required reading is found on the SF portion of our website.

## St. Clare Chapel

The Patroness of our school is the spiritual sister of Saint Francis, Saint Clare. Saint Clare (1194—1253) was surrounded by material wealth, but her deep prayer life and devotion to the Eucharist drew her to a life of prayer, simplicity, and silence. She became the foundress of the Poor Clares, an order dedicated to a life of complete poverty and sustained contemplation.

Our Chapel that was built during

the 2005-2006 school year demonstrates our commitment to prayer and our love of the Eucharist.

There will be many devotional activities at Saint Clare Chapel during the school week. Parents are encouraged to join their students. See the schedule below.

Monday: Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12:45-12:55 p.m.

Tuesday: Holy Mass 12-12:25 p.m.

Wednesday: Exposition/ Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist 8:15 am—2:00 pm (Please Contact Mr. Chittle 946-8038 if you would be able to adore on a weekly basis for an hour.)

Thursday: Holy Mass 11:05 a.m. (St. Francis Church)

Friday: Rosary 12:55 p.m.

## Bookstore Information

The bookstore will be open from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm on September 2nd. High School students purchase and privately own their textbooks. Our bookstore, which is located in the basement, supplies all books. The estimated cost for books and fees \$275-\$400 per year. Every student has a \$5.00 planner fee, and a

\$12.00 locker fee.

Books can be returned at the end of the year for a refund based on the value of each book. The condition of returned book determines the dollar amount of the rebate. Seniors will be issued a check for all returned textbooks after graduation.

I want to thank Kathy Erlewein for coordinating all bookstore activities.



## Counseling Office News!

### Wednesday, September 10th

will be our **Parent Orientation** for all students. **Ninth and tenth grade parents are invited to come from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** to meet our teachers and tour the school.

**Eleventh and twelfth grade parents are welcome to come from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** to meet our new teachers and learn about upcoming tests and important deadlines you won't want to

miss!

**PSAT Registration** is in progress. Any sophomore or junior who is interested in taking this test should register by September 17th in the main office. Please bring a check payable to GTACS in the amount of \$18 to the office. You will then receive a practice book to help in your preparation. More information about the PSAT can be found at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

SCHEDULE CHANGES are underway! Please stop by the counseling office if you would like a change to this year's schedule.

SENIORS....you are working on your college applications...right?

## Religion Department & English Department

Listed below are the teachers followed by courses taught:

**Mrs. Susan Maasberg:**  
(Department Chair) Church History Social Justice

**Mr. Bill Strong:** Introduction to Catholicism

**Mrs. Trish Zamarron:** Old Testament and New Testament

**Mrs. Jan McCall:** Major World Religions, and Senior Seminar/Catholic Apologetics.

**Mrs. Cheryl Schmuckal**  
(Department Chair): Public Speaking, Honors Classical Literature and Composition, AP Language and Composition

**Bill Strong:** American Literature

**Mrs. Tracey Tull:** Classical Literature and Composition, World Language and Composition, and Yearbook.

**Mrs. Meegan Zann:** 9th grade English, Honors 9th grade English, AP Language and Composition

*Say Cheese!*

*Picture Day is*

*September 15.*

*Homecoming*

*Sat., September 27.*

*Spirit Week details to come!*

## High School Support Staff

Mr. Pat Cleland, Dean of Students

Mrs. Beth Maday, Counselor

Mrs. Kathy Hunt, Secretary

Mrs. Lynn Mead, Assistant Secretary



*Our weekly Mass*

*will be on*

*Thursdays at*

*11:05 a.m. at*

*St. Francis Parish*

## Math Department & Physical Education

**Mr. Tim Donahey**  
(Department Chair): FST, Pre-Calculus, Geometry, and Honors Geometry

**Mrs. Molly Klettner:** Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2, and Calculus

**Ms. Jenifer Morgan:**  
Algebra and Geometry

**Mr. Greg Vaughan:** Algebra 1, Exercise Science and Health

We are in the process of hiring a P.E. Teacher

## Science Department, Social Studies & Business Department

Listed below are the teachers followed by courses taught:



**Mr. Frank Paladino (Department Chair):** Physical Science, Physics, and Chemistry.

**Mrs. Carol Erickson:** Biology, Anatomy, and Psychology

**Mrs. Susan Maasberg:** Biology and Honors Biology

Listed below are the teachers followed by courses taught:

**Mr. David Peck (Department Chair):** United States History, AP United States History, and Government

**Mr. Rodney Taplin:** World History, United States History

**Mrs. Jan McCall:** Saint Francis Television

**Mr. Andy MacTavish:** Business/World History

## Fine Arts & Foreign Language Department

**Mrs. Cress Smith:** Band

**Mrs. Maureen Mawby:** Vocal Music

**Mr. Ben Ferris:** Spanish 1,2,3,4.

**Mrs. Nancy Briggs:** French 1,2,3,4

**Mr. Jason Maday:** Culinary Arts

**Mrs. Debra Coburn:** Photography

We are in the process of hiring an Art Teacher for Art 1 & 2 and Sculpture.

### **Point of interest:**

*All uniform shirts, sweaters, vests, and sweatshirts must have one of the logos shown below and purchased from approved vendors.*



**Saint Francis**

## Special things to note...

### Glad Meals

GTACS students and their families continue to serve meals to the homeless and poor in our community every Saturday throughout the year.

Please consider getting involved this year. More information to come!

### Exchange students

Please welcome Rachel Overmire back from Brazil after a yearlong visit as an exchange student.

Andrea Fly left TC on Aug. 4th for Thailand. Blasé Masserant is heading for Turkey and Cam McCardel for Germany. Please keep her in your prayers!

Please give a warm SF welcome to Pedro Nobre from Brazil! You won't be able to miss him. His nickname in

Brazil is "torre", meaning Tower.

### Funding Lunch Accounts

You may begin funding your child's lunch account to start out the school year at any time. See the process under "lunch menu" on our website at [www.gtacs.org](http://www.gtacs.org).