

A Big Warrior Welcome

A big Warrior WELCOME to all our new families joining us this year!

New students continue to enroll every day and we also have some new faculty this year on our teaching team.

We all remember at some point in our lives what it feels like to be new. From the incoming students from our feeder schools of Good Shepherd, Fatima and Grace, to the hosts of students coming from the public system, we have lots of new faces. I hope the St. Frederick family will help the many new folks feel at home.

As of this afternoon, we have gained 14 new students and have met the budgeted enrollment for the year.

Some students have left the St. Frederick family to move to new cities and to other schools. At times during St. Frederick's history, when one or two students leave, friends will follow. This has been the case recently. Others have left for economic reasons. We're working with our students and families to ensure them we are here for the long-haul to continue to fulfill our mission.

Now it's time to celebrate! Students, of course, will gather for the first day Thursday (see the Webscheduler for more details). Lots of fun activities are planned to kick the year off right, as well as an opportunity to meet teachers and fellow students. Parents, you're invited to join us at 11:30 a.m. in the gym to celebrate with us. Here's what you'll hear:

Baseball: 3 district championships and an LSU signee

13-year-old World Series appearance by the Monroe All-Star Team, including many of our students.

Senior Alexis Guice placed 20th in the nation in the shot put at the USA Track & Field Junior Olympic Championships.

Tennis: two state champions and one state runner-up in past five years

Softball: four straight playoff appearances

Soccer: four straight playoff appearances

Football: four straight playoff appearances, three second-round games

Swimming: State finalists in the top five for at least the past 10 years

Golf: State champions and top-place finishers the past three years

In the academic realm, teachers have been engaged in training, including some time spent learning innovative teaching methods. Several teachers spent their summer in furthering their certification and attending seminars and conferences. We are so blessed to have a faculty with such depth and dedication.

This summer we also have been preparing for the recertification process by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Once again, it is brought to my attention how incredibly well our students and faculty continue to meet our mission.

Here is what I have noted:

Recent AP American History scores proved once again how well our students do on a national level. Four out of 17 St. Frederick juniors (now seniors) scored a 5 (out of 5) on the year-end test. Our average was 3.2.

Over a three-year period, our ACT average remained high at 23.0, compared to the state average over that same period of 20.2 and a three-year national average of 21.1. It's even more significant because our ACT average is made up of EVERY STUDENT in our school. From the highest achieving to the students who struggle the most, our average is well above both the nation and the state!

We also give the pre-ACT EXPLORE test to all eighth graders and the pre-ACT PLAN test to all tenth graders, with several of those receiving state recognition for their high scores. On both of those tests over the past three years our average is consistently and significantly above both the national and state averages. Again, all of our students take these tests.

On the Terra Nova achievement tests, given to all junior high students, we show our strength as well. Approximately 30 percent of our students score above the 90 th percentile on this national test!

Again, won't you be an Ambassador for St. Frederick and help us spread the good news?

As always, I'm thankful to our wonderful parents. We'll be starting up "Mornings with Mrs. Malone" again soon. If you'd like to be included, please give us a call.

God's blessings,

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