# St. Vincent Catholic School



# 2026 State of the School Report

St. Vincent Catholic Schools entered this school year with an important responsibility and an equally tremendous opportunity. We are the caretakers of a legacy built by generations of families, religious, educators, parishioners, and benefactors who believed that Catholic education was worth preserving, supporting, and strengthening.

Our responsibility is not simply to maintain that legacy, but also to ensure that St. Vincent Catholic Schools continues to grow, adapt, and thrive while remaining firmly rooted in our Catholic faith and Vincentian tradition.

This report is a glimpse of both the year behind us, and some of the many things we are looking forward to in our near future.

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President of St. Vincent Catholic Schools

# Catholic Identity and Mission

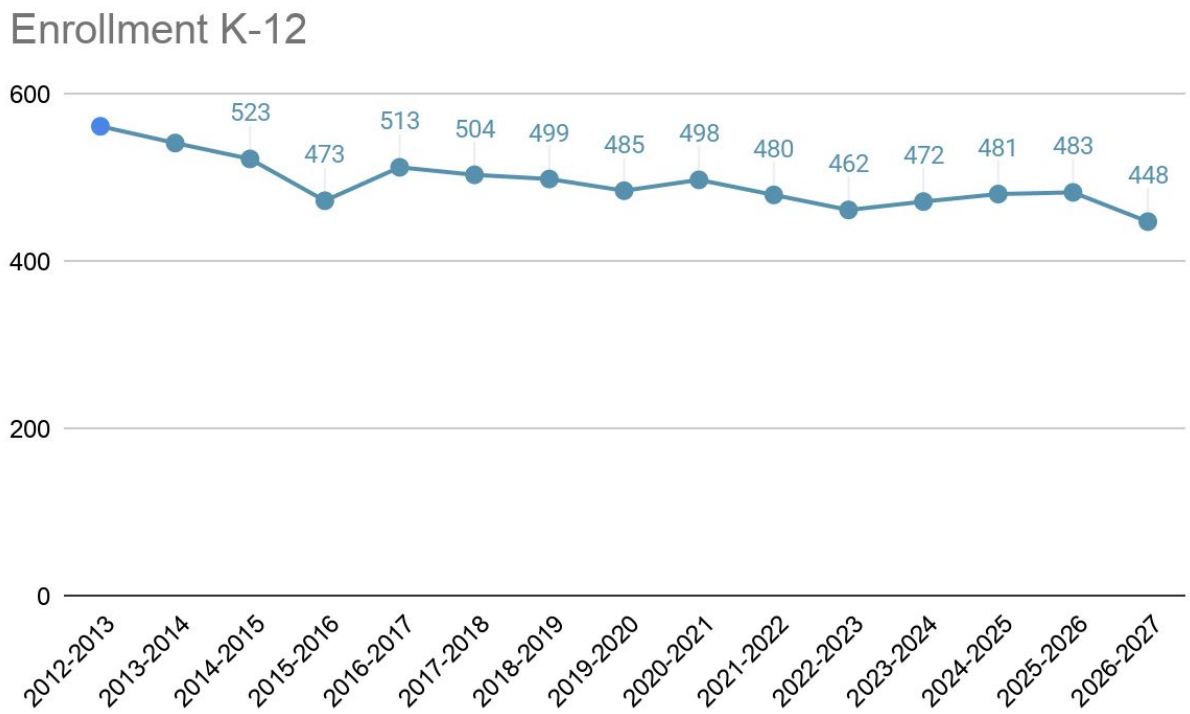
Our Catholic identity should be the foundation upon which everything else is built. Academic achievement, athletic success, extracurricular opportunities, and institutional growth are important, but they must always serve a greater purpose: “Striving to provide the finest Catholic education guided by Vincentian virtues dedicated to inspiring and nurturing our students to excel, serve, and love with purpose and conviction.”

We continue to strengthen our Catholic identity through faith formation, liturgical celebrations, sacramental preparation, retreats, and Christian service.

Embedded into our school year we offer School Mass once a week, adoration, opportunities for reconciliation, and numerous blessings throughout the year including blession of the halls and blessing of the pets.

Senior Retreats, Service Days, and Days of Recollection are all just a few ways we focus on our Catholic Identity and teach our students the importance of of service to others.

# Who we serve




-Our overall enrollment has been a priority of our focus. Knowing the difference in graduating classes of the last two years (51 to 19), we expected our numbers to be lower for this school year.

-Our Strategic Plan addresses this goal directly to “Enhance enrollment practices and outreach efforts to build a diverse faith-based school community.” Our decision to add an Enrollment Director position approaches this goal directly and has enormous benefits for the future of our students and school.

# Finances - Tuition

**Tuition Rates for the 2026-2027 School Year**

| | Total Tuition Cost for Oldest before Scholarships | Oldest Child | Second Child | Third Child | Fourth Child |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grades K-6 | $6,750.00 | $5250.00 | $5,050.00 | $4,550.00 | $1,750.00 |
| Grades 7-8 | $7,150.00 | $5,650.00 | $5,350.00 | $4,950.00 | $1,650.00 |
| Grades 9-12 | $7,600.00 | $6,100.00 | $5,800.00 | $5,400.00 | $1,400.00 |

-We will continue to strive to provide an affordable and competitive tuition for families.

-Less than 10% of our families do not receive the $1,500 scholarships for Fish Fry, Picnic shift, Tithing

-We have Financial Aid available for both current and potential families through both local, archdiocesan and state sources. (e.g. Catholic Education for All, Today and Tomorrow Foundations, MOSCHOLARS)

-The total cost to educate a student at SV for the 26-27 school year is $10,750. This number fluctuates with our enrollment, however it shows how much work our Advancement Office does to keep our tuition affordable.

# Finances

We are currently budgeted at a loss for this fiscal year.  In the Finance Committee's recent fiscal report said it best, "We are blessed with our parents, parish family, related organizations, and many others for their financial assistance to keep SVCS viable. Much of our future financial needs must come from increased enrollment. Our parents are our best salespeople; so, send another family to SVCS."

Much of our future success depends on a steady and increased enrollment.  It keeps tuition low, and creates the possibility of more opportunities for our students.  Our Advancement office will continue to lead the efforts to raise funds to assist our SV Fund (school account) for our operating expenses. The financial contributions of our benefactors, the stewardship of our parish, the dedication of our employees, and the involvement of our families all contribute to the opportunities we provide our students.

# Academic Achievement

Academic excellence remains one of the primary responsibilities of St. Vincent Catholic Schools.

We are committed to providing a challenging and comprehensive educational experience from preschool through Grade 12. Our curriculum is being focused on to meet a variety of academic abilities, interests, and future career aspirations.

Our academic opportunities include:

- Learning consultants for students who need additional academic support throughout all grades.
- Dual-credit courses through Saint Louis University and Southeast Missouri State University.
- Honors and weighted courses.
- Career and technical education opportunities.
- Academic support and opportunities for individualized student growth.
- Jr/Sr high guidance office to assist on college and career readiness.

# Academic Achievement

**ACT Testing**

| Year | MO (65% of grads) | SVHS(100% of grads) | SVHS (top 65%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 | 19.8 | 19.7 | 22 |
| 2025 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 22.6 |

There are a few assessments that we can use as indicators for our academic achievement.  SV's top 65% of graduate's ACT scores have consistently been above that of the 65% of Missouri Seniors composite scores.

# Academic Achievement

**NWEA Tests**

-These are benchmark tests that we use to show growth throughout our school year and for teachers to prepare for the upcoming year.  Our students continue to work hard and test well.

These NWEA numbers represent the percentile of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade averages and should be celebrated!  Although these are just 3 grades, they represent the hard work our PreK-5th grade teachers are doing to lay the foundation for our middle and high school scores.

| ***Spring '26 percentiles*** | 6th grade | 7th grade | 8th grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| MATH | 61 | 68 | 62 |
| READING | 67 | 77 | 59 |
| LANG. USAGE | 76 | 82 | 71 |
| SCIENCE | 73 | 77 | 69 |

# Support Organizations

St. Vincent Catholic Schools is supported by many organizations that not only assists its fundraising efforts, but also assists in sustaining it operational budget.  The work of the PTO, SV Education Foundation and St. Vincent Alumni Association are all volunteer led organizations that make huge contributions financially and the schools culture of serving.

# Support Organizations

-SV PTO continues it's support through fundraising and activities, most recently the Trunk or Treat and they currently preparing for the Christmas Extravaganza!

-Their board has also established a team to manage the SV fish fry's which continues to be a great fundraiser and community event.

-SV Alumni Association continues to support our athletic programs by managing and scheduling the concessions and gate workers at SVHS home competitions.  Apart from their recent donation for the SV football field by the Richardet Family and Friends, they work hard to earn funds for our athletic programs by hosting fundraisers such as the SV Alumni Golf Tournament.

# Support Organizations

St. Vincent Educational Foundation was able to commit to St. Vincent with over $531,000 for the following items.

- Elementary and High School Teacher Requests
- Tuition for SV Teacher's Children
- Computer Software & virus protection
- Jupiter Program
- School programs
- Make It Happen Elementary Bathroom Renovation
  Centennial Endowment Fund

-Teacher Bonuses
- Annual Pledge for General Funds & Expenses
- Classroom management for Chromebooks
- Student handbook & planners
- School Themed Shirts
- High School Gym Sound System Upgrade
- High School Roof Loan Payments

This year the Ed Foundation also accepted a very large donation in the amount of $4 million from Mike and Barbara Hurst, that will be put into an Endowment, and we will only operate from interest earned. The Hursts have requested that 40% of the moneys spent be put towards transfer student tuition and the other remaining 60% will go to the foundation. For the 2026-27 school year, $39,050 was given out to transfer students for scholarships to attend SV. This supported 14 students from 8 families total and is a renewable scholarship

Another exciting new expense for us is that, the school will benefit from an additional $100,000 increase in general givings to the budget this year. We hope to be able to continue this increase in the future. We also will finish payments on the $1million High School roof that was financed through the Foundation. This loan will be paid off earlier than predicted and will end in April of 2027, creating more funds for the Foundation.

# Faculty, Staff, and Organizational leadership

The greatest asset of St. Vincent Catholic Schools is its people.

Our faculty and staff are responsible for translating our mission into meaningful experiences for students every day. Their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to Catholic education are essential to our success.

Moving forward, we must continue to prioritize:

- Recruiting and retaining outstanding educators
- Leadership development
- Communicate effectiveness and value of SV leadership structure

- Professional dev. and cont. Education
-Policy review cycles

Our President–Principal governance model provides defined responsibilities for strategic leadership, financial sustainability, advancement, enrollment, academics, and daily educational operations.

# Facility and Technology

Our facilities are an important part of the educational experience.

Students deserve learning environments that are safe, welcoming, functional, and supportive of academic and extracurricular opportunities.

As we look toward the future, our planning must consider:

- Building maintenance and capital improvements
- Technology infrastructure
- Campus safety and security
- Responsible prioritization of capital expenditures

-Classroom modernization
- Athletic and extracurricular facilities
- Long-term facility planning

These investments must be evaluated through a long-term perspective rather than simply responding to immediate needs. This fall, our Facilities Committee is creating a campus wide Facilities plan for the next 10 year aligned with its Strategic Plan goal. It's an exciting opportunity and we look forward to what they can come up with.

# Goals for the Future

**Legacy of Faith, Vision for Growth**

Our strategic plan was incorporated into action this past spring.  And our work begins in our 8 domains of Catholic Identity, Facilities, Academics, Student Life, Finance, Advancement, Enrollment, and Governance.

Our Administration and Board have begun the work to see through this 5 year plan and achieve the goals that were set.  Your support in helping create this vision was just as important as your support moving forward in the achievement of the goals.

We are always looking for ways to improve the experience of our students and staff and will continue to work to make sure those goals are focused on and achieved.