

Courses of Study

Our teachers are responsible for curriculum-driven instruction, knowledge of grade-level curriculum, and awareness of the complete Diocesan curriculum.

Technology Education

We've strategically integrated technology across the Franciscans School's curriculum.

- Students in grades K-2 also have access to iPads.
- Students in grades 3-4 are provided with portable laptops.
- Students in grades 5-8 are provided Chromebooks.

While there are no formal computer classes, teachers may reserve lab time to practice skills or to work on projects. SMART Boards are located in every classroom, both core, and elective courses. Therefore, all students (grades K-8) must complete the Digital Citizenship and Online Safety curriculum.

Methods of Instruction

TFS focuses on the needs of the individual student and the basic philosophy of Catholic education. These methods include

- small and large group instruction,
- cooperative learning, and
- hands-on activities.

Textbooks

Textbook selection is made by TFS based upon the recommendations of the Catholic Schools Office. Textbooks are in full conformity with Church and Diocesan guidelines. Each book selected supports the Diocesan-defined curriculum and Catholic Christian teachings.

Annual Awards

Each year at Commencement, TFS recognizes the singular achievements of a few students whose combination of gifts – and their sharing of those gifts –has made a particular difference in the life of this community.

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| <p>The Franciscan School Citizenship Award is made to that 8th Grade student whose leadership and goodwill have made TFS a better place to live, work, worship, and learn.</p> | <p>The Franciscan Award is given to one 8th Grade boy and one 8th Grade girl for combining exemplary</p> |
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| | scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service, and faith. |
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Commencement

TFS graduation is a ceremony that recognizes each student's faith and academic milestone as we send our 8th graders into the world to develop further and share their gifts.

We coordinate a full day of activities, with commencement held before Memorial Day weekend, allowing you time to celebrate with your extended family over the weekend.

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| Baccalaureate Mass The Saint Mary of the Angels Chapel (Time) | We start the day with a Baccalaureate Mass for the entire TFS community (all grades). |
| Alumni Ceremony (Address) (Time) | Mass is followed by the traditional Alumni Ceremony and clap-out of the graduates. Parents, friends, and family of the 8th-grade class are welcome to attend. |
| Awarding of the Diplomas Church (Address) (Time) | The granting of diplomas and San Damiano crosses is held that same evening in the Church. Students should arrive at church early for a class photo on the Church steps and prepare for the procession. |

Families will receive dress requirements for Commencement Day in March.