

Academics Overview

The Franciscan School implements a private school curriculum that guides students under the direction of the Diocese of Raleigh and the classroom teacher.

Students participate in religious, intellectual, cultural, physical, social, and civic activities both in the classroom and outside the school. Our faculty and staff strive to create a value-centered environment that advances Catholic teachings, academic excellence, and student achievement.

Active class participation is critical to student success. Such engagement requires

- attentiveness,
- a willingness to participate and engage,
- regular preparation outside of class when homework is required.

All assignments are to be neat, complete, and executed on time with care.

Athletic Program

Mission and Philosophy

Faithful to The Franciscan School's mission of educating the whole person, the purpose of the physical education program (sports and games) is to:

- Encourage a healthy lifestyle and an enduring love for physical activity
- Teach and develop essential skills with an emphasis on broad student participation
- Nurture teamwork and goal setting
- Develop leadership and help students cope with adversity and disappointment
- Appreciate the gifts in others
- Be welcoming hosts, good sports, and ambassadors
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat

The athletic program promotes and combines Catholic values with community, leadership, reverence, and service in addition to developing good sportsmanship, team building, self-reliance, responsibility, and self-discipline.

The Franciscan School Athletic Handbook provides additional guidelines for student-athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators. Click [here](#) to open the Handbook and review.

Sports Offered

- 'Boys' and 'Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball

- 'Boys' and 'Girls' Soccer
- 'Girls' Volleyball
- 'Girls' Softball
- 'Boys' Baseball
- 'Boys' Lacrosse
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country

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School Counseling

The Franciscan School is committed to the success of all admitted students. If a licensed psychologist identifies a student with a different learning style, the administrative team and teacher will collaborate with the parents/guardians to provide students with a holistic network of support.

However, the school cannot modify its academic requirements nor alter the general courses. If we cannot accommodate a student within the school, every effort is made to place students in a program that is better suited to meet their needs.

Parents should contact the School Counselor, Laureen Wacenske, for additional information on testing, a list of available accommodations, and referrals for psychologists, psychological services, tutors, and learning specialists.

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Commencement

Commencement at TFS is not graduation but a ceremony recognizing the faith and academic milestone of each student. The TFS Commencement is thus a sending-out of our 8th graders into the world to develop and share their gifts.

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

<p>The Franciscan School Citizenship Award The TFS Citizenship Award is given to the 8th Grade student whose leadership and goodwill, has made TFS a better place to live, work, worship, and learn.</p>	<p>The Franciscan Award The Franciscan Award is given to one 8th Grade boy and one 8th Grade girl for combining exemplary scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service, and faith.</p>
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Details regarding both the Commencement Day and dress requirements are sent to families in March.

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