



PIONEER PRESS NEWSLETTER

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Duchesne was voted Best Private School in the St. Louis Post Dispatch 2025 STL Headliners program! We were also presented with the Education All-Star Award for receiving the most votes in the education category. It's a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

UPCOMING DATES

September 10

College Fair/Financial Aid Night

September 11

All School Mass

September 12

Friday Night Lights Food Drive

September 14 (Homecoming Week)

Garden Party in the Courtyard

September 17

Student Pizza Party Before
Volleyball Game

September 19

Tailgate Party in the Grove
& Homecoming Game

From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



Debi Turner '96
Assistant Principal of
Student Life

Welcome Back, Pioneers!

It's so good to have everyone back in the building! A special welcome goes out to all our new families. We're so glad you're here and can't wait for you to experience everything that makes Duchesne such a special place.

The start of the year has been filled with so much positive energy. The halls are buzzing, kids are smiling, and it truly feels like everyone wants to be at school.

That excitement is contagious, and I hope each of you—students and parents alike—will find ways to jump in and get involved this year. Whether it's through clubs, sports, the arts, service, or just showing up to support our events, your presence is what makes our community strong. With Homecoming right around the corner, there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate our traditions and show your Pi-

oneer Pride, so I encourage everyone to take part!

I want to congratulate the 33 students who applied and were selected to be a part of the P.O.A.C. leadership training over the summer. I've already witnessed the positive effects of their leadership in our community, and I can't wait to see the difference they continue to make this year. If you'd like to learn more about the

program, you can visit www.poacsucceed.com.

We also have an important event coming up on Tuesday, September 9. Our whole school will gather for an assembly with Pursuit 3416, which will promote awareness and speak to our students about online safety and the dangers of sexual exploitation. These conversations aren't always easy, but they are so important.

We want to give our students the tools they need to make safe and smart choices in today's world.

It's shaping up to be an amazing year, and I'm grateful to walk this journey with all of you. Don't be afraid to come cheer, volunteer, and celebrate with us—our community is at its best when we're all in it together.



Duchesne student P.O.A.C. leaders

Student Spotlight: Jace Latham

Volunteering to get Duchesne ready for the fall semester

SHOUTOUT and HUGE THANKS to sophomore Jace Latham!

The week before the start of the fall semester, Jace spent an entire day beautifying the exterior of the

school building and grounds so they would look nice for the beginning of the school year.

His hard work really shows! Thank you, Jace!



Jace Latham '28

Duchesne locker rooms get huge update

Eric Seiffert
Director of Marketing

After decades of use, Duchesne's locker rooms received a significant renovation, transforming into spaces that will be far more functional and comfortable for student athletes for years to come.

The Duchesne administration conceived of the new endeavor after last year's student fitness center update. They decided the time was right to move forward with the project after the school raised over \$348k during the 2024 #iGiveCatholic campaign.

"We are so appreciative of the wonderful donors who provided the funds for this project through our #iGiveCatholic Giving Day," said Duchesne President Paul Boschert '77. "We now have great dressing room



Photo by Eric Seiffert

facilities for our athletic teams and physical education classes that are the best in the area."

The locker rooms feature epoxy floors, updated lighting, updated plumbing, and, of course, new lockers.

All five locker rooms re-

ceived improvements, four built in 1990. The fifth, commonly known as "The Dungeon" by DHS athletic staff, dates back to the 1950s and shows the most drastic change.

Duchesne Athletic Director Renee Moore '86 said

the new space will help create a strong team-bonding atmosphere.

"Not a single detail was left out," she said. "The locker rooms truly reflect our commitment to excellence. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make these spaces a reality."

"We are so excited to have this new space for the athletes," said Boys and Girls Head Volleyball Coach Maddie Krause '20. "This will be an amazing new addition to our team culture and leave the athletes with a sense of pride to be able to compete together."

In a student reaction video published on Duchesne's social media channels, students expressed how impressed they are by the new space. See the post by clicking [HERE](#).

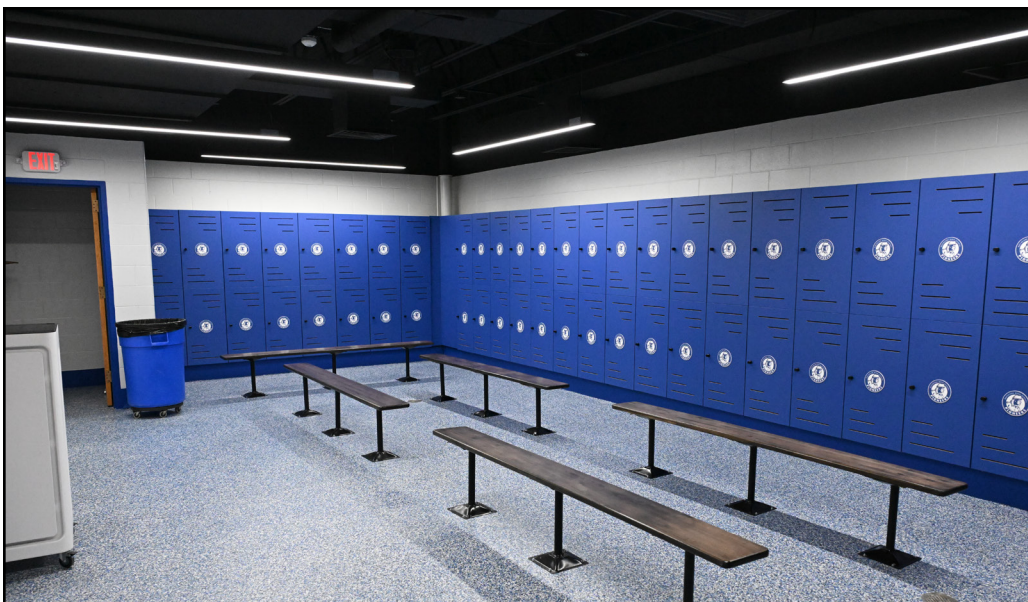


Photo by Eric Seiffert

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New faces at Duchesne



Dave Kleinschmidt
Aviation Teacher

Duchesne is excited to welcome David Kleinschmidt to the faculty. Mr. Kleinschmidt will serve as a teacher for Duchesne's new aviation class.

"Mr. Kleinschmidt is joining Duchesne to teach an aviation class," said Principal Kurt Schneider. "The Aviation Camp was so successful, we decided to see if we could get an aviation class off the ground. Mr. Kleinschmidt's passion for aviation is tremendous."

Mr. Kleinschmidt graduated from Meremac Community College in 1976. He holds aviation ratings in Private Pilot ASEL, Instrument ASEL, Advanced Ground Instruction, and

Commercial Pilot ASEL. He has logged over 2,000 hours of flight time and experience with P28A, P28R, PA32, P32R, and C172 aircraft.

"I retired from the police department more than eleven years ago. Since that point, I have immersed myself in the wonderful world of aviation, particularly the teaching process," said Mr. Kleinschmidt. "I fly in the system regularly while constantly learning new things and going to new places."

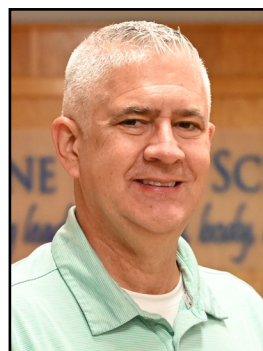


Audrey Penberthy
School Counselor

Duchesne is excited to announce the addition of Audrey Penberthy to the school counseling team at Duchesne. Mrs. Penberthy will serve as counselor for students with last names L-Z.

"Audrey has a wealth of experience in public and private school settings," said Duchesne Principal Kurt Schneider. "She will be a great addition to the Counseling Department."

Mrs. Penberthy brings 11 years of counseling experience to Duchesne.



Joe Shaw
Physics Teacher

Duchesne warmly welcomes Mr. Joe Shaw to the faculty as the new physics teacher.

Mr. Shaw comes to Duchesne from John Weldon Elementary, where he served as Assistant Principal since 2008.

"Mr. Shaw is joining the Duchesne Science department after a distinguished career as an administrator," said Principal Kurt Schneider. "Mr. Shaw is settling in and doing a great job with Physical Science and Physics."

Mr. Shaw brings 28 years of teaching and administrative experience to Duchesne. He graduated from Missouri

Valley College with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1997 and from Lindenwood University with a Master of Arts in School Administration in 2014.

"My goal is to foster a love of physics and inspire critical thinking in my students," he said. "I'm excited to begin teaching at Duchesne High School. I look forward to learning with my students as we grow in knowledge and faith together."



Charlie Woodruff
Literature and Composition Teacher

Duchesne is happy to announce Mrs. Charlie Woodruff as the newest addition to the school's English department. Ms. Woodruff will teach literature and composition.

"Charlie Woodruff has stepped in and done a great job in the English department," said Duchesne Principal Kurt Schneider. "Mrs. Woodruff is also taking over the Speech and Debate program. I am excited to see what the future holds for that program."

Ms. Woodruff gained her Bachelor's of Arts in Politi-

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From the Director of Advancement



Becky Williamson
Director of Advancement

Dear Duchesne Families, Alumni, and Friends,

The start of a new school year always brings renewed energy to campus, and this year is no exception! I LOVE having the students back in our halls. It is so fun to get to know them.

We are excited to share that the Pioneer Fund is off to a strong start, and our Class Challenge is already inspiring some great participation. Your support fuels the success of our students,

faculty, and programs.

We also have some exciting events on the horizon. To kick off Homecoming Week, we invite you to join us on **Sunday, September 14, for the Party in the Garden, with live music from the ever-so-famous SERAPIS**—a fun evening of community and celebration. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for **Music Bingo on Saturday, November 1st**, a night that promises laughter, friendly competition,

and great memories in the PAC.

Thank you for being part of the Duchesne family and for helping us carry on the Pioneer spirit. With your continued involvement, this school year is sure to be one of growth, joy, and success.

Sincerely,

Becky Williamson

Becky Williamson
Director of Advancement



Caleb Johnson
Director of Community and Student Engagement
& Head Girls Basketball Coach

Thinking about the future Students set goals for the new school year

Our students recently participated in a goal-setting activity that encouraged them to reflect on their academics and personal growth. The activity was designed to help students clarify what they hope to achieve this school year, and also to encourage them to think about their future goals and aspirations. Each student who wrote down a goal was entered in a drawing to win one of

four gift cards for local restaurants. The four winners of the gift cards were Molly Glosier '27, Eric Kappler '29, Katie Kraatz '26, and Maddie Schmidt '29. Each student's goal was written on a gold star and hung on the goal-setting bulletin board near the cafeteria.

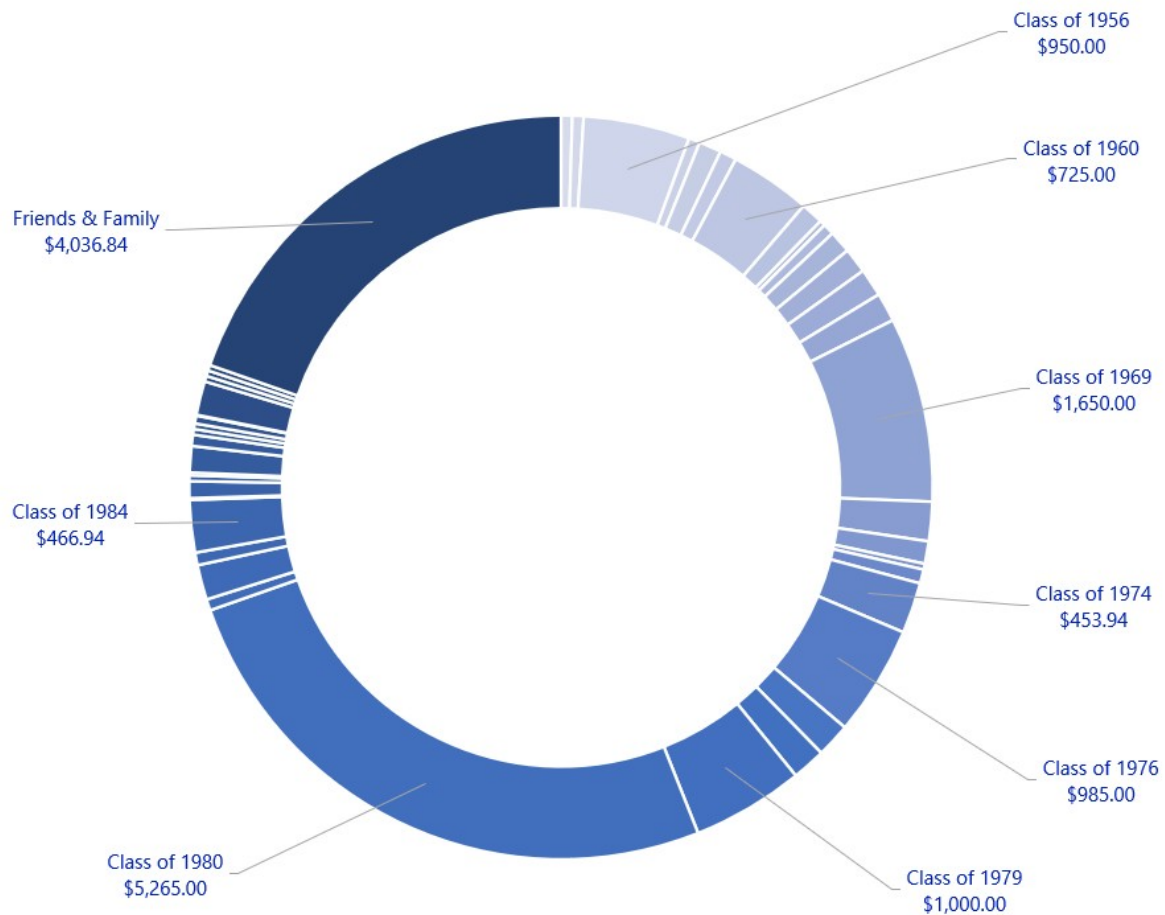


Gift card winners from left: Eric Kappler '29, Katie Kraatz '26, Maddie Schmidt '29, and Molly Glosier '27



Goal-setting bulletin board

Pioneer Class Challenge

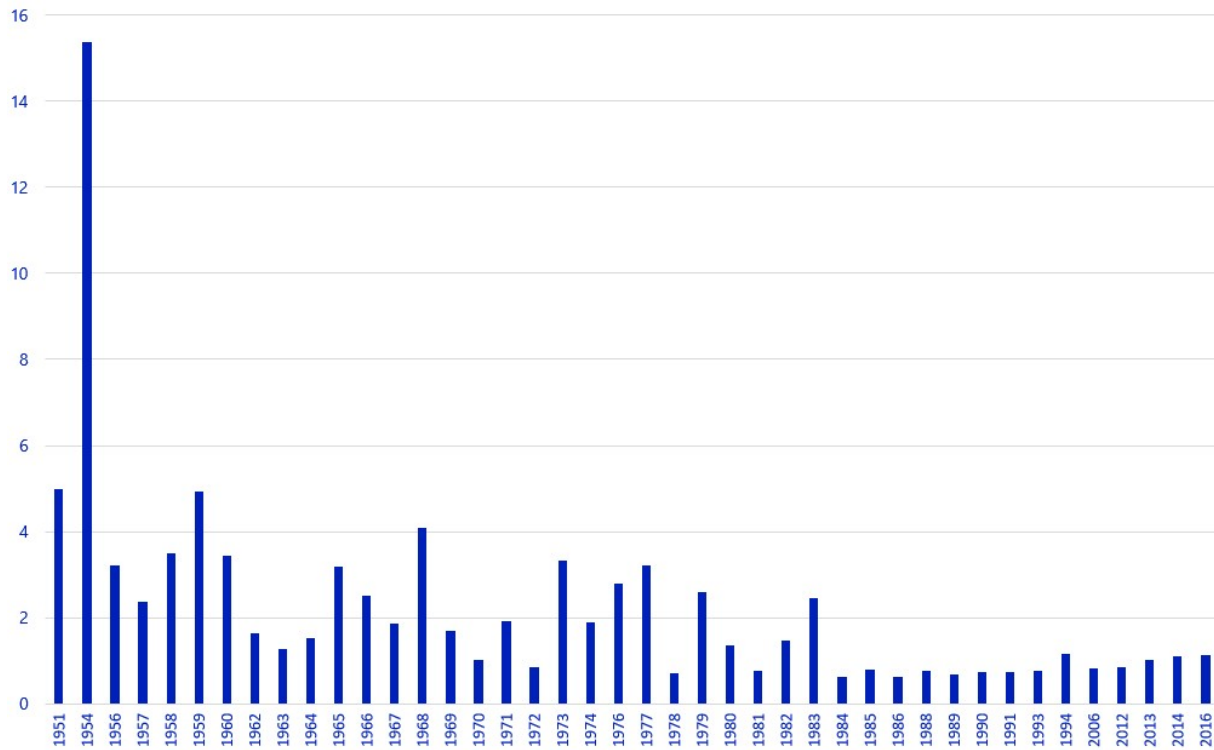


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1954	\$100.00	1965	\$200.00	1973	\$125.00	1986	\$150.00	2006	\$70.00
1957	\$100.00	1966	\$225.00	1977	\$305.05	1988	\$51.12	2012	\$7.00
1958	\$200.00	1967	\$250.00	1978	\$300.00	1989	\$25.00	2013	\$302.12
1959	\$150.00	1968	\$257.56	1981	\$100.00	1990	\$234.00	2014	\$50.00
1962	\$200.00	1970	\$350.00	1982	\$311.19	1991	\$100.00	2016	\$50.00
1963	\$50.00	1971	\$200.00	1983	\$112.00	1993	\$50.00	2017	\$50.00

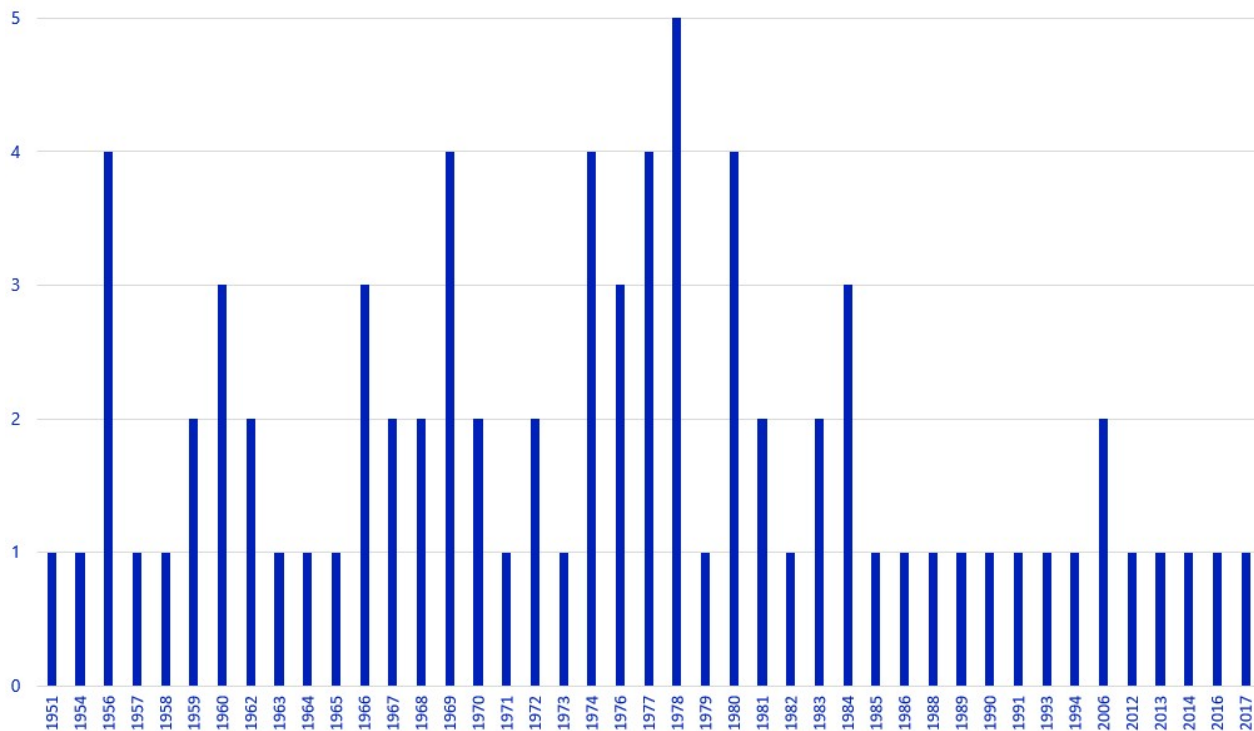
These totals are of gifts received as of 8.22.25
 \$20,524.88 raised in the fiscal year! *

*unaudited number

PERCENTAGE OF LIVING CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND 7/1/24-6/30/25



NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



Duchesne Charts Bold Path Forward:

Enrollment Growth, Strong Support, and Clear Goals

By Jack Borgmeyer '97, Duchesne Board Chair and Current Parent

“What does Duchesne need?”

It's a question alumni, parents, and community members have asked for years. The Duchesne Board of Directors has a clear and confident answer: continued enrollment growth, sustained financial support, and the active engagement of our entire Pioneer Nation. But there is so much more...

President Paul Boschert '77 and Director of Advancement Becky Williamson continue to share updates on where the school stands with the progress already made, and what will be required over the next several years to ensure Duchesne's long-term success. The message is equal parts celebration of recent wins and a call to action for everyone who cares about the future of the school.

Enrollment Momentum: Turning the Tide

In the early 2020s during Covid, Duchesne faced a daunting challenge: lower than normal freshman classes, which in turn led to smaller upper-class numbers for the subsequent years. This was an unsustainable enrollment level for a school with the kind of academic, extracurricular, and faith-based mission Duchesne champions.

But the tide has turned!

In the 2024–2025 school year, Duchesne welcomed a freshman class number that showed a **29% increase** over the previous year — a significant jump from 2023–2024. This fall, the incoming freshman

class showed a **39% increase year over year, the strongest freshmen enrollment in over 10 years**. It's evidence that the school's renewed outreach efforts are paying off.

We've reversed an unsustainable trend. That's no small feat. And it's just the beginning.

The growth is no accident! Duchesne's admissions team has expanded its reach to more than 60 private and public grade schools, strengthening relationships with feeder schools and introducing more young families to the Pioneer experience. The school has also been tracking engagement from 6th–8th graders who visit campus or participate in three or more activities — the increases in attendance for these events is a key predictor of continued future enrollment increases.

Based on these efforts, the Board projects the 2026–2027 freshman class will again exceed previous Freshmen enrollment.

Financial Achievements: A Strong Foundation

The past two years have brought more than just enrollment growth — they've also seen a remarkable wave of financial support from alumni and friends of Duchesne.

Since 2023, donor generosity has totaled more than \$2.6 million. Of that, \$1.5 million has been invested directly into facility and program improvements — visible upgrades that enhance the student experience. Another \$1 million has

supported the school's annual operating budget, helping ensure academic excellence, extracurricular opportunities, and mission-centered education.

These investments have touched every corner of the campus. From classrooms to student programs, the results are impressive and energizing.

I want to emphasize that these upgrades are not just cosmetic — they are part of a larger strategy to position Duchesne for sustained growth and success.

How We Get There: Expanding the Circle

Today, much of Duchesne's annual fundraising comes from a loyal group of dedicated alumni and friends who give year after year. While their continued support is essential, the Board is clear that the future depends on widening that circle.

Last year saw meaningful contributions from both long-time supporters and new or re-engaged donors. The challenge now is to accelerate that growth — increasing both the number of participants and the total dollars contributed.

Participation rates vary by graduating class, and those numbers are shared regularly in newsletters. The Board plans to highlight them again in upcoming communications, underscoring that every gift — regardless of size — moves the school closer to its goals.



Jack Borgmeyer '97
Duchesne Board Chair
& Current Parent

A Stronger Partnership with the Archdiocese

The Board also addressed a topic that has been on many minds: the school's relationship with the Archdiocese following the “All Things New” process. In recent years, the initiative has caused understandable concern and uncertainty among Duchesne families and supporters.

Today, the reality is very different. The Archdiocese is fully invested in Duchesne's future, providing not only financial guidance and support but more importantly, ongoing positive engagement as our school works our strategic planning process for long-term sustainability and growth.

Recently Julie Scott Soffner, President of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, stated to the Board,

“The future of Duchesne High School looks incredibly bright. Duchesne's reputation remains strong when considering key metrics: the school's commit-

ment to Catholic identity and mission-delivery, overall school growth, increased annual giving and fundraising efforts, facility enhancements, and the structure and competency of the new Governing Board. Increased levels of engagement from passionate Duchesne supporters is equally impressive. We are proud to watch Pioneer Nation grow under its new leadership and governance structure. Together, we continue to nurture a Christ-centered, academically excellent institution while focusing on sustainability for generations of future Duchesne High School families."

The Road Ahead: A Call to the Pioneer Nation

For Duchesne, the message is clear and forward-looking. Enrollment is climbing, facilities are improving, and community support is strong. But sustaining that trajectory will require continued commitment — from current donors, from alumni who have not given in recent years, and from new supporters inspired by the school's mission.

The answer to "What does Duchesne need?" is simple. We need continued support from those already giving, an increase in participation from alumni, parents, and friends who may not have given re-

cently, and the shared energy of a united Pioneer Nation to go out and tell our story of success and growth.

The coming years offer the chance to solidify Duchesne's position as a thriving, mission-driven school that prepares students for success in life and leadership. The Board is confident that, with the continued dedication of alumni, parents, and friends, that vision will become reality and will thrive for another 100 years.

For now, we invite the community to engage, attend upcoming events, spread the word — and above all, to give generously. If you have not been to Duchesne in the last 12 months,

I invite you to come for a tour. You will be amazed at the transformation that has occurred.

The future is bright, but it's not a given. It's something we build together, step by step, gift by gift, student by student. **Come back home to Pioneer Nation and help us continue the legacy of shaping leaders in Mind, Body, and Spirit!**

Go Pioneers,

Jack

For more information or to make a contribution, visit www.duchesne-hs.org. Or call Becky Williamson, Director of Advancement, at 636.757.6931 to schedule a visit.

2026 Pioneer Expedition Gala

The 2026 Pioneer Expedition Gala will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Ameristar Casino at 6pm. Please save the date and watch for more information so you do not miss this exciting event!

Our Gala Amazon wish list is live and we are looking for donations to help support our raffles and silent auction. The link to the Amazon wish list is: https://www.amazon.com/registries/guest-view/JRS2YDMUL2S9?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_M865J7Q3Q1TQNP-58DAZO or you can scan the QR code.



If you have any baskets you no longer need that are in good condition, we will gladly take those off of your hands for use in putting together our silent auction baskets. We appreciate your support in helping make the auction a success!

Sponsorship information will be coming out soon. We are also always looking for fun and exciting live auction items. If you have any ideas or items to donate, please contact Jen Krupich at 636.757.6910 or jkrupich@duchesne-hs.org.

New faces at Duchesne

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cal Science with a minor in Art from Webster University. She comes to Duchesne from Parkway West High School, where her focus was American Literature and essay-writing skills. She also served as assistant coach for

the Parkway West Speech and Debate team.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know all the wonderful students and staff!" she said.

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Dana Bryan
Director of Admissions

Steps to Becoming a Pioneer

Join the family!

The admission process at Duchesne is designed to help families get to know our school community in a variety of ways. Start by scheduling a **shadow visit** to experience a day in the life of a Duchesne student. Next, connect with us at a **High School Fair or Presentation Night** to learn more about our programs. Be sure to

cheer on the Pioneers at a sporting event and experience our school spirit firsthand. Don't miss our Open House, where you can meet teachers, explore our campus, and discover what makes Duchesne unique. Finally, take the next step and apply online to join the Pioneer family!

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



**OCT. 26 10AM
-2PM**



2550 Elm Street
Saint Charles, MO
636.946.6767
www.duchesne-hs.org

HOMECOMING GAME AND TAILGATE PARTY SEPTEMBER 19

Tailgate begins at
5pm in the Grove

Homecoming Game
begins at 7pm

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PIONEER SPIRIT NIGHT AT DUCHESNE!

FREE ENTRY AND PIONEER HOT DOG
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Monday, October 20
6pm



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Locker room update

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"It's a place where we can all hang out now," said volleyball player Tori Edler '26. "I'm just excited for our pre-game hype in the locker room."

"People actually want to be in the locker rooms and use it as a place to just be around each other," said volleyball player Gabi Ulrich '26.

"It looks more modern," said football player Chris Hernandez '26. "We have more space for our gear and pads, which allows us to get ready quickly for practice as well. I also love the benches. They look amazing."

Duchesne's players, coaches, and administration send their heartfelt thanks to all the donors who made this dream a reality:

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10AM-2PM

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

2550 ELM ST
SAINT CHARLES, MO 63301



For more information, email Dana Bryan, admissions director, at dbryan@duchesne-hs.org

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

Shadow Days



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FALL 2025 DATES

September 12	November 7
September 19	November 21
October 10	December 5
October 24	

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September 22 & 23 until 5pm



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a field trip for your grade school.

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ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

The sky's the limit in business and in life

Brian Klutenkamper '75

Eric Seiffert
Director of Marketing

An attitude of never giving up. To “do right” in all of your relationships. These values were passed to Brian Klutenkamper '75 during his time at Duchesne, helping him become an experienced pilot, business owner, and a proud Pioneer Parent.

Brian started grade school at St. Joseph in Cottleville. His family briefly moved to Ohio, then returned to St. Charles, where he finished grade school at St. Peter School before attending Duchesne. From an early age, he had a keen interest in aviation, one he shared with his father.

“Dad wanted to be a pilot in the military,” he said. “Due to vision issues, he ended up serving as an aircraft mechanic between World War II and the Korean War. He would always take us to airshows and pay for airplane rides.”

Brian spent his years at Duchesne playing golf, football, and enjoying learning about chemistry and the other sciences. Today, aviation is a new addition to Duchesne's curriculum, and if it had been available during his high school years, it would undoubtedly have been on his radar.

“I would have jumped on it,” he said. “I'm really glad to see it will be a part of the curriculum this fall.”

It was 1985 before he would revisit his interest in flying. He took flying lessons and bought his first plane that December. The skill proved to be quite valuable. He began



Brian Klutenkamper '75

working for Engineered Lubricants in 1982 in a role where travel was crucial. His ability to fly would prove to be a key tool at his disposal from then on out.

“You could do what would take you two to three weeks in three or four days. It really helped me grow the business much faster than I could have any other way,” he said.

Forty-three years later, Brian is an owner at the same company, his children are all Duchesne graduates, and he is still a very active pilot. In fact, he's one of five pilots in his graduating class.

CALL FOR CLASS REPS

We are still in need of Class Reps for 1959, 1960, 1969, 2024, and 2025. Please contact President Paul Boschert '77 (pboschert@duchesne-hs.org | 636.757.6904) or Director of Alumni Engagement Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78 (nkohl@duchesne-hs.org | 636.757.6925) for more information.

PIONEER NATION INFO UPDATES

Alumni! Family! Friends! Help us keep you updated by making sure we have your best contact information! And please share this link with friends and family members who may not be receiving our communications. Thank you! <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/alumniupdate.html>

Brian attributes his success in life to what he learned while a student at Duchesne and his parents: the importance of honesty in your relationships.

“Always do what's right. Don't ever take a shortcut. Always tell the truth,” Brian said. “It's critical to your well-being that you are never lying to people, never trying to do something sly.”

Brian and fellow DHS classmates Theresa Thro and Geri Willbrand organized their

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REUNITING WHERE AT ALL BEGAN — CLASS REUNIONS AT DUCHESNE HIGH

CLASS OF 1975's 50th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, August 23, 2025

Thanks to reunion organizers Brian Klutenkamper, Theresa Thro, and Geri (Henderson) Willbrand for organizing a wonderful evening for the Class of 1975's 50th Reunion, held at DHS after the 4pm Mass at St. Cletus. Nearly 80 classmates and guests came from as far away as Germany, Arizona, Florida, and Texas.



Class of 1975 group photo

CLASS OF 1980's 45th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, September 27, 2025

Mike Boschert is organizing the next reunion for the Class of 1980. If you want to help, please contact Mike at boschfam@sbcglobal.net. If you've recently had a change of address, email address, or cell number, please let Mike know.

Mike says, "The reunion will be at Duchesne High School and we're hoping to get 100+ classmates to attend! Also, if you have not attended a Monthly Meet-up at the KC on the first Wednesday of the month, ask me about the details. We usually get about 20 classmates to join in the fun, and it has been an awesome get-together!"

CLASS OF 1985's 40th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, October 11, 2025

The Fantastic Four of Melanie (Wynn) Douglas, Kathy Goldkamp-Jones, Eric Kozak, and Brian Ringwald are finalizing details for the Class of 1985's 40th Reunion, to be held at DHS on Saturday, Oc-

tober 11. Doors will open at 6:30; self-guided tours will be available from 6:30-7:45; and our group photo will be taken in the PAC at 7:45. (PAC stands for Performing Arts Center, aka "old gym.")

This will be an informal event. Heavy appetizers will be available, and all beverages will be each individual's responsibility (byob) to minimize cost (shooting for around \$20/person). Our ask is that you RSVP on the Facebook page or reach out to one of us so we can start finalizing the headcount. Classmates from as far as Washington State and Texas are already confirmed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! -- Eric, Kathy, Melanie, and Brian.

eric_kozak@yahoo.com.
Facebook page: Duchesne HS Class of 85.

CLASS OF 2005's 20th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, October 18, 2025

Thanks to Dan Amiri, Julie (Glosier) Dreher, Emily (Frie-

del) Epley, Brian Hu, Caroline (Weber) Politsch, and Sarah (Leach) Worth for their help in planning the Class of 2005's 20th Reunion. We will be celebrating together at Duchesne on Saturday, October 18. The event will start with a Mass in the chapel at 4pm, followed by dinner, drinks, and fellowship. We hope our classmates can join us for an evening of fun, laughter, and reconnection. Formal invitation coming soon.

CLASS OF 1965's 60th Reunion – at Duchesne coming soon!

The Class of 1965 will be returning to DHS for their 60th reunion sometime soon. More details to follow. If you would like to help, please contact Elaine (Machens) Ruffkahr at eruffkahr@sbcglobal.net or 636.734.0038.

CLASS OF 2010's 15th Reunion – at Duchesne in the Spring of 2026

The Class of 2010 will be returning to DHS for their

15th reunion sometime in the spring. More details to follow. If you would like to help, please contact Tyler Loewenstein at tyler@golfrehabstl.com or 314.766.3685.

CLASS OF 1986's 40th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, September 19, 2026

Class of '86!! – Save the Date! plans are underway for a wonderful evening together, which will include tours of our alma mater, heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, and dancing. Watch the Facebook page at Duchesne Class of 1986. Jen (Horton) Silvestri and Cheryl (Pollack) Johnson are organizing.

ALUMNI REUNIONS – is it time to plan yours?

Does your class year end in a 0 or 5 (such as 2000 or 1965) – or even a 1 or a 6 (1986 or 2016)? It's time to plan your reunion! Contact Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78 at nkohl@duchesne-hs.org or 636.757.6925 to begin the conversation!

Duchesne can you provide you with a class list and save-the-date postcards for those groups that have their event at DHS. You will have use of our Garden Courtyard, Chapel for Mass, and/or PAC for your get-together, dinner, dancing, games, etc. Smaller groups may want to gather in our Esports Center. A self-guided tour outline will be available for your guests. Alumni groups are not charged a rental, just a maintenance fee (and a student tech fee if applicable).

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Welcome Back!



Brittany Grass '08
School Counselor



Audrey Penberthy
School Counselor



Becca Baugh
Learning Consultant

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to begin a fun new year. Our counseling department has big plans for this school year, and we can't wait to share them with you all! But first, we have a few changes in our department.

We are happy to introduce Mrs. Penberthy to our counseling staff! Mrs. Penberthy comes to us with 11 years of counseling experience.

With the introduction of Mrs. Penberthy, we have changed from a grade level system to an alphabetic system. Mrs. Grass will have students whose last names begin with A-K and Mrs. Penberthy will have students whose last names begin with L-Z. This way, a student will have the same counselor for all four years while at Duchesne. Mrs. Baugh remains the Learning Consultant for all students with learning plans.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The A+ Scholarship Program provides scholarship funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend a participating public community college or vocational/technical school, or certain private two-year

vocational/technical schools. In addition, there are several four-year universities that also award funds if the student has the A+ designation. It is recommended that ALL students fill out the A+ agreement.

IT IS BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT, THAN TO NEED IT AND NOT HAVE IT!

https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/A--Intent-to-Comply-2023.pdf

REMINDERS

Planning a college visit? Don't forget to turn in your College Visit Permission Form to Mrs. Grass one week prior to the scheduled visit.

https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/College-Visit-Permission-Form.pdf

Seniors—An email will be sent soon about the transition to SCOIR for college transcripts.

LOOKING AHEAD FALL 2025

Sept. 10 @ 5:00pm
College Fair and Financial Aid Night (see flyer for details)

*Highly recommended for junior and senior students and their parents

Sept. 12
ACT Registration deadline for Oct. 18 test

Sept. 30
ACT late registration deadline for Oct. 18 test

Oct. 1
FAFSA Opens

Oct. 17
Career Day held at DHS (see flyer for details)

Nov. 7
ACT Registration deadline for Dec. 13 test

Nov. 24

ACT late registration
deadline for Dec. 13 test

HELPFUL LINKS

DUCHESNE
COUNSELING

<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/counseling.html>

FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.fastweb.com/>
<https://myscholly.com/>
<https://myscholarshipcentral.org/>

NAVIANCE

<https://student.naviance.com/main>

COMMON APP

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

ACT

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en-missouri.html>

SAT

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>

Brian Klutenkamper '75

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50th class reunion which was held at Duchesne on August 23. Holding reunions at the Duchesne's campus is a growing trend among returning alumni.

"It was fantastic having the reunion here. The atmosphere was great. People who hadn't been here for 50 years were able walk through the school," said Brian. "[Director of Alumni Engagement and Donor Engagement] Nancy Kohl '78 did a wonderful job helping us plan, preparing posters, and arranging DHS Students

to operate the sound system for us."

At the reunion, Brian spoke briefly to visiting alumni from all over the US and overseas about Duchesne, campus and curriculum updates, and updates on a few alumni who could not attend the reunion. It was a busy evening filled with memories and shared appreciation of each other and their alma mater.

"It was wonderful seeing so many old friends. My only regret is I did not get enough time to speak with everybody," he said.

Calling All Duchesne Students!



COLLEGE FAIR & FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday,
September 10

5:00- 6:30 p.m.

College Fair located in the gym

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Financial Aid Speaker
located in the cafeteria

Open to
all parents
and students!



Questions? Email bgrass@duchesne-hs.org.

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER FAIR 2025

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 10:30am to 11:45am

2550 ELM STREET | SAINT CHARLES, MO

SEEKING BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE

Fair-style setup • Setup begins at 9:30am

For questions, email School
Counselor Brittany Grass at
bgrass@duchesne-hs.org



Mrs. Brittany Grass

bgrass@duchesne-hs.org
Counselor for Last Names A-K

Mrs. Audrey Penberthy

apenberthy@duchesne-hs.org
Counselor for Last Names L-Z

Mrs. Becca Baugh

bbaugh@duchesne-hs.org
Learning Consultant



FROM THE SPORTS DESK



Renee Moore '86
Athletic Director

Welcome back to another exciting year full of opportunities for competition, friendship, and growth as we begin a new season of Pioneer Athletics. Our student athletes and coaches have been working hard during preseason practices and are ready to hit the playing field and court! We have a fall schedule filled with game-day rivalries and exciting game-day activities! Check out our fall team schedules at duchesne.bigteams.com and come out and support our Pioneers!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Fall Sports Parent Meeting. I hope you found the presentation informative, and you enjoyed meeting our coaches and athletic staff. Special thanks to our Booster club, who provided a delicious meal for us. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Booster club, you can contact Booster president Kevin Slattery at Duchesneboosters@gmail.com.

Fall athletic photos were taken by Wagner Portrait Group on Monday, August 18. Parents should have received an email providing directions on the process for ordering individual and team pictures. If you have not received this information, please contact me at rmoores@duchesne-hs.org.

As we dive into the new season, we have a few important updates and volunteer opportunities to share:

GET THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Duchesne Cheer** – Junior Cheerleaders halftime performance on Friday, September 12 (game time 7pm). Come out and see the Halftime Fun!
- **Friday Night Lights Food Drive!** Please join the Diamondline in their support of the St. Louis Area Foodbank on Friday, September 12. Bring your donation of non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) and look for the red donation barrels when arriving at the stadium.
- **Homecoming Football Game:** Mark your calendars for the Homecoming football game and festivities on Friday, September 19. Kickoff is at 7pm in Frank Barro Stadium. Be sure to arrive early to join in the tailgating fun in the Duchesne grove prior to kickoff.
- **Duchesne Diamondline** – Friday Night Lights: Back by popular demand our Junior Diamondline will make a return appearance! This event will be held at our Friday night soccer game on Friday, October 24 (game time 6pm). Come out and see the Halftime Extravaganza!
- **Senior Nights:** If you have a Senior fall athlete, get these dates on your calendar:

Tennis

Wednesday, October 8

Volleyball

Monday, October 13

Soccer

Monday, October 27

Football

Pregame ceremony on Friday, October 17

Golf, Cross Country, and Tennis

Halftime ceremony on Friday October 17

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Oktoberfest:** We're looking for volunteers for our tent at the St. Charles Oktoberfest in Frontier Park happening the weekend of September 26-28. Email Jason Boschert, our lead on this event, at jasonboschert@gmail.com.
- **Fall Concession Stands:** Parents, don't forget to log in to Signup Genius and claim the time assigned to you for concession stand duty. Your participation is crucial to our success and helps support our athletic programs.

Football

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C-0B44A8AB2EA5F4C07-57687399-football#/>

Soccer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C-0B44A8AB2EA5F4C07-57687812-boys#/>

Volleyball

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C-0B44A8AB2EA5F4C07-57689267-girls#/>

REMINDER

Parents of all fall athletes – be sure all required forms are submitted and participation fee is paid before the first contest. Questions? Contact rfuchs@duchesne-hs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Let's make this fall season one for the record books!

ALL YOUR DHS SPORTS INFO...

ONE LOCATION

Scan this QR code and you'll have quick and easy access to Duchesne's athletics web page, forms, schedules, and Twitter accounts for every sport.



Reunions

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FOREVER FRIENDS

The “Girls of the St. Peters Chorus” (complete with their own song) meet monthly and have been friends for 75 years! From left, Gert (Ohrman) Meyer '52, Carol (Hanslick) Fischbach Evert '52, Dot (Heembrock) Kane '53, Joan (Faerber) DeRoy Miller '53, and Lorraine Dubois (Don '52).

In years past, the group has also included Mart (Schaeffer) Baronovic '53, Amy Meyer Boschert (Jack '52), Jackie Borgmeyer (Tom '51), Helen Reiling (Hank '49), and Dolly (Wetter) Rothermich '53.





Duchesne
DIAMONDLINE
FRIDAY
NIGHT LIGHTS

Featuring Junior Diamondline

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24
BOYS SOCCER GAME

4:00 PM - END OF HALFTIME

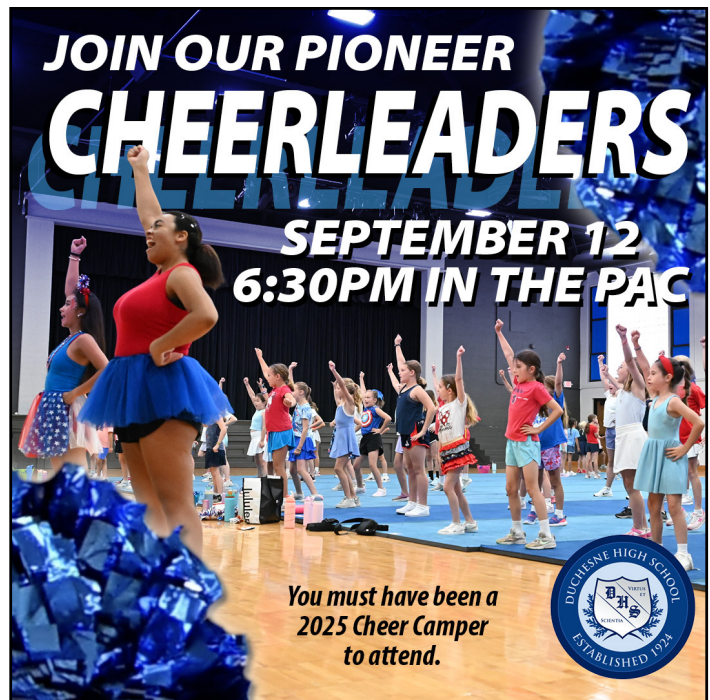
bows & poms included!

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VENMO PAYMENTS
TO: DANA-BUCKNER-5

For more information: **Dana Buckner**
314-304-6813

Sign Up!

**FOLLOW
DUCHESNE
ON SOCIALS!**

**JOIN OUR PIONEER
CHEERLEADERS**

**SEPTEMBER 12
6:30PM IN THE PAC**

*You must have been a
2025 Cheer Camper
to attend.*

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HOMECOMING WEEK EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14
Homecoming Week Kick Off
Garden Party With LIVE Music From Serapis!
Food & Drink Provided!
BYOC-Bring Your Own Chair!

SEPTEMBER 17
Student Tailgate Before Home Volleyball Games

SEPTEMBER 19
Homecoming Pep Rally & Game
Football Tailgate
KoC #823 After Football Game

SEPTEMBER 20
Homecoming Dance

Garden Party Registration

Football Tailgate Registration

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Hey Crafters!

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL'S

Fall Craft Fair

SPONSORED BY THE DUCHESNE MUSIC BOOSTERS

Nov. 22, 2025 | 8:30 am - 2 pm

Join on campus as a vendor at Duchesne High School for its annual Fall Craft Fair!

Scan the QR code and grab your spot.
Deadline to sign up is one week before the Craft Fair.

Questions? Send an email to:
DuchesneCraftFair@gmail.com

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JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER *at*

Friday, August 29 | 10:00AM - 10:00PM

Raising Cane's 1840 First Capitol Drive, St. Charles, MO

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

Duchesne High School



➤ Learn more about how we can support you at CanesAndCommunity.com

Minimum donation amount will be 15% of the Net Sales* donated directly to your organization. Not valid on kiosk orders. *Net Sales means the purchase price of food and beverages sold during the event to customers who (i) mention your organization when ordering in person or (ii) use the code RCFUND96 when ordering online or in the Raising Cane's app. The purchase price excludes special or limited time offers, discounts, returns, and taxes. Net Sales does not include gift cards and retail merchandise purchases.

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