



PIONEER PRESS NEWSLETTER

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Pioneers Take the Catholic Cup!

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UPCOMING DATES

January 19

Martin Luther King Jr Day
No School

January 26-30

Catholic Schools Week

February 10

Freshman Welcome Night

February 16

No School

February 18

Ash Wednesday
All-School Mass

From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



Debi Turner '96
Assistant Principal of
Student Life

The Power of Being Present

Somewhere during COVID, a quiet shift happened in how we think about school attendance. Staying home became easier. More acceptable. Sometimes even routine. Phrases like “I’ll just make up the work,” “I’ll get the notes from a friend,” or “Can you just send me what I missed?” have become part of everyday conversation.

Here’s the honest truth: nothing replaces being present at school.

Yes, assignments can sometimes be made up. Notes can be shared. But learning is far more than worksheets and uploaded documents. The real learning happens in in-person conversations—when a student raises a hand, when a teacher explains something a different way, when classmates wrestle with ideas together, and when understanding grows through dialogue. Those moments simply cannot be recreated from home.

To be clear, we absolutely do not want students coming to school when they are sick. Health and safety matter. Life happens, and obstacles will always arise. Our attendance policy is designed to recognize that reality while also reinforcing an important truth: regular attendance matters. Excessive absences—whether excused or unexcused—impact learning, continuity, and a student’s overall experience at school. When students are absent, communication with the

school is essential so we can best support them.

We ask families to partner with us in encouraging students to do everything in their power to be present at school—physically, socially, and emotionally. Showing up matters. It matters

for learning. It matters for growth. And it matters for the moments students don’t yet realize they’ll miss someday.

Let’s work together to help our students show up—for themselves and for each other.



**CARROLLTON
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Can You Share a Ride?

We have a family living near Pitman Hill Road in St. Charles who is looking for a carpool. Please reach out to Kelly Richards if you are interested. krichards@duchesne-hs.org or 636.757.6902.



DUCHESENE HOCKEY 2025-26: CATHOLIC CUP CHAMPIONS



Bill Kuhn **DHC Board Member**

Three seasons ago, Duchesne's new hockey rival, St. Dominic, began a varsity hockey program for the first time. As the only two Catholic schools in the St. Charles Conference of Mid-States Hockey, the two programs got together and created an event that would celebrate our Catholic faith on the ice, but also generate excitement for this new rivalry. The Catholic Cup was born.

The first year, things did not go well for Duchesne. St. Dominic literally "Dom-inated" the game and came away as victors in the 1st ever annual game. 2024-25 was a different season for Duchesne, with a powerful, high-octane offense. Still, St. Dominic had a good team as well. Fittingly, the second year ended in a 3-3 tie and, you might say, a little controversy when St.

Dominic declined an opportunity to play for the rights to The Cup with a shootout after regulation – a shootout that would not count on the books, but only for the rights to The Catholic Cup. With the game ending as a tie, St. Dominic retained the rights to keep The Cup by default. This didn't sit well with our team. A few weeks later and motivated by what happened in that game, Duchesne pummeled St. Dominic in an 8-0 win on St. Dom's senior night.

Move forward to this year. Despite losing five seniors the year prior, the memory of what happened was still, a year later, fresh in these player's minds. Duchesne's team this year does not have the firepower it did last year, but what it does have is motivation and tenacity. On Friday, Dec. 26, Duchesne faced St. Dominic for the 3rd annual Catholic Cup. Duchesne had already lost to St.

Dominic earlier in the season 0-3 and were sitting on a 6-6-1 record. None of that mattered this year. Duchesne knew it was time for The Catholic Cup to make its way to the halls of Duchesne High School.

Junior Dylan Slattery scored the first goal five minutes and four seconds into the game to take a 1-0 lead. Less than five minutes after that, Sophomore Owen Kelsey scored goal number two. Both teams were scoreless in the second period. Early in the third, St. Dominic scored to make it a 1 goal game with lots of time on the clock. However, Senior Defenseman Ryan Adkerson scored to make it 3-1 with 8:36 remaining. After that, it was "lights out" for the defense who shut down every opportunity for St. Dominic including a great performance by Senior

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Career WayZ Youth Apprenticeship Accelerator Program to Fast-Track Student Careers in Manufacturing Trades



Duchesne High School administrators recently met with Career WayZ to finalize the school's new Youth Apprenticeship Accelerator Program. From left: DHS President Paul Boschert '77, DHS Director of Advancement Becky Williamson, Career WayZ Founder Cynthia Walker, DHS Principal Kurt Schneider '93, DHS Assistant Principal of Student Life Debi Turner '96, Quest Specialty Products CEO Craig Moore, Magne Corporation President Blake Caimi '10, Component Bar HR Manager Sam Meyer '08, and Dan Fitter, past president of Quest Specialty Products.

Duchesne High School is proud to announce the launch of a new after-school trade initiative: the Career WayZ Youth Apprenticeship Accelerator (YAA) Program. This program offers students an opportunity to learn about local manufacturing companies, interview for paid apprenticeships, and receive specialized training toward a future career path. To begin this journey, three Duchesne High School staff members have registered with the U.S. Department of Labor Appren-

ticeship sponsor Career WayZ. Duchesne's specialists began their apprenticeship training in December. Congratulations to Principal Kurt Schneider '93, Assistant Principal of Student Life Debi Turner '96, and Advancement Director Becky Williamson for becoming U.S. DOL Registered Apprenticeship Training and Development Specialists.

The Duchesne Apprenticeship specialists will undergo a full year of coaching and

curriculum during a 2,000-hour apprenticeship, earning a nationally-recognized credential. They will join Career WayZ YAA alongside public schools in both St. Charles and St. Louis Counties. Through their training, they will develop a program to build manufacturing workforce pipelines, with the potential to expand into numerous occupational offerings and career pathways. In the spring, apprentices will be recommended by staff and apply to attend the Game Day

Prep days, which will prepare them for Selection Day, where they will interview and compete for an official career offer. Once Duchesne registers their first student as an apprentice, the program will officially be a U.S. DOL Registered Sponsor Program.

"While Duchesne High School continues to be a college preparatory school, we are well aware that some high school graduates do not pursue post-secondary education at

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The Archdiocese Bicentennial Jubilee year has begun

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis

Jan. 1st Letter to the Faithful

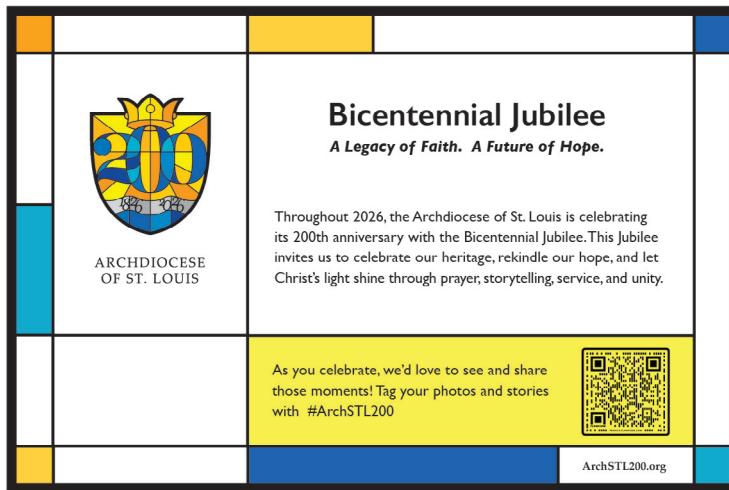
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With deep gratitude to God, I joyfully announce the official opening of the Bicentennial Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. On this Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we begin a sacred year of reflection, celebration, and renewal as we journey toward the two hundredth anniversary of our diocese on

July 18, 2026.

Our Catholic roots in this region run deep, reaching back more than 350 years to the earliest missionary encounters in the Mississippi Valley. In 1764, the first Mass was offered in the settlement of St. Louis on the



site where the Old Cathedral now stands. In 1818, Bishop DuBourg chose St. Louis as the episcopal seat of the growing frontier Church. In 1826, Pope Leo XII established the Diocese of St. Louis and entrusted Bishop Joseph Rosati with a vast mission territory that extended from the Louisiana border to the Rocky Mountains.

We are heirs to this missionary legacy. Our parishes, schools, charitable ministries, religious communities, and lay leaders all bear witness to the enduring light of Christ passed down through generations. Now, in our own time, we are called to carry that light forward with courage, joy, and faith.

This Jubilee Year invites us to honor the past, celebrate the present, and commit ourselves anew to the mission of Christ. Special initiatives, moments of prayer,

pilgrimages, and parish celebrations throughout the year will help deepen our communion, renew our missionary zeal, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as one Church.

In honor of this historic milestone, the Holy See, through the Apostolic Penitentiary, has graciously granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to the truly penitent and devout Christian faithful. This indulgence, available through July 26, 2026, is a beautiful gift of God's mercy, inviting us to deeper conversion and renewed holiness. To receive this grace, the faithful may visit several sacred sites I have designated as pilgrimage locations:

All Saints Parish

Basilica of St. Louis, King of France

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Most Holy Trinity Church (St. Josephine Bakhita Parish)

Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

St. Alphonsus Parish (Millwood)

St. Cecilia Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Francis Borgia Parish

St. Ferdinand Parish and the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine

St. Joachim Parish (Old Mines)

Chapel of St. Vincent de Paul (Cardinal Rigali Center)

St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Perryville)

Ste. Genevieve Parish (Ste. Genevieve)

Please visit www.Arch-STL200.org to learn more about these sites, the conditions for receiving the indulgence, and the special provisions for the sick and homebound.

Today, on this first day of the Jubilee Year, I invite you to join your hearts in prayer as we offer the Bicentennial Prayer together and ask God to bless our Archdiocese with unity, holiness, and hope. Let us give thanks for the gift of our faith and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us into a future filled with grace and renewed purpose.

May our patron saints Saint Louis, King of France, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, and Saint Vincent de Paul intercede for us. May Mary, Mother of the Church, wrap us in her mantle of love. And may this Bicentennial Jubilee be a time of profound gratitude, spiritual renewal, and missionary joy for all the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

Heavenly Father, you are the giver of all that is good.

We give you thanks for 200 years of faith, grace, and mission in the [Archdiocese of St. Louis](#).

As we celebrate this bicentennial, we remember with gratitude and thankfulness, all those who have helped to build the Church here: clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

Strengthen us in our resolve to carry forward their legacy with love and courage.

Through the intercession of Saint Louis, our patron and king, Saint Vincent de Paul, and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, give to us hearts rooted in justice, holiness, and charity.

May we continue to be a beacon of the Gospel in our time, faithful to Christ and alive in the Spirit.

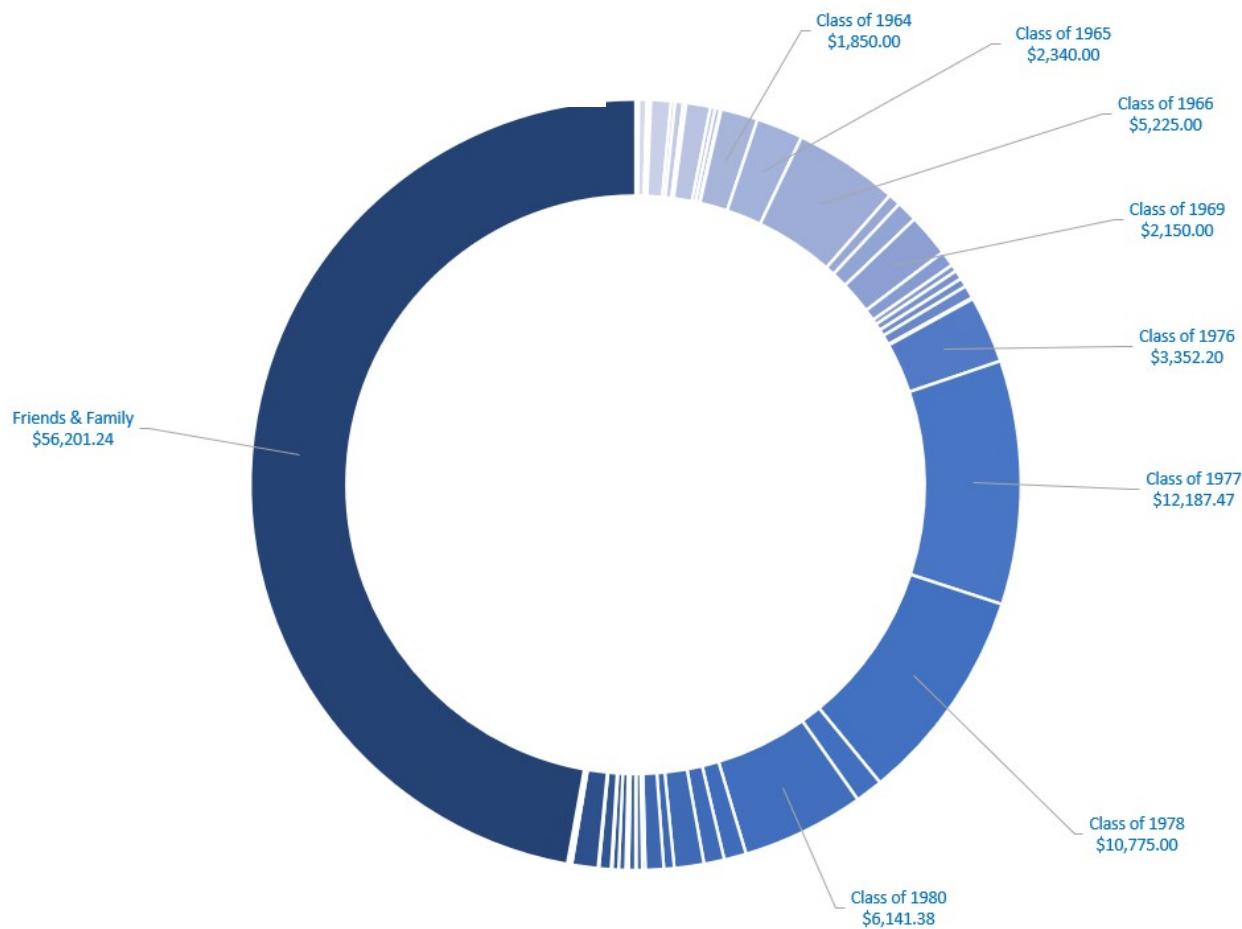
Bless our archdiocese with unity, renewal, and vocations as we journey into the future.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



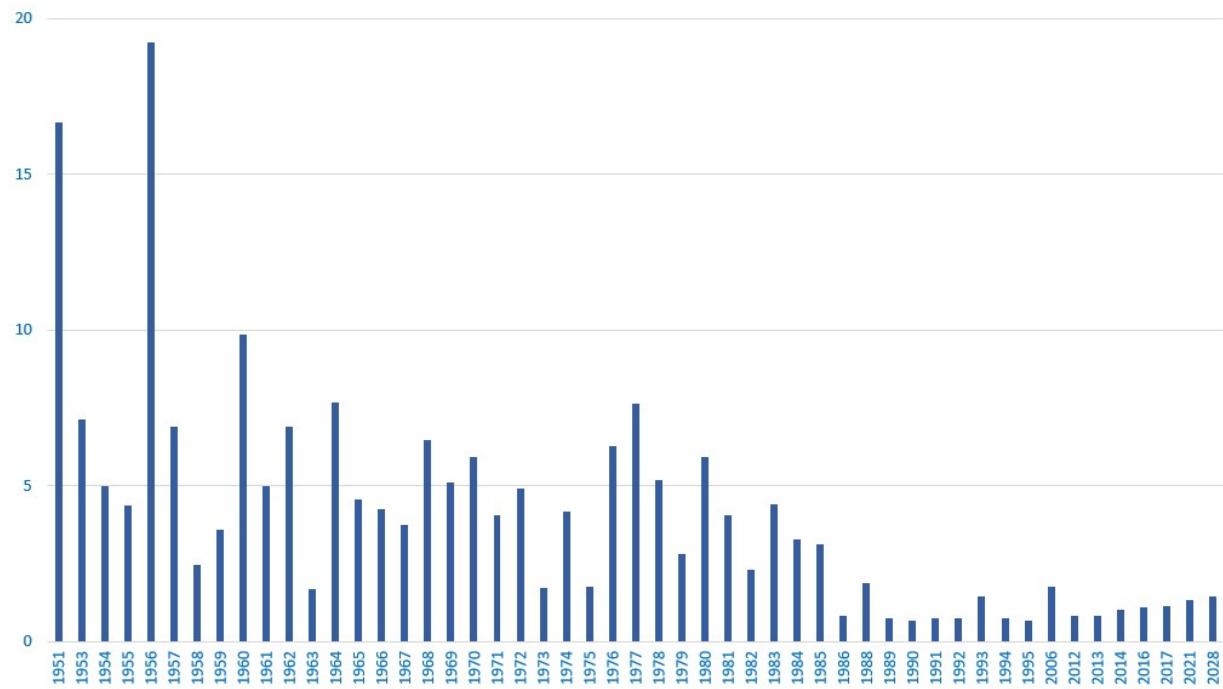
Saint Louis, pray for us.
Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, pray for us.

Pioneer Class Challenge

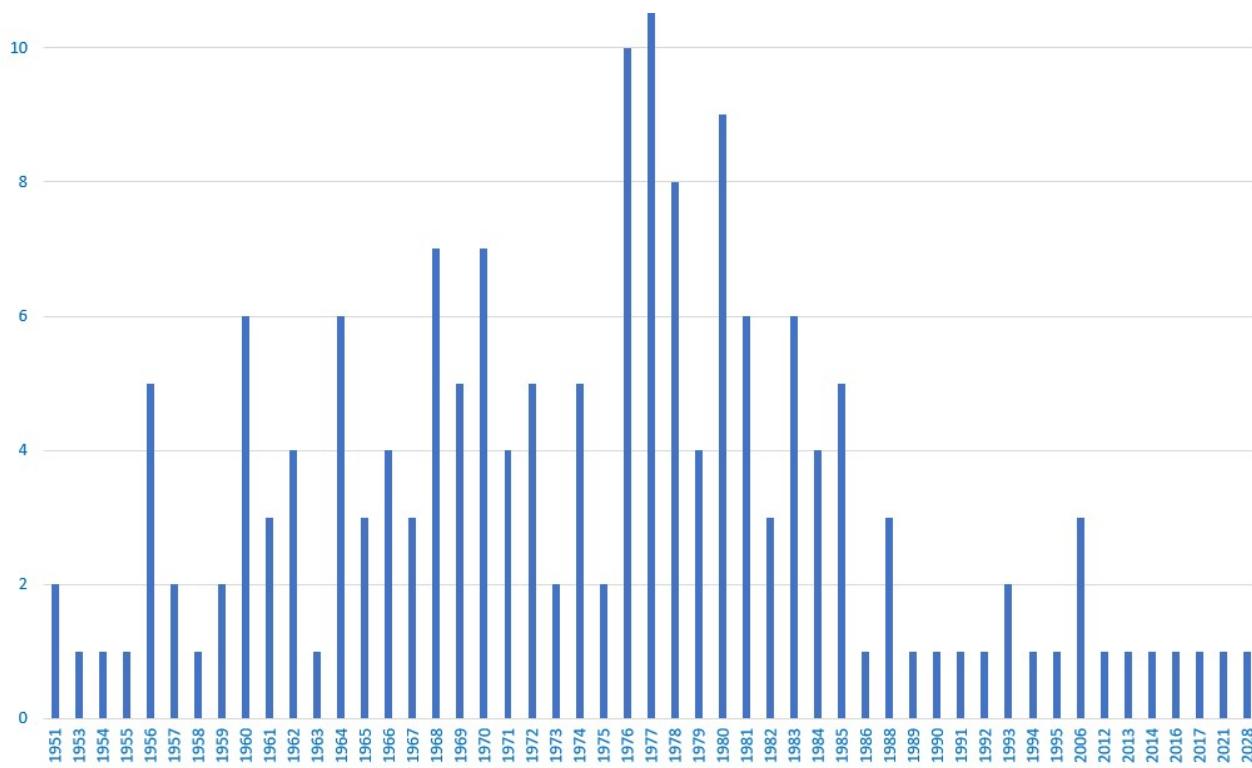


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\$1,215.00	1974	\$653.94	1989	\$25.00	2014	\$50.00		
\$240.60	1975	\$63.11	1990	\$344.00	2016	\$50.00		

PERCENTAGE OF LIVING CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND 7/1/25-12/5/25



NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



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2- or 4-year colleges or universities. Some forego that path to pursue a career working in the trades industry," DHS President Paul Boschert '77 stated. "Our administrative team has identified current Duchesne students who would benefit greatly from exposure to the trades in the YAA Program while also fulfilling a normal high school experience. We are excited about this partnership that will provide substantial benefits for our kids."

The Career WayZ team was selected by partnering manufacturing companies for its proven success in rapidly developing apprenticeship coordinators, equipping high school students with critical employability skills, and strategically engaging advanced manufacturing employers committed to providing meaningful, long-term career opportunities. This follows the success of the St. Charles County Youth Apprenticeship Accelerator, where 71 manufacturing apprentices were hired and registered with local employer partners in 2025.

The Career WayZ Youth Apprenticeship Accelerator is led by Cynthia Walker, Founder and CEO of Career WayZ and U.S. DOL National Apprenticeship Ambassador SME. Walker and her team specialize in bridging education and industry through an employer-driven training model designed to accelerate workforce readiness and establish youth apprenticeships. The YAA in St. Charles County launched in 2025, partnering with the Fort Zumwalt School District and a cohort of four high schools in the county. Career WayZ YAA continues to partner with area advanced manufacturing companies to raise the funds necessary for this initiative. Duchesne alumni manufacturing CEOs donated to help cover the costs

of our specialists' apprenticeships, preparing our students for participation in the program.

The manufacturing occupations offer students \$16-20 per hour as they experience the culture, expectations, and diverse career paths within the precision manufacturing and fabrication sector. Additionally, apprentices develop a portfolio that demonstrates their expertise and competency over a 2,000-hour apprenticeship. The U.S. DOL reports a 90% retention rate for apprentices who complete an apprenticeship program. Completing apprentices will earn a nationally-recognized U.S. DOL credential.

"Duchesne High School is excited to be the first private school to participate in the Career WayZ YAA," Schneider said. "The chance for our students to learn skills that will prepare them for a fantastic career while getting paid was an opportunity we could not pass up."

"As I learned more about this program, I immediately thought of current Duchesne students who would be perfect fits," said Turner. "Hearing the student success stories, along with the CEOs speaking so passionately about the program's impact, was my favorite part. Their excitement made it clear that this is not only preparing students for meaningful careers but helping them discover their God-given gifts—truly a win-win for our students and our community."

"What I like most about this collaboration is that students maintain the full Duchesne Pioneer classroom experience while simultaneously launching a career in the trades," said Williamson. "They earn a great income—at no tuition cost to them—all out-

side of normal school hours. We want to give our students every opportunity to succeed, and this is a powerful way for them to plan for their future."

Cynthia Walker, founder of Career WayZ, said, "Our team is honored to work alongside the Duchesne's outstanding staff, parents, and students. An employer-driven apprenticeship model is a solution for our Gen Z workforce to build confidence, earn while they learn, and make a lasting impact on their community and their future. Welcome, Duchesne!"

The program features an impressive roster of advanced manufacturing partners, including:

Component Bar Products

Craftsmen Industries

Hydromat

Jost Chemical

Magna Power Corporation

National Cart Co.

Natoli Engineering

Quest Specialty Products

Seyer Industries

Trinity Products

WB Industries

(and many more local leaders)

Selection Day for interested students is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026, with apprenticeships officially beginning in June. Duchesne students interested in participating should contact Mr. Schneider or Mrs. Turner for more detailed information.

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Nick Brockmeyer
Attorney at Law



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Finally, Duchesne Hockey is celebrating one major milestone this year as Senior Goalie Dillon "DK" Kuhn recorded his 1000th save on the evening of Dec. 22 in a game against Ft. Zumwalt West where Kuhn not only got the milestone, but also recorded a 3-0 shutout win against the Jaguars. He's gone on to record 48 more saves since that game, sitting him at 1048 saves before the final game of the season and the playoffs. Congrats DK!

A huge shout out also goes to the Duchesne Hockey Cheerleaders who make it to nearly every game and are one of only a very few schools that have hockey cheerleaders at games. They always make the

games much more enjoyable and create that high school experience all season long. The Duchesne students also need to be recognized – some of whom made long voyages to ice rinks across the city to watch their hockey team. The appreciation for that showed when the team posed with their newly acquired Catholic Cup in front of the glass where the students and fans sit.

Congrats Duchesne Hockey on another fun and exciting year. We look forward to the playoffs ahead!!



A fresh semester calls for fresh goals!

Students started the term by setting New Year's resolutions and semester goals—and were entered to win a gift card for participating.

Parker White, Eric Greifzu,

Gabi Wagner, and Jocelynn Olson were our lucky winners.

We love seeing students take ownership of their growth and success. Let's make it a strong semester!

DHS Students Honored with Service Awards

We are Pioneer Proud of Eve Francis McGowan '26 and Isabel Rakers '26 and Congratulate them for the recent Archdiocese of St. Louis awards they received in recognition of their service to others.

Eve is the recipient of the 2026 Archbishop John L. May Service Award. This award is presented by the Office of Catholic Education and Formation of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to honor high school seniors across the Archdiocese of St. Louis who demonstrate exceptional dedication to faith-filled service. A constant volunteer at her church, Eve demonstrates community service, volunteer achievement, and outstanding leadership in all she does.

Eve is part of the Duchesne House System leadership, serving Kateri House as soul officer. She is a student ambassador at school, as well as a captain of the cheer squad. She will also be



a leader for the senior class's Kairos Retreat in March.

Isabel is the 2026 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award Recipient, so named for her exceptional commitment to leadership, service, and social justice in the spirit of Dr. King's

legacy. She will be among those honored during the 50th Celebration Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice this Sunday, January 18, at 2:30 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd.

Among Isabel's involvement at Duchesne, she is a co-captain of Drexel House. She will be a leader for her peers at the upcoming Kairos Senior Retreat and serves the school as an ambassador. Isabel has also modeled great sportsmanship in her journeys to districts and state to represent Duchesne's Track and Field and Cross Country teams. She was recently nominated for the St. Charles County Sports Hall of Fame for her accomplishments, humble example, and leadership.

"Helping others is the most important thing a person can do, and I'm passionate about using my own resources to make a difference," Isabel said.

2026 Pioneer Expedition

The 2026 Pioneer Expedition Gala will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Ameristar Casino at 6pm. Tickets are available by scanning the QR code below. With the move to the larger Brilliance Ballroom, early bird ticket pricing is extended through the RSVP deadline of Friday, January 16, 2026, at \$150 per person, with either 10 or 12 people per table.



Our 48th annual Gala will feature STL Magazine A-List "Best Original Band" Russo & Co for entertainment after the live auction! You do not want to miss this AMAZING event!

We are still looking for silent auction items. If you would like to donate, please contact Becky Williamson at 636.757.6931 or bwilliamson@duchesne-hs.org.



Student Creates DHS Prayer Locker



Our students have a new way to ask for prayers. The Prayer Locker is available for anyone who would like to write and leave a special prayer intention.

Shout out to junior Laney Fuchs for presenting this AWESOME idea to our Campus Ministry and heading up this project! We are PIONEER PROUD of you!

We have moved!
Meet us in the
Brilliance Ballroom!

2026
Pioneer
Expedition Gala

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
AMERISTAR CASINO

5:30 REGISTRATION
6:00 COCKTAIL HOUR
7:00 DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION
9:30-11:30 RUSSO & CO

CONTACT ANGELA SCHNEIDER WITH QUESTIONS
ASCHNEIDER@DUCHESENE-HS.ORG
OR 636.946.6767 EXT 6020

LEAVES

ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

DHS Alum Returns as Learning Consultant – Welcome Alison Fitzgibbons '14!

Nancy Kohl '78
Director of
Alumni Engagement
and Donor
Engagement

President Paul Boschert '77 and Principal Kurt Schneider '93 are pleased to announce the addition of a second learning consultant to work with our students on a daily basis. Alison (Hannegan McKee) Fitzgibbons '14 joined our faculty at the beginning of January.

Mrs. Fitzgibbons comes to Duchesne with seven years of experience in special education, four of which were in the high school setting. She is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and is tri-certified to teach Special Education K-12 as well as Elementary Education for grades 1-6 and Early Childhood Special Education.

Her past positions provided experience in managing, developing and writing Reviews of Existing Data, IEPs, Transition Plans, and Summaries of Performances for



graduating seniors. She has done a significant amount of classroom teaching, including Study Skills, Literature, and Algebra. This required large amounts of collaboration and organization with general education teachers and service providers, along with case management responsibilities.

"I thoroughly enjoy working with high school students and providing them with the necessary modifications and accommodations to best form a strong sense of metacognition, and with their families to help set

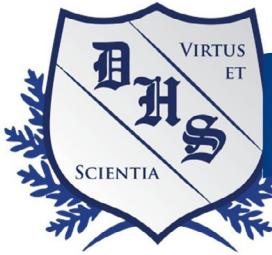
their child up for future success," Mrs. Fitzgibbons said.

"Being at Duchesne as a Learning Consultant feels like a full circle moment to me. I was a student that would have benefited from this program when I attended here, so to be here providing these supports and guidance fills me with pride," she continued. "I have been so impressed with seeing all the traditions that have remained here at Duchesne, while also witnessing the growth and efforts for inclusion and student engagement. The transition to my

alma mater has felt seamless – the students are bright and welcoming, and the staff have made me feel like I never left! It is so great to be back home and to be a Pioneer!"

Pioneer Pride runs in Mrs. Fitzgibbons' family. Like many of our faculty and staff members who are alumni, she has a number of connections to our school. Her siblings include Erin Hannegan-McKee '16 and Nathaniel McKee '09; her mom is Kathleen Hannegan '79; and she has three DHS alumni uncles – Mike '80, David '81, and Tom '88. Additionally, Mrs. Fitzgibbons' grandmother, Mary Lou Hannegan, once worked in Duchesne's Advancement office. We welcome this newest member of our school family and thank Mrs. Fitzgibbons for making it a Great Day to be a Pioneer!





REUNITING WHERE IT ALL BEGAN — CLASS REUNIONS AT DUCHESNE HIGH

TODAY!!

DUCESNE WELCOMES OUR ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS!

Come see our Alumni Cheerleaders perform "We're All in This Together" with our current cheer squad – today, Friday, 12/12/25, during halftime at the boys varsity basketball game, which starts at 7pm. (Reserved seating is behind our team bench for these alumni guests and their families.)

In the Works...

CLASS OF 2010 and CLASS OF 2011 15th Reunions – at Duchesne in the fall of 2026

Save the Date...

35th Reunion for the CLASSES OF 1990 and 1991 Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, September 12, 2026

The Classes of 1990 and 1991 are planning to have their 35th reunion at Duchesne on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Nikki (Zander) Holmes '90 and Kara (Rufkahr) Reynolds '91 are organizing. More info to come.

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.

CLASS OF 1981's 45th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, October 10, 2026

The Class of 1981 will hold their 45th reunion at Duchesne on Saturday, October 10, 2026. John Orf and Pat (Suter) Sommer are among the organizers. More info to come.

CLASS OF 1976's 50th Reunion – at Duchesne on Saturday, October 17, 2026

The Class of 1976 will hold their 50th reunion at Duchesne on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Charlie Smith is again organizing this class's reunion. More info to come.

Recently Celebrated...

ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS Reunion – at Duchesne on Friday, December 12, 2025

Thank You to our Alumni Cheerleaders who practiced and performed "We're All in this Together" with our current cheer team during halftime at the boys varsity basketball game on Friday, December 12, 2025. Returning cheerleaders shown in the back row included: Schelley (Handley) Carroll '80, Denise (Westhues) Loewenstein '83, Katy (Hubble) Pryor '07, Amanda (Trotter) Kurdys '01, Kasey (Teter) Evers '00, Emilie (Dougherty) Stone '11, Jaclyn (Barks) Downey '09, Shelby Rohe '14, and Abby (Trotter) Sweeney '04. Taylor Potter '25 participated as well. Thank you, ladies all! You made it a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

Thank you, as well, to our wonderful group of student cheerleaders, who were very gracious and welcoming to our alums!

What About Your Class?

ALUMNI REUNIONS – is it time to plan yours?

Does your class year end in a 1 or 6 (such as 2001 or 1996)? 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).



FOREVER FRIENDS

This DHS Class of 1959 group meets once a month for lunch. The December meeting, for the last few years, has been hosted by Karen (Wilke) Zerr and a hired-for-the-occasion Santa's helper (known in some circles as "Admiral").

Standing, L to R: Mellie (Schneider) Au-buchon, Audrey (Hobelmann) Paule, Mary Jo Smith (SCHS), Cathy (Hollander) Boettler, Marva Lee (Willbrand) Prinster

Seated: Gloria (Wapelhorst) Schierding, Rita (Wussler) Thornhill, Janice (Schoder) Chandler

On the floor: Karen (Wilke) Zerr

Not pictured, but they had excuses: Carol (Leverenz) Brucker, Barb (Keithly) Zeisler



Alumni Cheerleaders Reunion at Duchesne on Friday, December 12, 2025



CALLING ALL DUCHESNE
STATE CHAMPIONS

from these teams:

1995 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

1996 BOYS GOLF

GIRLS SOCCER 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019

Save the Date — Friday, May 8

Championship team recognitions pregame and at halftime of the
5:30 Girls Soccer Game vs St. Charles High School, Frank Barro Stadium

Pioneer Nation Celebration in the DHS Garden Courtyard postgame



Join us for a “Horribly” Good Time!

DHS SPRING MUSICAL

THURS-SAT, MARCH 5-7, 7PM



Alumni Happy Hour Prior to Saturday Night’s Performance
Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!

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JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER *at*

Friday, February 20 | 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.



2060 Digital



Hubbard
BROADCASTING



**ATTENTION
6TH & 7TH GRADERS!**

Join us on Friday, April 24,
from 8:00am–2:30pm for
a day of Pioneer

FUN!

Events Include: Ice Breakers, Prayer,
STEM Activities, Robotics, Aviation,
Music, Athletics, Experiments, and
Learning about our House System!
Lunch Provided. Tours Available for
Parents at Drop Off.

**EXPERIENCE DUCHESNE IN
MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT**



**FEB 6 & 20
MAR 13 & 27
APR 10
APR 24
Pioneer for
a Day**



FROM THE SPORTS DESK



Renee Moore '86
Athletic Director

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR DHS ATHLETICS!

As we enter 2026, the athletic department has hit winter sports in full-stride while also beginning preparations for spring sports. Here's a quick overview of dates for your calendar!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, January 16 Coronation Basketball Game vs. Afton, JV-5:30pm/ Varsity-7:00pm – Coronation Court presentation immediately following the JV game.
- Sunday January 18 Duchesne Athletic Boosters First Annual Corn Hole Tournament 12pm at Duchesne High School. Come enjoy bags, NFL football and fellowship. Questions? Contact Jason or Kevin at duchesnebooster@gmail.com.
- Wednesday, February 4 National

Signing Day for high school athletes committing to play in college. Please email Mrs. Moore at rmoore@duchesne-hs.org if you intend to participate in the event.

- Friday, February 6 Junior Diamondline performance at halftime of the 7pm varsity game vs Sumner (JV 5:30pm). For more information contact Anita Borgmeyer at aborgmeyer@duchesne-hs.org.
- Tuesday, February 17 Grade School Basketball Night! Varsity girls 4:30pm, JV boys 5:45pm, and Varsity boys 7pm. For more information contact Dana Bryan at dbryan@duchesne-hs.org.
- Friday, February 20 Senior Night for Boys Basketball, Cheer, Dance, and Pep Band
- February 23 – 28 Basketball Districts – Girls: February 23, 25, 27 at Duchesne High School
- Boys: February 24, 26, 28 at Principia

PIONEER CONGRATULATIONS



Audrey Hoffmann '27



Kristen (Bruening)
Rehm '98

A HUGE congratulations to **Audrey Hoffmann '27**. Audrey made school history on Saturday, October 25, breaking the Duchesne girls 5,000-meter cross

country record with an outstanding time of 19:01.5.

She surpassed a milestone that had stood for three decades, previously set in 1995 by Kristen (Bruening) Rehm '98 – the same year the Duchesne Cross Country team claimed the Class 3 State Championship title. This is a full circle moment for myself, as I coached Kristen in track in my early days at Duchesne. I can't help but notice the similarities between Kristen and Audrey in their drive and determination in their sport and in life. As I reconnected with Kristen about this milestone, I feel so much pride as she expressed her genuine happiness and support of Audrey and her success. An excerpt of Kristen's message to Audrey read:

Congratulations Audrey and thank you, Kristen, for reconnecting with your Pioneer family!

CONTINUED CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Drew Heischmidt '26 who became the 13th player in our boys basketball program history to score 1,000 points in his career. Drew reached this milestone on Monday, January 12 in the Pioneer victory over Brentwood.

Dillon Kuhn '26 who recorded his 1,000th career save as a Pioneer Hockey goalie. Dillon reached his milestone on Tuesday, December 23, in the Pioneer hockey win over Fort Zumwalt North.

Congratulations to the Duchesne Ice Hockey team who defeated St. Dominic by a score of 3-1 on Friday, December 26, to claim the 2025-2026 Catholic Cup!

The following members of the 2025 football team were named Academic All-State team:

John Cooper '27

CJ Kielhofner '27

Evan Kundel '27

Zach McKinstry '28

Landon Richards '28

LOOKING AHEAD

Spring sports begin on Monday, March 2. If this spring sport is a student-athlete's first sport in 2025-26, please be sure all required paperwork is complete, including having a current physical is on file. For questions concerning paperwork or athletic fees, please contact rfuchs@duchesne-hs.org. For questions about a current physical, contact our trainer, Kate Perko at athletictrainer@duchesne-hs.org

Athletes are expected to attend ALL practices/tryouts for their sport, including practices/games that will take place over spring break. Please consider this commitment prior to planning a trip or vacation during spring break.

SPRING SPORT OPENING WEEK INFORMATION

All Spring Sports Team Pictures: Friday, March 6, 3pm at Duchesne

Baseball – Coach Mike Hollander, mhollander@duchesne-hs.org

For times and locations, all interested players should reach out to head coach Mike Hollander at mhollander@duchesne-hs.org and should

follow @duchesnebasebal on X (twitter) to stay up to date on any changes.

Baseball Tryout Times:

Monday, March 2: 6-7:15am (Invited Pitchers, Catchers, and Varsity Players) – DHS gym and mezzanine; 3:15-5:30pm – All Levels – Duchesne practice field and mezzanine

Tuesday, March 3: 6-7:15am (Invited Pitchers, Catchers, and Varsity Players) – DHS gym and mezzanine; 3:15-5:30pm – Varsity Practicers @ Blanchette – Lower Level practicers @ Duchesne mezzanine/practice field

Wednesday, March 4: 3:15-5:30pm – Varsity Practicers @ Blanchette – Lower Level @ Duchesne mezzanine / practice field

Thursday, March 5: 3:15-5:30pm – Varsity Practicers @ Blanchette – Lower Level @ Duchesne mezzanine / practice field

Friday, March 6: 3:15-5:30pm - Varsity Practicers @ Blanchette – Lower Level @ Duchesne mezzanine / practice field

Saturday, March 7: 10:00am-1:00pm Varsity In-

vited Practicers – Participating players will be notified earlier in week if they should attend. All players in the program should plan to be available.

All times and locations are subject to change based on weather and other team practice schedules.

All interested players should follow @duchesnebasebal on twitter to stay up to date on any changes.

Golf Boys – Coach Denny Walters, dwalters@duchesne-hs.org

M/W/F March 2, 4, 6: Tryouts at Cave Springs 3:30-5:00

T/Th March 3 and 5: Tryouts at Bogey 3:30- 5:00

Soccer Girls – Coach Patrick Turner, pturner@duchesne-hs.org

First Week of Tryout Info –

Monday-Friday, March 2 thru March 6: 3:30-5:30pm – Location TBD

Tennis Boys – Coach Doug Becker, dbecker@duchesne-hs.org

First Week of Tryout Info –

Monday-Friday, March 2 thru March 6: 3:10-5:00pm at

DHS Tennis Courts

Track and Field Boys and Girls – Coach Vince Morris, vmorris@duchesne-hs.org

First Week of Tryout Info –

Monday-Friday, March 2 thru March 6: 3:15-4:45pm at DHS Stadium track.

Saturday, March 7: 10am at DHS Stadium Track.

Volleyball Boys – Coach Maddie Krause, mkrause@duchesne-hs.org

First Week of Tryout Info –

Monday - Wednesday, March 2 thru March 4 from 3:30pm-5:30pm in the DHS gym for all players.

March 5 and 6 times will vary dependent on the team level the athlete is placed.

STAY CONNECTED!

Duchesne Athletic Booster Club, you can email duchesnebooster@gmail.com.

Stay connected and follow Duchesne Athletics on X at @Athletics_DHS and on Big Teams for updates!

ALL YOUR DHS SPORTS INFO...

ONE LOCATION

Scan or click 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.





**FOLLOW
DUCHESNE
ON SOCIALS!**



DO YOU HAVE A LEAVES STORY IDEA?
LET US KNOW!

Email your idea to Eric Seiffert at
eseiffert@duchesne-hs.org.



Join us for a “Horribly” Good Time!
DHS SPRING MUSICAL
THURS-SAT, MARCH 5-7, 7PM



Alumni Happy Hour Prior to Saturday Night's Performance
Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!



DUCESNE
EGGSTRAVAGANZA
ON THE GREEN

- EGG HUNT DROPPED FROM HELICOPTER
- BRUNCH IN THE GYM
- PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
- HOPPIN VENDOR MARKET IN THE PAC
- MIMOSA BAR

\$25/ADULTS \$15/CHILD

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
10:30AM

DUCESNE HIGH SCHOOL
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Duchesne
DIAMONDLINE
FRIDAY
NIGHT LIGHTS
Featuring Junior Diamondline

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 6TH 4:00 PM - END OF HALFTIME
BOYS BASKETBALL GAME

\$35 bows & poms included!

VENMO PAYMENTS TO: DANA-BUCKNER-5

For more information: Dana Buckner 314-304-6813

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2026-2027

— Please Note These Important Dates —

MOScholars Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program
Powered by the Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation

Applications Now Open through March 31!

Annual scholarship of \$6,375 for students with an IEP/ISP.

Apply Now through the QR code or at <https://ttef-stl.org/moscholars-family/>

MO Scholars applications will remain open until mid spring.

TODAY & TOMORROW CHANGING THE FUTURE — ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Applications Open January 20 until February 28!

Several scholarships available.

Please scan the QR code or visit their website for details and the application.

<https://ttef-stl.org/scholarships/>

Duchesne Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Applications
Open February 2 until March 9, 2026

Duchesne High School has over 20 different scholarships and tuition assistance offerings available, ranging from \$500 up to half off tuition. For more information, visit <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/scholarships.html>

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