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Hello Confluence Community,

We are excited to welcome back our students, staff, and families for the 2026–2027 school year!

There's so much to look forward to, and it all kicks off with our biggest event of the year—our Back to School Bash on Friday, August 14. Be sure to [RSVP today to reserve your spot!](#)

We also have two special family events coming up: South City Academy's Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 20, and Old North Academy's Family Dinner & Back-to-School Orientation on Wednesday, September 2. These are wonderful opportunities to meet teachers, visit classrooms, and connect with our school communities.

If you know a family searching for the right school, we'd love to welcome them to the Confluence Academies family. Please encourage them to reach out or stop by the Back to School Bash to learn more about our schools and [enrollment opportunities](#).

Finally, please join us in giving a warm Confluence welcome to Dr. Jeanine Zitta, the new principal of South City Academy. We're excited to have her leadership and passion for building strong school communities as part of our family.

Thank you for your continued support of our scholars. We are proud to serve our students and families!

Warm Regards,

Linda DeJoie-Anderson
Student Recruitment & Community Outreach Coordinator



Back to School Bash



Join the Fun on August 14

The countdown to the new school year is on! Join Confluence Academies for our annual Back to School Bash on Friday, August 14, and get ready for a successful start to the 2026–2027 school year.

Families will enjoy free school supplies, food, games, and activities, along with the opportunity to enroll in school, connect with Confluence staff, and learn about valuable resources and services offered by our community partners.

>> RSVP today to reserve your spot!

Register Now!

Reminder: The first day of school at [Confluence Academies](#) is August 24. We're excited to welcome everyone back for a great year! Also, no school on September 4 (Staff Professional Development) and September 7 (Labor Day Holiday).

Safety and Security Team Luncheon



Thank You, Safety & Security Team!

While many of us were enjoying summer break, Confluence Academies recognized its Safety & Security Team, who were hard at work supporting our campuses all summer long.

A special luncheon at Confluence Preparatory Academy was a small way to say thank you and show our appreciation for their dedication to creating safe, welcoming schools for all of our students and staff. Thank you to our incredible Safety & Security Team!

South City Welcomes New Principal

Welcome, Dr. Jeanine Zitta!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Jeanine Zitta as the new principal of South City Academy! A veteran educator and instructional leader, Dr. Zitta brings a passion for building strong relationships and creating school communities where every student feels known, valued, and inspired to succeed.



families, and staff to "Dare Mighty Things"—this year's theme that encourages the entire Comet community to dream boldly, embrace new opportunities, and achieve great things together. Welcome to the Confluence Academies family, Dr. Zitta!

>>Don't miss [this welcome video](#) from Dr. Jeanine Zitta and South City staff!

Confluence Preparatory Academy



Fall Sports Tryouts Begin

August 10

Ready to compete? Fall sports tryouts at Confluence Preparatory Academy begin Monday, August 10 for Football, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, and Esports.

Students planning to participate must have a current sports physical on file before tryouts begin.

We can't wait to see our student-athletes and competitors back in action. Good luck to everyone trying out, and here's to another exciting year of Titans athletics!

Grand Center Arts Academy

St. Louis ArtWorks Fall Apprenticeship Applications

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

YOUNG ARTISTS AGES 14-19



Apply by August 11!



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FALL 2026 ART APPRENTICESHIP

SEPTEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 12

Please direct all application-related questions to program.manager@stlartworks.org or (314)899-9734

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is [now accepting applications](#) for its paid Fall Apprenticeship Program for students ages 14–19. Apprentices gain hands-on experience, build their portfolios, and work alongside professional artists while earning a paycheck.

The application deadline is August 11, and the fall program runs September 12 through December 12.

Old North Academy

OLD NORTH FAMILY DINNER





2026
SEPT 2
5:00-6:30 P.M.

Dinner

ORIENTATION

YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO:

MEET TEACHERS AND STAFF	DROP OFF SUPPLIES	ASK QUESTIONS
VIEW CLASSROOMS	REVIEW POLICIES	GATHER INFO FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS
SIGN UP FOR TUTORING AND MENTORS	JOIN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	SCHEDULE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Old North Academy Family Dinner & Back-to-School Orientation

Join us on Wednesday, September 2, from 5:00–6:30 p.m. for Old North Academy's Family Dinner & Back-to-School Orientation!

Meet your child's teachers, visit classrooms, drop off school supplies, connect with community partners, learn about tutoring and mentoring opportunities, join the Parent Advisory Committee, schedule parent-teacher conferences, and get all the information you need for a successful school year.

We look forward to welcoming your family!



Meet the Teacher Night – August 20

Get ready for an out-of-this-world school year at South City Academy's Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 20, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Families will have the opportunity to meet teachers and staff, visit classrooms, complete beginning-of-the-year paperwork, connect with school resources and community partners, and enjoy a light dinner. Plus, don't miss raffle prizes and gift card giveaways!

We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another amazing year at South City Academy!



South City Garden Continues to Grow

School may be out, but the South City Academy Garden Club's hard work is still growing strong! Thanks to the care of our youngest learners last spring, the garden is producing a beautiful harvest of fresh vegetables and colorful flowers.

families and South City staff when the new school year begins!

Food and Assistance Resources

Please find a list of [local resources available throughout the St. Louis area to help with food, financial, and housing needs here](#). If you have questions or need additional support, please reach out to your school's main office for guidance.



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