

THE VIANNEY MISSION:

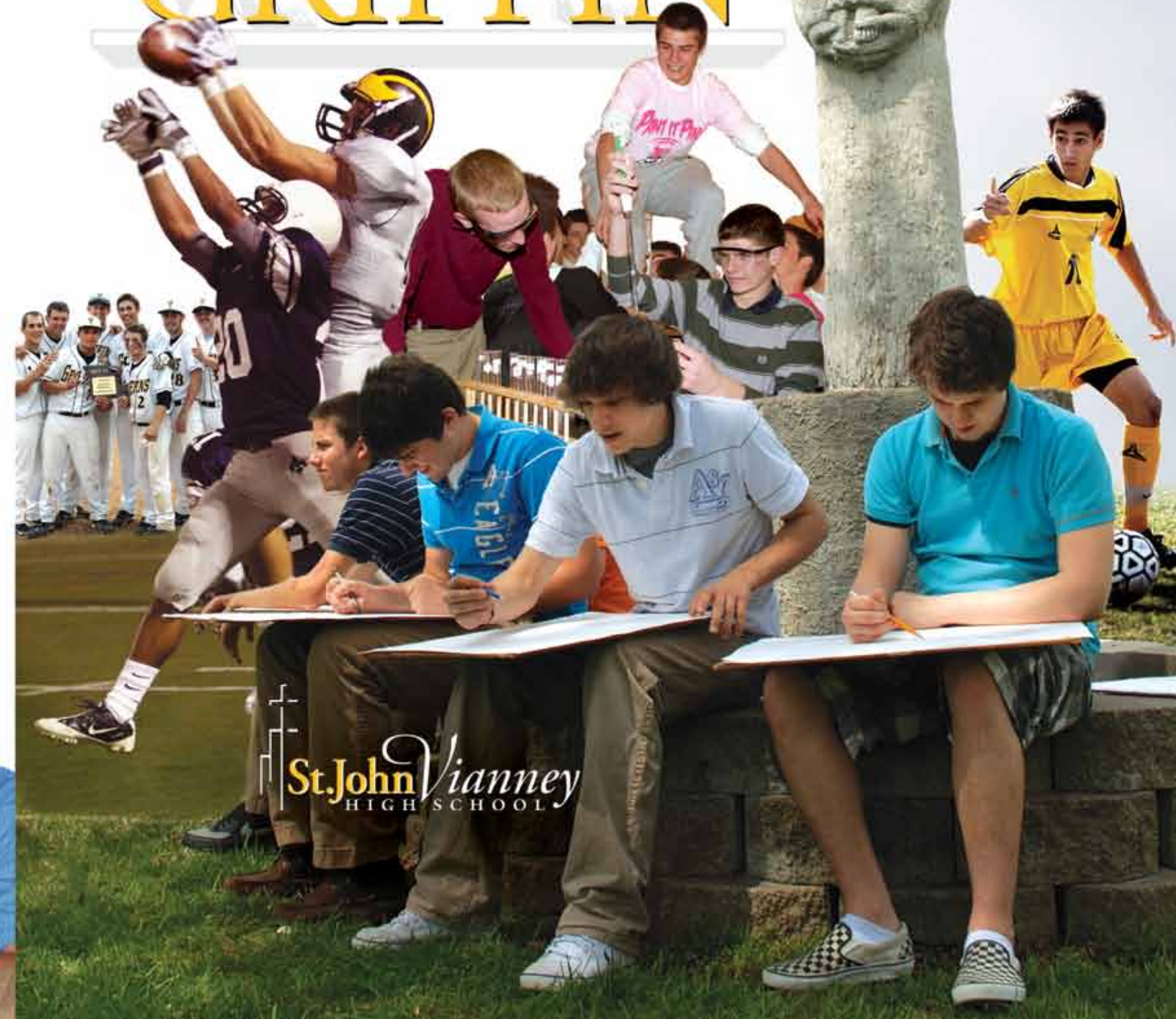
St. John Vianney High School is dedicated to forming young men for spiritual, academic and personal excellence in the Catholic, Marianist tradition.



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IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A GRIFFIN





WHY IS IT A GREAT DAY TO BE A GRIFFIN?

It's a great day to be a Griffin because at Vianney, you'll experience something unexpected ...

- You'll feel at home, even though "home" just got a whole lot bigger.
- You'll have to work, and you'll find yourself rising to the challenge.
- You'll meet guys who are a lot like you and guys who are not like you at all – and you'll consider them all your brothers.
- Your teachers will expect a lot from you, and you'll come to love them for it.
- You'll learn things, try things and achieve things you never would have dreamed possible.
- After four years, you'll be ready to move on to college, and you'll be sad to leave the high school you've come to love.

Every day is a *Great Day to be a Griffin* because Vianney offers a high school experience unlike any other in St. Louis.

MAKE THE CHOICE,
EMBRACE THE SPIRIT,
RISE TO THE CHALLENGE,
BECOME A GRIFFIN.



WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT VIANNEY?

There are some very *good* schools in St. Louis. Here's what makes Vianney different ... and *great!*

Our 4x4 block schedule: Students take four classes per semester. This allows for in-depth learning and a greater connection between students and their teachers. It also enables boys to pursue extra credits in math, science or modern language – giving them a leg-up on college. Only Vianney has the 4x4 schedule.

Not too big, not too small: With around 630 students, Vianney is a great size. We're small enough to feel like family, but big enough to offer all the options and activities you want for a great high school experience.

Leadership: Vianney develops every student to be a leader, helping him gain the maturity and confidence he'll need for the future. "Freshman Leadership" is a required class. Our Ambassador, Link Crew and student escort programs give Griffins challenging opportunities to hone their skills.

Family spirit: It's hard to explain but it's great to experience. As a Marianist school, Vianney's culture is one of caring, respect and fellowship. Vianney guys are good to each other. Teachers and staff really care about students.

Location: We're an easy commute from just about anywhere, and we have an awesome 37-acre campus. Our building is bright, comfortable and easy to figure out. (You're not going to get lost!)

Value: Vianney offers an excellent college-prep education at a price that runs in the middle of the range for Catholic schools. About one out of four boys receives some form of tuition assistance. And parents don't pay extra for laptops – we have plenty of them here.

VIANNEY'S LINK CREW = JUNIORS AND SENIORS
HELPING FRESHMEN MAKE A SMOOTH AND
SPIRITED TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL.





HOW DO WE LEARN?

Griffins learn through an innovative system we call the focused 4x4 block schedule. Of all St. Louis high schools, only Vianney has it. Here's how it works and why it benefits students:

- Students take four classes per semester and attend each class every day, covering in one semester the same material other schools cover in one year.
- Each class is 85 minutes long, allowing time for in-depth discussion and exploration.
- The 4x4 schedule makes it possible for boys to earn more than four years of credit in science, math or modern language. This looks great on college applications!
- Teachers have half as many students each semester as at other schools. Because of this, teachers get to know each student better – his strengths, weaknesses and unique gifts.
- Griffins earn 32 credits in their time at Vianney. This is four more than at most schools and among the highest in the Midwest.
- There are no study halls. Parents receive a full educational day for their tuition dollars.
- Having four classes per semester means that staying organized is more manageable. It may also make it less complicated to combine school, work and co-curricular activities.

Vianney's approach to technology

- We believe skilled, caring teachers will always be the most important conduit for learning.
- Teachers integrate technology seamlessly as a tool in the classroom. Our campus is fully wireless, and teachers incorporate SMART Board use when appropriate.
- Vianney's 2/1 student-to-computer ratio means that computers are readily available to students before, during and after school. Parents don't need to buy one for their son.
- Online grades, teacher web pages and handy e-mail accounts ensure easy two-way communication.

VIRTUALLY ALL GRIFFINS
GO ON TO COLLEGE,
AND ABOUT HALF OF THEM
EARN ONE OR MORE SCHOLARSHIPS!

WHO IS A GRIFFIN?

A Griffin is a Vianney student. He is a scholar, a leader and a friend. He may be an athlete, an artist and a scientist. A Griffin is a young man who strives to do his best. He works hard and plays hard.

A Griffin is a guy with spirit. He looks really good in black and gold. He loves his school and his fellow Griffins. He's not afraid to be a little goofy.

A Griffin thinks of others before himself. He helps without being asked. He doesn't always go along with the crowd. He understands the power of prayer.

A Griffin is also a Vianney alumnus or teacher. Or the family member of a student. Or one of the Marianists who serve the Vianney community. We Griffins are an inclusive bunch.

Because if you're part of the Vianney family, you're a Griffin.

What "Family Spirit" means

- Our extensive orientation program for freshmen ensures that each boy feels connected to his classmates and to Vianney before school even starts. No one feels lost or uncertain.
- Through the example of older students, Vianney freshmen learn quickly that being a Griffin means being respectful and accepting. It's our tradition and our culture.
- Vianney's dedicated "Care Team" of teachers, counselors and administrators identifies boys who may be at risk academically or struggling socially so that we can address problems quickly.
- Family members are encouraged to join us for events and liturgies throughout the school year. Regular communication ensures that parents are in the loop on school happenings.
- "Once a Griffin, always a Griffin" is a favorite saying. Vianney's culture of warmth and connectedness lasts a lifetime. Alumni are always welcome back home at Vianney, and they come back often.

A GRIFFIN IS A MYTHOLOGICAL BEAST WITH THE
VISION OF AN EAGLE AND THE
STRENGTH AND COURAGE OF A LION.



WHERE DO WE FIND GOD?

We find God at Vianney every day. That's because the Vianney culture emphasizes prayer, respect, service and family spirit.

As a Marianist school, we invite boys to consider a path to Jesus through Mary. One of our mottos is *per matrem ad filium*, which means *through the Mother to the Son*. For most guys, this is a new way of thinking about a relationship with Christ.

At Vianney, we take to heart Mary's powerful but gentle example of discipleship. We believe in the strength of the Mother's love. We know that learning flourishes in a caring, family-oriented environment. And we believe that if you capture a boy's heart, his mind will follow.

Faith formation at Vianney

- Each day begins and ends with prayer, and we pray at the start of each class period. Sports teams pray at practice and before games.
- Griffins take four years of Catholic religious studies.
- Students attend yearly retreats and have the opportunity to lead retreats as upperclassmen.
- To connect them with the needs of others, each student is required to give at least 100 hours to the community during his time with us. Most Griffins exceed this requirement.
- Students have the opportunity to attend weekly Mass and daily communion service.
- Fun and service combine when Griffins host Special Olympics, when we conduct our Toys for Tots drive and when we pump it out at our twice-yearly blood drives.
- Vianney's Living in Faith Experience (LIFE) organization brings guys together for fun and fellowship as they help build community and serve Marianist missions.

EACH YEAR, VIANNEY STUDENTS
DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO MORE THAN
17,000 HOURS
OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.



WHEN DO WE GET INVOLVED?

Griffins dive in, headfirst. There's so much to do! The Vianney campus is humming day and night with events and activities. With an outrageous range of co-curricular organizations, there's something to meet anyone's interest.

And if you have a great new idea, take it and run with it! Griffins are encouraged to start new clubs with the help of a faculty adviser. Here are some of our current offerings:

Service and leadership

Ambassadors
Amnesty International
Eagle Scouts Club
Environmental Club
Lettermen's Club
Link Crew
Service Club
Student Council
Student Tutors

Faith

Campus Ministry
LIFE (Living in Faith Experience)
Liturgical Choir
Retreat Leaders

Fun and spirit

Bocce Club
Fishing Club
Tailgaters
Griffin Scramblers

Arts

Art Club
Griffin Theatre
Jazz Band
Pep Band

Communications

Photography Club
The Griffin newspaper
The Talon yearbook

Achievement

German Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
National Honor Society
Math Club/Mu Alpha
Theta Honor Society

Competition

Chess Team
Mock Trial Team
Future Business Leaders of America

Griffin Athletics

Fall

Cross country
Football
Soccer
Swimming & Diving

Winter

Basketball
Bowling
Hockey
Racquetball
Wrestling

Spring

Baseball
Golf
Lacrosse
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball

THE VIANNEY VARSITY CHESS TEAM
WON THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2011!

THE VIANNEY LETTERMEN'S CLUB RAISES
ABOUT \$8,000 EACH YEAR FOR TOYS FOR TOTS.

GRIFFINS HAVE EARNED A TOTAL OF
27 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN
SOCCER, BASEBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND HOCKEY.



WHY YOU SHOULD BE A GRIFFIN

You want a *great* high school experience. Vianney's unique combination of academic excellence, awesome co-curriculars and comfortable family spirit delivers that great experience.

Come to Vianney. Experience for yourself why every day is a *Great Day to be a Griffin*.

WHAT

Do you need to do now?

If you haven't visited Vianney yet, now's the time.

Come spend a day at Vianney. You'll attend three classes, get a personal tour of campus, meet some great guys and have lunch in the famous Griffins' Café – on us!

Vianney students tell us that it was their visit that really clinched the deal. That's not surprising. It's the experience of *being here* that sets Vianney apart. Experience it for yourself.



HOW

Do you schedule a visit?

It's simple. Just contact the Vianney Admissions Office by phone or e-mail. Contact information is included in the inserts to this brochure, or on our website at www.vianney.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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TO FIND OUT WHY WE SAY
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