

STUDENT LIFE

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Enrichment Classes & Clubs

Each trimester brings a diverse collection of after-school programming. From offerings such as building robots and learning the ukulele to acting in one of our three annual musicals, enrichment courses aim to introduce new skills, sharpen emerging ones and feed curiosity. Lions can explore a club such as yearbook, art, podcasting or learn about our math team and scholastic bowl.



Ambassadors

Our Ambassadors Club invites students to flex the skills it takes to become a great leaders. Ambassadors help determine some of the school's service projects, helps with school events, such as Open House, and plans middle school socials.

History & Science Fair

Seventh graders participate in science fair and 8th graders participate in history fair. These programs are multi-month learning experiences that include research, writing, and presentation development on topics students choose. All students compete in a local competition and many of our Lions move on to both the regional and state competitions every year.

Band & Choir

Beginner and Intermediate bands are offered from 4th-8th grade. The school owns—and lends—many instruments to students as part of the program. Middle school choir sings at school Masses.

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Buddy Program

A beloved program at St. Giles, the Buddy Program pairs 5th-8th graders with a student in lower grades as their year-long buddy. Buddies meet each month for special seasonal projects. Older Lions get leadership experience being a mentor, while our little Lions have a "big kid" to look up to. Activities range from holidays crafts to service learning including packing lunches for a food pantry and letter-writing to veterans.



Iron Oaks

At the start of every school year, our 7th graders spend the day team-building at Iron Oaks. The experience helps to enhance personal confidence and self-esteem, build trust and support, encourage effective communication and develop teamwork skills that carry over into day-to-day living and school environments.

Eighth-Grade Traditions

Eighth grade is a joy-filled year full of special moments! A few of our favorites:

- Each fall, 8th graders take to the stage to perform and produce a musical production.
- After students finish studying the Illinois and Federal Constitution, they take a day trip to Springfield to explore the capital.
- End-of-year celebrations include a parent-student dinner dance, Chicago On Foot trip, and Clap Out, our graduation celebration.

Socials

Middle schoolers enjoy Halloween, winter and spring socials!

