

## St. Pius X Catholic High School

### Press Release

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## St. Pius X Catholic High School Launches The Lancer Academy: A Bold New Approach to Learning

**Festus, MO – March 24, 2025** – St. Pius X Catholic High School is excited to announce the launch of its new Lancer Academy, an initiative offering students in grades 9-11 unique learning experiences outside the traditional curriculum. This program will run during the last 10 days of the school year, featuring a variety of academic, professional, and creative courses.

The Lancer Academy initiative is designed to give students a deeper understanding of potential career paths, develop practical skills, and encourage personal growth. By offering specialized courses, field experiences, internships, and project-based learning, the program is tailored to foster both academic and personal development.

Key Features of the Lancer Academy:

- **Customized Learning Opportunities:** Students will have the chance to select from a range of innovative courses that cover topics such as Intro to Real Estate, Car Maintenance, Home Repairs, Cooking, and more.
- **Internships and Job Shadowing:** The initiative offers students the chance to participate in internships and job-shadowing experiences in various industries, helping them connect their academic learning with real-world applications.
- **Project-Based Learning:** Students will collaborate on interdisciplinary projects that foster teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity, providing them with hands-on experience in solving real-world problems.
- **Career Exploration:** The Lancer Academy initiative provides a platform for students to explore potential career paths through exposure to various learning opportunities.

“We are thrilled to introduce the Lancer Academy to our students,” said Karen DeCosty, Principal of St. Pius X Catholic High School. “This program reflects our commitment to providing a well-rounded college preparatory education that extends beyond textbooks and traditional learning environments. We want to give our students an education that not only challenges them academically but also empowers them with the knowledge and skills they will use everyday. It is about inspiring students to explore new opportunities, achieve their goals, and become well- rounded individuals.”

For more information about The Lancer Academy, visit [www.stpius.com/lanceracademy](http://www.stpius.com/lanceracademy).

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