



School Alive

Ignite Your Passion

YEAR BOOK
2025 -2026

Principal's Message

At School Alive, we believe education is far more than preparing students for a test, a career, or a diploma—it is preparing them for life, purpose, and eternity. This year, we have watched students grow not only in knowledge, but in wisdom, character, creativity, leadership, and faith. From hands-on projects and authentic learning experiences to moments of prayer, service, and discovery, our students have been challenged to think deeply, work diligently, and live boldly for Christ.

What began as a vision has become a thriving community built on truth, passion, and partnership. Families, teachers, and students together are helping shape a generation that is not afraid to stand firm in conviction while engaging the world with compassion, excellence, and courage. In a culture often marked by confusion and compromise, School Alive remains committed to providing an education rooted in biblical truth, authentic learning, and the God-given uniqueness of every child.

As we look toward the future, we do so with gratitude and expectation. The foundation being laid today is bigger than a single school year—it is part of a movement to restore purpose, wonder, and truth to education. Thank you for believing in this mission, for walking this journey with us, and for helping build something that will impact lives for generations to come. The best is still ahead.



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Faculty



Healthcare Teacher

Mrs. Nicole Mendenhall grew up on a farm, where she developed a strong work ethic and passion for agriculture, healthy living, and hands-on learning. She earned a degree in Agricultural Leadership Education and later became a certified nutrition coach. Today, she and her family operate Blessed Acres, where they raise fresh produce and pasture-raised poultry while promoting faith, family, and healthy living.



Art Teacher

Mrs. Naomi Talitha Armendariz is a passionate educator, missionary, and artist with a background in teaching, music, and ministry. She has served as a missionary, private school teacher, interpreter, and seminary professor, and currently directs children's and music ministries in Indiana. With a degree in Elementary Education and a love for the arts, Naomi helps children discover and use their God-given talents to glorify Him.



Math Teacher

Ms. Michelle Schneider brings nearly two decades of educational experience and a Christ-centered passion for teaching to School Alive. She holds degrees in Music and Elementary Education and has served in a variety of teaching and leadership roles across public, private, and virtual learning environments. As the math teacher, Michelle is passionate about helping students see the real-world value and God-given order found in mathematics through creative, hands-on learning.

Faculty



Science Teacher

Mrs. Marsha Malacina is a educator with experience in elementary and middle school science, STEM, and project-based learning. A Purdue University Calumet graduate in Elementary Education, she has served as a teacher and STEM leader, bringing hands-on learning through robotics, 3D printing, and engineering projects. She is passionate about classrooms that foster curiosity, real-world problem solving while integrating faith and character development.



Technology Teacher

Mr. Scott Rudolph Krafft is a passionate educator and tech expert with a strong foundation in faith and academics. After graduating magna cum laude in Computer Science from Saint Xavier University, he discovered his calling in teaching through tutoring and mentoring. Now based in Indiana, Scott combines his love for technology, history, and philosophy to help students build confidence and thrive in a digital world.



Engineering Teacher

Mrs. Magdalene Joy Jackson is a mother of five with extensive academic and teaching experience, holding three bachelor's degrees in Forensic Science, Mathematics, and Chemistry and a master's in Materials Science and Engineering. She has worked in college tutoring, academic editing at Purdue University, and homeschooling, and is active in her community. She is excited to help students grow in academics while exploring their interests and gifts.

Faculty



Religion Teacher

Mr. Josiah Shafer is a follower of Christ dedicated to discipling students through biblical truth and relational mentorship. A graduate of Grace College and Theological Seminary in Biblical and Intercultural Studies, he has served in youth ministry, pastoral roles, and student mentorship in both church and school settings. At School Alive, he helps students build a strong biblical worldview and live out their faith with confidence and purpose.



Vice Principal

Mrs. Kiara Maynard has a background in computer forensics, business ownership, and homeschooling her own children. She has developed strong leadership, organization, and communication skills through these experiences. She is dedicated as Assistant Principal to supporting students' academic and character growth while helping create a faith-centered environment where families and educators can thrive.



Security Officer

Mr. John Russell Binske has over 30 years of security experience from the military, law enforcement, and church settings. A decorated U.S. Army veteran, he served 23 years with deployments to Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. Now based in Lafayette, Indiana, he leads security at School Alive, where his leadership ensures a safe, Christ-centered environment for students and staff.

Support Staff



**Angie
Bridwell**



**Vivian
Cook**



**Ashley
Harkleroad**



**Kristin
Hopper**



**Jessica
Kilty**



**Sarah
Terhaar-Lyon**

Level 1: Grade P & K



**Ezra
Anderson**



**Cooper
Evans**



**Zane
Denham**



**Aria
Jackson**



**Koreya
Jones**



**Shane
Kilty**

Level 2: Grade 1



**Kendra
Boggs**



**Dylan
Denham**



**Madeline
Evans**



**Liam
Jackson**



**Owen
Krogstie**

Level 2: Grade 1



**Aurora
Lyon**



**Amara
Maynard**



**Serenity
See**



**Chandler
Thieke**

Level 2: Grade 2



**Paisley
Anderson**



**Kristen
Boggs**



**Mark
Chang**



**Kaelee
Harkleroad**



**Jaxson
Harvey**

Level 2: Grade 2



**Liam
Kilty**



**Sarah
Moro Cantu Jungles**



**Bryony
Ramsey**



**Jace
Saunders**

Level 3: Grade 3



**Daniel
Harkleroad**



**Clarissa
Hopper**



**Rachael
Jackson**



**Ilyena
Krogstie**



**Alexa
Minardo**



**Neveah
See**



**Sterling
Weaver**

Level 3: Grade 4



**William
Anderson**



**Avrianna
Keller**



**Miles
Krogstie**



**Brantley
Minardo**



**Jessamyn
Ramsey**



**Anthony
See**



**Rebel
Weaver**

Level 4: Grade 5



**Kayleigh
Boggs**



**Aiden
Denham**



**Jaydin
Hankins**



**Bridgett
Hopper**



**Warren
Jackson**



**River
Thomsen**

Level 4: Grade 6



**Kristopher
Boggs**



**Ginger
Bridwell**



**Ryan
Hankins**



**Hannah
Jackson**



**Violet
Ramsey**

Level 5: Grade 7



**Caleb
Bridwell**



**Delilah
Denham**



**Sophia
Hopper**



**Adriyan
Hunt**



**Sean
Krogstie**



**Jordan
Medenhall**



**Zander
Sturgeon**

Level 5: Grade 8



**Gideon
Church**



**Ava
Davis**



**Riddick
Maynard**



**Summer
Ramsey**



**Anastacia
Rivera**

Level 6: Grade 9



**Elizabeth
Hopper**



**Haydon
Hopper**



**Jacob
Schneider**



**Victoria
Sturgeon**

Seniors



**Joselle
Pavey**



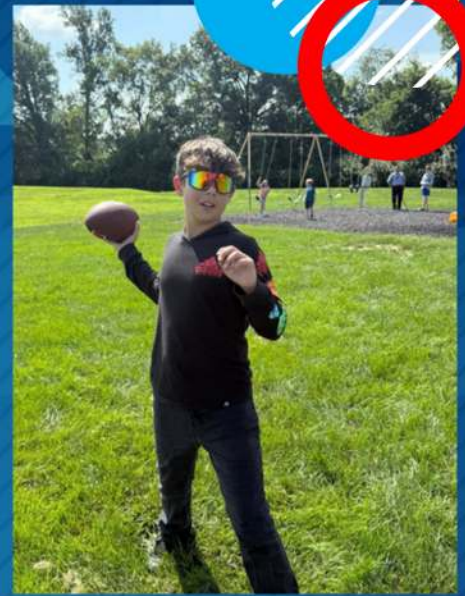
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**Amelia
Zufall**

















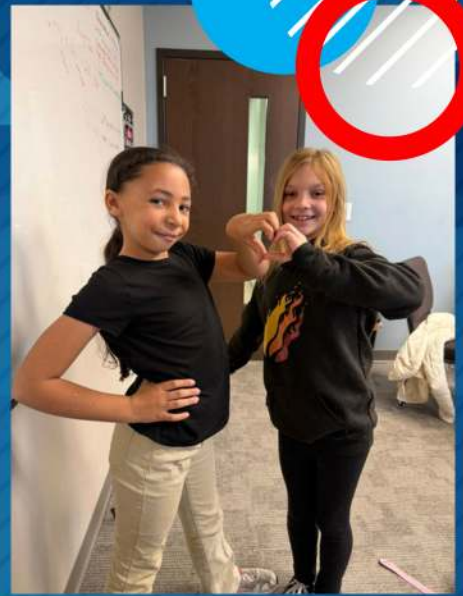
























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