



## **Students at St. Francis High School Earn a Free Concert Ahead of Annual Day of Giving**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., - (October 30, 2023)** - St. Francis Catholic High School is thrilled to be welcoming MAX and The Band Camino to our campus on Thursday, November 2 for an exclusive performance after students won the NOW 100.5 Stand Up and Swipe Out Bullying campaign for the third time.

St. Francis students overwhelmingly support this campaign annually, easily beating out schools more than twice their size.

“Standing up for what’s right isn’t a one-day event for St. Francis. Our mission is to provide a safe environment where students can find their community and discover the joy of being a teenager,” said principal Elias Mendoza. “But, adolescence is tough. That’s why every student’s Chromebook has the StopIt app that allows students to anonymously report bullying or any other health or wellness-related issue.”

St. Francis also has a dedicated wellness department and representatives with the FBI recently participated in a student assembly about best practices for social media platforms where cyberbullying is prevalent.

Thursday isn’t just about anti-bullying or a free concert, it's about increasing the accessibility and opportunities for more students to attend St. Francis.

“Thursday is our annual day of giving affectionately called Thankful Thursday, a one-day campaign that raises funds exclusively for our tuition assistance,” said advancement director MaryAnne Kelly. “Right now about 25% of our students receive some type of assistance. We want to extend that to more families,” said Kelly.

The month of November is about gratitude, which is how Thankful Thursday got its name. More than 1,000 St. Francis supporters show gratitude for their education or a teacher who made an impact with a gift on Thankful Thursday. St. Francis students, families, staff, and friends will also show their thanks with team St. Francis participating in the annual Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving morning.

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**About:** St. Francis Catholic High School in East Sacramento has been educating young women since its founding in 1940. Academically rigorous, with full accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the International Coalition of Girls’ Schools, St. Francis draws students



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