



Save the date for the Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Annual Fund Drive

Look for detailed information to arrive in early November.

We ask you for your prayers, your involvement, and
your financial participation.

Don't want to wait? Be **All In** now with your prayers and
financial participation.

Contact Susan Robinson Fruchtl at 814-808-6118 or
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All In for Saint Joseph's!

A Message from Ms. Mallett

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy has been a staple amongst the community for a decade, empowering our young men and women to become spiritual and intellectual leaders. Our students have embedded themselves in our community and other communities around the world and continue to showcase the power of a Catholic education from Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

None of the experiences and opportunities that our students are blessed with would be possible without support from our families, friends and donors. The annual outreach process for our "Joseph's Fund" is the most important effort for us each year. During this essential Annual Fund Appeal we ask for your prayers, your involvement, and your financial support and participation. Your gifts not only support and provide for essential ongoing activities; they also make it possible for future students to experience this better educational opportunity. We ask you to consider joining us in being "All In" for our current and future students. Each and every gift - regardless of size - matters and counts toward success. Support of our "Joseph's Fund" allows us to provide resources for our greatest areas of need.

We are asking those in the community who have a desire to help and have a passion for the school to support our upcoming annual fund.

Our students and teachers need your help to support our vision for the future at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mallett



Athletic Updates & Information

For an update of our Winter athletics, go to SJCASports.org



Dear WolfPack Community,

Fall sports are wrapping up and we have exciting news to share. Cross Country, Golf, and Boys Soccer all qualified for post-season play. Please visit our website to get up-to-date results (www.SJCASports.org). Given the circumstances, we are grateful for all the opportunities we had to participate over the course of the season. Our student-athletes, coaches, and fans have been great with following guidelines to ensure we have the chance to compete.

At this time, we will not hold an in-person Fall Sports Assembly or Winter Sports Meeting. I will send you details regarding how those events might work once we confirm our plans. Please check your email for that information.

Winter Sports are quickly approaching, and we are unsure how things (e.g., practices, games) might look and hope to have information from the PIAA within the next couple of weeks.

Keep Up-To-Date

Please remember that www.SJCASports.org is the "one stop shop" for all things sports and activities. Announcements, schedules, online registration, travel information, links to social media, and more can be found here. Please continue to visit <https://www.instagram.com/saintjoescatholicacad/> and https://twitter.com/sjca_athletics?lang=en to follow the happenings around campus. A new feature we added to Twitter was "Fun Photo Friday". All photos will be titled. For example: "Future Wolf", "Who needs a Drive-Thru when you can Walk-Thru", or "Helping-Hands". Please check weekly to see these fun photos. You never know what or who might appear.

Back the Pack: The Pack Athletics & Activities Committee (PAAC) meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in room 204, all are welcome. More information can be found here (<https://sjcasports.org/main/boosters/>). We are always looking for volunteers to help with Fundraising, Concessions/Gate, Golf Outing, Musical Raffle, and more. The group is currently on hiatus due to Covid-19 guidelines but hope that our meetings will start-up again soon. More information about ways to give will be forthcoming.

Our programs cannot be successful without your support. Thank you for all your time and efforts. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate

to reach out to me jrodkey@stjoeacad.org

Blessings & Go WolfPack!
Dr. Justin Rodkey, Director of Athletics

Congratulations to our fall athletes and best of luck as you finish
your seasons! #GoWolfPack





Development & Advancement

"All In" for Saint Joseph's

As Ms. Mallett stressed in her comments, our Joseph's Annual Fund Drive is the most important development outreach effort for us each year. While there will be other "giving options" for individuals, families, and businesses throughout the year, our Joseph's Annual Fund will remain the key to supporting our students and the future of Saint Joe's. In the next newsletter, we will include a preview of other giving options that will be forthcoming in the remainder of 2020-21. With the current pandemic reality, we are not able to conduct our normal Gala Auction Event as in past years during the fall months. At this time, we are still determining if it is feasible to have an in person event in the spring. We will let you know information on this as soon as we can. With that in mind, the Joseph's Annual Fund takes on an even greater importance this year. Every gift matters and counts toward success – no matter the amount. If you are not able to participate financially at this time, then we ask that you consider the other giving options that will be described in the next newsletter. We will plan to offer a variety of ways to support Saint Joseph's throughout the year. Anyone may give to the Joseph's Annual Fund at any time since it will be open from July 1st to June 30th each fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Robinson Fruchtl at srobinson@stjoeacad.org or by calling the school at 814-808-6118.

Over 15 years ago, a group of families and individuals united in a vision of making a Catholic high school in the Centre region a reality. It took faith, effort, inspiration, teamwork, and financial investment from our founders. They hoped to create a school that would provide students a better opportunity – an ideal high school offering something more – a school impacting the lives of its students in a more meaningful and well-rounded way.

Now in its 10th year, Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is doing that and so much more. Today, we are asking you to be "*All In*" to ensure the future of Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy. To better understand the impact Saint Joe's is having, consider these distinguishing aspects:

We Help Our Students Become Better People

Our vision and mission are best demonstrated by our abiding commitment to help our students become better people. We hold our students to high standards and expectations so they will achieve more than they think they can! We don't just provide a great education, we prepare our students for life. There is no higher calling than for our faculty and staff to develop the next generation of educated Christian leaders through our four pillars.

You Are Known

Time and again, our alumni and students share their gratitude for being recognized and supported as individuals at Saint Joe's. Our faculty and staff are committed to the advancement of each student's personal journey. We encourage each in his or her educational and personal goals. Together, we tailor the learning and growth process.

The Ideal School Size

Our size is designed to maximize a student's experience. It promotes learning to the fullest by providing an ideal mix of collaboration and independent work addressing multiple learning styles. Our enrollment size supports and requires our students to step into leadership roles. As a result, students gain the confidence and competence needed for success at Saint Joe's and, importantly, the next phase of their lives.

Community Is OUR Strength

We embrace a sense of community purpose where we know why we are all here. Our students, families, faculty, coaches, and our staff are individuals who genuinely care about one another. At Saint Joe's we look to live the commandment of loving others. Our students look out for each other challenging them to be their best.

The Joseph's Fund and Why Give?

The annual outreach process for our "Joseph's Fund" is the most important effort for us each year. During this essential Annual Fund Appeal we ask for **your prayers, your involvement, and your financial support and participation**. Thank you in advance for being **"All In"** for our current and future students. Your gifts matter and count toward success. Support of our "Joseph's Fund" allows us to provide resources for our greatest areas of need:

1. ***SJCA Tuition Award Program*** – This program provides tuition assistance to students who experience financial need. Approximately 66% of Saint Joseph's students receive financial aid. With an understanding of current realities, we project a need of \$50,000.
2. ***SJCA Student Technology Program*** – Providing a quality laptop with appropriate software updates to each student is a key component to their educational process. A healthy Joseph's Fund allows us to continue to offer this \$40,000 yearly program to SJCA students.
3. ***Unrestricted*** – Unrestricted contributions allow us to address current and ongoing resource needs particularly in the challenging time we are all facing.

These are only a few of our greatest needs and opportunities for support. If you have interests in other areas that are more passionate for you, please contact Susan Robinson Fruchtl at 814-808-6118. Join us and be **"All In"** for Saint Joseph's!

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Annual Fund *Ways to Give:*

1. Download this QR Code with your phone and give now.



2. Give online at www.stjoeacad.org
3. Complete [this form](#) and return it with your payment to Susan Robinson Fruchtl at the address listed below.

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Susan Robinson Fruchtl
shares a little about the



Annual Fund and being
ALL IN for Saint Joseph's!

Alumni Spotlight

By: Susan Robinson Fruchtl

Each month we will check in with some Saint Joseph's Alumni doing a Q & A to spotlight their journey. Our spotlights this month are Hannah Straub and Michael Kresovich. Thanks to Hannah and Michael for sharing about their journeys and how Saint Joe's has impacted them. They are great examples of utilizing their Saint Joe's experience and integrating it into doing awesome things in their education and future & current careers.



The Straub Family enjoying time in Walt Disney World in early 2020.

Hannah Straub – Class of 2017

1. Describe your college experience; Where you attended; Your major(s) both undergrad and graduate; A couple of your favorite things about your college experience.



Michael Kresovich standing outside the Lock Haven Express.

Michael Kresovich – Class of 2016

1. Describe your college experience; Where you attended; Your major(s) both undergrad and graduate; A couple of your favorite things about your college experience.

I am currently a senior at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA studying Health Management Systems and pre-med. Throughout my college experience, I was able to explore options in the healthcare field by taking high level science classes as well as health administration and business classes. At Duquesne, I was also able to challenge myself athletically by joining the Division I rowing team. Rowing has definitely shaped my college experience in a positive way because I was able to represent my school, learn new athletic skills, and develop life-long relationships with my teammates and coaches.

2. What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

Over the summer, I completed a remote internship with Duquesne Athletics assisting them with their transition to telemedicine during the COVID-19 pandemic. After graduation, I plan on working in the healthcare field and attending grad school in the future.

3. What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, staying active, and exploring all of the fun things to do in Pittsburgh.

4. How did Saint Joe's impact you? And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

Saint Joe's impacted me greatly because I learned not only how to succeed academically, but also in life. From my first day at Saint Joe's to my last, I was taught

Mikey, as known while at Saint Joe's, attended Penn State University and majored in Digital and Print Journalism. He also completed a minor in Business and the Liberal Arts while at PSU. A few of Michael's favorite things about his college experience included the relationships built with others and all the learning experiences of college. Michael enjoyed attending a university that excelled on the field and in the classroom.

2. What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

Michael was recently named as the new Sports Editor for the Lock Haven Express where he will utilize all the knowledge and skills he learned while completing his degrees at Penn State.

3. What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?

In his personal time, Michael loves to read, watch football, and spend time with his friends and family.

4. How did Saint Joseph's impact you? And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

Saint Joe's prepared me for college and beyond. The wisdom I was taught at Saint Joe's is something I will always carry with me. SJCA taught me not to be afraid and strive for my best every day.

5. What are you passionate about?

I have a passion for learning, I strive to learn new things every day. Aside from learning, I am

how to incorporate its four pillars, faith, scholarship, leadership, and service, into everything I do. No matter if I am studying for exams, competing in a rowing race, or volunteering in the community, the lessons I learned at Saint Joe's are included in everything I do.

5. What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about type 1 diabetes awareness and research for a cure. As a type 1 diabetic myself, I have joined and created teams that raised money and participated in awareness walks in both State College and Pittsburgh for JDRF. This is an organization that funds diabetes research and advocates for access to new therapies for everyone affected by type 1 diabetes. Combined, all of the JDRF teams I have participated on have raised over \$5,000 and I hope to continue raising awareness!

6. One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

deeply passionate about sports and writing.

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Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Favorite Quote is by Ernest Hemmingway "Man is not made for defeat."





The Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Homecoming Week could borrow a slogan from the famous golf tournament, the Masters, as it is truly "a tradition unlike any other."

The Saint Joseph's Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) team up to create a week full of fellowship, school spirit and (friendly) competition.

The goal is to unite the community, support the athletic teams, meet new people, and ultimately celebrate our school. The week kicked off with the first annual outdoor movie. The majority of the student body gathered—with masks on and properly distanced-- on the soccer field to enjoy the student-selected film: Shrek.

On Monday, October 5th, it was "Jersey Day" as students donned their team's attire. The boys soccer team played host to Meadowbrook Christian School in the afternoon and won the match! Girls soccer and volleyball also competed this day as well. Tuesday was "Tourist Tuesday" and both the boys and girls Cross Country teams came out victorious against Philipsburg and Moshannon Valley. "Decades Day" was followed by "Spirit Wear Thursday." Thursday evening was also the inaugural FCA spike ball tournament featuring 18 2-person teams, with the team of Zack Witmer and Noah Straub emerging victorious. By Friday it was time for the first event of the annual *Saint Joseph's Cup* competition: The Fall Harvest Festival. Teams competed in a number of different events, including sack races, corn hole, pumpkin toss, pie eating, and egg-spoon races. The orange team emerged victorious!

After the Fall Harvest Festival competitions, students stayed after school to watch both the girls and boys soccer teams compete. Between the games our

fall seniors were honored on the field and the Homecoming Court was announced. Jonah Clark, Clare Marsh, Max Pase, Camryn Eby, Noah Straub, Morgan Wolf, Brendan Scanlon, Kathleen Simander were voted on to represent this year's 2020 Homecoming Court.

Finally, the Homecoming Bonfire on Friday evening capped an amazing week of fellowship and fun for the Saint Joseph's community. Much of the student body and many faculty showed up to play some ultimate frisbee, roast marshmallows, and sing campfire songs around multiple firepits.

Thanks for all who help make these traditions so special every year!

How Can You Help?

During this health crisis Amazon Smile is still helping non profits and putting a smile on our faces. As you are shopping for supplies please consider using Amazon Smile for your purchases and continue to help Saint Joe's.



The money that is raised helps the school cover the costs for cleaning, repairs, and technology expenses associated with this crisis.

Would you be willing to help? First, sign up yourself! Then, send this note to your friends and family and ask them to participate with us.

Signing up is easy!

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5. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

And So, We Gather...

By Father Jonathan

I have mentioned before that one of the highlights of my week, as a priest, is Thursday morning at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy. All of our students, faculty, and staff come together for about 30 minutes as community and as chaplain I have the honor of

celebrating Mass with them. Off course, I am under no illusion that Mass is the top priority for a student in high school. I was in high school once, too, and I am sure Mass was not at the top of the list of my own priorities. I am also aware that a large minority of our students are non-Catholic, but as I have said before, worship is essential to who we are, and because it is a Catholic school the Mass is the form in which we gather for worship. But this is the point! ***We gather!*** For 30 minutes, every Thursday, a gym full of socially distanced students and faculty silence themselves and recognize that we are a community who comes together under the providence and mercy of God.



[Read More](#)

Saint Joseph's Secures \$5,000 Grant from the Independent Catholic Foundation



Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Astle, Saint Joseph's has received a \$5,000 grant from the Independent Catholic Foundation that will support our retreat program. The Independent Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides financial support for Catholic institutions within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The ICF was founded with a particular focus on helping educational ministries within the diocese.

According to Mr. Astle, "The grant we received is what makes our retreat program possible. Retreats are a vital part of growing in faith, since they allow us to "step away" from our busy days and spend time with the Lord. They are times in which we can recharge our spiritual batteries and become better equipped to confront the challenges of the Christian life. We are thankful to the ICF for allowing us to grow as a community of disciples rooted in

Saint Joseph's student and Scout has earned the Boy Scout's highest rank advancement

BOALSBURG, Pa.—Luke Surovec, Sophomore at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, has earned the Boy Scouts of America's highest advancement award, the Eagle Scout Award.

Among other requirements, Surovec had to earn a total of 21 merit badges before being eligible for the coveted Eagle Scout honor. The final step in the process is the completion of a project to--according to Surovec-- "show leadership and that you know how to plan and be organized."

His project of choice—refurbishing the Gill Field sign near the American Legion. "The Boy Scouts and I cleared out the brush around the sign, removed the old faded sign, wire brushed and stained the frame with Red Inhibitive Primer, painted the frame black, replaced all of the old rotten boards, and then put up the new refurbished Gill Filed sign."

Spoken like a true Boy Scout, Surovec selected this particular project because of its potential impact on others. "I selected this project because some of the members of the American Legion played on the Gill Field many years ago. Now they can look at a new refurbished sign that looked like the original sign that was put there 30 years ago."

Surovec has been in Boy Scouts for 4 years. The completion of this project means a lot to him. "I get to pass that sign every time I go to a Boy Scout meeting and I can say that I did that. It is mostly just that feeling of pride when you see the finished project. You start with nothing and at the end something great is made."



Important Dates

Out of Uniform Day
October 30th
Joseph's Fund \$3

Veteran's Day--No School
November 11th

Parent Teacher Conferences
November 10th
1:00- 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break--No School
November 25-27th

Athletic Events

Go to SJCASports.org for an athletic schedule.

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