



## A Message from Ms. Mallett

The first part of the 2020-2021 school year has gone by quickly! It has been both an exciting and challenging year so far and unfortunately, I believe our most challenging stretch with COVID is still ahead. Though we are in stressful times, as people of God it is important to remain focused on our blessings, and the ways we are called to be of service to others in need of assistance, support and prayer this holiday season.

As we all reflect this week on the many things for which we are thankful, I want to share just a few things I am thankful for with you. I am thankful for our students who come to school every day with their youthful enthusiasm and ready to learn. They give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. I am thankful for the support of our parents who create outstanding partnerships with faculty, staff and coaches for the benefit of our students. I am thankful for the teachers, staff and administrators of Saint Joe's who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. I am also extremely grateful for our donors and benefactors who support opportunities for our students, facility needs and so much more. Finally, I am thankful for our Board of Trustees who are dedicated and tireless - going above and beyond at all times to ensure we are able to fulfill our mission.

All of these things make me extremely thankful for this community - our community - that is Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy. Even in these challenging times, for these things and for the intentions in the quiet of our hearts, may we sing praises of gratitude to the Lord this holiday season.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Jennifer Mallett

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## Athletic Updates & Information

For an update of our Winter athletics, go to [SJCAssports.org](https://SJCAssports.org)

# SAINT JOSEPH'S WOLFPACK

Dear WolfPack Community,

The WolfPack Student-Athletes, like many of their counterparts, were diligent in following health and safety guidelines while overcoming the many obstacles that they encountered during their fall campaigns.

### Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Boys Cross Country had solid performances in their invitational meets, went 3-0 in dual meet competitions, and finished third at the District VI Championships. Jonah Clark (Senior) and Colin Simander (Freshman) were state qualifiers.

Girls Cross Country dominated their regular season events by winning three invitational meets (Red, White, and Blue; PIAA Foundation; TSTCA Championships) and earned a 3-0 dual meet record. The team finished second at the District VI championships. Kathleen Simander (Senior) was a state qualifier.

Golf earned a 9-5 mark on the season and, after a year hiatus, returned to the District VI post-season. Representing the boy's team was Dmitri Cornali (Junior), Nathan Cross (Senior), Timothy Peters (Sophomore), Brendan Scanlon (Senior), and Noah Straub (Senior). Bridgid Scanlon (Sophomore) was a post-season qualifier from the girl's team.

Boys Soccer finished 5-7 during the regular season, earning them a second consecutive trip

to the District VI playoffs. Their post-season run ended with a heartbreaking 2-1 loss. Leading scorers on the year were Juniors Chris Forstmeier (Forward, 9) and Sam Yangula (Midfielder, 9).

Girls Soccer saw their two-year district qualifying run come to an end. However, they enjoyed a competitive season, played their best matches towards the end of the season, and led in a number of their games. Senior Clare Marsh (Forward) capped off her four-year career netting a school record, 77 goals.

Girls Volleyball playoff streak came to an end as well, but not without a fight. The young team, led by Morgan Wolf (Senior) and Madi Mazza (Junior), competed with a number of the region's best while coming within one win of a playoff berth.

Although we will be losing a number of senior leaders, all are teams will be returning strong nucleuses' next year. The future continues to look bright.

The Pack is grateful for the opportunities we had to compete this season and are thankful for everyone who helped along the way. The support, understanding, and encouragement was appreciated.

### Keep Up-To-Date

Please remember that [www.SJCASports.org](http://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/goSJCASports> to follow the happenings around campus.

**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 for ways to give 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 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](mailto:jrodkey@stjoeacad.org)

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

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## Development & Advancement

**Our Annual Fund Drive has officially launched!**  
**Be *All In* for Saint Joseph's!**

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 consider joining us in being ***All In*** for our current and future students. Each and every gift matters and counts toward success. Support of our Joseph's Fund allows us to provide resources for the following current needs:

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 the stress of COVID on some members of our community, we project an additional need of \$50,000 for the remainder of 2020-21
2. ***SJCA Student Technology Program*** – Providing a quality laptop with appropriate software updates to each student is a key component to Saint Joseph’s 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.

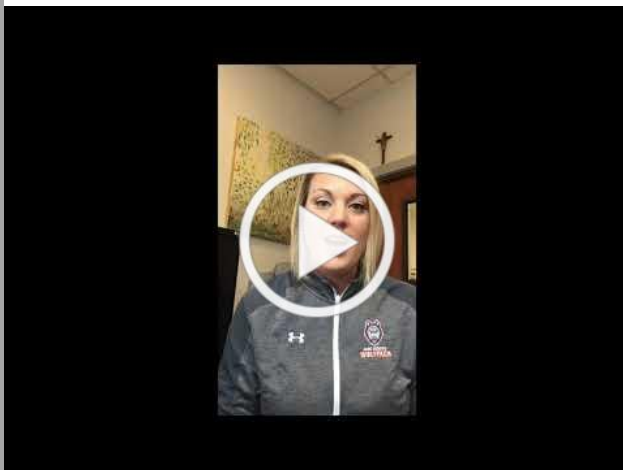
These are only a few of our greatest needs and opportunities for support. If you have interests in other areas that are more passionate for you, please contact Susan Robinson Fruchtl at 814-808-6118. Join us and be ***All In*** for Saint Joseph’s!

### Ways to Give

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



2. Give online at [www.stjoeacad.org](http://www.stjoeacad.org) -- click the **GIVE NOW** link at the top of the page



Katie Sosnoskie, Business Manager, shares a little about the Annual Fund and why she is **ALL IN** for Saint Joseph's!

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## Alumni Spotlight

By: Susan Robinson Fruchtl

Each month we check in with some Saint Joseph’s Alumni doing a Q & A to spotlight their journey. Our spotlights this month are Riley Harris and Ana Legaspi. Thanks to Riley and Ana for sharing about their journeys and how Saint Joe’s has impacted their lives. These women are great examples of utilizing their

Saint Joe's experience and integrating it into doing awesome things in their lives.



*Riley Harris in Fall 2019*

### **Riley Haris -- Class of 2015**

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 attended Syracuse University and graduated in 2019. I have my Bachelors in Policy Studies with an emphasis in health, education, and social services. I also have a minor in Asian/Asian American Studies. I was a member/captain of the nationally ranked mock trial team, a sister of Alpha Chi Omega, and I studied abroad in Hong Kong which has been the most incredible experience of my life!

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

I currently work at the University of Lynchburg as a Directing Admissions Counselor for International Recruitment. I also work with students from



*Ana Legaspi in November 2020*

### **Ana Legaspi -- Class of 2018**

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 would describe my college experience thus far as unexpected. I went into my freshman year at Haverford College as a member of the track team and prospective physics major. I am now a music major (with a concentration in vocal performance) looking to transfer to a new school and plan to graduate in 2022. Additionally, I have traded in my athletic commitments for acting opportunities and a spot on the theater club's board. All of these big changes stemmed from the realization that there is no universally ideal college experience. I now know that it is okay (and often necessary) to seek out change and not get things "right" on the first try.

Pennsylvania, New York & New Jersey as they apply and transition to the school! Along with work, I'm a full-time graduate student at Lynchburg as well. I'm getting my MEd in Educational Leadership and Student Affairs.

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

I love kombucha, but now I don't have to buy it at the store because I brew my own! My dog Beau, who I got in high school, now lives with me full time so we embrace everything that Southwest Virginia has to offer in terms of the outdoors. I'm also obsessed with hot yoga so I spend four mornings a week doing yoga in 100 degree heat before work!

### 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 taught me to be bold in my aspirations. When I started, I was there the first year it was open and that came with a lot of growing and learning opportunities. It takes special people to go to a brand new school and my classmates and I embraced it! I'm now always seeking out new opportunities to grow and experience new things! My two best friends also went to Saint Joe's so the relationships you create in high school can last far beyond those four years.

### 5. What are you passionate about?

The years following high school

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

As I am still in school, that is my primary focus, but I have been working jobs in hotels and restaurants for the past couple of years. I made the decision to be a music major out of my love for music, rather than for my professional aspirations, so I would be happy to work in the hospitality industry after graduation and continue to pursue music on my own time.

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

I really love home improvement projects, a hobby which quarantine lent itself to very nicely. I also spend a lot of time drawing and composing (outside of school projects).

### 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 taught me a lot about hard work and leadership. The necessity for diverse talent and interest that being at such a small school provided has given me confidence in both my studies and my jobs. I feel equipped to take charge when necessary, and this skill has helped me greatly with management promotions and public speaking. Saint Joe's also gave me the somewhat unique experience of spending many formative years in a faith-based community. After entering college, it has become progressively harder to find such

have been a challenge. I've experienced a lot of growth and learned to tap into the support system around me even though I did not always want to. Those experiences not only opened me up to pursuing a career in higher education to impact other college students, but I love supporting others as they experience the challenges life throws at them. My family and friends will always be the number one most important thing in my life besides my relationship with the Lord, and I'm so passionate about being a part of other's support systems.

**6. One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:**

Hebrews 6:19! "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain," This verse never fails to put things into perspective.



a community, so I definitely appreciate the foundation that Saint Joe's gave me.

**5. What are you passionate about?**

I am definitely passionate about my artistic pursuits and learning, but if the recent world changes have taught me anything, it is that nothing is more important than making sure the people close to you know how much they matter.

**6. One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:**

The Bible verse to which I consistently turn is Isaiah 41:10. "Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Carrie Shearer, Saint Joseph's Class of 2015, shares some of her experiences from high school and why she is **ALL IN** for Saint Joseph's!

**Students Inducted into  
National Honor Society**



At Mass the National Honor Society candidates were officially inducted into the Saint Joseph's chapter of NHS. These students were introduced by their adviser, Mrs. Cunningham, pinned themselves, and were blessed by Father Jonathan. Congratulations to all of the students in National Honor Society.

## 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.

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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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# Giving Thanks...

By Father Jonathan

This year's Thanksgiving holiday will be unlike any others before. Concerns about Coronavirus are, again, at a fever pitch. And, people are responding in different ways. Many will throw caution to the wind and insist that they meet with their families as they always have. Others are calculating the cost of meeting with loved ones especially those who are elderly or ill. Sadly enough, many will find themselves alone this Thanksgiving because for them the risk is entirely too high. Regardless of your Thanksgiving plans, please remember the name of the holiday. We gather to give thanks. Giving thanks is essential to who we are as humans.



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## Important Dates

**Thanksgiving Break--No School**  
November 25-27th

**Virtual Classes**  
November 30th-December 13th

**Christmas Break--No School**  
December 21st-January 1st

## Athletic Events

Go to [SJCASports.org](https://SJCASports.org) for an athletic schedule.

