

A Message from Ms. Mallett

Easter is God's blessing to the world. It is His way of telling us that love and hope still exist. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Easter Sunday comes at the end of Lent, 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through struggle and self-denial, we prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Joseph's, we pray that your family will celebrate a joyous Easter.

Yours in Christ, Ms. Jennifer Mallett



A Lethal Absence of Love

Father Gregory Boyle, a priest who works with gang members in LA, has often been quoted saying, "no treatment plan is worth a damn if it is based on the wrong diagnosis." He goes on to argue that this is the problem with most gang members. Either by law enforcement, society, or even their own family they are written off as bad well before they choose to enter a gang. They have received the wrong diagnosis. The right diagnosis he goes onto say is a "lethal lack of hope." They come to his rehabilitation program called "Homeboy Industries" to have this hope restored. I would like to suggest that we too have a tendency to misdiagnose the world and even more importantly those around us. Quite frankly we are all likely to even misdiagnose ourselves. We categorize right and wrong, good and bad as if they are simply qualities that are inherent in people. And again, and again, a wrong diagnosis leads to a bad treatment plan.



Read More

Each week students, faculty, and staff attend Mass in the Robert and Alice Thomas Student Life Center. Father Jonathan delivers weekly homilies that truly resonate with students and the community alike. If you are interested in watching weekly Mass, check out Saint Joseph's Facebook for the live stream from 9:23 a.m.-10:05 a.m. or catch the Homily Happenings recap on Saint Joseph's Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

In the Classroom & Around the School



Saint Joseph's freshman Kwock organized a drive for the animals at PAWS and the Pet Pantry. Thanks Aaron, you're PAWSome!

Juniors taking "The Church" are getting a hands-on look at the first centuries of Christianity. After assembling a timeline of the early Church, they used Google Maps to take a virtual tour of the catacombs in Rome.



Senior Speeches

Senior Speeches have become a staple at Saint Joseph's. Each year, the seniors have the opportunity to stand before their peers, faculty, staff, coaches, and family to reflect on their journey at Saint Joseph's, offer some words of wisdom to the underclassmen, and thank those who made a difference in their lives. In this past month, the following senior speeches have been given: Camryn Eby, Noah Straub, Kathleen Simander, Sean Kelly, Reece Bloom, Nick Fisher, and Leland Calistri. Check out our social media to see each Senior Speech recap!



TO ANY OF YOU UNDERCLASSMEN WHO FEEL HELD BACK BY NERVOUSNESS, DO NOT BE AFRAID. YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD LIES BEFORE YOU, BUT IT GOES BY QUITE FAST. AND TO YOU UPPERCLASSMEN WHO STILL STRUGGLE TO TAKE INITIATIVE, FORD THE RIVER OF UNCERTAINTY UNTIL YOU FIND THE DRY LAND TO STAND YOUR GROUND.





Athletic Updates & Information

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



Dear WolfPack Community,

Winter sports has ended, and spring sports have begun.

Winter Recap

Boys Basketball earned a spot in the District VI Class A semi-finals and played Bishop Carroll. Brendan Scanlon became the third player in program history to score 1000 points. The team finished with a 6-13 record on the season.

Girls Basketball also earned a spot in the District VI Class A semi-finals and played Portage. The team finished with an impressive 9-3 mark on the year.

Indoor track did not have a season due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Our wrestlers managed some impressive numbers given the lack of completions due to Covid-19. Zack Witmer (132lbs) finished second at Districts & Regionals while bringing home a metal from states (3rd). Zack ends his career with a mark of 128-25. Amonn Ohl (138lbs) finished second at Districts, third at Regionals, and brought home a metal from states (3rd). Amonn ends his career with a mark of 121-33. Josh Hershbine was a first-year participant with the program and earned a spot in the first round of the district championships.

Please visit our website to get up-to-date information and results regarding these events and to find the spring sports schedules <u>www.SJCAsports.org</u>

Important Dates

Given the current situation, the following events are being scheduled as it appears the state is opening up for business. Please be patience as we continue to navigate our current circumstances.

Sports Recognition Assembly. Wednesday, May 19th. This is the end of the year Sports Banquet. Annual Golf Outing. Monday, June 7th. More details can be found here: https://sjcasports.org/main/adnews/ID/52100727

Media Updates

Please continue to visit <u>https://www.instagram.com/saintjoescatholicacad/</u> and <u>https://twitter.com/goSJCAsports</u> to follow the happenings around campus.

Back the Pack

The Pack Athletics & Activities Committee (PAAC) will be looking for volunteers to help plan, organize, and run the Golf Outing. Mark your calendars for Monday, June t^h . The Golf Outing is a great event that helps support our programs. Please consider getting involved with this event. If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

More information for ways to give can be found here<u>https://sjcasports.org/main/boosters/</u> The group is currently on hiatus due to Covid-19 guidelines but hope that our meetings will start-up again soon.

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 <u>jrodkey@sjcacademy.org</u>

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

Support Saint Joseph's Athletics and Activities

Join in the fun at our annual Four Pillars Golf Tournament on Monday, June 7th at Centre Hills Country Club to support our Saint Joseph's Pack Athletics & Activities. Register Now and Sponsor this important event by accessing our Four Pillars Golf Brochure at

https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/golf-outing/

Witmer and Ohl Wrestle into the History Books



Walking into the Giant Center in Hershey, PA for the PIAA A state wrestling tournament felt a little bit different this year. There were obvious, visible changes in place from state tournaments past—fewer fans, masks, social distancing, etc. Amonn and Zack certainly rose to the challenges and earned third place state finishes in their respective weight classes.

Both Amonn and Zack wrestled for four years at Saint Joe's and are not only glad that they finished what they started four years ago, but that they did it together. Amonn said, "I am glad that it was Zack that stuck with me the whole time. We push each other well."

Amonn began wrestling as a four-year-old growing up in West Virginia. After winning states at age six, wrestling became a staple in his life. "It's just a part of my lifestyle. So it was never anything that I questioned not doing." Since that first state championship, Amonn has continued to have a decorated wrestling career. In his four years wrestling for Saint Joe's Amonn has accumulated two district championships, qualified for states four times, and placed at states twice. As for his wrestling legacy, Amonn wants to be known as "Someone who is willing to do the work even when they really, really don't want to." Amonn will continue to put in the hard work as he furthers his wrestling career at the collegiate level.

Zack also began wrestling from a young age: 3-years-old. When you have done something for so long, it becomes a part of who you are. Despite that, Zack wants to be known for more than a wrestler. "Wrestling is not just my full identity. I want to be remembered as a good person who always tried to do the right thing." Over his four years, Zack won two district championships, one regional championship, and became a four-time state place winner. Zack's high school wrestling days have come to an end, and this is something he has yet to fully grasp saying, "I don't know if it hasn't hit yet. On one hand, it is sad because we had a good time here with a lot of good memories with the guys on the team. On the other hand, it is exciting to have more time. Amonn and I are both looking forward to the future." As for that future, Zack will join Columbia University's wrestling roster.

National Athletic Training Month

March is National Athletic Training Month, a time to celebrate the positive impact athletic trainers have on work, life and sport.

The American Medical Association has recognized athletic training as an allied health profession. Athletic trainers are highly-skilled health care professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide compassionate health care for athletes, patients, soldiers, workers and performers under the direction of or in collaboration with a physician. Services provided by athletic trainers include injury and illness prevention, wellness



promotion and education, emergency care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy appreciates and is grateful for athletic trainer, Mrs. Donna Kellogg, who provides the quality of care for our WolfPack student-athletes.

Development & Advancement



Still Time to Sponsor A Saint Joseph's Student! Did you know that \$51 per day educates one student at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy? During this year's Lenten season, Saint Joe's is asking you to join in financially supporting one or more of our students for a day through our Sponsor A Student appeal. Your sacrifice with this appeal helps ensure that our students can reap the benefits of the Catholic education and opportunities offered at Saint Joe's today and every day. Support one or more students through April 3rd!

Sponsor A Student now by sending your contribution to: Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy C/O Development Office-Susan Robinson 901 Boalsburg Pike Boalsburg, PA 16827 *Write "Sponsor A Student" on the memo line of your check

Or Sponsor A Student now by giving online at <u>https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/sponsor-a-student/</u>

Are You Passionate About Impacting the Lives of Saint Joe's Students? Support Saint Joe's During the Centre Gives Event on May 11th & 12th

Centre Foundation's 36-hour online giving event is set to begin on May 11th at 9 am and

conclude on May 12th at 9 pm. This event is designed to support the great work of local nonprofits serving Centre County including Saint Joe's. Make sure to look for our official announcement in April and all the details on how you can support Saint Joseph's during these days of giving.

Nominations Being Accepted for Our First Saint Joseph's Hall of Fame Class!

The Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Hall of Fame recognizes Saint Joseph's graduates or special contributors who have helped define and advance the Saint Joseph's mission and pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service through their post-graduate achievements and/or contributions. Nominations are being accepted until May 31, 2021 for our first ever Hall of Fame class!

Submit your nomination at https://stjoeacad.org/sjca-hall-of-fame/

Call Susan at 814-808-6118 if you have any questions.

Name a Scholarship at Saint Joe's!

Named scholarships benefit qualifying Saint Joseph's students. To establish a Named Scholarship, a commitment of \$500 or more for a minimum of three consecutive years is required. This allows the donor(s) to work with the school to create the scholarship in their name or the name of someone they wish to honor.

With a named scholarship, your entire contribution is awarded each year to a qualified student. Without this support, some students would not be able to financially attend Saint Joe's.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy will recognize the Named Scholarship Program donors at a yearly event. This event will provide the opportunity for our thoughtful and generous benefactors to meet their scholarship recipient(s) and for our student scholarship awardees to personally thank the individual or family for their commitment and support of their Catholic education.

To learn how to Name a Scholarship at Saint Joe's, email Susan Robinson at srobinson@stjoeacad.org, call her at 814-808-6118, or go to our website at https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/named-scholarship-program/

Join Us at our Four Pillars Golf Tournament Fundraiser on June 7, 2021 at Centre Hills Country Club.

> Get the Tournament Brochure & Registration Form Here: <u>https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/golf-outing/</u>

Four Pillars Golf Tournament Hosted by the PAAC Pack Athletics & Activities Committee:

The Pack Athletic & Activities Committee consists of volunteers who feel strongly about the vision for Saint Joseph's extracurricular activities. These individuals plan, organize, and implement fundraising efforts to support the activity budget. The goal is to support SJCA extracurricular activities by raising necessary funds and hosting events, designed to help bring our school community together in fellowship and celebration.

EVENT DETAILS

Registration with lunch begins @ 11:30am Four-player Scramble Shotgun Start @ 12:30pm On-course refreshments will be provided Dinner, prizes, and social provided by Centre Hills at the conclusion of play

Sponsorship Opportunities

Event Sponsor (\$2,500)

The premier opportunity gives your company naming rights to this year's tournament, plus:

- Two (2) foursomes
- Logo/company info on event promotions
- Banner at registration and dinner

• 1-year website and digital gymnasium banner • Three (3) on-course recognitions (Exclusive)

Pillar Sponsor (\$1,500) Only four available. Attach your name to one our four (4) pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service, plus:

- One (1) foursome
- Logo/Company info on the event banner
- Recognition on all event promotions
- Two (2) separate on-course recognitions
- Recognition for sponsoring golfer gift, drink cart, golf

carts or scorecard (your choice)

Corporate Sponsor (\$1,000)

A great way to get your company's name attached to the event:

- · One (1) foursome
- · Logo/Company info on the event banner
- · Recognition on all event promotions
- · Two (2) separate on-course recognitions

Tee Sponsor (\$200)

• Choose a tee to sponsor. This is a great opportunity to show your support for SJCA Athletics:

- · Sign on near a tee box
- · Recognition on event promotions

Green Sponsor (\$100)

- A great option for friends, families, and Wolfpack members:
- · Sign near a green
- · Recognition on event promotions

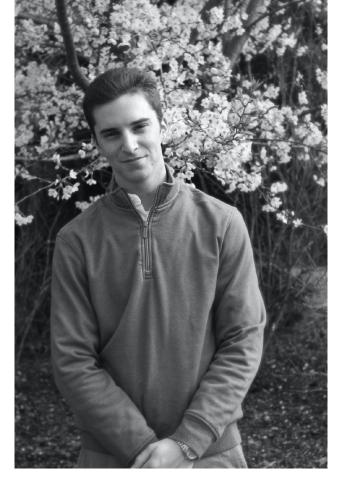
Individual Golfer: \$200*

Foursome: \$650*

*Includes golf, cart, lunch, and dinner for Individuals and Foursomes

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 journeys. Our spotlights this month are Max Krasowitz (Class of 2019) and Katie McGraw (Class of 2018). Thanks to Max and Katie for sharing about their journeys and how Saint Joe's has impacted them. They are both utilizing their Saint Joe's experience to figure out their career path and passions.



Max Krasowitz - Class of 2019

Describe your college experience; Where you attended; Your major(s) both undergrad and graduate; A couple of your favorite things about your college experience. What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

After graduating I attended Drexel University to study music industry. While I loved being in the city surrounded by music, I quickly realized the program wasn't exactly what I was expecting. When I was sent home in Spring 2020 due to the pandemic, I took a leave of absence from Drexel. In that time, I spent with my family and I made the decision to transfer home to Penn State. Since transferring I have had anything but the quintessential college experience, but I have really enjoyed spending some time discovering new classes to decide what I want my major to be. I am currently undecided in my major but very interested in cybersecurity. Alongside my studies I am currently doing a remote internship with Free Dive Records, a record label in Philadelphia, as well as working on a musical project with my fellow Saint Joseph's alumnus, Jack Mangene.

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

My free time has been mostly occupied by working at the Penn State Golf Course, coaching a travel softball team, and hanging out with my family.

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

Saint Joe's helped me learn the value of hard work, even in personal time. Everyone deserves a break every once in a while, but it's easy to get stuck in a rut of doing nothing. Thinking back to my time at Saint Joe's working constantly as an athlete, student, and community member helps me stay motivated even without the support net that I had in those days. I am using the lessons I learned both inside and out of the classroom at Saint Joe's to motivate myself to work hard on whatever is thrown at me.

What are you passionate about?

I've always struggled to find what I'm passionate about. Even now, some time after I've graduated from high school, I'm only just beginning to figure out what I want to do with my life. And it's been a struggle to be OK with that, but I'm finally getting to the point

where I feel comfortable saying that I don't quite know what I'm passionate about. One thing I do know is that I love to learn. Looking back I realize that being curious is something that the Saint Joe's community as well as my family always encouraged. I can't express enough how grateful I am for that.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

"If you are curious, you'll find the puzzles around you. If you are determined, you will solve them." -Ernő Rubik



Saint Joseph's 2018 graduate Katie McGraw is putting her immunization license to good use administering COVID-19 vaccines to underserved communities.

Katie McGraw – Class of 2018

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 currently attend the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy where I am studying to earn my Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD). I attended Pitt for my first two years of undergrad as well where I took pre-requisite courses to apply to pharmacy school. I love Pitt. The connections that the school has with UPMC and other successful alumni is incredible. The city is amazing and there is always something new to explore. Pharmacy school is a 2+4 year program where I spend the first 2 years taking prerequisites and the next 4 years finishing up my bachelors in pharmaceutical science and a minor in chemistry. I loved coming to college so I can start to take courses that interest me and are related to my field of study.

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

As of right now, I am learning the basics of the profession. I go to a clinic in Lawrenceville, PA every week where I consult patients on their medications and make sure their medication therapy is safe and effective. Over the summer I will be an intern at UPMC at the Medication Therapy Management center working with patients every day. On top of this, I have been volunteering at vaccine clinics hosted by the Allegheny Health Department to vaccinate eligible individuals to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

When I have free time, I love to explore Pittsburgh with my friends. I am also very active and have been exploring some running trails in Pittsburgh while I train to run my first halfmarathon in the summer.

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 time management skills that are very important in my major. On top of school, I hold multiple leadership roles and balancing everything can be hard sometimes. Saint Joe's pushed me to be the best I can be and helped me realize what I am capable of.

Any family updates or other updates you want to include.

My brother, Alex McGraw (who graduated from Saint Joe's back in 2015), will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania for graduate school to earn his PhD and Masters in English Literature/Criticism. After everything he has been through, I am very lucky to have him as a role model in my life.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about being the best individual that I can be, while helping others around me. Pharmacists are some of the most accessible health care workers. Any individual can walk into the pharmacy and ask a pharmacist any question free of charge. I want to be that person in the community that has an effect on others and being a pharmacist will allow me to do that.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

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

Staff Spotlight

Student Council is excited to introduce our staff spotlight for the month of March! Each month we will be recognizing a group of WolfPack staff members to help students get to know the people they might not see in the classroom everyday. This month we'd like to appreciate our food services management and custodial staff for all the work that they do and get to know a little more about them!

Janine Surovec: Mrs.

Surovec's favorite thing about Saint Joes is being with great people. If she could only eat one food for the rest of her life she would choose chocolate covered caramels. Her favorite place to travel would be the west and midwest. A fun fact about Mrs. Surovec is that she loves to do puzzles.

Mrs. Sharon Crain: Mrs.

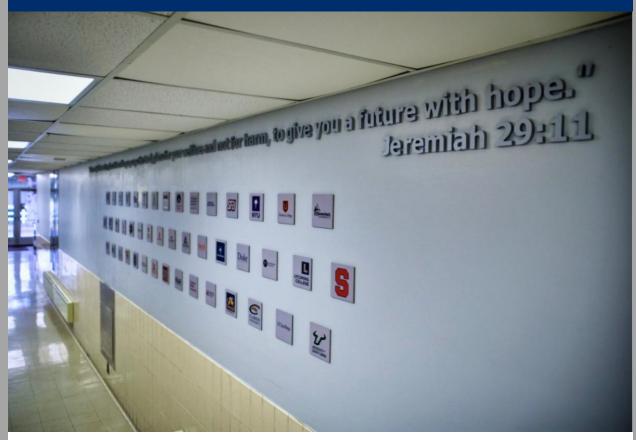
Crain's says her favorite thing about Saint Joe's is "I love feeding the Students and Staff. It is a very rewarding job". Her favorite food is peanut butter filled donuts. If she could travel anywhere in the world where she would go to Hawaii. Something that students may not know about Mrs. Crain is that she loves to cruise around in her 1987 Camaro, do water aerobics, and go shopping. Mr. Terry Benson: Mr. Benson's favorite thing about St. Joes is the prank wars with students and staff, the family atmosphere, and letting Mrs. Cunningham know PSU is better than Notre Dame. His all time favorite food is the Fudrucker's burger and he would like to travel to Alaska to watch a grizzly catch a salmon. A fun fact about Mr. Benson is that he is color blind and on his days off he enjoys going for drives with his wife with no destination and stopping at goodwills on the way as well as coaching wrestling.

MARCH STAFF SPOTLIGHT



FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT & CUSTODIANS

College Corner



Senior Checklist to College Readiness

1. Meet with your counselor to go over your graduation requirements and plan.

2. Visit as many colleges if possible. If you can't visit in person, do virtual tours.

- 3. Request an updated senior transcript be sent to the colleges of your choice.
- 4. Ask specific recommenders to write you a letter of recommendation.
- 5. Request your letters of recommendation be sent to the colleges of your choice.
- 6. Fill out your FAFSA Application and any Scholarships Opportunities.

7. Focus on dates and deadlines for your college applications, FAFSA application and scholarships.

8. Send SAT or ACT scores to the colleges of your choice. (Only if requested by your specific college).

9. If you are student-athlete, fill out the NCAA requirements and contact college coaches.

10. Check your college portals to see if you have items still needed to complete the college application process.

May 1st is College Decision Day!

This is an exciting time for our Seniors! Soon they will be making a very important decision regarding their next step after high school. Below is information for seniors to make sure they have completed before May 1st (Decision Day).

- Watch your email for notifications from your colleges or go to your college portals for notifications
- Check out your options if you're put on a waitlist
- Compare Financial Aid packages
- Prepare for the last standardized tests if needed
- Make your final college decision before May 1st
- Follow up on financial aid information
- · Complete enrollment paperwork for your college you will attend
- Fill out paperwork from Saint Joe's on your senior plans and scholarships

Being prepared to make the next step after high school is crucial for success!!!

Junior Checklist to College Readiness

1. Identify your goals and priorities

2. Research the type of career and training you will need by visitingO*NET Online

3. Explore the schools that offer the training and degrees that you might be interested in attending.

4. Make sure the classes you are taking at Saint Joseph's match with what you would need to take for your degree or to get into the field you are interested in at that college.

5. Discuss options with your parents or guardians about schools and career options.

6. Discuss how to pay for college (parents will pay, or will you be paying for college)?

7. Login to CollegeBoard.org to make an account to register for the SAT or ACT exams. If you already have an account from taking the PSAT testing last year, you will use the same login.

8. Take at least two standardized tests (SAT or ACT) before the end of the summer after your junior year. If you can't get two tests in before the end of the summer, you must have all of your testing done by October in order to begin the application process to colleges for early action (November 1st) in your senior year.

9. Identify the colleges you would like to visit. Please try to visit at least 5 to 6 colleges before October of your senior year.

10. For each college you visit/have interest, go to the admissions or undergraduate admissions tab to create a login account for that college.

11. Set up a day to visit that college. Make sure you bring questions to ask about the college. Research what the college has to offer for your degree or college activities. Also research the career placement in your field at that college.

12. If you are a student athlete looking to play in college D-1, D-2 or D-3, please make sure you fill out the NCAA Eligibility form by going

to ncaa.org/playcollegesportseligibiltycenter.org . You must have this form filled out if you are planning to play competitive sports in college.

13. Start researching scholarship opportunities at:

CollegeNet.com Fastweb.com CollegeBoard.com MySmartBorrowing.org

College Resources

PHEAA.org

PA State Grant Program and other state-administered financial aid programs. MySmartBorrowing.org An Interactive tool that helps you calculate and compare the cost of your college choices. Studentaid.gov Info on preparing for and funding your education and excellent resource for questions regarding federal aid. Studentaid.gov/aid-summary A central database containing info about your federal loans and grants. PHEAA.org/PAForward PA Forward Private Student Loans Fastweb.com Free search tool for scholarships, internships, and part-time jobs. Collegecost.ed.gov

Links to colleges' net price calculators

2020-21 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines Outside of Saint Joseph's

May 8, 2021	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	April 8, 2021	April 20, 2021 (for mailed registrations) April 27, 2021 (for registrations online or by phone)	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	See SAT Subject Tests available on this date	May 6, 2021	May 18, 2021 (for mailed registrations) May 26, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)	May 26, 2021

2020-2021 ACT Test Dates (act.org)

June 12 - must register online by May 7, 2021 July 17 - must register online by June 18, 2021

Important Dates

Out of Uniform Days March 26th, 29th, 30th

> Easter Break April 1st-5th

Enrichment Day (Leadership) April 16th

> Out of Uniform Day April 30th

Athletic Events

Go to SJCAsports.org for an athletic schedule.

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