



# Saint Joseph's

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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### A Message from Ms. Mallett

It has been quite a ride and with all that we've been through, we actually came out on top. I've been so proud of our efforts as a school. Everyone that is a part of Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy should celebrate that we made the best of all the challenges this past year gave us. Our teachers and staff made it a mission to ensure that no matter what, we were going to educate your student to the best of our abilities each and every day. They succeeded; and so did our students! The students overcame a lot and they will all remember this year when they look back on their education. Throughout this past year the students and teachers never met a task they weren't able to overcome. And they did so with flying colors!

To our lunch crew – thank you for working tirelessly to feed us each day. To our facilities crew – thank you for moving things around – here, there and everywhere and keeping our school looking beautiful.

To our staff – thank you for being willing to help out whenever needed and doing so with a smile. To our teachers – thank you for being absolute rock stars each and every day. Our students will remember you! To our administrative team – thank you for keeping things organized and this building running smoothly each day. To our families – thank you for supporting us every step of the way and giving us encouragement when needed. To our students – You will remember this year and what you went through – and you did awesome! You lived, laughed, and learned all along the way. I wish all of you the best and have a great summer.



## Welcome Reverend Michael A. Pleva!

REVEREND MICHAEL A. PLEVA, appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College, Chaplain of Saint Joseph's Academy, Boalsburg, and Chaplain of Mount Nittany Medical Center, State College, effective June 7, 2021.



## Graduation



On May 22nd, Saint Joseph's held its eighth graduation, for the second time on the Saint Joseph's campus. Twenty graduates, friends and families, faculty and staff gathered on the sunny Saturday morning to begin the day with a Baccalaureate Mass in the Robert and Alice Thomas Student Life Center. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak, provided a perfect opening for our day of celebration. Members of the school's A Cappella choir provided music that included traditional hymns and school favorites, while members of the Class of 2021 participated in the Mass through readings. Bishop Bartchak's Homily reminded graduates about the importance of not only being leaders in life, but followers of Jesus. At the end of the Mass, seniors lovingly distributed roses to many of the special people who had supported them on the journey to this day.

Saint Joseph's eighth Commencement Exercises began with the traditional march of graduates, followed by the faculty, dressed alike in traditional black robes and the faculty sporting an impressive array of academic regalia. Senior members of the A Cappella choir opened the ceremony with a singing of the national anthem, followed by an opening prayer. Head of School Jennifer Mallett spoke movingly of her time with the seniors next, and then had seniors don the special gift she gave to each of them as they entered the building, a Saint Joseph medal.

President of the Board of Trustees Mr. Robert Thomas addressed the senior class and commended them on achieving excellence throughout a difficult year. Senior Landon Katancik addressed the senior class, bidding them to join him in remembering their four years here.

The coveted pillar awards were announced next. The faith award was given to Leland Calistri for his ability to recognize the presence of Christ in himself and others by helping us to celebrate our faith as a community and by sharing his faith through campus ministry. Clare Marsh earned the scholarship award for commitment to personal goals for academic excellence, tackling rigorous academic courses in world languages and cultures, the sciences and engineering, the humanities and the arts, and applying herself seriously to theology and diverse electives. Her integrity, accountability, and respect for others within the community while adhering to the school-wide honor code for academics and personal behavior earned Camryn Eby the leadership award. Jonah Clark earned the service award for his commitment to making a positive difference in school, in the community, and in the world by setting standards for future civic responsibilities. The final award given was the Spirit of Saint Joseph. Reece Bloom earned this award for exemplifying the four pillars of the school's mission.

Finally, the big moment arrived as Theology teacher Nick Astle called each graduate to the stage to receive his or her diploma from Board of Trustees President Robert Thomas. Following the traditional changing of the tassels, graduate Leland Calistri gave his class his last bit of advice as he enjoined them to "be where your feet are" and to take advantage of every moment given to you in life. A Cappella took center stage to deliver a moving rendition of "Hey" by the Lumineers. Closing remarks by Jennifer Mallett preceded an emotionally charged final recession by the Class of 2021 from the building and into the receiving line of faculty for one last congratulatory before celebrating with family and friends.

We are so proud of every member of the Class of 2021 and wish them all the

best as they go forth in faith and in love!

## Athletic Awards



## Academic Awards





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## Art Slideshow 2021



Aaron Kwock



# Athletic Updates & Information

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



Dear WolfPack Community,

As we wind down the school year, I want to thank the Coaches, the Back the Pack Supporters, the Board of Directors, parents, and the faculty & staff for your support of our student-athletes and all you do to make WolfPack athletic programs excellent. I especially want to thank our student-athletes for their dedication to their education and field of play. What a blessing it is to be a part of the Saint Joseph's WolfPack community. We were able to recognize and celebrate our student-athletes in a Sports Assembly that was held during graduation week. Please check out our social media pages for photos of this event. Please reach out to our student-athletes to offer congratulations and support!

**Spring Recap:** Under the direction of a new coaching staff, baseball continued their postseason run by earning a trip to the District VI Class A quarterfinals. The WolfPack led most of the way but Juniata Valley rallied late and pulled out the 5-2 victory. The team finished with a 5-9 regular season record.

After being shut down for the inaugural season in 2020, the softball team had a lot of "firsts" this year. First strikeout, homerun, double play, win, and much more! The team fought hard, never gave-up, and encouraged each other along the way. The ten young ladies on this team will be in the history books as playing the first official season for the Pack. The team finished with a 1-11 regular season record.

The Track and Field teams accomplished a lot this season during their invitational meets. The team sent 21 student-athletes to the District VI meet. The 4x800 Boys Relay Team (Jonah Clark, Josh Hershbine, Asa Reynolds, & Brendan Scanlon) took second which qualified them for the state championships. Jonah also qualified to compete in the 800m race.

Clare Marsh earned a trip to the state championships by running past the field in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. The 4x400 Girls Relay Team (Camryn Eby, Tara Hershbine, Clare Marsh, & Kathleen Simander) brought home gold and will be heading to the state championships as well. Kathleen will be competing in the 800m race.

**Media Updates:** Please continue to visit <https://www.instagram.com/saintjoescatholicacad/>, <https://twitter.com/goSJCASports> & [www.SJCASports.org](https://www.SJCASports.org) to follow the happenings around campus and to get up-to-date information and results

regarding our events.

### Planning Ahead 2021-22

(1) Our WolfPack team/fan store will be launched in June. This will ensure all items are here for the start of the 2021-22 school year. (2) Student-athletes can start getting fall physicals beginning June 1. The physical form can be found at [SJCAsports.org](http://SJCAsports.org). (3) We will look to schedule a Back the Pack (PAAC) meeting in July. More information will be coming soon! Parents we need your help with the PAAC!

Thank you again for all your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me [jrodkey@sjcacademy.org](mailto:jrodkey@sjcacademy.org)

Blessings & Go Wolfpack!

Dr. Justin Rodkey, Director of Athletics & Activities

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## Saint Joe's Evan Roach Throws First No-Hitter in Program History

Throwing a no hitter in baseball is an impressive feat. Throwing a no hitter against the number one team out of District Four as well as the number six team in the state for single A baseball an even more impressive feat. That is exactly what Saint Joseph's junior Evan Roach did in his 2-0 victory against Neumann.

Entering the game, Neumann boasted a remarkable 12-1 record while Saint Joe's was 2-7. So how does one approach such a tough opponent? Stick to the game plan. "I was not thinking about how good the other team was going to be, but rather what my game plan was going into the first inning and so on."

After a shaky start in the first inning—hitting two batters and loading the bases—Roach settled in and stuck to his game plan. "My 4-seam fastball on the outside corner and my curveball had the batters guessing the whole game. The 4-seam fastball on the outside corner was my best friend the entire game."

As the game continued on, Roach had no clue that he was making history for the Saint Joseph's program. The baseball program has only been in existence since 2015 and this is the first no hitter thrown for Saint Joe's.

Saint Joseph's Director of Athletics and Activities Dr. Justin Rodkey recognizes this accomplishment for Roach saying, "It's always exciting when someone



achieves a first. Pitching a no hitter is no easy task. Pitching the first no hitter in program history is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I am excited for Evan, his teammates, and the coaches. I hope he understands the significance of this special accomplishment."

During the game, Roach did not even realize that he had a no-hitter in the works. "It was an unreal moment for me because at the time, I had no idea I had just thrown a no-hitter—let alone the first one in school history. I remember coming out after the last strike out of the game not even knowing what I had just done and the parent doing game changer came up to me and the team and said I had thrown a no hitter and the team went crazy. It did not really hit me until the bus ride home when I looked back at the game, and realized that all the long hours practicing, and getting myself better had paid off. That is a great feeling that I will be sure the remember."

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**Congratulations to the following student-athletes for signing their national letters of intent to continue their education and athletic careers at the collegiate level: Morgan Wolf (Thiel - Softball), Amonn Ohl (Edinboro - Wrestling), Clare Marsh (Catholic University of America - Track and Field), and Noah Straub (Saint Vincent - Basketball).**







## Development & Advancement



### Centre Gives Raises \$23,165!

A huge thank you goes to everyone who supported Saint Joseph's through Centre Gives on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Through your generosity, we raised \$23,165 in donations for the Joseph's Fund! This is a big increase from last year's total of \$6,415 in donations (\$7,845 total with the stretch pool bonuses). We expect our total will rise to potentially more than \$25,000 with stretch pool bonuses and our \$500 prize for winning the Tea-Time Power Hour! Thank you for donating during this Power Hour! We are so blessed to have people like you impacting the lives of our students and families!

### Submit Your Nomination 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/>

## **"Barbecue Wines that Rock"**

**Only 2 Spots Remain for this event on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at Centre Hills Country Club**

### **EVENT DETAILS**

- \$75 per person
- Limited to 30 participants
- Centre Hills Wine Educator and Event Director, Jamie Ryan, will present

### **Barbecue Wines that Rock**

- Event starts at 5:00pm
- Dressy Casual Event that will be a relaxed, interactive, and fun evening!
- Reservations are required.
- Register online at <https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/wine-tasting/> or Contact Susan at [srobinson@stjoeacad.org](mailto:srobinson@stjoeacad.org) or call her at 814-808-6118 to reserve your spot.

**Our Four Pillars Golf Tournament Fundraiser Supporting Back the Pack on June 7, 2021 at Centre Hills Country Club is Sold Out for Participating Golfers.**

If you wish to be put on a waiting list in case of any cancellations please contact Susan Robinson Fruchtl directly. Contact Susan at [srobinson@stjoeacad.org](mailto:srobinson@stjoeacad.org) or call 814-808-6118.

### **Sponsorships Still Being Accepted Until June 1, 2021:**

#### **Tee Sponsors (\$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 Sponsors (\$100)**

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

### **EVENT DETAILS**

**Individual Golfer: \$200\***

**Foursome: \$650\***

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

Registration with lunch begins @ 11:30am

Four-player Scramble Shotgun Start @ 12:30pm

### **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](mailto:srobinson@stjoeacad.org), call her at 814-808-6118, or go to our website at <https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/named-scholarship-program/>

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## 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 spotlight this month is Nick Shearer (Class of 2017). Thanks to Nick for sharing about his journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted him. It's great to hear how Nick is utilizing his Saint Joe's experience as he begins his career!



Nick with his parents, Deb & Rob Shearer, at his graduation from The University of Dayton in May 2021.

**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 the University of Dayton's School of Business Administration and majored in Finance. Some of my favorite memories from Dayton involve making amazing friends, ESPN's College Gameday coming to Dayton last year, hanging out on our porch in the student neighborhood, and presenting my research in the Stander Symposium.

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

In June I will be starting a full-time position with Fisher Investments in Tampa, Florida.

What attracted me to Fisher Investments is not only are they a well-respected investment firm as one of the top-rated fee based firms, but they have an inviting company culture. Fisher values teamwork and enterprise-wide success. There is great opportunity for advancement within the firm, which was a big draw for me.

Fisher also values the client's goals greatly, allowing our money managers to tailor portfolios to fit exactly what clients need. As a client service representative, I am excited for the opportunity to start my career with a lot of engagement with customers in a team-work oriented environment, as well as learning the ins and outs of the investment space. The value Fisher places on helping the client, forming relationships, and being proactive in that process were other major things that drew me to Fisher. In short, I am excited to start my career in a job that puts me right in the heart of the investment space. I am also looking forward to enjoying some advantages of living in Florida such as the climate. Warm weather year-round is a great reason to play a lot of golf which I enjoy and being close to the beach is a bonus. Overall, Tampa is an emerging city with exciting opportunities.

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

I enjoy playing the guitar, golfing with my friends, and playing pickup basketball.

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

Saint Joe's instilled the four pillars into my life. SJCA taught me to explore my own faith, to spread the word to others, and to live every day in his glory. SJCA taught me to be a servant, to always put others first, to seek out ways to help those around me, and to be willing to help those in need. SJCA taught me to be a scholar, always challenging my mind, to be thoughtful and inquisitive, and to never back down from a challenge. SJCA taught me to be a leader, to always take on my own responsibilities, to encourage and inspire others, and, no matter what position I am in, hold myself to the high standard of a leader.

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

"Goodness is the only investment that never fails" - Henry David Thoreau

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# Why Saint Joseph's?

"Saint Joe's is a close-knit community where you can branch out and explore new things."

A. Ohmoto  
WolfPack Ambassador  
Class of 2023



Apply Now for Fall 2021  
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## Important Dates

Barbecue Wines that Rock  
June 6th

Four Pillars Golf Tournament  
June 7th

## Athletic Events

Go to [SJCAports.org](http://SJCAports.org) for an athletic schedule.

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