



THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, Boalsburg, PA

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

It's summer!! Whew - we all made it. A year ago at our annual Board Retreat, we were not sure what this year was going to bring. We made plans to be in-person, and then we made contingency plans for whatever COVID might bring to our year. We are so proud of and grateful for our community:

- teachers and staff who re-engineered everything to be as close to "normal" for our students as possible,
- families who kept sick kids home and aided in contact tracing efforts, and were understanding of spectator limitations for sports,
- parents who helped with "treats" each month to support faculty/staff morale, and
- donors and key stakeholders who provided support for added expenses related to COVID.

Community is the bedrock of this school and in a year that challenged us all, **TOGETHER** we provided an incomparable, in-person educational experience for our students. **THANK YOU!**

Last summer at our annual Board retreat, we discussed the importance of increasing access to Board membership. We had a great response to our application process and as a result we have expanded the size of the Board of Trustees! We have forwarded the names of selected individuals to the Bishop for approval (per our bylaws) and we look forward to announcing our new members in our August newsletter!

BOARD CALENDAR



April 2021

- Board of Trustees candidate interviews
- Annual Stakeholder Meeting - thanks to all who attended!

May 2021

- Sent list of selected Trustees to the Bishop for approval per our bylaws.
- May 22 Mass and Commencement - Congratulations Class of 2021!!

Summer 2021

- June 6th Wine Tasting and June 7th Golf Outing at Centre Hills Country Club. Attendance is **SOLD OUT!!** Limited Tee and Green Sponsorships still available - info is on the school website.
- New Trustee Orientation
- Summer Board Retreat

HELP WANTED

This year a small group of senior class parents decided to show appreciation to our faculty & staff each month through "Teacher Treats" - snacks and thank you notes provided the last Friday of each month. We'd love for this to continue next year but it needs a coordinator! Because our families are so generous, this is a minimal time commitment. Contact Jennifer Cross at JennCrossPLS@gmail.com if interested!

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We also want to give our heartfelt thanks to Jeff Dawson and Jennifer Cross whose Board terms are ending this summer. Jeff faithfully served as our Board Secretary and liaison for school IT development for 12 years! Jennifer served for 5 years and brought her strategic planning lens to many projects including the development of a Board policy handbook, new processes for Trustee recruitment and orientation, and Trustee communication initiatives (newsletter, stakeholders meetings, etc.) Thank you both for your faithful dedication to Saint Joe's and we know you will continue your involvement in other ways!

The Board of Trustees wishes all of you a restful summer!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our first ever true Annual Fund has raised \$118,800 to date to support Saint Joe's! In a year where COVID made it difficult to have our traditional fundraisers and events, your support of our Annual Fund was GREATLY appreciated!! We've been praying for 100% participation and there is still time to give before June 30th. Click the DONATE button on our website to make your gift today! No donation is too small and our students are grateful for your support!

SAINT JOE'S WEBSITE AND CALENDAR

Have you been to the school website lately? The school calendar is a great place to find information about school events and activities! You can find it at stjoeacad.org so take a look and if you have other suggestions for things you'd like to see there, email your ideas to admin@stjoeacad.org!

A Summer Prayer for the Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Community

Please pray aloud with your family

Almighty Father,

As we conclude our academic year, let us approach this summer with joy and possibility. Allow us to find moments to rest in you: to renew our spirits from the stress of this past year and to dwell in gratitude for all of the blessings you have shown our community. Lift up those who are weary and fill them with peace and renewed optimism.

And when we have rested, help each of us to hear how you are calling us to serve and contribute our gifts to this school family in the coming year. Draw us ever closer to you in thanksgiving for all we have - including the blessing of this community - as we place our trust in you for a happy and healthy summer.

Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



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1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.



The 2020-21 Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Board of Trustees gathered in May for new Trustee interviews. Pictured left to right: Dr. John Pagnotto, Jeffrey Dawson, Rob Shearer, Jennifer Cross, Rob Thomas, Larry Thorwart, Jerry Calistri and Joe Rogacs.

VISION, MISSION AND BELIEFS

VISION

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy develops the next generation of Christian leaders who embody our four pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service.

MISSION

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy educates and prepares young women and men for lives of purpose in a global society through:

- a Catholic values-based environment that nurtures each individual's relationship with Jesus Christ
- a compelling and challenging curriculum focused on academic inquiry and critical thinking
- the identification, growth and development of personal leadership skills combined with the opportunity and courage to practice them
- engaged and generous community service and philanthropy
- a foundation of inherent caring, integrity and respect

WE BELIEVE

- Christ is the reason for this school, therefore we are all called to be visible signs of the Gospel message in our daily lives
- a Catholic education teaches faith, scholarship, leadership, and service
- faith formation is a collaboration between school, family and community
- each person has dignity and worth
- instruction and assessment must provide for the diverse needs and abilities of all students
- in continuous improvement through research, ongoing education, and implementation of best practices