



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Keep an eye out for Saint Joseph's commercial!

This commercial features Saint Joe's alumni Kathleen Simander and Jonah Clark alongside several other talented Saint Joe's students.

Back to School Picnic

As the start to the 2021-2022 school year is about to begin, we wanted to invite all Saint Joseph's families to attend a Back to School Picnic! Everyone will have the opportunity to gather in community, meet the teachers, and have some fun!

When: Sunday, August 16, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Tussey Mountain Fun Center

Each grade level should provide the following:

9th & 10th Grade: Finger Foods

11th Grade: Veggie Trays

12th Grade: Desserts

Families should bring their own drinks (no alcohol permitted)
Families may pay for Fun Center Activities (mini-golf, par 3 golf, driving range,
skate park, go-kart, batting cage)



Athletic Updates & Information

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



Dear WolfPack Community,

Summer is moving a long and the fall sports season is right around the corner. We are excited for the upcoming seasons. As of now, we are anticipating operating at pre-Covid capacity and getting fans back in the stands. Please visit <https://sjcasports.org/> for more information on all things sports. We appreciate your understanding, patience, and cooperation as we look to get back to action this fall.

Summer Open Gym

Open gyms have started and all seems to be going well. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to the sport coach <https://sjcasports.org/main/otherad/contentID/50113316> or contact the athletic office for more information. We offer a number of athletic opportunities here at SJCA and it's important that we have full rosters. Thus, please consider being a part of the WolfPack!

Sports Physicals Reminder

Please remember to schedule your physicals for the 2021-22 sports season. Official practices begin August 16th. All forms need to be submitted and approved by the Athletic Trainer before that date in order to begin participating. Please have your doctor complete section six of this form <https://sjcasports.org/library/files/146703/files/PIAA%20CIPPE%20FORM%20NEW%204-2021.pdf>

Online Athlete Registration

Please visit <https://sjcasports.org/main/otherad/contentID/52816921> to find out more information on how to register for the 2021-22 sports season. You can register your student-athletes today. A follow-up email will be sent to all parents and students to let them know this feature is active. The Athlete Registration link can be found under the "Fan Zone" tab. Our hope is to streamline the process and we hope you will find this new tool beneficial. Please register your student-athlete today!

Fall Sports Meeting

A welcome back video will be sent in early August regarding fall sports information as teams will meet separately. More details will be sent via email.

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. Our first in-person meeting will be August 12.

Our programs cannot be successful without your support. Thank you for all your time and efforts. We are looking forward to another exciting and successful 2021-22 campaign. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me jrodkey@sjcademy.org

Blessings & Go Wolfpack!

Dr. Justin Rodkey, Director of Athletics & Activities

Development & Advancement

The Grand Total is in for Centre Gives!



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/>

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) Fall Timeline

Individuals or Businesses may designate their state taxes that are owed to the PA Dept. of Revenue to Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy for tuition assistance.

Who can participate?

- Individuals or businesses with a PA Tax Liability of at least \$3,500 may qualify to participate. See your latest Form PA-40 Line 12 for your PA Tax Liability amount.
- For individuals or couples (married filing jointly), one must work for a business, own a business or own stock in a company that does business in the state of Pennsylvania. Individuals may live outside of PA and still participate if they own such stock. You must have PA State Tax Liability.
- Retirees must own a small business (receive an annual K-1 form) or work for a business (receive and annual W-2 form) or own stock in a company that does business in the state of PA. Some retirees qualify due to side jobs or residual ownership of businesses and some do not. We can work with you to confirm qualification status. Retirees may live outside of PA and still participate if they own stock in a company that does business in the state of Pennsylvania. You must have PA State Tax Liability.

Application Process and Recommended Fall Timeline for the 2021 Tax Year

- Communicate to *Susan Robinson Fruchtl, Director of Development & Advancement* at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, that you would like to be an EITC Donor for Saint Joseph's. Contact information is listed

below.

·Complete the "Joinder" agreement form provided to you and return to Susan by **September 10, 2021**. Please **do not** send a check with the agreement form.

·Joinder will be forwarded to Tami Clark with the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund (CPSF) by September 15, 2021.

·The CPSF will contact you via email if you have provided your email address when it receives your joinder agreement confirming it's receipt.

·Donor will receive a copy of the award letter from the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) most likely in October when the CPSF has been notified it has been awarded tax credits. This communication will also include information regarding your approval as an EITC donor to the CPSF.

·You will then send your capital contribution directly to the Special Purpose Entity (SPE) as stated in the letter from DCED so it arrives by **the due date on the letter, typically November 15th**. *Please note Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy on the memo line of your check.

·Donor will receive the following tax documents from their partnership in the Special Purpose Entity in February/March 2022.

·Schedule K-1 – indicates the members share in the SPE and used when filing Federal and State Income Tax Return.

·PA Department of Revenue form 1123 for the SPE – this verifies that the tax credit exists for the SPE and the member's personal portion has been transferred to their Tax ID or Social Security Number when filing PA State Income Tax Return. **This is a copy for your records, CPSF files these with the state for you.**

·Donor (business or individual) will receive credit against your PA State Taxes for 90% of that amount each year you participate. This credit will be processed starting in July 2022. You should receive your tax credit by September/October of 2022.

·Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy will receive 100% of the donor's contribution for tuition assistance.

·The Central PA Scholarship Fund will contact you about renewing your partnership for the 2022 tax year in the summer of 2022.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Hall of Fame Selection Update

Be on the look-out for announcements regarding the 2021 class selection soon!

Joseph's Annual Fund Update

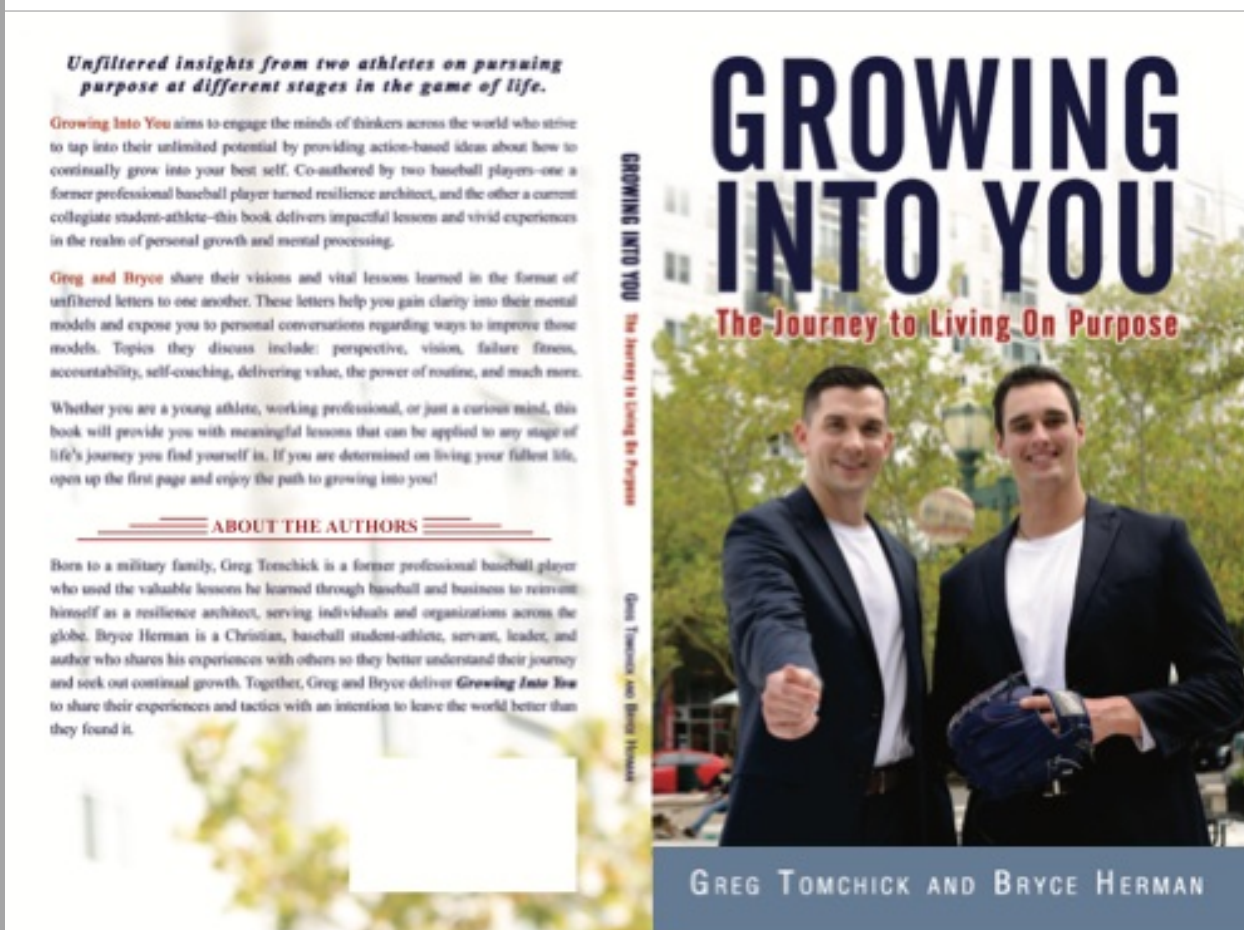
The 2020-21 Joseph's Annual Fund closed out the fiscal year on June 30, 2021. We are excited to announce that our benefactors contributed over \$120,000 to last year's annual fund which supported our tuition assistance program, our technology program, and other critical needs during the past year. THANK YOU to everyone who has given their financial resources, their time, and their prayers in the past year!

While we will begin promoting the 2021-2022 Annual Fund Drive more in the fall after classes begin, you can always give to our annual fund! Continue to be *All In* for Saint Joseph's by giving online today at <https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/josephs-annual-fund/>

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 Bryce Herman (Class of 2018). Thanks to Bryce for sharing about his journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted him. Bryce is doing some wonderful things to impact the lives of others in a very positive way! Susan met with Bryce via Zoom to discuss his journey and how he is impacting the world around him.



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Bryce is currently attending Thomas Jefferson University located in Philadelphia, PA where he is in the Honors College. He is a pitcher for the baseball team, President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and President of Delta Mu Delta Business Honors Society. Bryce finished his undergrad in Finance in only three years graduating at the top of his class in the business school at

Thomas Jefferson and is now working toward a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Taxation. Bryce is serving as a Financial Planning Intern with Ronald Blue Trust in Maryland this summer. Ronald Blue Trust is a full-service Christian financial planning company with 16 locations across the United States. Bryce will return to Thomas Jefferson in the fall, play one more year with the baseball program, and finish his MBA. He will also continue to organize and direct a student-athlete Bible study which he started at Thomas Jefferson.

Spending all four years of high school at Saint Joseph's, Bryce was a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. He was also the President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Bryce was a two-year captain on the SJCA baseball team as well as the only inaugural member to play all 4 years. He is very proud to have been someone who helped our baseball program get started.

A major accomplishment in the past year is that Bryce is now a published author. In 2020, Bryce co-authored his first book with his friend and mentor, Greg Tomchick, titled "Growing Into You – The Journey to Living on Purpose".

It was awesome to speak to Bryce about the book and the journey it took to see this come to fruition. He never dreamed of writing a book but after many conversations with Greg over the years and fighting through a time of adversity with an injury during the pandemic, they decided to write the book to serve others who might be going through a similar journey. In speaking with Bryce, it is obvious he has a huge heart to serve others and grow God's kingdom. He hopes those that read it will be able to gain practical tools and apply them to life. One example where he sees that taking place already is that some college athletes have responded favorably to the visualization tools in their book. Bryce says he isn't planning on writing another book immediately, but he hopes to do more speaking events in the future about the book.

After getting to know Bryce, he really seems to be applying our Four Pillars of Faith, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service in a big way, not only through this book, but in his everyday life. Once he finishes the MBA, he hopes to work full-time for Ronald Blue Trust in their professional sports division.

Here are some other fun and interesting things regarding Bryce and his passions...

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

I really enjoy working out, playing baseball, fishing, hiking, reading, playing cards, and traveling.

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

Saint Joe's impacted me in a

lot of ways but one of the main areas was in my Faith life. By having mass, theology class, and chapel often, I was able to learn more about God and able to grow more in my faith journey as a result. Another main area I would like to touch upon is academic rigor. Because SJCA challenged me academically, it has helped me forge a strong mindset in tackling college, work, and anything else I do. I could go on but those are two highlights!



Any family updates or other updates you want to include?

My father, Greg, got a new job working for the Department of Homeland Security in their Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction: Mobile Detection Deployment Program. He is loving that, and it is so great to see!

Tell a little more about the things you are most passionate about.

This is a loaded prompt, but I would say I am passionate about serving others, learning, and growing. I am blessed to be involved with a number of wonderful organizations and opportunities that allow me to do one/all of these things.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses?

Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"

Advice you would give to current Saint Joe's students?

Set yourself apart. I would recommend finding things you love to do/are good at and trying to be the best at them. Aim to stand out in a group of people and seek to genuinely care for those around you.



Senior Year College Readiness Plan

You can save yourself a lot of stress if you start thinking about what you would like to do in college while you are still in high school. The earlier you prepare, the more time you will have to adjust your plans if you change your mind or dig deeper into what you're really passionate about. Preparing early is the key to get into the school of your choice.

Summer after your Junior Year College Readiness Plan

- Work on College Essays
- Begin to fill out the Common Application
- Ask for recommendations
- Continue to visit as many college campuses as possible
- Update your transcript (resume) to include relevant summer activities
- Adjust your college lists
- Contact college coaches if you are looking to play a sport in college and fill out the NCAA form.
- Take SAT/ACT again if needed

Getting to Know the College Admissions Process: From Applications to Acceptance Letters
<https://www.publicservicedegrees.org/college-admissions/>

Fall of your Senior Year College Readiness Plan

The new application process for 2021-2022 opens **August 1st** for most schools, but most schools will accept applications for Early Action or Early Decision no later than **Nov 1st 2021**.

Early Action (EA) is a non-binding admissions process, in which a student who is accepted at that school has a choice about whether to attend that college.

Early Decision (ED) is a binding admissions process. in which a student is required to attend that school if accepted.

Shift your application process in high gear:

- Take SAT/ACT one more time
- Begin to apply to your top 5 colleges by **Nov 1st**
- Meet with your high school counselor
- Complete the Common Application

Apply for Scholarships

Ask for recommendations from teachers, counselor, coach, boss, etc

Apply to FAFSA (Federal Student Aid) beginning Oct 1st

Junior Year College Readiness Plan

Meet with school counselor at the beginning of the first quarter

Go over your GPA and transcript (resume) with school counselor

Consider visiting at least 5 colleges

Take SAT/ACT at least twice/three times

Take the PSAT/NMSQT for National Merit Scholarship

Look into scholarships

Build Community Service Hours

Build your high school curriculum

Sophomore and Freshman Year College Readiness Plan

Meet with school counselor

Take PRE-ACT Freshmen Year

Take PSAT/NMSQT Sophomore Year

Join Extracurricular Activities

Begin to build your transcript (resume)

Research Careers

Helpful Links

Will College campuses return to normal in the Fall 2021-2022?

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/blog/college-campus-covid-19-guidelines-fall/>

Applying for Scholarships Junior Year

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/school-year/high-school-junior>

Scholarship Opportunity

<https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/top-scholarships-for-high-school-juniors/><https://www.pinterest.com/pin/35114072084643456/>

10th Grade Checklist to College Readiness

<https://www.slu.edu/beabilliken/quizzes-checklists/checklist-tenth-grade.php>

9th Grade Checklist to College Readiness

<https://www.collegetransitions.com/blog/how-should-9th-graders-prepare-for-college/>

College Resources

PA State Grant Program and other state-administered financial aid programs.

PHEAA.org

An Interactive tool that helps you calculate and compare the cost of your college choices.

MySmartBorrowing.org

Info on preparing for and funding your education and excellent resources for questions regarding federal aid.

Studentaid.gov

A central database containing info about your federal loans and grants.

Studentaid.gov/aid-summary

PA Forward Private Student Loans

PHEAA.org/PAMForward

Free search tool for scholarships, internships, and part-time jobs.

Fastweb.com

2021-22 SAT School Day Test Dates Held at Saint Joseph's

Test Date	Score Release Date
October 13, 2021	November 2, 2021
October 28, 2021	November 19, 2021
March 2, 2022	March 24, 2022
March 23, 2022	April 15, 2022
April 13, 2022	May 4, 2022
April 26, 2022	May 18, 2022

2021-22 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines Outside of Saint Joseph's

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline & Deadline for Changes
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	August 17, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022 (for registrations made online or by phone)
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022 (for registrations made online or by phone)
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022 (for registrations made online or by phone)

Test Date	Registration Deadline & Late Registration Deadline	Estimated Score Release
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021 & August 20, 2021	September 27- November 5, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021 & October 1, 2021	November 9- December 30, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021 & November 19, 2021	December 21- February 4, 2022
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022 & January 21, 2022	February 25- April 7, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022 & March 11, 2022	April 12- June 23, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022 & May 20, 2022	June 21- August 5, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022 & June 24, 2022	July 26- September 9, 2022

Important Dates

Summer Office Hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First Day of Classes
August 16, 2021

First All-School Mass
August 19, 2021

All-School Retreat
August 23, 2021

Athletic Events

Go to SJCASports.org for an athletic schedule.

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