



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC ACADEMY



A Message from Ms. Mallett

**Saint Joe's Donor Appreciation week is scheduled for
October 11th - October 15th.**

Donor Appreciation Week honors everything **you** do answering the Saint Joe's call to pray, learn, lead, and serve. We honor and give thanks-- to you-- our donors and we are celebrating your generosity all week. We want to say thank you for everything you do to support the Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy!

Whether you are an alum, parent, faculty or staff member, friend, or student, the generosity of your time, talents, or financial gifts make Saint Joe's better every year.

As we celebrate your legacy and vision for our shared future, The **All In** Annual Fund kicks off on Monday, October 18th. Not only will there be education about how your support makes a major difference on our campus, but there's also a clear focus on showing our students that they will forever be what few can claim a member of the WolfPack.

My Best,

Catholic Education

Catholic school education has a long and successful history in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, reaching back to its roots in the 1840s. Today we walk in the footsteps of the teachers, administrators, clergy, and religious who forged the rich traditions we enjoy and build on today. All of us are blessed to have our 13 Catholic elementary schools and four independent Catholic high schools continuing that tradition and success.

To the many who work with and support our schools, parents, faculty and staff, pastors, administrators, students, alumni, friends and supporters, we are truly grateful for your faith, generosity, and sacrifice. Because of you, the value and benefits of a Catholic education are evident and clear. The challenge now is to keep that legacy alive and growing in the future. This will require hard work, especially among the many challenges facing us today, to ensure that Catholic education remains available, accessible, and affordable for those who desire what our schools have to offer them.

In looking to ensure the continuing success of our schools, the diocese – in collaboration with the Office of Education – is initiating “To PROCLAIM and TEACH,” a strategic growth planning process that will focus on Catholic school vitality and sustainability. This initiative originated with the Independent Catholic Foundation and its concern for the fiscal viability and long-term sustainability of Catholic education in the diocese. Foundation leaders approached Bishop Bartchak with the idea of taking a broader and proactive approach by conducting a planning process that engages all schools with a comprehensive look involving Catholic education from kindergarten through college (K-16).

To learn more visit the [Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website](#).



New Beginnings

By: Father Mike Pleva

"He who was seated on the throne said 'I make all things new!'" (Rev 21:5)

The students and staff

here at St. Joseph's have begun a new school year. No longer can the students stay up past midnight playing hours of video games with friends or rapidly texting their friends. Now, they must set eight alarms on their phones to ensure prompt arrival to school. As we begin a new school year, it is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on how we can



allow Jesus entry into our daily routines. There will be times when homework, papers, and studies will become mundane. However, in these dry moments, we have the opportunity to praise God in our work. Every moment, we are called to recognize God alive and active within us. Since He created us in His likeness and image, He has impressed in our souls the desire for Him. We are called to invite Jesus into our work. Our work must become a prayer. The Benedictine monks live their lives by the Latin phrase "Ora et Labora" meaning "prayer and work". These two aspects encompass everything students ought to strive to achieve; Working towards achieving their goals, and praying to Jesus that through the inspiration of His Holy Spirit, their minds may be opened to His promptings.

May the Good Lord who makes all things new bring to fulfillment every good work undertaken by the wonderful students at St. Joseph's!

Department Feature



Ms. Haar, Dr. Mazur, and Mrs. Miller are pictured.

The rigor of the Math Department at St Joseph's continues to adapt and grow to meet the needs of students at all levels, from Algebra I to AP Calculus. We offer college preparatory and honors classes at each level. With a mix of PhDs and Masters degrees in mathematics, engineering, and education, our math faculty routinely collaborate to best provide support to each individual student. Outside of class, math faculty sponsor a Math League where students compete with teams from other high schools across the state in challenging monthly contests.

[Read More](#)



Today in Homily Happenings...



Today's Homily focused on the notion of forgiveness.

We must work to never take forgiveness for granted or see it as a normal part of our lives. Rather we must see it as extraordinary and ever new.

-Father Mike Pleva



Athletic Updates & Information



Dear WolfPack Community,

The WolfPack has worked hard during the off-season, welcomed many newcomers, and the fall season is rolling along.

In their only two events to date, the Cross Country teams have opened the season, in strong fashion, at the Red, White, and Blue Classic (RWB) held at White Oak Park & the Altoona Mt. Lion Invitational.



The boys placed two runners in the top 25 (RWB). They were led by Colin Simander (14th) and Josh Hyman (25th). In Altoona, the team was led by Colin S. (31st) and Josh H. (46th).

The girls opened their season with a second place finish (RWB) and followed it up with a 10th place finish (Altoona). They placed five runners in the top 30 at the RWB Classic. Amber Fisher (2nd), Evelyn Reynolds (6th), Kita Chappell (18th), Brandi Carmack (20th), and Abby Ridenour (26th). In Altoona, the team placed three in the top 50. Amber F. (8th), Kita C. (32nd), and Brandi C. (41st).

The Golf team finished 9-6 in the regular season and is looking to take their momentum into the post-season. Led by Timothy Peters (67) and Dmitri Cornali (87), the team finished second in the Sectional Tournament and look to complete for a district crown next week. Tim & Dmitri will have the opportunity to advance as individuals as well. Wins this season have come against East Juniata, Newport, Millersburg, Hollidaysburg, and Sugar Valley.

On the pitch, SJCA is sporting a coed Soccer team. The team has led in a

majority of their games and is very competitive but the bounces have not always been favorable. The team currently sits at 2-5. Chris Forstmeier and Luke Surovec lead the team in goals scored on the young season.

On the hardwood, the Girls Volleyball team has started the season 0-3. Seniors, Madi Mazza, Car Burwell, and Grace Rose lead a team full of freshman and sophomores. The team is learning quickly, working hard, and fun to watch.

Back the Pack: Financial gifts are essential to the health and success of our programs. Please consider giving at <https://stsgive.com/MEW4/donations/details?src=rBNr> Donations to the Pack helps provide funding for everything from registration fees, transportation, officials, team uniforms, and more. The generosity and consistent giving of individuals like you enables our student-athletes to successfully compete on our 14 varsity sports teams. To learn more about Back the Pack please visit: <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/back-the-pack/>

Keep Up-To-Date: Please remember that www.SJCAsports.org is the "one stop shop" for all things sports and activities. Announcements, schedules, online registration, live stream links, travel information, links to social media, and more can be found here.

Much continues to happen here at Saint Joe's and we hope to see you soon. Go WolfPack!

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



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

Development & Advancement

**Turn Your Pennsylvania Tax Payments Into Scholarships
for Saint Joe's Students – Time is Running Out to Participate in the Fall 2021
Cycle – Contact Us Now to See
if Tax Credits Still Remain!**

Through this program businesses and individuals working in Pennsylvania may direct their Pennsylvania income tax payments to Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

How Does It Help?

Many Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy students are in need of financial support for their Catholic education. Without this financial support, some students would not be able to attend Saint Joe's.

The EITC program enables individuals and businesses working in PA to direct their state income tax liability to Saint Joe's, so that these funds can be used for need-based student scholarships. As an added benefit, in some cases participation in the EITC program can help individuals and businesses reduce their own PA income tax liability.

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 an 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.

Win Sheetz Gas For A Year!

Did you know the average person spends approximately \$1600 on gas per year? With this in mind, we have launched a new mostly student-driven fundraiser as we begin the school year. We are excited to announce our "Sheetz Gas Raffle" where the Grand Prize will be \$1600 in Sheetz Gift Cards or cash value. Our students, faculty, staff, and board of trustee members are selling \$10 chances to win the grand prize or one of five \$100 Sheetz gift cards with the drawing to be held on October 8th. **Tickets are on sale now!** Our goal is to net over \$20,000 by selling at least 2400 tickets. Contact any of our staff, faculty, students, or trustees to learn how you can purchase your tickets! Proceeds go to benefit the Joseph's Annual Fund.

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/>

WHAT'S NEXT in the World of Development & Advancement?

Joseph's Annual Fund Kick Off – October 2021

While we will begin promoting the 2021-2022 Annual Fund Drive more October, 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/>

Giving Tuesday – November 30th

Look for Announcements about a Rebranded & Fun Event Coming in the Spring Semester! Stay tuned!

Centre Gives

Centre Foundation's "Centre Gives" will take place in May 2022. Keep an eye out for important announcements about this major fundraising event for Saint Joe's. Last year we raised over \$26,000 during this 36-hour online giving event from the support of our gracious benefactors!

Four Pillars Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 6, 2022 to join us in our annual golf tournament at Centre Hills Country Club. With thirty foursomes in last year's event, we are excited to plan for next year back at Centre Hills.

Alumni Spotlight

Catching up with Kristen Hile--Class of 2018

Each month we will check in with a Saint Joseph's Alumni doing a Q & A to spotlight his/her journey. Our spotlight this month is Kristen Hile, Class of 2018. Thanks to Kristen for sharing about her journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted her. Susan met with Kristen via zoom to learn more about all she is doing now. By reading about her journey, we learn that Kristen is not afraid of a challenge, takes initiative in her life, and has gained great wisdom to pass along to our current students



Kristen & her boyfriend, Nathan, in 2021

Kristen is currently a senior at Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA where she is a triple major in Business Analytics, Accounting, and Management Information Systems. Kristen is on track to graduate next spring with degrees in all three majors and will have enough credits when she graduates to sit for the CPA exam. This is quite an accomplishment! Kristen has been offered several full-time job opportunities at highly regarded accounting firms in the DC area and is currently deciding which firm she wants to pursue a career.

Kristen holds her Saint Joseph's experience in high regard and relayed that she would not be where she is today or accomplished all that she has if it weren't for her time here at Saint Joe's. Kristen grew up in Boalsburg and actually attended elementary school in our same building. Kristen began her high school education in the State College system but she then came to Saint Joe's where she experienced a greater involvement in the life and activities of our school community. Kristen discussed how on her very first day at Saint Joe's she tried out for the musical and made it! She quickly got involved in other activities such as the a cappella choir where she served as the business manager, a manager for the baseball and volleyball teams, and the National Honor Society.

There are many other important aspects that Kristen appreciated as a Saint Joe's student. The smaller class sizes provided the individual support in her classes which helped her thrive academically at Saint Joe's. One such example was that Kristen became highly involved in Mrs. Cunningham's Business 101 class. This class was a dual enrollment course with Saint Francis University. The class served to introduce her to Saint Francis and the potential opportunities she could have there as a college student. Kristen enjoyed this class so much that

she began tutoring other students. Kristen appreciated how important community is at Saint Joe's and how the faculty and staff supported her as a person and a student. She remembers how some faculty members prayed before a class began and how she was grateful for faculty who took the time to make this a priority. Kristen expressed gratitude that our 4 pillars of Faith, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service continue to be relative in her daily life now. The Pillars are something she had educated herself on before attending Saint Joe's and she will carry those with her heading into her career. It was great to hear Kristen express that her Faith grew stronger in her time at Saint Joe's. She talked about how she was able to diver deeper into this aspect of her life and how she continues to carry that with her.

It was amazing to learn about all that Kristen is involved in at Saint Francis. She is the Parliamentarian for the Student Government Association. Kristen serves as the Inter-Sorority Council Vice President. She is the Class Council Treasurer for the class of 2022 and she serves as the Secretary of the CEO Club. Kristen is a Work Study Student in the Shield's School of Business Dean's office and she was the Lead Student Fellow for the Knee Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation. Kristen sure seems to be living out our Leadership Pillar in all that she is doing. It will be wonderful to see where her journey takes her with the next phase of her life.

Thank you, Kristen, for taking catching us up on all you are doing! The Saint Joe's community is proud of you and the impact you are having on those around you!

Any family updates or other updates you want to include?

Kristen's older sister graduated from Penn State and her younger sister started at St. Johns College in Annapolis, MD. Kristen plans to move to Cumberland, MD area after graduating to be closer to her boyfriend.

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

Kristen has a passion for crafts, particularly cross stitch. She also has developed a small nail business where she has quite a following of students on campus.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses?

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."
Proverbs 31:25

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

I know it seems as high school takes forever, and you can't wait to graduate; however, take time to appreciate everyone around you at Saint Joe's, as they have set up a great foundation for you to achieve many things in your college career. And when to college, make sure to involve yourself in many extracurricular activities because you never know how the smallest connection can make an impact on your future.



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.



Scan to learn more about
Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy!

Important Dates

School Pictures
October 1, 2021

Harvest Fest

October 4-8th, 2021

Enrichment Day- Scholarship
October 13, 2021

End of Quarter 1
October 18, 2021

Out Of Uniform Day- \$3 Joseph's Fund
October 29, 2021

Athletic Events

Go to SJCASports.org for an athletic schedule.

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