



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC ACADEMY



A Message From Ms. Mallett...

Happy Autumn to you and your family!

Harvest Week week was wonderful. Seeing the House Council and students rise up to the leadership roles in the week's activities was absolutely the highlight of the week. The theme days, dance, and bonfire were fun days for all. We, as the faculty and staff, loved supporting the students, and enjoyed joining in the fun with them. The activities were positive and fun and the hallways and classrooms were filled with enthusiastic smiles and laughter. I hope that you are able to check out our social media sites to view the Harvest Fest events.

My best,
Ms. Mallett

Department Feature



Mr. Astle--Theology Department-- is pictured above.

At Saint Joseph's, we strive every day to prepare students for academic success in college. The Theology Department challenges students to think deeply about faith, to pursue substantial answers to difficult questions, and to immerse themselves in the rich intellectual tradition of the Church. Through a variety of courses, students become familiar with a wide range of topics and are equipped to explain and defend the faith as they go out into the world. Beginning with the classical definition of Theology as "faith seeking understanding," the department hopes to lead students into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and knowledge of Divine Revelation. We keep in mind the words of Pope Benedict XVI: "Our starting point is a person, not a program."

Great Adventure Timeline

Freshmen begin their course of study with a year that focuses on Sacred Scripture. They are aided by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline. The Great Adventure Bible Timeline divides salvation history into twelve distinct eras, punctuated by seventy key events. Using the Timeline helps students to see the

underlying narrative that runs through Scripture. Far from being a confusing jumble of stories, the Bible tells a story: the story of God's covenant family.

Model Church Simulation

Sophomores spend the spring semester exploring ecclesiology, the study of the Church. For part of this course, students engage in the "Model Church" simulation. The Model Church was inspired by the Model UN, a popular simulation of the United Nations General Assembly. In the Model Church, each student role plays as the bishop of the diocese of their choice. After designing their episcopal coat of arms, the new bishops research their dioceses to learn about their flocks. As the simulation continues, the bishops become members of the various congregations of the Roman Curia, a College of Cardinals is appointed, and those cardinals meet in Conclave to elect a pope. The simulation culminates with the bishops and cardinals gathering with the pope to hold an Ecumenical Council. The simulation allows students to engage with the structure of the Church and explore the roles of bishops, cardinals, and popes.



Senior Sam Yangula has been recognized as October's Student of the month.



This is an award voted on by teachers each month that highlights an outstanding student. An astute student, Sam especially loves computer science and history classes. Although he puts in exemplary work as a student, outside of the classroom he enjoys hunting and karate. Additionally, Sam is a member of the Saint Joe's soccer team.

A highlight of his soccer career is this lesson his coach has taught him: it is better to strive for excellence as opposed to success because success will come eventually if excellence is achieved. Thank you Sam for always being a highlight of our Saint Joe's culture!



Each month, students are given the opportunity to select a teacher who goes above and beyond to recognize



October's teacher of the month is Ms. Stoicheff! It is her second year at Saint Joe's where she teaches freshman and sophomore English. In addition, Ms. Stoicheff oversees the stock market club. She goes to great lengths to help students, but outside of the classroom she enjoys spending time with her family and all things business. Alongside her many interests, she is a Barbie collector and even shares a birthday with Barbie herself.

Finally, the best lesson Ms. Stoicheff has been told can be summed up in this quote by Maya Angelou, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.". Thank you, Ms. Stoicheff, for all that you do!

Houses + Lockdown = Community Excitement

By Chad Walsh, House Council Advisor

Homecoming week 2021 is in the books, and it was a great success! The dance kicked off the week with over 95% of the student body in attendance. Homecoming Court was announced, and it was a great night for the students to cut loose and enjoy some time around their friends!

Then the week brought on themed dress down days, with Too Tired Tuesday and Worker Wednesday being among the most popular categories.

Among all of the benefits of Saint Joe's new house system of organization, it also allows for a lot of opportunity to blow off some steam in a healthy way. The Fall Harvest Festival has been a tradition long before we went to houses, but House Council has worked to make sure it still fits into the new system. This year, adding a Tug O' War competition between the leaders of each house. House Becket took home the crown and leads the year-long competition for the coveted Saint Joe's Cup, but there will be plenty of chances to earn points as the year goes on.

The true end of our week-long Homecoming celebration is the annual bonfire, where Seniors, Sam Yangula and Kate

Youngmark were crowned King and Queen of Homecoming. The students enjoyed fires, s'mores, yard games, and music while continue to join in the fellowship that is Saint Joe's.

This year it seems as though the students are even more involved and excited for these types of activities than before. That could be because the pandemic took so many of them away in the past couple years, but I think it also has something to do with the sense of community and pride created by the establishment of houses. As the House Council Advisor and faculty member of House Becket, I see every day, the students coming up with new ways to celebrate our school, create meaningful activities, and enhance the experience of the school year. It has been a lot of work, but it has been a lot of fun work for officers, house members, and faculty advisors, and I think it is paying off in huge dividends.

So, though the lockdown and lack of options over the past couple years has something to do with the renewed excitement to go out and make the most of the school year, I have to believe that House Council and the student leaders within the school taking on the challenge of creating new traditions and encouraging everyone to come together has been an even bigger reason. Regardless of why it is happening, we can feel the pride in our school and excitement for what is next at Saint Joe's, and I for one, am just enjoying the ride.

Go WolfPack!

Mr. Walsh, House Council Advisor





HOMECOMING 2021 WORKER WEDNESDAY!



Harvest Fest: A Saint Joe's Tradition

Saint Joe's Harvest Festival capped off Homecoming week. Last Friday, all of our students gathered and participated in a variety of competitions ranging from sack race, pumpkin toss, egg race, and more. This is a long-standing tradition at Saint Joe's and serves as a wonderful community event!



A Message From Father Mike...

We are blessed with changing seasons here in Pennsylvania. Fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year. The leaves change into brilliant colors and the air becomes crisp. This time of the year ought to remind us on a spiritual level that change is necessary for growth. The old dies, but death promises new life. This season, we are given the opportunity to reflect on those parts within us that need to change. This is a



process—a necessary one that the Christian must undertake in order to grow deeper in union with Jesus. It takes genuine self-reflection and honesty. Sometimes the hardest person we must face is ourselves. With God's gift of grace, we have the ability to dive deep into our hearts and invite Jesus's presence into those places that need amending.

What is holding us back from true relationship with Jesus?

Athletic Updates &



Information

Dear WolfPack Community,

Fall sports are wrapping up and we have exciting news to share.

The Boys & Girls Cross Country teams will be in action on 10/30 at the District 6 championships held at the Indian Valley Elementary School in Reedsville.

The Golf team (Dmitri Cornali, Juneon Park, Timothy Peters, Chris Warner) advanced to the District 6 AA championships and placed 3rd overall. Tim shot a 75 (+3) on the day to win the District 6 AA Individual championship. Peters' win earned him a trip to the state championships at Heritage Hills Golf Resort (York, PA). Tim shot a 76 (+5) on the day to earn him a share of 6th place and a medal. Tim becomes the second state medalist in team history. Coach Walsh had the following to say about the golf team's finish, "I'm proud of the team for their effort this year. I cannot thank the rest of the coaching staff, Garrett Bastardi and Matt Graham, enough for the time and talent they have given this group, it has been such a blessing to have two talented and committed coaches on the staff." He continued, "The alumni are always a great support for our current team and the highlight of the year is obviously the incredible, consistent and unrelenting work that Tim puts into his game, paying off with a couple dominant postseason performances, and finishing higher than any golfer in our program's history with his 6th place medal. The future for Saint Joe's golf is looking bright, and we will continue to build on the tradition of success and dedication to improvement."

The Soccer team will be heading into postseason play during the week of 10/25. Exact date to be determined as we await final standings.

The Girls Volleyball team will not be heading into the postseason, however, the young team (11 freshman & sophomores), led by 3 seniors battled all season. The team learned, grew, and developed a strong foundation by competing in three prestigious volleyball tournaments this season while ending with a regular season match record of 5-8. The future is looking bright for the girls' volleyball team and we are excited to see what they do on the hardwood next season.

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



**Best of luck to our Senior
Volleyball and Soccer players!**



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

Congratulations to our newly inducted members of the National Honor Society!



Pictured above are both returning and newly inducted National Honor Society members alongside the adviser, Mrs. Cunningham.

Development & Advancement

Give Now to our Joseph's Annual Fund!

Now in its 11th year, Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is still **All In** on developing the next generation of Christian leaders who embody our four pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service. We continue to create a better opportunity – an ideal high school offering something more – a school impacting the lives of its students in a more meaningful and well-rounded way. In order to continue to support this important mission, we are asking you to be **All In** to ensure the future of Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

There is no higher calling than for our faculty and staff to develop our students through our Four Pillars. With a laser focus on our pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service we provide:

- A Catholic values-based environment that nurtures an 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.

Join us once again or for the first time and be **All In** for Saint Joseph's. Make your donation now by giving online here: [Joseph's Annual Fund Online Page](#). You may also give by check. Download the following form to give by check: [Joseph's Annual Fund Paper Form](#). Saint Joe's is a unique and special community where the students of today are prepared to be leaders of faith tomorrow. People like you make our Saint Joseph's community so special! Thank you for your support.

Sheetz Gas Raffle Results Are In!

Thank you to everyone who supported Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy by purchasing raffle tickets to win Sheetz gas for a year! We are excited to announce we raised over **\$11,000 in this year's Raffle!** Thank you!! Congratulations to this year's winners:

Grand Prize (\$1600): Chris Colton

\$100 Winners: Heather Madden, Justin Rodkey, William Zally, Kurt Zimmer
Proceeds from this raffle benefit the [Joseph's Annual Fund](#).
Our next Raffle will take place in 2022. Continue to check our website for details.

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.

·Contact us to learn how you can participate now!

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?

Giving Tuesday –"iGiveCatholic" – November 30th

First Hall of Fame Induction Event – December 22nd. Stay tuned for details.

Trivia

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is teaming up with Saint Joseph's to bring back the fun of trivia night this coming Spring. This great event for parents and adult friends of OLVCS and SJCA is going to be held this year at SJCA and will be more fun than ever. 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

By: Susan Robinson Fruchtl

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 Aidan Cross, Class of 2020. Thanks to Aidan for sharing about his journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted him. Susan met with Aidan via zoom to learn more about all he is doing now. By reading about his journey, we learn that Aidan is a true self-starter who takes initiative and is serving his university in many ways.



Photo of Aidan and his father, Michael, in 2021.

Aidan is a current sophomore at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. St. Thomas is a university of over 10,000 plus students with three campuses located in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Rome. The university offers more than 150+ undergraduate majors and minors and more than 55 graduate degrees. St. Thomas has recently transitioned from a division III school to a division I NCAA institution. This has been an exciting part of Aidan's experience

so far at St. Thomas as he is highly involved in working and volunteering in the athletic department outside of his studies. Aidan chose to be "Tommie" because on his visit it really felt familiar and comfortable to him. He appreciates the smaller classes which provides direct access to professors and how he has been able to be involved in campus life. Aidan relayed that being a Tommie for life is a genuine part of being a student and alumnus at St. Thomas.

Aidan is currently studying Electrical Engineering with a minor in Business Administration. He is weighing his options toward careers in Sales Engineering, Medical Technology Sales, Research & Development, or potentially adjusting his major to focus more on the business side of things. Over the summer, while Aidan was home, he worked at Harpers downtown State College. He learned a lot in the sales world and really appreciated his experience working there. Aidan made quality connections and really enjoyed talking to people in the sales world.

It was great to hear how much Aidan is involved in the life of the university through several roles. He works in the gym facility on campus where he does many jobs such as checking people in or helping clean the strength & conditioning equipment. Aidan works many hours in the athletics ticket office selling tickets at games. He is also volunteering as a practice player for the women's basketball team this year in a new venture. Academically, Aidan is a member of the Engineering Students Alumni Mentoring (ESAM) group. He is a member of the LEAD Club which focuses on professional development and leadership development for students. He also served as a Tutor Mentor for local 4th & 5th grade math students last year via the zoom platform. Aidan stated that while it was a challenge to rethink and simplify things for 4th & 5th graders it was one of the most rewarding things he has done so far at St. Thomas.

It was great to discuss the impact of the educational foundation and the people here at Saint Joe's have had on Aidan to prepare him to thrive at St. Thomas. Aidan gave high praise to the faculty of Saint Joe's and how he was prepared to excel in college in several areas. Our English classes challenged him and helped him achieve success in any writing he does today. He has really appreciated the life lessons and leadership skills he learned from SJCA faculty members overall. Aidan also relayed how Saint Joseph's science classes have impacted his ability to experience success in his engineering curriculum at St. Thomas. He gave credit to the process of doing a senior speech aiding him to be able to serve as the emcee for an important engineering alumni event held at St Thomas. Aidan's involvement in several SJCA extracurricular activities also worked to prepare him for the college life of service he is living now. Aidan was a member of the basketball program for 4 years and Track & Field for 2 years while at SJCA. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

After hearing about Aidan's journey thus far, it is quite obvious to me that the Service Pillar is very prominent in his life. Aidan spends a great deal of time volunteering for groups in his major and the athletic department. Aidan took initiative from day one at St. Thomas to get involved in both of these areas. He is grateful for all the opportunities and connections he has made so far at St. Thomas. Aidan thinks connections are a vital part of working toward the career you desire. He tries to meet as many people he can and gain as much advice as possible.

It will be exciting to see where Aidan's passions take him during his remaining years at St. Thomas and beyond. With his strengths of taking initiative, having a "why not" attitude, and an interest in being where things are consistently changing, Aidan will adapt well to whatever he chooses to do after graduating with a St. Thomas degree. We are proud to call Aidan our own and are excited for the impact he will have this year and into the future!

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses?

"The solution to stress isn't reassurance. It's accurately understanding the world as it is, and making choices about what we do and how we do it." -Seth Godin

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

Small progress is better than no progress. If you're feeling overwhelmed take things one at a time and eventually that source of stress will become manageable.



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

Dress Down Day - \$3
October 29, 2021

All Souls Day - Mass
November 1, 2021

Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School
November 10, 2021

Veteran's Day - No School
November 11, 2021

Thanksgiving Break
November 24-26, 2021

Athletic Events

Go to SJCAports.org for an athletic schedule.

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