



# Saint Joseph's

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY



## A Message From Ms. Mallett...

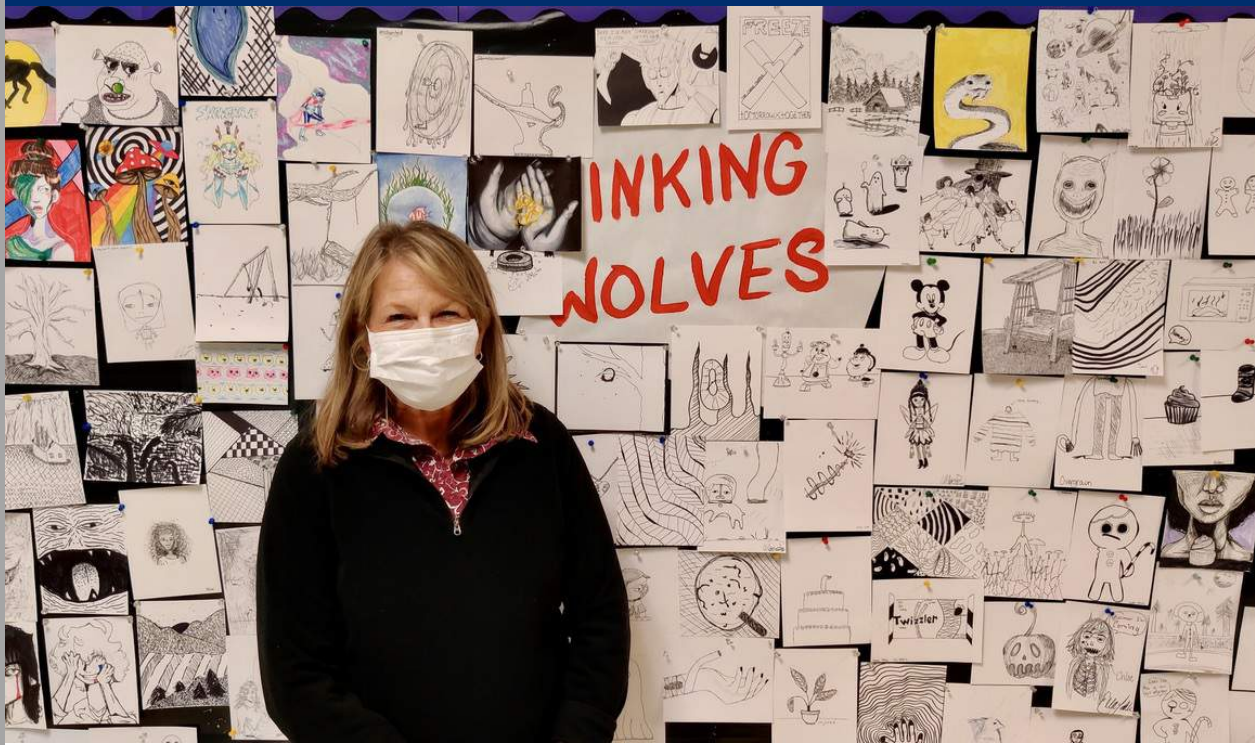
At Saint Joe's the student groups partner with a local charity in the community. The Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy WolfPack Ambassadors partnered with [A Soldier's Hands](#) and wrote cards to our military women and men stationed in Germany. On this Veterans Day, we acknowledge the sacrifices they make each and every day with this prayer:

Lord, Help our troops be strong and courageous in the tasks that are before them today. Draw them to You so that they delight in Your Word and may they desire to follow You with their whole heart, not turning to the right or to the left and trusting in You alone. Help them to reflect Your righteousness and love where they serve and give them success in their work. Help them carve out time daily to meet with You and to read Your Word to guide them in their actions, thoughts and decisions. Let them feel your comforting presence so that they can carry out their work with strength and courage and fight fear or discouragement. Thank you, Lord, that You are their God and that You are with them wherever they go.

[Learn more about A Soldier's Hands!](#)

# Department Feature

By: Mrs. Reisinger



Mrs. Reisinger -- Art Department -- is pictured.

Saint Joseph's Art Department has been busy developing new classes due to growing interest. Many students taking art classes have not had much experience or knowledge of the different medium's art has to offer. Many of the non-art students who are fulfilling the fine arts requirement have commented that art class lowers their anxiety level during their day, and they enjoy having the time to relax and create. Art instruction helps students with development of decision making, risk taking, and inventiveness by applying these skills to art projects. Students develop determination to overcome setbacks rather than giving up too easily. I like to encourage students to push themselves to improve rather than settling for the least amount of effort to satisfy the requirement. In doing so, even students who are not interested in an art career benefit by developing confidence, problem solving, focus and perseverance. The art room is a place to explore and collaborate with peers and sometimes participating in group projects like painting a mural for the science department. Students who volunteered last summer had a great experience.

New to the course offerings this year is a sculpture class. I felt we needed to offer the students another option of exploring new skills and materials. Offering the challenge of three-dimensional art has been quite exciting. The students are learning about artists who work with paper, clay, wire and found objects keeping with the theme that

sculpture is a way of telling stories with forms and objects.

[Read More](#)

## A Message From Father Mike...

Thanksgiving season is upon us. It is a time in which we gather as a family to give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. In Catholic terminology, the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". Every time we gather as a faith community in Church, we gather around His altar to give Him thanks for His life-saving action upon the cross which has set us free from our sins and opened the way to Eternal Life. When we receive Jesus truly present in the Eucharist, he becomes one with us. This gift has been given to the Church to sanctify us. It gives us life and the grace necessary to continue on our path of discipleship. Thankful for this gift and the many gifts He has given us, let us fall before him in gratitude.



Outside the front doors at Saint Joe's are two "Thank You" trees with cards from Liz Forstmeier, Amy Carmack, and Kathy Peters for the teachers, administration, and staff.

Thank you for the kind gesture!



## Athletic Updates & Information



Dear WolfPack Community,

The WolfPack Student-Athletes had tremendous success during their fall campaigns.

#### Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Boys Cross Country earned a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the District VI Class A Championships. Our top three finishers were Colin Simander (5), Josh Hyman (13), and Asa Reynolds (15). Josh and Colin were state qualifiers. At the PIAA State Championships, Colin finished 50<sup>th</sup> and Josh 174<sup>th</sup>.



Girls Cross Country earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the District VI Class A Championships earning them a trip to the PIAA State Championships. Our district results were Amber Fisher (6), Kita Chappell (11), Evelyn Reynolds (13), Brandi Carmack (18), Abby Ridenour (26), and Brynn Wright (38). In Hershey, the Pack earned an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish. Finishing order for the team was Amber (31<sup>st</sup>), Kita (71<sup>st</sup>), Evelyn (105<sup>th</sup>), Brandi (124<sup>th</sup>), Abby (171<sup>st</sup>), and Brynn (220<sup>th</sup>).

The Golf team (Dmitri Cornali, Juneon Park, Timothy Peters, Chris Warner) advanced to the District VI AA championships and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Tim shot a 75 (+3) on the day to win the District VI 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 6<sup>th</sup> place and a medal. Tim becomes the second state medalist in team history.

The Soccer team finished 7-10 during the regular season, earning them a third consecutive trip to the District VI playoffs where history was made. The team beat United (3-0) and West Shamokin (3-0) in district play to capture the Pack's first ever District VI Class A Championship. Our post-season run ended in the first round of the PIAA State Championships to the Mustangs of Mercer. Overall Record: 9-11.

The Girls Volleyball team did not make 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 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. The Junior Varsity squad had a record of 5-5.

The future continues to look bright, and the WolfPack is grateful for the opportunities we had to compete this season and are thankful for everyone who helped along the way. The support, understanding, and encouragement was appreciated.

### **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 enable 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](http://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.

Blessings & Go Wolfpack!

Dr. Justin Rodkey, Director of Athletics & Activities



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

## SAINT JOSEPH'S WOLFPAK

### Class of 2020 is Not Forgotten!

By: Tammy Badger

Due to an unexpected world pandemic the class of 2020 never finalized their class gifts. They raised a total of \$5564.20 for their class gift, charity donation, and class trip. Thank you to the class of 2020!



Their class gift was a fire pit that has been placed behind the student life center built by JR.S Landscaping in the summer of 2021. The landscaping company, based in Bellefonte, made a considerable donation to the cost of this project. Saint Joe's would like to thank JR. S Landscaping for this generous donation. The firepit was used for the first time at our annual Harvest Festival 2021. The firepit area has been designed to incorporate future class donations of flowering trees and the option of patio expansion through a build a brick

fundraiser.

The class of 2020 have also placed funds in the underclassmen accounts at Saint Joe's and will make a charitable donation to Orphan Care Alliance of Center County accepted by co-director, Hilary Harris, a parent alumni.

In lieu of their class trip, the students of 2020 have left their remaining funds in a scholarship account to help any Saint Joseph's families with tuition due to family medical situations due to the pandemic or other medical hardships.



## OLV Church Architectural Tour Video

Chris Kirkpatrick and Paul Fritzsche created this beautiful video highlighting the architecture of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Paul and his son, Kyle, narrate the video.



# Development & Advancement

## Give Now to our Joseph's Annual Fund!

Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 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.
- 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Carrie Shearer, Class of 2014, and Garrett Bastardi, Class of 2015, will be inducted into our new Saint Joseph's Hall of Fame at a ceremony between our Boys JV and Varsity Basketball Game the evening of December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We invite all Alumni and community members to attend the JV Game at 5:30pm and be there for the ceremony right after the JV Game. The event will take place in the Robert and Alice Thomas Student Life Center.

**Alumni Gathering – December 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

We invite all Saint Joseph's Alumni to attend the Hall of Fame Induction and to stay for an Alumni Gathering following the Varsity Boys Basketball Game in the SLC.

Saint Joseph's is teaming up with Our Lady of Victory Catholic School to bring back the fun of trivia night this coming February! This great event for parents and adult friends of SJCA and OLVCS will be held this year at SJCA and will be more fun than ever. Stay tuned for all the details but Save the Date of February 18<sup>th</sup> for this fun night!

### Centre Gives

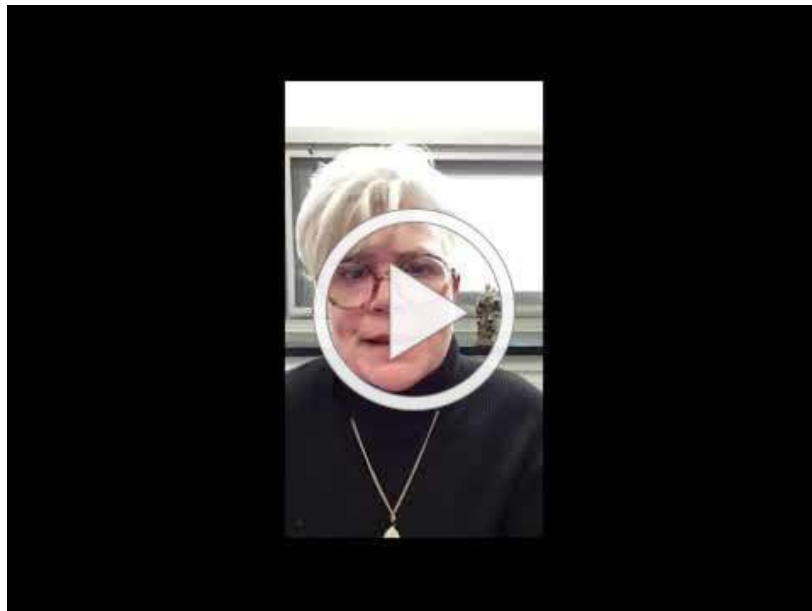
Centre Foundation's "Centre Gives" will take place in May 2022. Keep an eye out for important announcements about this major fundraising event for Saint Joe's. Last year we raised over \$26,000 during this 36-hour online giving event from the support of our gracious benefactors!

### 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.

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We ask that you consider being *All In* for Saint Joseph's on November 30th which is iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday!



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Thank you for your support.

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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 Kaitlyn (Kaitie) Kocher, Class of 2016. Thanks to Kaitie for sharing about her journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted her. Susan met with Kaitie via zoom to learn more about all she is doing now. By reading about her journey, we learn that Kaitie is not afraid of a challenge and has learned to step out of her comfort zone to go after her passions.

Kaitie is currently a Neurodiagnostic Technologist at UMPC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Also called an EEG Tech, Kaitie performs many tests that diagnose problems with the brain and nervous system. EEG Techs use state-of-the-art digital equipment to record electrical patterns throughout the brain and nervous system, which result in valuable data that a doctor needs to diagnose and treat patients. The data gathered from these tests can help diagnose conditions like epilepsy, seizure disorders, strokes, degenerative brain disease, among others.

Kaitie attended Mount Aloysius College starting in the Nursing Program her first year. After studying in the nursing program for a year, Kaitie determined that she wanted to focus more on the diagnostic side of things in the medical field. She therefore, changed her major and graduated in 2020 with a degree in Biology and a focus in Pre-Med. Kaitie was accepted to medical school but ended up deferring at the time so she could start her career. Upon graduating, Kaitie worked a year at the Meadows Psychiatric Center in Centre Hall where she focused on the teenage population.

Kaitie attributes her successful work at the Meadows with teens because of a summer camp experience where she served as a camp counselor for three summers. She worked at the Deer Valley YMCA Family Camp located in Meyersdale, PA for the summers of 2017, 2018, and 2019. Kaitie expressed that she really loved serving at this camp and met many people that she now calls some of her closest friends. While working these camps, Kaitie's love of music began to come forward. The camp featured a "Café Night" where the counselors and campers played music and sang. Through this experience she discovered music as a major passion. With her love of music, Kaitie actually founded an acapella club at Mount Aloysius during her time there and she participated in the college choir.

[Read More](#)

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**Junior Max Rossman has been recognized as November's Student of the month.**



**November's student of the month is junior Max Rossman. This is an award voted on by teachers each month that brings light to an outstanding student in our community. Max is an excellent student who especially enjoys studying physics. But outside of the classroom, Max loves to read, play video games, and spend time with his siblings.**

**Additionally, Max is actually a stamp collector! He would like to remind everyone of this lesson: you should be kind to all, even if they are not kind to you. We appreciate everything you bring to our Saint Joseph's community, thank you, Max!**



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



**Mr. Astle has been selected by Saint Joe's students as November's teacher of the month! At Saint Joes, Mr. Astle teaches all of our theology classes, helps out the acapella group, delivers the weekly Chapel, runs the chess club, and does so much more. Outside of school, he really enjoys spending his time reading and playing video games. Mr. Astle was actually in the background of a Ben Stiller movie, so make sure you are looking out for him!**

**Finally, the best lesson he has learned can be summed up in this quote, "In His will is our peace", he wants to remind us that if we trust God, everything else will fall into place. If you see Mr. Astle this month, be sure to give him an extra thank you!**

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