

Saint Joseph's Board of Trustees Newsletter



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with SJCA's four pillars
of faith, scholarship,
leadership and service



Who Are We?

The Board of Trustees is a volunteer board and the governing body for SJCA. The Board's primary functions are to oversee school finances, approve policy, support marketing, enrollment and development initiatives, and to ensure that school activities align with our four pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership and service.

Health and Safety

With the start of the new year, the Board has approved an optional masking policy. The Board trusts parents to make the best decision for your families. In addition, we ask that all students, staff and parents to continue to follow the public safety protocols found in the school's [Health and Safety Plan](#).

Strategic Planning and Athletics

- One of the major initiatives of the BOT for 2022 is short term strategic planning. Among the topics being discussed are **student enrollment** and **athletics participation**.
- One of the impacts of the pandemic has been a decrease in student enrollment compared to past years. Lower enrollment also adversely impacts our finances.
- You can help enrollment by advocating for SJCA with your family and friends and on social media. Word of mouth is often the most effective recruiting tool we have.
- In addition to our four pillars, a strong Athletics program can also have a big impact on recruitment and enrollment.
- Did you know that ... SJCA will join the Tri-Valley Athletic Conference in 2022-23?
- Did you know that ... SJCA provides athletic opportunities for EVERY student – no tryouts, no cuts.
- Did you know that ... only approximately half of our student body currently participates in SJCA varsity or club sports?
- Did you know that ... due to lack of participation SJCA had to consolidate or cancel several sports this school year?
- To ensure we can continue to provide athletic opportunities ... **please encourage your student to participate in SJCA Varsity and Club Sports!**
- For more info on SJCA sports please see page 2 of this Newsletter**

Save the Date

The school has some important events coming up and your help is needed to make them successful. Please mark your calendars for the following:

- Catholic Schools Week ... January 30th – February 5th. Come see the SJCA Music Club and A Cappella Group perform at the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church this Sunday
- SJCA Annual Golf Tournament ... June 6th

“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.” - Pope Benedict XVI

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SJCA Faculty

SJCA's scholarship pillar is proudly supported by the excellent faculty of the school.
Did you know that our faculty are:

Experienced

- Secondary Education
- Athletic Coaching
- Academic Advising
- Catholic Values
- Literature and Composition
- Sustainability Agriculture
- Global History
- AP Art Portfolio Design
- Youth & Campus Ministry
- AP Course

Dedicated and Trained

- 28 Bachelor Degrees
- 8 Master Degrees
- 3 Ph.D Degrees
- Multiple Certifications
- 91 Combined years in Catholic Education
- 210 Combined years in Education



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

SJCA Athletics

PIAA Varsity & Club Sports

Boys & Girls Cross Country * Co-Ed Golf * Boys & Girls Soccer * Girls Volleyball
Boys & Girls Basketball * Ski Club * Indoor Track & Field Club * Baseball * Softball
Boys & Girls Track & Field

Follow us on social media: @goSJCAsports



"Participating in high school athletics has long-lasting, definitive benefits, especially when athletic leaders create an environment that challenges and rewards the growth mindset. When participants are supported in this way, they develop lifelong habits that transcend high school."

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/participation-in-high-school-athletics-has-long-lasting-benefits/>



**SJCA
Student-Athlete
Average GPA**

Scholarship News

Did you know that Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church has started a new scholarship fund to provide eligible OLV parishioners with tuition assistance to attend SJCA? Please consider supporting this new fund and help make Catholic Education available for all.



St. Joseph ... Pray For Us!