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**We are Catholic Educators
committed to preparing
tomorrow's leaders, today!**



Experienced

Secondary Education
Athletic Coaching
Academic Advising
Catholic Values
Literature & Composition

Sustainability Agriculture
Global History
AP Art Portfolio Design
Youth & Campus Ministry
AP Courses

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



A Message From Ms. Mallett...

"Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, and Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end." (Is. 9:1, 5 and Lk. 1:33) With these words the Sacred Liturgy announces the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. It is truly a joyous day in which we join Christians all over the world in welcoming into our hearts the King and Ruler of all creation born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As you gather with your family and friends, consider the lights of the Christmas tree and those outside your home the hidden symbol of

Jesus Christ, the "Light of the World." Allow the light of Christ to penetrate deep into your hearts and souls in order to share this light with the world.

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of God's love this Christmas and always.



Department Feature



Mrs. Sharp and Mr. Walsh-- Social Sciences -- are pictured.

The Saint Joseph's Social Sciences Department consists of a rigorous, challenging curriculum that has been carefully constructed to build on itself over the course of a four-year period. Students have the option of taking two AP courses in their high school career, along with other subjects that are designed to promote critical thinking in solving real-world social issues that our graduates will encounter beyond these walls.

As Freshmen, Saint Joseph's students take Intro to Humanities, a survey course that delves into the basics of human development, social constructs, government and economic systems, and western philosophy.

Sophomores move into the U.S. History portion of the curriculum, choosing Foundations of United States History or AP United States History.

Junior year comes with yet another choice between Contemporary World History (Renaissance-21st Century) and AP European History.

Finally, Senior year is a combination of Intro to Economics, Civics, and Global Issues. We think of it as all of the things they will need as they go out onto their own as responsible contributors to the economy, society, and political landscape of our world.

[Read More](#)

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Triumphs in Top Ten In the Statewide Early Fall Stock Market Challenge Competition



Congratulations Nick Warner for finishing top 10 in the state in the Stock Market Challenge! Thank you Mrs. Stoicheff for your leadership within the Stock Market Club!

[Read the Press Release!](#)

Do you want to learn more about Saint Joe's from our own students and teachers? Check out this newsletter!

WolfPack Inquirer

At Saint Joseph's, You Are Known

Picture yourself at Saint Joe's!

As a Catholic, college preparatory high school, our Academy offers an enriching program where students can achieve their potential in their faith, academics, arts, athletics, leadership, and service.

In this newsletter you will meet Saint Joe's Senior and **Wolfpack Ambassador, Natalie Page**, and **Mr. Nick Astle, Saint Joe's Theology Teacher**. Both will share a bit about their experience at Saint Joseph's and give you a few tips on getting ready for high school. Be sure to check out the **first quarter highlights** and don't forget to **submit your answer to the trivia question** at the bottom, so that you can be entered into a drawing for Wolfpack spirit wear.



Each Saint Joe's student has their own unique gifts, talents, and abilities. Some are shy, some are outgoing; many are in between. But all are known at Saint Joe's...so, can you picture yourself at Saint Joe's? I can!



Congratulations Mary Capriani on being selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine, an Envisioned by WorldStrides Experiential Learning Program!



Athletic Updates & Information

Dear WolfPack Community,

The Athletic Department wants to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year! Please take some time over the holidays to relax and enjoy your

family and friends!

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?](https://stsgive.com/MEW4/donations/details?src=rBNr)

[src=rBNr](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 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

Saint Joe's A Cappella



Development & Advancement

Susan Robinson Fruchtl is making the move from Saint Joe's to Penn State University.



Thank you to everyone at Saint Joseph's for your kindness and for working together in our development efforts over the past two years. It has been so great to be a part of the Saint Joe's community and meet so many nice people. Thank you to Jennifer Mallett for being so great to work with and for the vision in development & alumni relations. I want to thank the board of trustees for welcoming me and being great to work with through our development efforts. Thank you to all faculty, staff, students, parents, and benefactors of Saint Joe's. I am

excited to be heading back to my alma mater in the role of Director of Major Gifts for Athletics where I will utilize all of my experiences and strengths as a former student-athlete, coach, and administrator in development for Penn State Athletics. I look forward to staying in touch with many people at Saint Joe's for years to come – it is a special place with great people. Go WolfPack!! --Susan Robinson Fruchtl



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Giving Tuesday
February 1-2, 2022

Save The Date!

Give at
www.stjoeacad.org



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.

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?

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 18th 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.

Alumni Spotlight

By: Chad Walsh

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 Michael Peters, Class of 2017. Thanks to Michael for sharing about his journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted him.



Michael Peters--Saint Joe's Class of 2017--pictured above.

Talk a little about your college experience:

I started off in Computer Science and added ITWS (IT and Web Science) my Sophomore year. I started a private tutoring service for Computer Science students. It made it easy to fund my weekly excursions and further, to get better at debugging. I did an internship and a Co-Op for PSU ARL, a defense contractor. The internship was in State College but the Co-Op was for 8 months in Key West Florida (Jan-Aug 2019). Living in Key West was a blast. I went lobster fishing, worked out with powerlifters, and even, flew an airplane! Senior

year back at school was a step back from all that. I focused on growing my friend group and really learned the importance of just showing up.

What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

I'm working at Epic Systems in Verona, WI. They make the software used to manage most large hospitals across the United States.

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

Mountain Biking, Boulderling, Guitar, Programming

How did Saint Joe's impact you?

And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

Saint Joe's taught me how to focus on a goal and execute an effective process to reach it.

What are you passionate about?

Internet data privacy is a big deal to me. In the modern era, it's almost impossible to talk with someone without being monitored by a third party. Big tech sells off personal information, governments tap phones, and even small companies can get hacked exposing everyone's message history. I think that communications companies should be focused on the transfer of data, not its storage. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, I don't think it's possible to implement something like this with profit in mind. However, it could be possible if people do it for free. To help solve this, I've been working on (with a few friends) a project to allow people to communicate with one another on their own terms and using their own systems.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

One of my favorites is Leviticus 20 22:23

Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you.

Alumni in Action!



Saint Joseph's Alumna Carrie Shearer was working with the NCAA during the Big10 Championship. Shearer was in the press booth for the majority of the game, but had the opportunity to be on the field post-game.



Today in Homily Happenings...



**Let us set our spiritual house often
so that this way no storm will ever
tear off the foundation of our life.**

-Father Mike Pleva



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

Classes Resume
January 3, 2022

End of Quarter 2
January 10, 2022

No Classes- MLK Day
January 17, 2022

Athletic Events
Go to SJCASports.org for an athletic schedule.

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