

SAVE THE DATE



Be the difference in the lives of our Saint Joseph's students by giving on May 10th-11th with Centre Gives.



The Saint Joe's community is joining forces with the Centre Foundation to support our current students.

2011. For those of you connected to Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, this number is important. It was during this year that the vision set in motion by a core group of men and women who founded this school took root, began to grow, and over the last 10 years has impacted students and families. As we come together with the Centre Foundation to create opportunities for our students you are invited to be a part of our ambitious goal to earn \$35,000. When our community comes together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. Every dollar given over this 36-hour Centre Gives event will enrich the experiences of our students. Your dollars will go directly to support the clubs, activities, and programs of Saint Joe's that you care about most. Save the date and get ready to make a difference like never before.

With gratitude, Ms. Mallett



Saint Joseph's Students Return to the Stage on May 5th at The Barn

By Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy

"The school is anxious to perform; and gratefully, the wait is over!" declared Mr. Joe Hergenreder, Musical Director at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

Saint Joseph's will be presenting Emma! A Pop Musical on Thursday, May 5th and Friday, May 6th at 7PM at the Boal Barn Playhouse. A matinee show slated for Saturday, May 8th at 1PM. This will be Saint Joseph's sixth all-school production; first to be performed the Boal Barn Playhouse. Tickets can be purchased at www.stjoeacad.org



Emma! is a modern adaption of the Jane Austen novel of the same name. It "combines contemporary pop music and silly high-school humor," explains Hergenreder. The show includes many songs that are well known. The 36student cast is the school's largest musical cast ever.

"We've had a lot of fun with the show so far" says Saint Joseph's senior, Sophia LaPorta, who plays the leading role of Emma Woodhouse. "I am a little bit nervous but mostly excited to get on stage and perform since we haven't been able to put on a musical since my freshman year."

Read more at https://stjoeacad.org/fine-arts/emma-2022/

The Inking Wolves Honor Healthcare Workers

The Inking Wolves Club helped assist the State College Sunrise Rotary Club in decorating luminaria bags for an event honoring healthcare workers at Mount Nittany Medical Center on April 19th. The luminaries will be placed around the Healing Garden as the sun sets, it will be an evening of recognition, remembrance, gratitude and hope. The luminaries have messages of encouragement and art work on them. The employees will take a moment



to collectively reflect upon all that has happened throughout the pandemic and to recognize the resilience demonstrated by the Mount Nittany Health Team.

Saint Joe's Math Team Doubles Score



Recently the scores from the Pennsylvania Math League spring competition were released and the Saint Joseph's team members scored a total of 70–twice the score as in last year's competition.

"Despite our school's small number, we scored right around 50% for all the high school teams in the state, both private and public", said Ms. Karent Haar, Saint Joseph's math teacher and team advisor. "Considering we have

100+ students and some have over 2000, we did phenomenally, phenomenally well."

This year's Saint Joseph's team was composed of Nicholas Coskren, Nathan Duty, Joshua Hyman, Juneon Park, Max Rossman, Pearl Statham, Macy Stickler, Anthony Woomer, and Sam Yangula.

For each round, Math League participants are challenged to answer 6 math questions; each with a progression in difficulty from question 1 to question 6. The top 5 students' scores are kept and submitted for each contest. Saint Joseph's individual scores ranged from 1-4 per person this year.

"Some question 6's are answered correctly by less than 1% of all high school students," explained Haar.

The Saint Joseph's math faculty believe that math competitions can be a fun part of the growth process for students. Students learn to work to solve the problems and grow by reviewing varying solutions and methods or techniques of solving the problem.

"Working together to discuss solution sets is a rewarding experience that enables growth and enhances the learning of mathematics," said Haar.

For more information about the Math League and the Saint Joseph's Math Team, contact Ms. Karen Haar at khaar@sjcacademy.org.

Inexplicable Joy Awaits!

The 6th Annual



Catholic Conference for Women at OLV will be Saturday, May 7 from 9am-4pm. The conference features live talks by Mary Lenaburg, small group discussions, Confessions, and Mass. Breakfast and lunch provided. All ages welcome!

> Questions? Contact Melanie Smith at <u>melanie.yonushonis@gmail.com</u>

> > Register Here

Homily Happenings

Each week Father Mike celebrates Mass with the Saint Joseph's community. A portion of his Homily is captured through the Homily Happenings and is posted to Facebook and Instagram!



Today in Homily Happenings...



Let us make it our priority to become hearers, doers, and believers in God's word. -Father Mike Pleva



Athletic Updates & Information

Dear WolfPack Community,

As the school year winds down, there are a number of exciting opportunities around the corner, and we hope you will get involved.

Spring is in Full Swing: Our springs sports have been in action and have been battling the weather as much as their opponents. We will have a full recap of spring sports in May.

Please visit our website to get up-to-date information on all thing's sports www.SJCAsports.org

Important Camps/Clinic Dates:

Get Your Game On With Saint Joe's Spring/Summer Sports Clinics We are offering a variety of sports clinics this spring and summer for middle school and young high school athletes. SJCA coaches will be directing these clinics. Below is a sample of the events scheduled. To learn more about these opportunities, go to https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/summer-opportunities/

Mark Your Calendars:

Sports Recognition Assembly: Wednesday, **May 18**, 6:00 pm. This is the end of the year assembly where we will recognize the accomplishments of our student-athletes for all the sports season. We ask individuals to dress accordingly as awards will be presented and pictures taken. Please note there is no meal for this event.

SJCA Four Pillars Golf Tournament: will be held on **June 6, 2022** at the Centre Hills Country Club in State College. Recruit your friends, family, and co-workers to form a team or two. A day of fun on the links will help support WolfPack athletics. Click here for more information: <u>https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/golf-outing/</u>

Back the Pack: Financial gifts are essential to the health and success of our programs. Please consider giving at <u>https://stsgive.com/MEW4/donations/details?</u> <u>src=rBNr</u> 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: <u>https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/back-the-pack/</u>

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

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Spring Tee Time with the WolfPack.

Who: Boys and Girls in Grades 6 – 8 When: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 3:15 PM

Free Monday Basketball Skills Clinics For Girls in May

Who: Girls in in grades 6 -11 When: Begins May 2nd, 6 - 7 PM

Summer Basketball Clinics for Boys and Girls

The basketball program is hosting three basketball clinics for boys and girls in 6th to 9th grade:

- Girls Clinic: June 13 17, 9AM 12 Noon, \$125
- Boys & Girls Shooting Clinic- June 21-23, 6 9PM, \$60
- Boys Clinic: July 11 -15, 9AM 3PM, \$200

Spring Open Gyms for Girls Volleyball

Girls planning to play volleyball at Saint Joseph's are invited to join in these weekly events.

You Can Be A Multi-Sport Athlete At Saint Joe's



Meet Timothy Peters and Spencer Gigante, multi-sport athletes at Saint Joseph's. These student-athletes share

what it is like playing golf, soccer, baseball, and basketball for the WolfPack.

MONDAYS FROM 6-7PM IN THE STUDENT LIFE CENTER FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12

ETBA

MAY 2 - SHOOTING

RLS

MAY 9 - DEFENSE & REBOUNDING

SAINT JOSEPH'S

- MAY 16 DRIBBLING, PASSING, & TRANSITIONS
- MAY 23 3 VS. 3
- MAY 30 OFF FOR HOLIDAY
- JUNE 6 MOTION OFFENSE



SAINT JOSEPH'S SAINT

BOYS SKILLS CLINIC JULY 11-15 FROM 9-3 PM 6-9TH GRADES - COST \$200 GIRLS SKILLS CLINIC June 13-17 from 9-12pm 6-9th graders - Cost \$125

REGISTER AT: WWW.STJOEACAD.ORG



Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Congrats to the winners of the 14 Basketball Madness Block Pool prizes. Seventeen lucky people shared \$4000 in prizes in our first ever Basketball Madness Block Pool, a joint fundraiser benefitting both Saint Joseph's and Our Lady of Victory Catholic School Athletics. 122 blocks were sold, and assignments were randomly spread over two pools. There was at least one winner for every number combination. A list of prize winners can be viewed at www.stjoeacad.org/block-pool.



OLVCS Athletics and Saint Joseph's will evenly share the proceeds of the block pool. OLVCS Athletics will use its share of the proceeds to help cover expenses

such as team bus transportation, referees' fees, and equipment. Saint Joseph's will use its share to help pay for things needed for teaching and in the classrooms.

Special thanks is extended to participants that donated back their prize winnings to the schools. Thank you also to our Block Pool sponsors: The Yartz Group, RE/MAX Centre Realty, State College Family Medicine, Mariner Wealth Advisors, Swift Kennedy and Associates, Doty & Hench Insurance, and Seko Logistics, Inc.

Not sure what a block pool is? You can watch a video created by Akio Ohmoto, SJCA junior and OLVCS grad at <u>www.stjoeacad.org/block-pool</u>. This video briefly explains the block pool and was used in our social media campaign about the block pool. Promotional graphics were created by Mrs. Laura Cunningham, Saint Joseph's teacher and marketing director.

With the success of this joint fundraiser, we plan to do it again next year. Be sure you watch for information next spring about the 2023 Basketball Madness Block Pool!

Support Saint Joseph's Athletics and Activities

Join in the fun at our annual Four Pillars Golf Tournament on Monday, June 6th at Centre Hills Country Club to support our Saint Joseph's Pack Athletics & Activities.

Register now and sponsor this important

event by accessing our Four Pillars Golf Brochure at https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/golf-outing/

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

Development & Advancement

Turn PA Tax Dollars Into Saint Joe's Scholarships

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. Individuals and businesses can participate. For more information, go

to <u>https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/eitc/</u> or contact Ms. Jennifer Mallett at <u>jmallett@sjcacademy.org</u>

Centre Gives 2022

Our ambitious goal for this May 10th and 11th online giving event is \$35,000. Every dollar given over the 36-hour event will go directly to benefitting students. Watch for announcements regarding times your donation can go farther, as part of stretch pools and prizes.

Alumni Spotlight

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 Max Wortman, Class of 2018. Thanks to Max for sharing about his journey and how Saint Joe's has impacted his life.

To read more about Saint Joseph's alumni, go to https://stjoeacad.org/alumni-spotlights

Talk a little about your college experience:

I currently attend the George Washington University in Washington D.C., majoring in Mechanical-Aerospace Engineering. In addition to school, I was freshman and sophomore representative of GW Engineer's Council, I served as Manufacturing Captain of GW Rocket Team for 2 years, and I am a Cadet in Air Force ROTC. Living in Washington D.C. has been my favorite part of going to school here, because there is never a shortage of fun experiences or opportunities to have. My other favorite part has been AFROTC. This semester, I was the Vice Wing Commander of my detachment, and I was in command of over 80 Cadets. It was one of the most valuable leadership challenges and learning experiences that I have ever had. What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

Upon graduating this Spring, I will commission into the United States Air Force as Second Lieutenant. I have been selected to be a Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot. When I go on active duty in the next year, my first assignment will be in San Antonio, Texas. In San Antonio, I will spend my first year and a half training to fly traditional and remotely piloted aircraft. My service commitment is 6 years active duty, but I



plan on making a career of it. My goal is to fly the MQ-9 Reaper. **What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?** When I have free time, I normally explore DC trying to find some place or restaurant I have never been to. Other than that, I find somewhere quiet outside of the city to go hiking, or fishing with friends.

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

Saint Joe's impacted me by instilling professionalism that wouldn't be present at any other

high school. Every faculty member, and coach set a high standard and cared about us being the best that we could be. Academically, St. Joe's taught me my love for science and math. Much of the material I learned at St. Joe's built a fantastic base for me to excel in college. What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my future career. I love all aspects of aviation and I cannot wait to fly, while leading the people around me. I want to leave an impact on every place that I go, both on the organization and the people. My goal everyday is to have a positive impact on at least one person.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

One of my favorite quotes is "Leave where you're at better and leave wherever you're at, a better person."



Sarah Lombardi



Ava Starks

Congratulations to Saint Joseph's Alumni Sarah Lombardi (English) and Ava Starks (Global and International Studies) on their admissions to the **Paterno Fellows Program!**

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.







Out of Uniform Day April 29th - \$3

> WolfPack Prom April 30th

AP Exams May 2 - May 13th

School Play "Emma" May 5 - 7th Senior Trip & Junior Physics Day May 13th

> Senior Exams May 13 - 19th

Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation Ceremony May 21st

> Final Exams May 23 - 27th

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

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