



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC ACADEMY



A Message From Ms. Mallett...

Thanks to the support of numerous benefactors and foundations who donate time and/or funds, attend our events, we are able to live out our mission of our school as God has planned. The funds received through our school sponsored events provide a direct benefit to the students at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.



Department Feature



The Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy College and Career Counseling program administers a comprehensive college and career counseling curriculum empowering Saint Joseph's students to identify, reach for, and enroll in colleges and universities that are strong fits based on their individual talents, interests, financial circumstances, and career goals.

For more information, contact Ms. Maryann Lingenfelter, Director of College & Career Counseling and Admissions, at mlingenfelter@sjcacademy.org or (814) 808-6118.

To learn more about our College and Career Counseling program, click [here!](#)

Senior Earns Award



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Altoona Johnstown Diocesan Committee named Saint Joseph's Senior Natalie Page the recipient of the 2022 Catholic Daughters of the Americas Senior Catholic High School Female Student Service Scholarship.

Congratulations, Natalie!

Faculty and Student Feature

Each month, students and faculty vote on a "Student of the Month" and a "Feature Teacher of the Month." This month, Akio Ohmoto and Dr. Ishamel were selected.



Student of the Month: a student selected by teachers to be recognized for going above and beyond in the month of March

Akio Ohmoto was voted on by teachers as March's Student of the Month. Akio, a junior at SJCA, has become an exemplary student and example in our Saint Joe's Community. Recently, he designed all four crests for our house system. Additionally, he is an athlete on our soccer and track teams. Outside of school, Akio enjoys writing, playing piano, and hanging out with his friends. When asked what his favorite part of SJCA was, Akio said he enjoys, "How close and friendly everyone at the school is and how we cheer on each other". One thing he would like to share with everyone is the following advice, "You only have one life to live, so you might as well give everything a shot". We appreciate everything you do for our school community, Akio!



Teacher Feature: A teacher chosen to be highlighted for their hard work at SJCA this month

A new addition to our school, Dr. Ishamel was selected for our March Teacher Feature. She teaches our biology and environmental classes here at SJCA. Outside of the classroom, Dr. Ishamel enjoys gardening, spending time with family, making photo books, and studying the Bible. Additionally, she loves Cape May, New Jersey and enjoys time with others there. Coming to Saint Joes, Dr. Ishmael said she noticed and enjoys the family atmosphere we have here at our school and the attitudes and camaraderie students have between each other. Dr. Ishmael says that, "The best lesson, that I am still learning, is to meet people 'where they are,' and to see and appreciate the goodness inherent in each person. I think that perspective can impact all aspects of our lives.". Thank you for joining our school community, Dr. Ishmael, we are happy to have you!

Students compete in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition



Pictured are Gabby Lombardi, Taylor Wright, and Kita Chappel. (Not pictured: Ava Calistri)

Four students from SJCA competed in this year's Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) competition. Students are required to take a semester research course where they learn how to conduct research and statistically analyze their data. At the end of the course students design their own research project, conduct the research, and organize the information into a presentation for the regional judges. The regional competition takes place at PSU Altoona although this year it was virtual. After their first year in the competition students are able to compete every year without taking the research course. Students independently conduct their research under the guidance of a science teacher sponsor. The research course is open to all students in grades 9-12. Awards are given for consecutive years of research.

Ava Calistri competed for her second year. She researched the effects of brewing methods on melanoidins in coffee. She was awarded a first award with a special judges award and a \$25 amazon gift card. Kita Chapel competed for her second year in the competition. She researched the effects of antacids on the food breakdown in the stomach. She was awarded a first award. This was Gabby Lombardi's first year in the competition and she was awarded a first award. She researched the effects of various grapefruit substances on enzyme action. This was also Taylor Wright's first year in the competition and she was awarded a first award with a special judges award and a \$25 amazon gift card. She researched the effects of lysine on plant growth. All first awards will compete at the state competition at PSU main Campus on May 16th.

In the future SJCA hopes to add Capitol Area Science and Engineering Fair (CASEF) to the list of competitions the science department offers.

**Saint Joe's tops the charts in week four of the
Centre County Stock Market Challenge**

Week Four		
Ranking	High School	Portfolio
1	St Joseph's Catholic - Barbara Stoicheff	\$120,919.60
2	State College - Robert Furmanek	\$106,361.10
3	Bellefonte HS - Ryan Myers	\$103,475.00
4	Bald Eagle - Diane Lucas	\$101,387.40
5	Penns Valley - Eric Weaver	\$100,244.20
1	Bellefonte Elem - Nick Downs	\$132,810.10
Ranking	Personal Budgeting Game	Overall Score
1	Bald Eagle - Diane Lucas	11036
2	State College - Robert Furmanek	10532
3	Bellefonte HS - Ryan Myers	5941

[Read The Full Press Release
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...



*Very simply, Lent is twofold:
Preparation and Purification.*
-Father Mike Pleva



Athletic Updates & Information

Dear WolfPack Community,

The winter sports season left the WolfPack on the sidelines, however, we are looking forward to getting back into the postseason next year. During the 2022-23 season, it will be our first year in the Tri Valley League and we are looking forward to having the opportunity to compete for conference championships as well. The spring sports season is quickly approaching. Please remember that www.SJCASports.org is the "one stop shop" for all things sports and activities. Announcements, schedules, links to social media, and more can be found here.

Mark Your Calendars

Sports Recognition Assembly: Wednesday, May 19, TBA. This is the end of the year sports banquet. More details to come.

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: <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/golf-outing/>

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/>

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

Hall of Fame Honor: Coach Sosnoskie



Saint Joe's has some exciting news to share regarding our Head Girls Basketball Coach. Coach Katie Sosnoskie was inducted into the Gannon University Hall of Fame, along with the 2009-10 women's basketball team. Coach Katie was an assistant coach with the team and we want to congratulate her, along with her team on this special honor. Great work, Coach!!!

Back story below is written by the
Gannon University Sports Information Department.

The 2009-10 Gannon women's basketball team went 37-1 and had a perfect 14-

0 record in conference play under head coach Cleve Wright. The team went on to win the PSAC regular season and tournament championships and advanced to the NCAA Final Four before getting edged in overtime, 97-94, against the eventual national champions, Emporia State.

The team broke NCAA Division II records for most wins (37) in a season as well as most-consecutive wins in a single season. The PSAC and NCAA Atlantic Regional Championships were the first in the women's basketball program's history. The team also ranked No.1 in the country in the final three USA Today ESPN regular season Top 25 polls that season, joining the Gannon women's lacrosse program (2000 & 2001) as the only two programs in school history, at the time, to reach the apex of the national rankings.

Members of the team included: Tiffany Crocker, Amanda Dacek, Kristina Freeman, Becky Innes, Julie Kleber, Caitlyn Lowe, Kelsey McCoy, Carrie Nolan, Brittany Powell, Heather Reynolds, Brittany Tabron, Shanna Thompson, Danielle Tucker, Kim Vargas, and assistant coaches Kate (Glusko) Sosnoskie, Jennifer Lodge, and Anneke Chewning.

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

SAINT JOSEPH'S
WOLFPACK

Development & Advancement

Turn Your Pennsylvania Tax Payments Into Scholarships
for Saint Joe's Students

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!

Join Us for the following events

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!

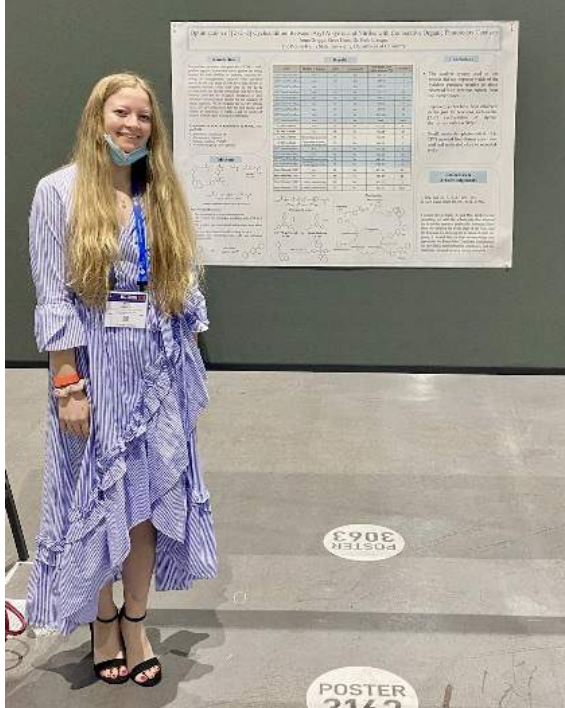
Four Pillars Golf Tournament

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

Anna Griggs, Class of 2019

Griggs is studying single-chain polymer nanoparticles (SCNPs) and



their abilities to improve reactions as homogeneous catalysts. "After we synthesize the photocatalytic polymer through RAFT polymerization, they can be placed in synthetic reactions under visible light in hopes of increasing reactivity," Griggs stated. Griggs recently presented at the 2022 American Chemical Society Conference in San Diego with her group (Nittany Chemical Society) from Penn State.



Supporting Student's Mental Health



Kyle Scheele
April 1st
Enrichment Day
For Our Students
During School



Josh Shipp
April 4th
For Parents, Teachers &
Administration
6:30-7:30 pm

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.



Important Dates

Enrichment Day - Leadership
April 1st

Supporting Students Mental Health
Presentation
April 4th
6:30 pm

House Service Projects
April 8th

New Student Night
April 12
6:00 pm

Easter Break
April 14-15th

Out of Uniform Day
April 29th - \$3

Athletic Events

Go to SJCAsports.org for an athletic schedule.

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