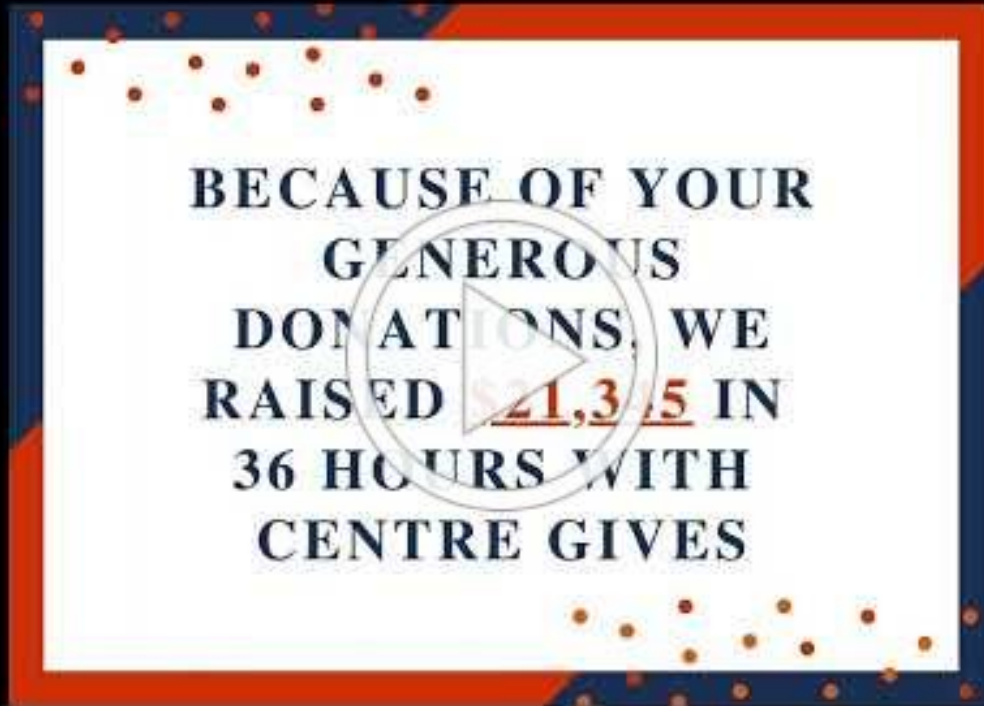




# Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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**From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.**

Thank you for your generous gift to Saint Joe's through the Centre Gives campaign. We are thrilled to have your support. Through your donation we will be able to directly impact the students that participate in our activities like the recent school musical, art, and an eSports club. These activities enrich our classroom learning experiences. You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

With gratitude,  
Ms. Mallett



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**Congratulations Class of 2022!**



On May 21st, Saint Joseph's held its ninth graduation, for the third time on the Saint Joseph's campus. Twenty-eight graduates, their friends and families, faculty and staff gathered on the sunny Saturday morning to begin the day with a Baccalaureate Mass in the Robert and Alice Thomas Student Life Center. The Mass, celebrated by **Bishop Mark Bartchak**, provided a perfect opening for our **day of celebration**. Members of the school's A Cappella choir provided music that included traditional hymns and school favorites, while members of the Class of 2022 participated in the Mass through readings. At the end of the Mass, seniors lovingly distributed roses to many of the special people who had supported them on the journey to this day.

Saint Joseph's ninth Commencement Exercises began with the traditional march of graduates, followed by the faculty, dressed alike in traditional black robes and the faculty sporting an impressive array of academic regalia. Senior members of the A Cappella choir opened the ceremony with a singing of the national anthem, followed by an opening prayer. **Head of School Jennifer Mallett spoke movingly of her time with the seniors** next, and then had seniors don the special gift she gave to each of them as they entered the building, a Saint Joseph medal.

Vice President of the Board of Trustees Mr. Robert Shearer addressed the senior class and commended them on achieving excellence throughout their time at Saint Joseph's. **Senior Asia Heinz addressed the senior class**, encouraging her fellow seniors to remember their childhood dreams as the move forward in life.

The coveted pillar awards were announced next. The Faith Award was given to **Grace Rose** for her ability to recognize the presence of Christ in herself and

others by helping us to celebrate our faith as a community and by sharing her faith through campus ministry. **Nicholas Coskren** earned the Scholarship Award for commitment to personal goals for academic excellence, tackling rigorous academic courses in world languages and cultures, the sciences and engineering, the humanities and the arts, and applying himself seriously to theology and diverse electives. Her integrity, accountability, and respect for others within the community while adhering to the school-wide honor code for academics and personal behavior earned **Sophia La Porta** the Leadership Award. **Natalie Page** earned the Service Award for her commitment to making a positive difference in school, in the community, and in the world by setting standards for future civic responsibilities. The final award given was the Spirit of Saint Joseph. **Samuel Yangula** earned this award for exemplifying the four pillars of the school's mission.

Finally, the big moment arrived as Theology teacher **Mr. Nick Astle** called each graduate to the stage to receive his or her diploma from Board of Trustees Vice President Mr. Robert Shearer. Following the traditional changing of the tassels, graduate Francesca Mellott gave her class her last bit of advice before A Cappella took center stage. Following a blessing by Bishop Bartchak, the Class of 2022 processed out of the Student Life Center and into the receiving line of faculty before celebrating with their own family and friends.

We are so proud of every member of the Class of 2022 and wish them all the best as they go forth in faith and in love!

## The Bittersweet Symphony That We Call May

By: Chad Walsh, Teacher and House Council Advisor

This year has been much sweeter than bitter, by a longshot. In a year that was characterized by "a return to normalcy", we saw some of our favorite activities, gatherings, student-lead events, and general excitement just to be together. **Much of this return is in thanks to this most recent graduating class.** From day one of the school year, they seemed to have grasped the reality of what had been lost by the Spring of 2020 and a disjointed 2021, and they were determined to make the most of their finite time together, as leaders of this student body... and boy did they ever do accomplish that goal!

The fall kicked off an explosive return to athletics with a District VI soccer championship, thanks to the experienced leadership of seniors, and however it ends (there are still games to be played), the baseball team is looking to add the exclamation point. We got back to in-person activities like Fall Harvest Festival, Wing Night, All-Night Dodgeball, and many other student-planned activities that have built the strong student community we all know and love around here. The spring also saw the return to the stage with the musical, Emma! and the A capella Concert/Art Show. **These two school-favorites reminded us, not only of the talent in the senior class, but that the future is certainly bright** when it comes to the arts. Both events received accolades from our school community and were a reminder of what we have missed!

Finally, this past Saturday saw the culmination of the year we didn't know we needed with bachelorette mass and graduation. Our newest graduates putting the (literal) cap on an awe-inspiring senior year, and ultimately, career at Saint Joe's. The ceremony had some amazing messages from five of the graduates, a reprise from the a capella choir, sharing of memories, and shedding of tears. **May at Saint Joe's tends to be filled with tears... not exclusively sad tears,** but tears of pride, tears of excitement, and some tears that we just can't explain.

I have had the pleasure, due to restructuring of curriculum, to teach most of the recent Saint Joe's grads for three straight years in their social studies classes. The senior class includes a segment each Wednesday called "Wondering Wednesday". The last "Wonder" that this group shared was a response to a simple question... Was it what you expected? I know this group as well as any we have had, and I knew their responses would be thoughtful and meaningful... but, **I couldn't prepare myself for the messages that they shared; messages of love, appreciation, gratitude, and family.** As they shared, I found myself thinking of the impact that this year has had on me (and hopefully our entire school). It was as if I didn't total grasp the effects of the past couple years, until the seizing of the day by these 18-year-olds sent a resounding message that will energize me going into next year, and beyond.

So, as we say goodbye to the 2021-2022 school year, and another class of amazing leaders, we do so with a level of sadness, but also with overwhelming levels of enthusiasm, excitement, and pride that comes from energizing experiences like this school year has been. May is always filled with emotion, but I think Winnie the Pooh said it best... "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." **May is always a celebration of all the things that make Saint Joseph's such an amazing place,** and like graduation, the end of a school year marks the end of one adventure... but the sweetness of the process is that it's just the beginning of another. How lucky are we for that opportunity?!?!

## Senior Class Video

Created by Mr. Hergenreder

Every year a video is created to honor our graduating seniors. This video is just a glimpse into the past four years of our senior's lives at Saint Joe's.





# Academic Awards Ceremony, Art Show, and A Capella Concert



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## 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...



Remain in Jesus' love. If you remain in his love, what happens? You remain **joyful**.

--Father Mike

.....Oh, the Places You'll Go.



## Athletic Program Thank Yous and Plans for the Coming School Year

Dear WolfPack Community,

As we wind down the school year, I want to thank the Coaches, the Back the Pack Supporters, the Board of Directors, parents, and the faculty & staff for your support of our student-athletes and all you do to make WolfPack athletic programs excellent. I especially want to thank our student-athletes for their dedication to their education and field of play. What a blessing it is to be a part of the Saint Joseph's WolfPack community. We were able to recognize and celebrate our student-athletes in a Sports Assembly that was held during graduation week. Please check out our social media pages for photos of this event as well as read more below. Please reach out to our student-athletes to offer congratulations and support!

### Planning Ahead 2022-23

(1) Our WolfPack team/fan store will be launched in June. This will ensure all items are here for the start of the 2022-23 school year. (2) Student-athletes can start getting fall physicals beginning June 1. The physical form can be found at [SJCAsports.org](http://SJCAsports.org). (3) We will look to schedule a Back the Pack (PAAC) meeting this summer. More information will be coming soon! Parents we need your help with the PAAC!

**Put Down the Phone and Join In Summer Sports Opportunities.**All Saint Joseph's student-athletes are encouraged to reach out to the SJCA coaches about opportunities to gain skills during the summer months. Many of our teams have regular meet-ups—including open gyms and summer league play. To learn more, tell your student to contact his/ team's coach (see <https://sjcasports.org/main/otherad/contentID/50113316> for list of coaches).

**Spread the Word About Our Clinics for Middle School Athletes.**This summer our coaches are offering clinics for basketball and soccer. These are great opportunities to middle school students to up their game and have lots of fun. To learn more and sign up, go to <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/summer-opportunities/>

**Keep Update 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, athletic registration, links to social media, and more can be found here.

**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



Saint Joseph's sophomore, Colin Simander, had a 3rd finish in the 1600-meter race with a time of 4:37.15 and a 3rd finish in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:02.23. Simander's finish for both events earned him a spot at next week's AA Track & Field State Championship Meet at Shippensburg University. For an update on this meet, go to

[https://www.piaa.org/sports/championship\\_details.aspx?sport=track](https://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=track)

**Letters, Pins, Signings and More at the Athletics Awards Assembly**





On Wednesday, May 18, 2022, Saint Joseph's students, family, faculty, coaches, and friends gathered to remember and honor this year's achievements of WolfPack individual student-athletes and teams. This was the first such gathering in full force since the Fall 2019 Sports Assembly.

#### **Fall, Winter, Spring—The WolfPack Plays Varsity Strong**

No matter what the sport, our student-athletes played hard and were outstanding representatives of the WolfPack. Student-athletes who met the criteria determined by the Athletic Program were given letters as a sign of their Varsity-level play. Further, all who played on one or more Varsity teams were given pins for each team on which they played. Click [here](#) to view a summary of the WolfPack seasons.

#### **Roach Signs To Cisco College**

After years of hard work, Saint Joseph's Senior, Evan Roach, will be headed to Cisco College in Cisco, TX to begin his college baseball career. A smiling Roach signed his official Letter of Intent in front of his SJCA teammates, SJCA students and faculty, family and friends on Wednesday Night at the Saint Joseph's Athletics Award Ceremony. Cisco College is well-known for its outstanding baseball program. Roach is a starting pitcher for the WolfPack. Last year, he became the first WolfPack pitcher to throw a no-hitter.

#### **Athletics and the Arts**

Our students are very talented and excel academically and athletically. What you may not know is a majority of our students also enjoy the Fine Arts. Over 90% of our student-athletes participated in this year's show, *Emma: A Pop Musical*.

#### **Honoring Student-Athletes That Go Beyond**

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the announcement of athletic



awards. These awards were given to Saint Joseph's student-athletes that go the extra mile for their team and sport. For information about each of these awards, click [here](#). These student-athletes serve as models for our school's underclassmen.

***Highest Team GPA Award***

Recipient: Girls Track and Field Team (GPA: 3.80)

***Saint Joseph the Worker Award***

Recipient: Asa Reynolds (Cross Country/Track and Field)

***Saint Sebastian Award for Excellence in Athletics***

Recipients: Timothy Peters (Golf/Boys Basketball) and Brandi Carmack (Cross Country/Track and Field)

***District VI Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Scholarship Award***

Recipients: Madison Mazza (Volleyball) and Thomas Delahoy (Baseball)

***Centre County Sports Hall of Fame Award Scholarship***

Recipients: Natalie Page (Soccer) and Sam Yangula (Soccer)

***Centre Daily Times (CDT) Snyder Award***

Recipients: Natalie Page (Soccer) and Sam Yangula (Soccer)

**Great Things To Come!**

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy will be officially joining the **Tri Valley Athletic Association** (aka TVAA or Tri Valley League) beginning this Fall. The WolfPack is looking forward to competing for conference championships as well as forming new partnerships. The league now consists of ten teams.

Finally, thanks to three generous donors, the WolfPack will be updating, improving, and installing **new team banners and "Wall of Honor" boards on the gym walls**. The new team banners will recognize conference and District Championships, while the "Wall of Honor" will highlight individual PIAA State Championship accomplishments and District champions, as well as other honors. The new banners are set to be installed in the coming weeks.

[Read More About the Awards](#)

[Athletic Seasons Recap](#)

## 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 and others, to go <https://stjoeacad.org/athletics/summer-opportunities/>

**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

### Soccer Clinic For Girls

SJCA Soccer Coach, LeAnne Graham, along with current college soccer players, is hosting a soccer clinic for girls entering grades 6-9, June 27 - 30. 9:30 - 12 Noon. \$100; includes T-shirt.

## 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](https://SJCAsports.org)

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## 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 <https://stjoeacad.org/advancement/eitc/> or contact Ms. Jennifer Mallett at [jmallett@sjcademy.org](mailto:jmallett@sjcademy.org)



Pictured is Max Wortman, our April Alumni Spotlight. This past weekend, Max completed his degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering at George Washington University and is now a commissioned Second Lieutenant in the United States Airforce. Congratulations, Max... and to all SJCA alumni who have earned degrees this year. Your alma mater is very proud of your continued work to make this world a better place!!

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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

Last Day for Students  
May 27th

Four Pillars Golf Tournament  
June 6th

First Day of School

August 15

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## Athletic Events

Go to [SJCASports.org](http://SJCASports.org) for an athletic schedule.

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