

## Principal's Welcome

Welcome back, WolfPack! This month, we celebrate the return of our students and staff-ulty for another great year. We welcome 25 new students to the WolfPack, and the addition of many new faculty and staff members, and coaches, too. I'm so thankful that ours is a school that celebrates both renewal and tradition. I cannot wait to witness the work of God through each and every member of the WolfPack in the year to come.

This school year, our goals are centered around uniting our four pillars to achieve excellence in these areas:

- **Increase community engagement** through a Parent Council, WolfPack boosters, and new school traditions like alumni gatherings.
- **Support a growing roster of Dual Enrollment and AP courses** with top colleges and universities to advance our college-preparatory rigor.
- **Achieve growth in enrollment to add a competitive edge to our college prep performance**, college placements, athletics and fine arts performance, and sustainability of all our programs.
- **Continue to support professional growth for our educators** through development, training, and allocation of resources for advancement in leadership, classroom management, and pedagogy.

In addition to our weekly updates, we intend to create a monthly newsletter to serve as a community-wide dispatch on all news related to Saint Joe's academics, athletics and student activities, development, and alumni news. There is so much goodness happening at Saint Joe's, we want to make sure we broadcast all these exciting events and proud wins across our school community, and beyond! I look forward to growing together this year as a Saint Joe's family.

**Peace be with you,**  
**Anna L. Rupprecht, Principal**

## NEW CLUBS FOR 2024-25

\*subject to change based on demand

**ENVIROTHON**

**SKI CLUB**

**CLASSICAL LEAGUE**

**RADIO BROADCASTING**

**CLUB BOWLING**

**CREATIVE WRITING**

**WRESTLING**



### DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

St. Joe's is excited to partner with St. Francis and Mt. Aloysius to bring dual-enrollment courses to students! Courses include Intro to Statistics, Intro to Psychology, and Intro to Sociology. Students can earn college credits while challenging themselves with college coursework!



### PRINCIPLES OF SCIENCE

Intended for first-year students, Principles of Science will focus on the foundational skills in math and science to set scholars up for success with experimentation, inquiry, and scientific curiosity, providing an intro to exploring the world of STEM!



### FOUNDATIONAL SURVEY OF ENGINEERING

Our brand-new Foundational Survey course will teach students about engineering concepts and career exploration so they can get a head start or explore the field of engineering. The class will co-taught by guest lecturer and mechanical engineer, Mr. Bill Gendron, MA.



# Fresh Faces: An Interview With New Athletic Director Bryce King

**Meet St. Joseph's new Athletic Director, Mr. Bryce King!** King grew up in Silver Springs, Maryland, where he was all-state first chair for saxophone and played basketball. He ultimately decided to pursue his education at Penn State, starting out in architecture, before realizing his true calling. "I knew I loved the game of basketball. I had a job in college where I was really good at sales as well. I can talk, I'm a talker, right? So ultimately I decided to myself that my future is going to be making positive impressions on people through these outlets." This dream led King to start out as a sales intern at Enterprise Rent-a-Car, where he notes he learned his most valuable lessons in human connection, communication, and conversation. He moved into a remote IT job during COVID and got married in 2022.



With the birth of his first child in 2023, and news that his job was being outsourced, King had to make a decision. "I ran it by my wife and said, 'You know what, I'm already coaching AAU basketball, but I want to make this my everything. I don't want to answer to anyone ever again if I don't have to. I want to do something that makes me wake up and smile every day.'" Building off of his experience in AAU basketball, King started Team Lockdown LLC, a basketball skills training program, in partnership with C3 Sports. As his business grew, parents reached out to him and told him he should become an athletic director.

What made him decide Saint Joe's? The student section. King specifically remembers the day he stopped by for the girls' basketball playoff game versus Williamsburg. "I was not expecting to see the student section the way they were," he recalls. "The grandiose entrance and starting lineups, with the lights flickering and smoke. It was raucous in there, an environment I hadn't seen in high school in a very long time."

The second he saw the student section, King wanted to be a part of St. Joe's. He wants to make an impact and really emphasize the role of student-athlete, and for all sports, not just the popular ones. "I want smoke machines for golf and cross country. I want us to feel like the best athletes in the world at our age in amateur high school sports. So that's the goal."

On his goals for the future, King recognizes how St. Joe's already has the fun part down— but discipline, respect, and communication are also needed in student-athletes. First and foremost, their academics comes first. "Winning is great. But we're also building young men and young women who could be winners in life. Playing basketball, playing soccer, or playing whatever sports they are playing right now could be a footnote to who they become and their future. These kids might look back and say, 'I may never play soccer again in my life, but I had the best time of my life during that time.' And part of my job is to make sure that that happens."

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is our current projection raised through EITC this year! A big thank you to all those who contributed through earned income tax credit and for continuing to support Catholic education!



# Photo Album



## Four Pillars

Thank you to all those who came out to the 2024 Four Pillars golf tournament and auction! We had over 60 golfers come out and play during a beautiful June day at Centre Hills. For the first time, we also held an online auction, which raised over \$18k and 260 bids. It's always a great time and the event provides support for student activities. We thank those who showed support and hope to see you next year!



## Celebrating 12 Years of Service

This August, a surprise party was held for Rob Thomas, the former chairman and current member of Saint Joseph's Board of Trustees. Dedicated to the mission of Saint Joseph's from the beginning, Thomas has worked hard to establish the high school for years, from the first classes in 2011 to the present day. We thank him for his service to the school and his relentless dedication to Catholic education.





# Summer Round-Up



## Students compete at FBLA Nationals in Orlando

Three St. Joe's Class of 2024 graduates competed at Nationals at Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Orlando. Anthony Fisher, Colten Woomer, and Kyle Yangula all competed, with Anthony Fisher and Colten Woomer placing 9th nationally in Data Analysis.



## Student-Athletes receive local and state recognition

Junior Luke Duckworth was named to the Pennsylvania Baseball Coaches Association All-State Second Team. Duckworth had a .500 season batting average, 65 strikeouts, and 19 RBI. As for softball, graduates Jordyn Rose and Katie Pase played in the District 6 All-Star game! Rose had a .550 batting average, 4 home runs, and 25 RBI this season. Pase recorded 14 stolen bases and 10 RBI.

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## AP Scholars

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

## AP Scholars WITH HONORS

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

## AP Scholars WITH DISTINCTION

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Congratulations to our 2024 AP Scholars! AP Scholar awards are given by College Board to students who perform exceptionally on AP Exams. There are three levels, with increasing standards of achievement. In our graduating Class of 2024, 39% percent of graduates recieved an AP Scholar award or higher! Only 10% of students nationwide who take AP exams earn an AP Scholar award or higher.

## Meet Our New Faculty!



### Mr. Timothy Robbins

Mr. Timothy Robbins is St. Joe's new Theology teacher and Dean of Students! Robbins has a BA in Theology/Psychology from St. Vincent's College and a Master's in Education from Providence College. His favorite part about teaching Theology is learning new things about the Faith! A fun fact about him is that he enjoys making different types of bread, including sourdough, Italian, and buns.

## Follow us on LinkedIn!



Saint Joseph's now has a dedicated LinkedIn page! Follow us on LinkedIn to connect with alumni and members of the Saint Joseph's community.

## Welcome to the Team!

New Coaches for 2024-25



**Ethan Khoza**  
Boys Basketball



**Spencer Gigante**  
Boys Soccer



**Ken Grabey**  
Girls Soccer



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