

## Principal's Message

Hello, WolfPack families! We have such a fun-filled Homecoming week planned for our students and community! A special thanks goes to House Council for their creativity and hard work they put forth into making this week one of the best of the year!

**This week also marks the last days of our 2024 Ford Bronco car raffle.** Ticket sales have certainly picked up, and we are anticipating a very strong finish this week. Keep up the good work, Saint Joe's...we will be livestreaming the drawing at 5PM on **Saturday, October 5th** on Facebook! All ticket purchasers will receive a link to watch the livestream with confirmation of their ticket number. Stay tuned!

Looking ahead, be sure to look in your inbox for an Evite to the **SJCA Town Hall on Wednesday, Oct 16th.** The SJCA BoT will host a Town Hall preceded by social; it all starts at 6:30PM in the SLC. Send in your RSVP today!

Peace be with you,  
Principal Anna Rupprecht



### ***Congratulations to our Teachers of the Month!***

**Mr. Matthew Graham** was voted Teacher of the Month by the students. He's our resident physics, computer science, and engineering teacher, along with being NHS and House De La Salle's advisor. A student favorite and avid Bills fan, he encourages his students to think outside the box in their classes and labs. He often cheers on the student-athletes at home games, while assisting with the golf team as well.

**Ms. Emma Sharp** was voted Teacher of the Month by the teachers. As SJCA's stellar art teacher, she teaches a variety of 2D, 3D, and digital art classes, helping students explore their creative side. In addition to her art classes, she keeps the place humming behind the scenes as well as in the front office, always greeting students with a smile.

# CLASS SNAPSHOT



Mr. Matthew Graham guides junior Carson Fisher through a physics problem in the Honors course. Part of the St. Joseph's natural science requirement, **college prep, honors, and AP Physics** introduce students to fundamental principles of matter, energy, and the laws that govern the physical universe.

**Congratulations to the juniors inducted into National Honor Society at our annual NHS induction dinner this week!** Only members who uphold the values of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service with a 3.75 cumulative GPA or above are inducted. Members of NHS are committed to making a positive impact in their schools and communities through service projects, volunteer work, and leadership roles. In addition to academic achievement, NHS encourages personal growth and civic responsibility, preparing students to become future leaders and engaged citizens.



St. Joe's held their first annual college fair this Friday in the Student Life Center! Students got a chance to talk to college representatives and learn more about colleges in PA and along the East Coast. The college representatives gave them insight into the college application process, campus life, and programs offered. Over 10 universities attended, including Notre Dame, Penn State, and West Virginia University.

# HOMECOMING WEEK THEMES AND EVENTS

## 9/30 - 8 Period Day MONOCHROMATIC MONDAY

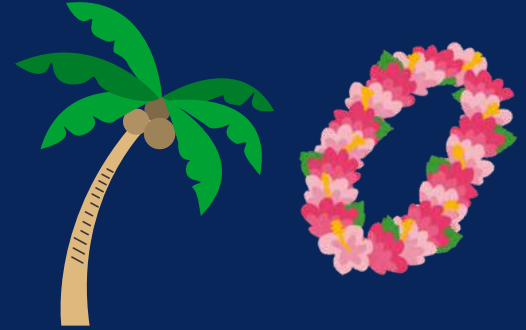
Students: come dressed in all the same color for the day, and all blue for the blue out student section at the volleyball home game!

**\*Soccer at 4pm**

**\*Volleyball Blue Out at 5:30pm**

## 10/1 - Even Block/Clubs TROPICAL TUESDAY

Dress up in your best tropical wear on Tropical Tuesday! Remember: there will also be an Ireland/Scotland Trip Meeting at 7:30pm for those interested. 9th graders, remember to take your PSAT!



## 10/2 - Odd Block/Mass 1/2 SPIRITWEAR, ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK

Wear a WolfPack spirit top and uniform bottoms! There will be a guest speaker during House period in the SLC.



## 10/3 - Service Pillar Day FOUNDING FATHERS DAY (USA THEME)

Come to school in patriotic dress and wear it with pride! Thursday will also be our Service Pillar Day. *Students should be dropped off and picked up at their location, unless otherwise communicated.*

- Becket/De la Salle at Boal Mansion (8:30am)
- Francis at Shaver's Creek (9am)
- More At St. Joseph's Campus (9am)

**\*Soccer at 4pm**

**\*Girls District 6 Golf Championships**



## 10/4 - Special Activity Schedule HOUSE COLORS

Wear your house colors, and compete in the Fall Harvest Festival after 6th period!

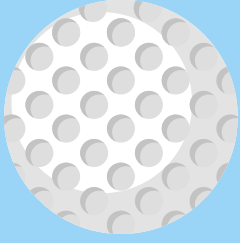
Come to the Homecoming Bonfire at 6:00pm later that day and close the Homecoming festivities! Listen for the final musical announcement and stay for a one time performance from alum Jack Mangene ('19).



# SPORTS RECAP

## Golf

After winning the TVAA with a 12-0 record for the third straight year, the team competed in boys sectionals. Freshman Jacob Andreyo led the boys with a +26, and Senior Luke Duckworth recorded a +29.



## Volleyball

Volleyball won against East Juniata and played Millersburg, losing in a 5 set heartbreaker. They have a Blue Out at home vs Juniata on Monday.



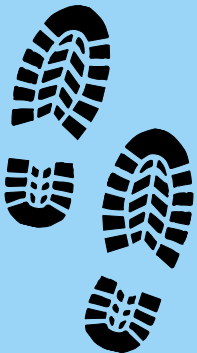
## Soccer

Soccer had no games this week. They play Greenwood on Monday.



## Cross Country

Cross Country competed in the Carlisle Invitational on Saturday. Abby Ridenour led the girls side with a 22:10, finishing 42nd, followed by Leah Wright (22:19), Brynn Wright (23:44), Leah Ridenour (23:55), and Sydney Higginbotham (25:08). On the boys side, Abel Reynolds led with a 20:33, followed by Thomas Rokita (22:45), and Matt Rogan (22:49).



## This Week



### **Volleyball**

9/30 vs Halifax -  
**Blue Out**

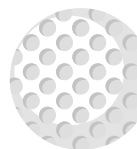
10/2 @ Moshannon  
Valley

10/3 @ Juniata



### **Soccer**

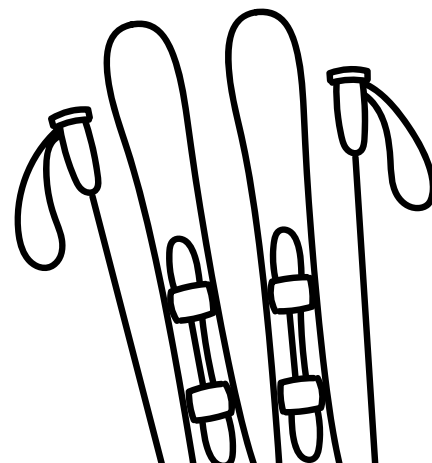
10/3 vs  
Greenwood (4pm)  
10/4 @ Millersburg



### **Golf**

9/25 District 6  
Sectionals

Join the Ski Club at Tussey Friday nights! If you get a independent season pass, you can register it as part of the SJCA Ski Club to support our numbers! If anyone has questions they should reach out to Mrs. Moore at [amoore@sjcacademy.org](mailto:amoore@sjcacademy.org).



### **Saint Joe's Beatification Committee**

Faith Knappenberger and Nichole Plaza are working on building up a committee that will decorate the Saint Joe's campus. They will be starting this month with decorating the vestibule for fall, and would greatly appreciate it if anyone with extra fall decorations would donate them to this project. They would also like some volunteers to help them with the decorating process. Email them at [fknappenberger@sjcacademy.org](mailto:fknappenberger@sjcacademy.org) and [nplaza@sjcacademy.org](mailto:nplaza@sjcacademy.org) if you are interested or have any questions!

\*\*Families, if you have any fall decor that you would like to donate, please bring to the Main Office at SJCA. Thank you!

### **Friday Morning Coffee Club**

The Class of 2025 is holding the "SJCA Coffee Club" personalized coffee mug fundraiser starting Friday, September 28. Students, parents, or faculty can buy a coffee mug. Students and faculty can also buy a morning coffee subscription twice a month that comes with your own mug.



## **Lunch Menu**

<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>
Chili Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Goldfish/Crackers Cornbread Salad	Chicken Breast Mashed potatoes with gravy Salad Fruit Chocolate	Stuffed Shells Baked Apples Garlic Bread Salad	No lunch (Students at Pillar Day activities)	Bosco Bread Sticks Salad Bar Chocolate Cake



# SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY TOWN HALL



MEET THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES FROM SJCA.  
ENJOY FOOD, DRINKS, AND  
DISCUSSION ABOUT THE  
SCHOOL, OUR MISSION, AND  
OUR FUTURE.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

**6:30PM – HAPPY HOUR**

**7:30PM – TOWN HALL MEETING**

**901 BOALSBURG PIKE  
BOALSBURG, PA 16827  
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814-808-6118**



*Open to the public!*  
*RSVP to [sjca@sjcacademy.org](mailto:sjca@sjcacademy.org)*



**The Board of Trustees locked down a date for the Saint Joe's Town Hall!** Join us at the SJCA campus for our fall Town Hall, open to the public.

This summit is for current parents and families, and any community members, parents, or parishioners of any of our neighboring schools or churches: Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Our Lady of Victory Preschool, St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, Nittany Christian School, Lock Haven Catholic School.

Where: SJCA Campus

When: Wednesday, October 16th

6:30PM - Happy Hour with drinks and appetizers

7:30PM - Town Hall meeting

If you've wanted to get to know our Board of Trustees a bit better, ask them questions directly about the State of Saint Joe's and the school's strategic plan, or ascertain if SJCA is a good fit for your elementary or middle school child's future, this is for you!

RSVP is recommended to plan for refreshments: Email us at [sjca@sjcacademy.org](mailto:sjca@sjcacademy.org) or call 814-808-6118 to let us know you're coming!



# FAMILIES OF CHARACTER PRESENT: **TEAM FAMILY** FALL CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT

## **Two-Day Retreat:**

**November 15th:** 6:30 - 8:30pm

**November 16th:** 9am - 3pm

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Campus  
901 Boalsburg Pike, Boalsburg, PA, 16827  
\$65 per couple

## **Complementary childcare provided!**

For more information, email [arupprecht@sjcacademy.org](mailto:arupprecht@sjcacademy.org) or call 814-808-6188

## **TOPICS COVERED:**

### **Huddle Up for Peace + Unity: A Weekly Family Huddle**

A program that is transformative for your marriage and family! You'll learn how to get into this new habit, right away!

### **Leading Together: How to Strengthen Your Marriage to Coach Your Family Well**

Learn how to reconnect and rekindle your marriage with a 90 second encounter each day.

### **Prioritizing the Critical Few from the Trivial Many**

Learn how to prioritize family huddles, connect as a couple and say NO to the things that don't move the team down the field.



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CATHOLIC MOM AND CEO**



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OF CHARACTER!**

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