

## Principal's Message

Hello, Saint Joe's!

Congratulations to all our students on finishing the first academic quarter strong! It was awesome to see all those Dean's List names glimmering in lights (really!) in the WolfPack Highlights case in the main hallway. May all our students continue to take pride in their work, and keep aiming for excellence in quarter two.

This week, we celebrated a favorite Saint Joe's tradition: the Halloween skits. I especially love that our Houses include some of their creative, fun-loving House advisors to dress up and join in the fun, too. The Lorax, Batman, Sesame Street, and an animated fishing excursion were excellent themes this year, and kept us laughing well throughout the week.

The holiday week comes to an end with All Souls Day today. Mr. Robbins encouraged all students during chapel this week to reflect on and write down the names of all the departed members of their family. Those names will remain in the chapel throughout this month, being lifted up in prayer from all who pray and meditate in our chapel this month. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Peace to you,  
Anna L. Rupprecht



**THIS  
WEEK**

**Nov 2-4 - FBLA Leadership Conference** - For those part of FBLA, get excited to attend the State Leadership Conference this weekend at Kalahari resort in the Poconos!

**Nov 5- OLV Visit** - Give the 7th and 8th grade students from OLV a warm welcome as they tour the school!

**Nov 6- Joe Talks (English)**

**Nov 8- Faith Pillar Day** - Please report to the student union by 8:30am!

**Schedule Change** - Because of the OLV visit, **we will have a shortened club period on Tuesday instead of chapel. We will still have Thursday clubs as normal.**

**REMINDER: Get your winter sports physicals in!**

Our Collegiate Pride Spirit Wear Store is opening **next Friday from Nov 8th-15th!** Keep a look out for more info!



# Lately at St. Joseph's...

## Catholic Chat

**At Chapel this week,** Mr. Robbins talked about the plenary indulgence the Church gives from Nov 1-8. The need and duty to pray for the dead has always been acknowledged by the Church. It is recommended in the Scriptures of the Old Testament: "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macch. 12, 46).



**Sean DePlato is headed to states this weekend** after posting an 18:42 seventh-place finish in districts to qualify! Sean is the sole runner heading to states this year, but the girls team placed 4th overall in districts, led by Leah Wright's 21:52. Good luck to Sean and congrats to the rest of the cross country runners on a great season!

St. Joe's held a very spooky movie night organized by student Mark Sicree Wednesday night! Students dressed up and watched 1984's Poltergeist, and the Student Union was decked out in Halloween decor!



Faith Knappenberger and the Beautification Committee have finished their first project, a welcoming vestibule to greet our visitors. The committee's dedication and hard work are evident in every detail, making the vestibule a true testament to the spirit of the community. As guests enter, they're met with a sense of belonging and a glimpse into the heart of what makes St. Joe's special.

## Lunch Menu

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Soft Pretzels  
Soup  
Salad Bar

5

Chicken Patties  
Chips  
Veggie & Fruit Tray  
Choco Chip Cookies

6

Mac n Cheese  
Fish  
Peas  
Applesauce  
Rolls

7

Pierogies  
Sloppy Joes  
Corn  
Salad Bar

8

Faith Pillar Day  
(No Lunch)



# COMING UP IN NOVEMBER



**11/10:** Start of Discovering Catholic Schools Week

**11/12:** Open House

**11/14:** Dodgeball Tournament

**11/20:** Joe Talks (Foreign Languages)

**11/21:** Giving Together (Donor Dinner)

**11/22:** \$3 Dress Down Day

**11/25-26:** Musical Workshops

**11/26:** Turkey Bowl

**11/27-30:** Thanksgiving Break

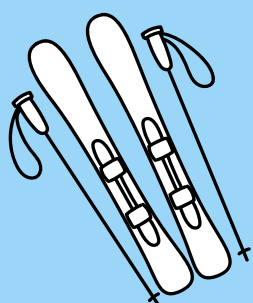
## Schedule Changes (11/25-11/26)

Nov 25- 8 pd. w/ Homeroom

Nov 26- 8 pd. w/ Chapel

## All Saints Day

St. Joe's students and faculty celebrated All Saints Day with a school-wide Mass! Fr. Brian Saylor centered his All Saints homily on three saints: St. Francis, St. Patrick, and St. Maximillian Kolbe. He connected the saints' lives to our own everyday sacrifices and joys, and concluded with the profound love of God's presence. Congratulations also to Monika Peters and Ashley Laskowski for being commissioned as Eucharistic ministers!



**Tickets are now live for Tussey Mountain!** Join the Ski Club at Tussey Friday 4-6! 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).



## International Trip Update

We have decided, after careful consideration and feedback from interested families, to postpone our trip to Europe. We will be looking to take the trip at the start of summer 2026 (instead of 2025) to Italy. After analyzing survey results, we feel as though this change in location and time will check more boxes and help clear some of the hurdles families faced with the original plan. Come to an information meeting to learn about the new itinerary, payment options, and fundraising opportunities on **Wednesday, November 13th at 6pm in Room 204.**



## Halloween Costume Contests

The St. Joe's students and faculty went all out this Halloween! Congratulations to House De la Salle for winning the costume contest and skit, dressing up as characters from the Lorax!







# 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.



**FEATURING JORDAN LANGDON,  
CATHOLIC MOM AND CEO**



**CHECK OUT FAMILIES  
OF CHARACTER!**





*Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy*

# OPEN HOUSE

12th Nov

LEARN ABOUT ADMISSIONS FOR 2025-2026

MEET FACULTY, TOUR THE CAMPUS

DISCOVER ALL THE ACADEMIC AND  
EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
STUDENTS

6:00-  
8:00P

ALL ATTENDEES  
RECEIVE **\$100 OFF**  
TUITION FOR 2025-  
2026! ONE FAMILY  
WILL WIN **\$500**  
DISCOUNT!



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