

Principal's Message

Greetings, WolfPack!

We had an incredible week. Thank goodness for that extra hour of sleep last weekend; we sure needed it to power through all the activity on campus this week. Our Lady of Victory school sent over their 7th and 8th graders for a "Welcome to the WolfPack" half-day visit. The Student Ambassadors truly shine in their role as hosts to all our visitors, and I'm very thankful for their energy and hospitality to create such an engaging experience for our guests. I was thankful to start a new tradition, by taking four of our ambassadors, **Luke, Seki, Alexia, and Leah W.**, to Lock Haven Catholic School to speak to the middle schoolers there about the great opportunities ahead for them at Saint Joe's! 'Tis the season for community building, which will only ramp up next week for **Discovering Catholic Schools Week**.

In this season of gratitude, we were especially grateful to Mr. McPherson for bringing Fr. Larry Richards to our campus to kick off the Faith Pillar Day. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Robbins also put forth a great deal of planning and care to make sure our students had a reflective and inspiring day to reignite the desire to grow in closeness with God. As Larry Richards says, one can only love God by spending time with Him. May we seek out every opportunity to be still, listen, and know that we are growing as men and women of Christ during our time at Saint Joe's.

Peace be with you!

Principal Anna Rupprecht

**THIS
WEEK**

11/10: Start of Discovering Catholic Schools Week

11/12: Open House 6-8 pm. See flyer for more details!

11/13: 2026 Italy Trip Information at 6pm in Room 204

11/14: Dodgeball Tournament

REMINDER: Get your winter sports physicals in!

FACULTY/STAFF OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our November Staff and Teachers of the Month!

Mrs. Anne-Marie Moore, resident biology and environmental science teacher, was voted Teacher of the Month by the students! Students noted her exemplary mentorship and dedication to her students. They said she is an empathetic listener.

Mr. Michael Koch, St. Joseph's Facilities Manager, was voted Teacher of the Month by the teachers! Mr. Mike keeps the school together and running, enthusiastically helping out whenever needed as the backbone of the school.



Lately at St. Joseph's...

Congratulations to the Quarter One Highest GPA award winners!

Pictured from left to right: Senior Brynn Wright, Sophomore Maria Finke, Freshman Connor Miller, and Junior Grace Leonard.



The St. Joe's chapter of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) attended the annual State Leadership in the Poconos this weekend! They attended seminars, learned about the various opportunities that FBLA has to offer, and networked with students from other schools.

JoeTalks

This week, the English Department hosted November's **JoeTalk**: Professor Roseanne McManus! Roseanne McManus is an Associate Professor in the Political Science Department at Penn State. Her research focuses on international security, for example how states are able to credibly signal their intentions in ongoing or potential international conflict. Before pursuing an academic career, she was a Senior Analyst at the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). In addition to her presentation on her Madman Theory, she answered questions about careers in defense and as a professor. Stay tuned for next month's edition of JoeTalks!



Lunch Menu

November 11, 2024	November 12, 2024	November 13, 2024	November 14, 2024	November 15, 2024
Panera Bagels, Soup, Salad Bar	Boneless Wings, Waffle Fries, Salad Bar	Boneless Wings, Waffle Fries, Salad Bar	Breakfast Sandwiches, Potato Wedges, Baked Apples, Cinnamon Rolls	Subway, Salad Bar, Chips, M&M Cookies



COMING UP IN NOVEMBER



- 11/20:** Joe Talks (Foreign Languages)
- 11/21:** Club photos during Houses
- 11/21:** Giving Together (Donor Dinner)
- 11/25-26:** Musical Workshops
- 11/26:** Turkey Bowl and \$3 Dress Down Day
- 11/27-30:** Thanksgiving Break

Faith Pillar Day

This Friday, St. Joe's celebrated Faith Pillar Day, bringing students and faculty together for a meaningful day of faith and fellowship. The day began with Mass, setting a reflective tone for the day. Afterwards, students heard a rousing talk from guest speaker Fr. Larry Richards, founder and president of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation. He gave a talk on taking responsibility and dealing with consequences. Penn State students from the Newman Center gave an interactive presentation on Gratitude, Gossip, and God's Beauty.

Afternoon team-building activities included a faith walk, positive compliment slideshows to build connections, and gratefulness rocks to be placed in the school garden. All in all, Faith Pillar Day offered students a unique opportunity to deepen their relationships, explore their faith, and celebrate the values that define the SJCA school community.



Bellefonte Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners

Pictured from left to right: Freshman Kalena Rokita, Sophomore Jonah Hoy, Junior Thomas Rokita, and Senior Sara McElhinny.



Middle School Visits!



Our Wolfpack Student Ambassadors have been busy this week, taking time out of their day to be exemplary representatives for St. Joe's! OLV 7th and 8th graders came for a "Welcome to the Wolfpack" half-day visit this past week! They took a tour, observed classes, sat in on clubs, and ate lunch with our Wolfpack student ambassadors.

Ambassadors Luke Duckworth, Seki Chappell, Alexia Luckovich, and Leah Wright paid a visit to Lock Haven Catholic to talk to the middle schoolers about high school at Saint Joe's. They also met up with Colin Simander '23 who is running XC and majoring in Sports Management at Lock Haven university.





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 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**
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