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WELCOME BACK, WOLFPACK!



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SIGN UP FOR THE WIFFLEBALL HOME RUN DERBY!

Proceeds benefit SJCA Baseball. See page 5 for more details.



UPCOMING EVENTS THIS WEEK

Starting Tuesday (8/19), students must be in Morning Check-In (same as their 1st period class) by 8:00 am for attendance.

MON 8/18	Welcome Back, WolfPack! 8:00am Student Life Center <i>*Students report directly to the SLC</i>
FRI 8/22	Leadership Pillar Day 8:00am Student Life Center
FRI 8/22	Back-to-School Movie Night 6pm Student Life Center Lawn

Monday/Friday are **Full Spiritwear Dress Down Days*

[**Student Activities Calendar PDF**](#)

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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Dean of Students' Message

+JMJ+

Dear WolfPack Families,

We pray you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer! Back-to-school is in full swing; floors are mopped, books are stacked, and our sports are up and running. Most importantly, our vacant principal's office is now home base to our newest addition, Dr. Geoff Miller. I encourage you to read about him on the next page and join me in extending a warm welcome to him during our first week back to school!



Also new to our faculty is Ms. Cousins, who will be teaching art. She has a background in interior design and is excited to be back at her Alma mater! We will also see Mr. Khoza, our basketball coach, wearing another hat as he works as an English teacher intern under the guidance of Mrs. Robertson within her English courses.

Some other updates to look for: Mr. Mike has worked diligently to improve our chapel by removing the wall and creating one big space to adore our Lord (I encourage you to stop in at any point throughout the day!), Dr. Ohmoto's classroom moved upstairs to Room 206, Mrs. Robertson's classroom will be downstairs in B1, and my Dean of Students' office is located next to Mrs. Lingle's office in the administrative suite.

Thank you to Mrs. Lingle, our Administrative Lead, as she helped us navigate this transition over the summer, as well as Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Walsh, who served on the transition team this summer to ensure that everything was prepared for this upcoming school year.

We look forward to being back on campus and seeing everyone at our Welcome Back WolfPack Monday morning!

God Bless,
Mr. Robbins

Mr. Robbins

Welcome, Dr. Miller!

Saint Joseph's Catholic



Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy is excited to announce Dr. Geoff Miller as the next principal!

Dr. Miller has over twenty years of experience in Catholic education, spanning teaching, administration, and principal roles at several Catholic institutions nationwide. St. Joe's is excited to welcome him to the community!

Dr. Miller earned a B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies at Indiana University, an M.A. in Historical Theology at St. Louis University, and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies at The Catholic University of America. After teaching theology in Catholic schools in the Midwest and the Northeast, he served in several administrative roles in secondary education, including the Prefect of Mission at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, the Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education for the Jesuits in St. Louis, and the principal of Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo, IL. Dr. Miller is a native of St. Louis, MO, but his family has roots in Pennsylvania. He is also an avid sports fan, a lover of ancient languages, and the proud owner of a Basset Hound puppy. Dr. Miller is excited to be in the Happy Valley area and become a part of our SJCA community.

New Faculty **Spotlight**



MS. GRACE COUSINS
ART

Ms. Grace Cousins is the new 9th-12th art teacher at Saint Joe's! A Saint Joe's alum and graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design, she also owns her own interior design studio, Grace Ryan.



interior design studio, Grace Ryan Designs.

LUNCH CALENDAR

MON	Pizza, Chips, Veggie Tray, Cookies
TUE	Boneless Wings, French Fries, Salad Bar
WED	Penne w/ Marinara, French Bread, Salad Bar
THU	Taco Bar, Nachos, Churros
FRI	Food Trucks!



GENERAL REMINDERS



STUDENT PARKING

SENIORS: If you have not yet completed the form for parking, and you plan to use the senior parking lot, please complete the [Senior Parking Form](#).

ALL DRIVERS: Parking fee is \$10. Payments should be made to the main office during the first week in order to receive your parking pass. **Students without a parking pass should not be parking in the school lots.** This is a safety issue, so please register your car with the main office during the first week of classes.

Note: you will need your license plate number to register, pay, and receive your parking pass.

WIFFLE BALL HOMERUN DERBY



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Information

\$10 per participant

Gold Bracket: Boys & Girls, 9th Grade and up

Silver Bracket: Boys & Girls, 8th Grade and lower

Challenger Bracket: Boys & Girls with physical and intellectual challenges; All Grades

*Grade level as of Fall 2025

SATURDAY AUG 23

**CHECK IN 10:15 AM, START 11:00 AM
LOCATION: SJCA BACK FIELD**

Notice: The updated Student Handbook is now available on the school website. Please take some time to review it. Mr. Robbins will also be going over the updates with students in the coming days.

CATHOLICISM CORNER

St. Michael's Lent



What is it?

St. Michael's Lent is a devotion that dates back to the 13th century and was beloved by St. Francis of Assisi himself. Inspired by his love for both Our Lady and St. Michael the Archangel, Francis began keeping this forty day period of prayer and penance after receiving the stigmata on September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

When does it start?

St. Michael's Lent begins on August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and ends on September 29, the Feast of the Archangels. The final day, September 29, is also known as Michaelmas in many parts of Europe, especially in England and Ireland.

Why and how should I participate?

St. Michael's Lent, through sacrifice, helps us get closer to God. There are no strict rules, although most practices include praying daily, practicing penance through fasting or sacrifice, showing



deny, practicing penance through fasting or sacrifice, showing charity toward those in need, and attending Mass and Confession regularly.

Mr. Robbins will be participating in this devotion via the Hallow app, and invites those who are interested to reach out to do it with him.

ATHLETICS



FALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Last chance to register for fall sports! All students must have a sports physical and complete Student Central registration in order to be able to participate in the fall. Use the link down below to register, or contact Athletic Director Bryce King with any questions at bking@sjcacademy.org.

[Register Now](#)



upcoming events

MON
8/18

Golf @ East Juniata
2pm - East Juniata High School

SAT
8/23

Volleyball @ Nittany Valley Rally
Time TBA - Nittany Valley Sports Centre

COACH CONTACTS

Baseball

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Boys Basketball

Mr. Ethan Khoza
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Girls Basketball

Mrs. Bethany Irwin
gbasketball@sjcacademy.org

Cross Country

Mr. Dave Carmack
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Golf

Mr. Chad Walsh
cwalsh@sjcacademy.org

Boys Soccer

Mr. Spencer Gigante
bsoccer@sjcacademy.org

Girls Soccer

Mr. Bryce King
bking@sjcacademy.org

Softball

Mr. Joe Rose
softball@sjcacademy.org

Track & Field

Mr. Dave Carmack
xctrack@sjcacademy.org

Volleyball

Mr. Tod McPherson
tmcpherson@sjcacademy.org

Wrestling (Club)

Mr. Cody Moore
cmoore@sjcacademy.org

PHOTO ALBUM:

**WORK HARD,
PLAY HARD**





SJCA Soccer alumni played against the current team on Friday, an annual tradition that happens every preseason. Golf and volleyball have been also preparing for the season, and both basketball teams have been working out to prepare for winter!



Want to become a better debater?

JOIN DIALOGUE AND DEBATE CLUB!

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dialogue!
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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- You can become **a better public speaker and problem solver.**
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- Dialogue and debate **open doors in any career** you choose.

Contact **Dr. Ohmoto**
(acohmoto@sjcacademy.org) for
more info!

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