

**Weekly Update 11/17**

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# DISCOVERING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



**Saint Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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## THIS WEEK

<b>TUE</b> <b>11/18</b>	<b>Open House</b> 6-8pm
<b>FRI</b> <b>11/21</b>	<b>8th Graders</b> Tour
<b>FRI</b> <b>11/21</b>	<b>All-Night</b> Dodgeball

This week, we're celebrating **Discovering Catholic Schools Week**, with dress down days, fun activities, and most importantly, the class vs class dodgeball tournament. Pictured above are the winners of last year's tournament: the Class of 2026!

**DRESS DOWN ALL WEEK!**  
See themes inside.



## Principal's Message

Dear SJCA Families,

Happy Discover Catholic Schools Week! We have several events planned to celebrate our school and to promote Catholic education. On Tuesday we will host our Open House for prospective families. If you know of anyone interested in learning more about St. Joe's, please encourage them to attend. Doors open at 6pm.



At the end of the week we will host 8th graders from OLV, Nittany Christian, and other area schools. If any 8th grader is unable to attend but would like to experience St. Joe's on a different day, please reach out to us to schedule a shadow visit.

We also had much to celebrate this past week. Last Wednesday we had a great turnout for the founding of our Leo Club. Altogether 36 students were inducted into our local chapter, making it one of the largest in the region. We also had an excellent turnout for our Faith Retreat yesterday. More than 40 people came to learn about the Theology of the Body from speaker Mary Stanford. Meanwhile approximately 20 middle school girls took part in our Pink-Out basketball clinic that same day.

As the winter sports season gets underway, we wish all of our student-athletes well and pray for a healthy and successful season.

Have a Blessed Week,

Dr. Geoff Miller

*Dr. Miller*

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. - Hebrews 13:8***

# CSW Themes:







Congratulations to our First Quarter Highest GPA Award Winners, as well as our Science and English Department Award recipients! These students have demonstrated outstanding dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence throughout the past quarter.

## GENERAL REMINDERS

- **November 19th - Winter Athletics Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM** - Important winter season information and expectations will be covered, please make sure to attend!
- **November 20<sup>th</sup> is Media Day.** Student-athletes should be prepared for team and individual photos. Be sure uniforms and gear are ready!
- **Need a tutor?** Please reach out to Mrs. Robertson at [mrobertson@sjcacademy.org](mailto:mrobertson@sjcacademy.org).
- **Need help with technology?** Please bring your device to Mrs. Beck in the main office.

## CLASS SPOTLIGHT



After journeying with Dante through the fiery and frozen depths of *Inferno* and the challenging climb of *Purgatorio*, Dr. Ohmoto's AP Literature students are now entering the final and most luminous stage of the *Divine Commedia*: *Paradiso*. Their projects demonstrate both rigor and imagination, the perfect preparation for the final realm of light.

St. Joe's offers both AP Literature and Composition and AP Language and Composition, college-level coursework that prepares students for the next level.

## #COMMITTED



**Madison Koshko is the third student-athlete from the Class of 2026 to announce her collegiate athletics**





announce her collegiate athletics plans! She will be joining the women's golf team at Penn State next fall.

Maddie is a four-time District VI champion and two-time PIAA state champion, accumulating multiple All-State and All-Conference awards. Her resume is one of the most impressive in Centre County girls golf history.

**Congratulations to the student athletes of the Class of 2026 and we look forward to their future endeavors!**



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# OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6:00 - 8:00PM

[www.stjoeacad.org](http://www.stjoeacad.org)



The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated October as "Respect Life Month." SJCA participated this year by having a "baby items drive" that benefited the Pregnancy Resource Clinic in downtown State College. The PRC exists to educate, encourage, and empower women and men to make informed life choices. They do this by providing education, material assistance, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted infection testing, and ultrasounds,





all at no-cost to clients. Students donated storybook Bibles, baby clothing, and wash clothes/towels for the PRC's "Baby Boutique" (pictured below). A group of students recently went to drop the items off, get a tour of their facilities, and learn more about the work they do in our community. Thank you to our students and families for your generosity!\*

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS



### **Congratulations to the 36 Founding Members of the Saint Joseph's Leo Club!**

These students are taking an important step in becoming leaders dedicated to service, compassion, and community engagement. The Leo Club, newly established at Saint Joseph's, operates as a youth service organization sponsored by the Harris Township Lions Club, connecting our students to a long-standing tradition of global volunteerism and civic responsibility.

Thank you to the Harris Township Lions Club for supporting the creation of our chapter and for joining us to celebrate the establishment of a new chapter!



### **In Anatomy class, students deepen their understanding of neuroanatomy through hands-on exploration.**

Under the guidance of Mr. Hergenreder, they carefully examine sheep brains and learn to identify major anatomical structures. Using real specimens allows students to see the size, texture, and positioning of each region.

*Want to spotlight on-and-off campus activities?  
Send in submissions to  
[sjcamarketing@sjcacademy.org](mailto:sjcamarketing@sjcacademy.org)!*

# Saint Joe's

## CHRISTMAS CASH CALENDAR



**SEE MR.  
WALSH FOR  
MORE  
TICKETS!**

### BENEFITS TO SELLING:

- Sell all tickets by 11/21 - Drawing for \$200
- Sell all tickets by 12/5 - Drawing for \$100 and a dress down day.
- Most tickets sold wins \$200, 2nd place wins \$100
- Each ticket sold = 1 house point!
- Any student who sells 25 tickets will not pay for dress down days the rest of the school year.
- Portion of funds raised will go to each class to be used for senior trip and gift.

### Raffle Dates

#### DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	8 \$200 Immaculate Conception	9 \$100 Boys Basketball First Home Game	10 \$50	11 \$100 Girls Basketball Home Game	12 \$100 Girls Basketball Home Game	13 \$50
14 \$50	15 \$100 Boys Basketball Home Game	16 \$50	17 \$100 Curling and Movie Night	18 \$100 Girls Basketball Home Game	19 \$1,500 Last Day of School For 2025	

Thanksgiving





*Wop-up*

# FOOD DRIVE

## FRIDAY

### NOVEMBER 21

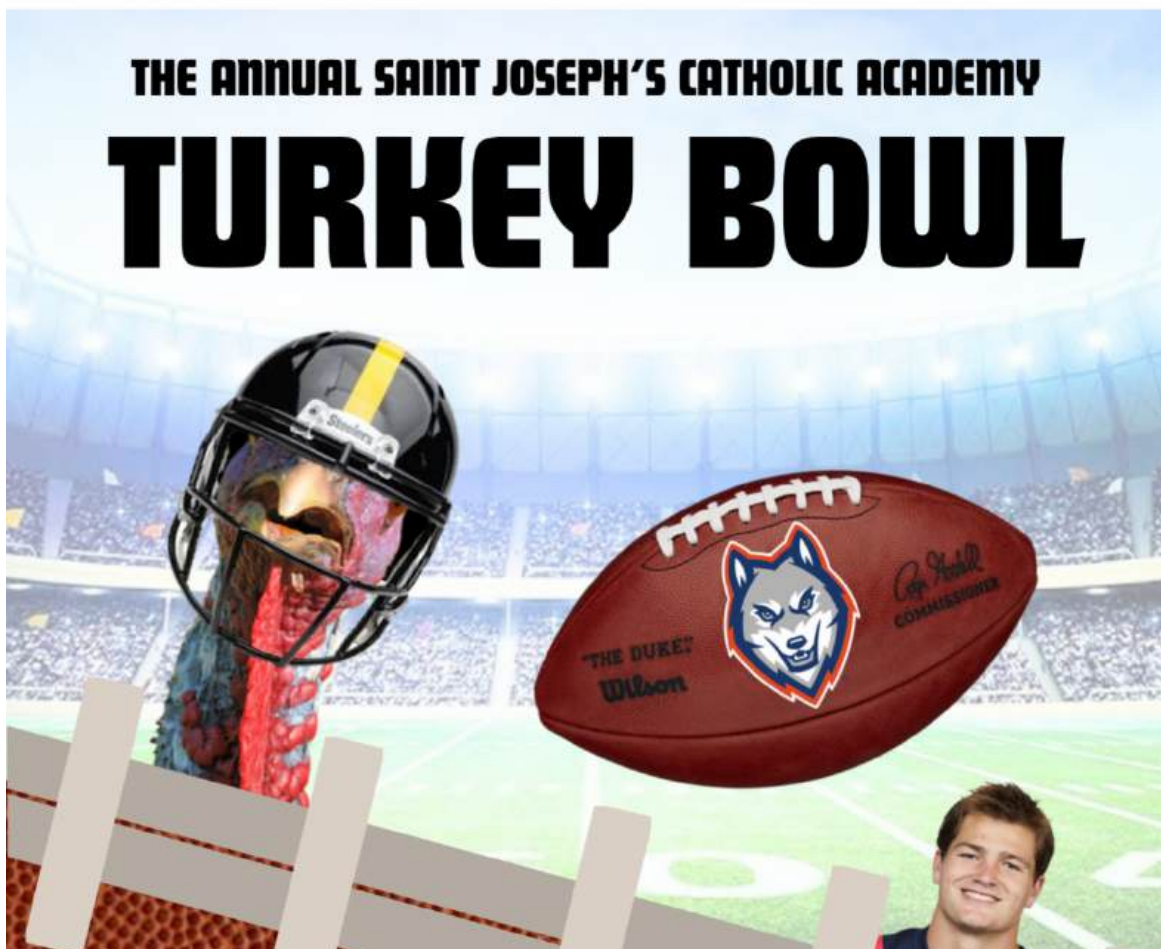
FILL UP MR. WALSH'S CAR ON THE WAY INTO SCHOOL!

HOUSE POINTS!!!  
1 HOUSE POINT PER ITEM

HOMESTYLE SOUPS	Cans of Progresso, Campbell's CHUNKY, ready-to-eat soups	Receive 3 BONUS points for each item on this list.
SNACK ITEMS	Boxes of crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.	
LAUNDRY DETERGENT	Bottles of Laundry Detergent	









**3 PLAYERS PER TEAM (NOT  
LIMITED TO HOUSES)**

**\$3 TO ENTER**

**NOV 25, 3:30 PM**



# **All Night Dodgeball**

**BE THERE!!**

**Entry.**

**\$3.00**

**or**

**Can of Food**

**CLASS  
COMPETITION**





# Friday 11/21 @ 7:00pm

## LUNCH CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup/Chili, Cornbread, Salad Bar
<b>TUE</b>	Wings, Fries, Salad Bar
<b>WED</b>	Subway, Chips, Salad, Cookies
<b>THU</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Feast:</b> Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Pie
<b>FRI</b>	Pizza, Salad, Chips, Ice Cream Cups

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