



ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

TRADITION • LEGACY • FAMILY • HISTORY



CELEBRATING OVER 60 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



St. Joseph High School is a co-educational, college preparatory school sponsored by the Lasallian Christian Brothers. We are fully accredited by AdvancEd and the state of Illinois, and are a member of the National Catholic Education Association. We offer an environment which emphasizes all facets of academic, cultural, and co-curricular learning.



Our learning accommodations promote a rich and diverse educational community. We modify and enhance our curriculum according to our students' abilities, needs, and their own desire to improve themselves as lifelong learners.



STUDENT PLACEMENT

- Three levels of curriculum offered:
 - Honors/AP
 - College Prep A
 - College Prep B
- Students at all levels have the opportunity to advance within the levels of the academic program
- Variety of elective courses offered throughout departments
- Supportive counseling staff ensures students maintain their path for post H.S. education
- Peer tutoring and dedicated educators are available before and after school
- An academic center is available to students and is monitored by faculty throughout the school day, including before and after school
- A math lab is available to students and is monitored by our Director of Curriculum before and after school
- Both students and parents can monitor students' progress on a weekly basis
- College Level Placement with partnership through Benedictine University

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Our students take the full complement of ACT testing (ACT PrepTest 9th & 10th grades and a practice ACT) in preparation for the ACT. Chargers demonstrate marked improvement as they progress at St. Joseph High School.

In addition, our counseling department organizes an in-house ACT preparation course.

LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGY

The integration of technology into our curriculum provides students with the following:

- Critical-thinking and problem-solving skills
- Technological communication and investigative skills
- Technological tools that are integral to collegiate level learning and the workforce
- Active engagement across the curriculum



Vincent I'm loving my time so far at St. Joes. Teachers are really helpful and they care about me and how well I do in my classes.

Like · Reply · 2h



Nessa I will forever be grateful for St. Joseph. I have started to form into the woman I want to be. I have met my forever friends, now family throughout my years at St. Joseph.

Like · Reply · 5h



Emory The best decision I made was coming to St. Joseph. I know they are preparing me for my future. The teachers and coaches really care about me.

Like · Reply · 6h



Nicole St. Joseph is where I belong. It truly has become my home away from home.

Like · Reply · 9h

Concern for the Poor and Social Justice

We are in solidarity with the poor and advocate for those suffering from injustices.



Faith in the Presence of God

We believe in the living presence of God in our students, our community and our world.

Quality Education

We engage in quality education together as students, staff and faculty by thinking critically and examining our world in light of faith.



Respect for all Persons

We honor and respect the dignity of all individuals.

Inclusive Community

We celebrate diversity and welcome all members of our community.



Inside the Classroom / On Campus



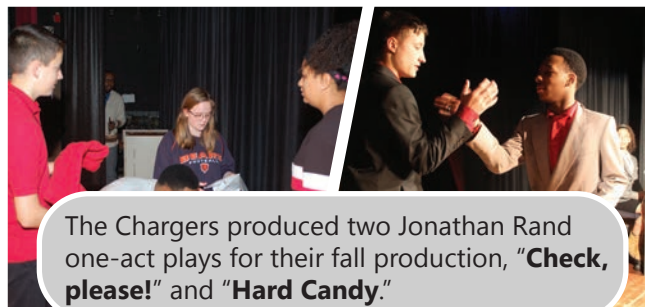
St. Joseph High School partners with Benedictine University in Lisle for a **Dual Credit/Enrollment program**. These senior Chargers took two undergraduate level courses, an astronomy class and an American History class to earn six college credits total.



The Amassadors Club, moderated by history teacher, **Mr. Victor Zitzer '72**, represents St. Joseph High School and the emblematic Lasallian tradition of our school culture. Ambassadors appear at school, within the community, and civic events before, during, and after school. Some examples are welcoming and assisting visitors to alumni and friends events, such as: Alumni Recognition Night, Sports Hall of Fame induction, and more. In addition, this organization has assisted the Westchester Food Pantry and helped judge the Divine Providence History Fair.



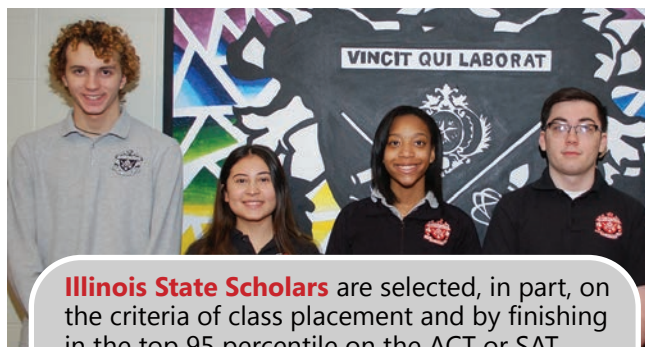
Student Council members and Vice-Principal Tricia McGleam organized **12 Days of Christmas** which included fun and memorable festivities.



The Chargers produced two Jonathan Rand one-act plays for their fall production, "**Check, please!**" and "**Hard Candy.**"



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a club for students interested in pursuing studies or careers in business or simply want to learn more about many diverse aspects of the business world.



Illinois State Scholars are selected, in part, on the criteria of class placement and by finishing in the top 95 percentile on the ACT or SAT.

(Pictured left to right) **Anthony Calabrese** (Westchester), **Jordan Mendoza** (Chicago), **Taylor Griggs** (Westchester), **Anthony Capua** (Berwyn). Missing: **Kayla Johnston** (Westchester).



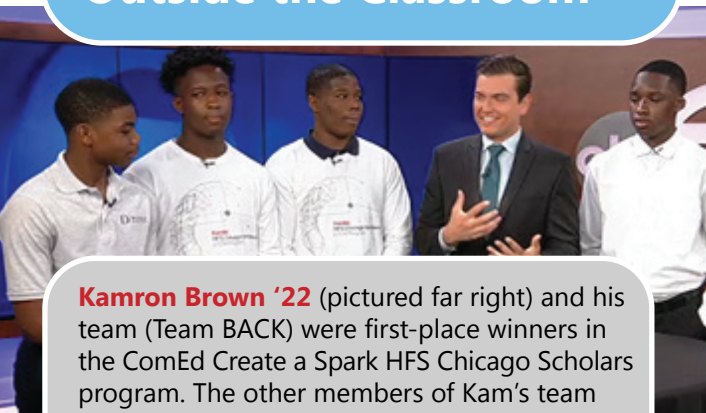
Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich celebrated mass at St. Joseph High School on March 2, 2020 as the school commemorated its 60 years of serving students in the western suburbs. The Cardinal's homily really hit home for many. The Charger community was in awe of the Cardinal's ability to make them feel comfortable and how well he knew and strongly embraces the mission at St. Joseph High School.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
 Mar 2 at 11:30 AM · 🌐

Grateful to be at St. Joseph High School in Westchester to celebrate 60 years of Lasallian education here. May the school continue to provide an excellent education for young women and men coming from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds.
 @wearestjoes

👍👍👍 Jill Oakley and 37 others · 2 Comments · 12 Shares

Outside the Classroom



Kamron Brown '22 (pictured far right) and his team (Team BACK) were first-place winners in the ComEd Create a Spark HFS Chicago Scholars program. The other members of Kam's team include students from De La Salle Institute and St. Patrick High School, both Lasallian schools. All of these young men were interviewed and featured on ABC7 Eyewitness News on Sunday, July 7, 2019 for their innovative idea.



Jimmy Milas '22 (left) & **Dan Kalish '20** (right), both received **The Sheriff's Office Commitment to Service Award** for their more than 100 hours of service in a calendar year.

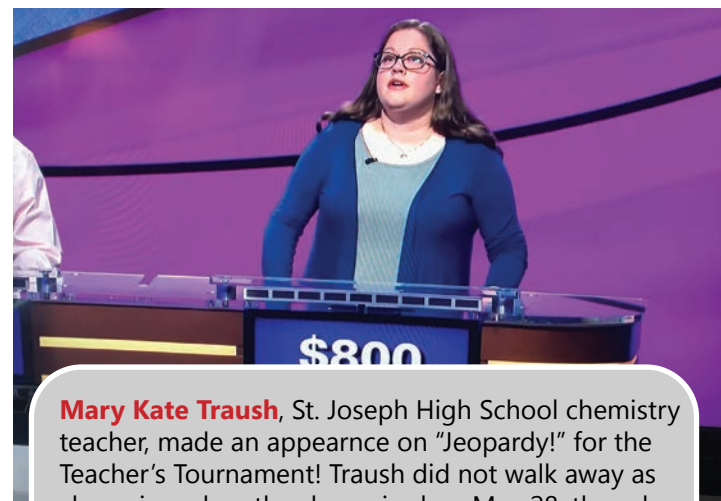
Coronavirus pandemic forced system-wide closures. Effective March 16, 2020, eLearning was implemented and came naturally to the Chargers. The resilience of our students, faculty and staff was inspiring.



The **Virtual Spirit Week** helped keep the Charger spirit high. The special week included themed days: Pajama Day, Sports Day, Wacky Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, and even a Virtual Talent Show. **Olivia Checchi '20** won by singing an original song, "Corona, Please Give Me Back My Senior Year." The community interacted by sharing photos and videos online and through social media.



Joshua Sheridan '20 produced artwork that caught the attention of the local Walgreen's (Wolf & Cermak Rd.) manager. This beautiful artwork was put on display giving credit to Josh and serving as a source of inspiration for the essential workers during the Coronavirus pandemic.



Mary Kate Traush, St. Joseph High School chemistry teacher, made an appearance on "Jeopardy!" for the Teacher's Tournament! Traush did not walk away as champion when the show aired on May 28, though she was the only contestant to correctly answer Final Jeopardy.

MEMO More than \$70,820,000 over the last 11 years!

athletics: we are #1



boys sports:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Football
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis

girls sports:

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Dance
- Golf
- Soccer

"Since my very first day at St. Joes, I was excited to embrace the challenges and rigors that come with high school. However, St. Joes set itself apart because of the ample opportunity and support to succeed inside and outside of the classroom. From my classes to my sports, the faculty, staff, and coaches fostered a learning community that taught me to be responsible and diligent in my passions. The lessons I've learned in my years here, have prepared me for my future."

Jean Baptiste Medjo Me Zengue
Class of 2021



"Being part of the St. Joseph High School community gives me the opportunity to excel in the classroom and on the court.

St. Joseph High School has always supported me in my accomplishments, and continue to make me want to represent the school in a positive light. I have been included in sports since my freshman year and can honestly say it is has been the best experience I could have ever asked for. My coaches have given me the confidence to perform to my best ability. I have found that these same skills I have learned in my sports have directly correlated to the classroom. I can say that through softball, volleyball, and basketball, I have made some of my closest friends who I truly appreciate. Being a Charger has made me accomplish and create goals that I would have never imagined before being a Charger. Being part of the St. Joseph family is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life, and will always be thankful for. Go Chargers!"

Kerilyn Mirabelli
Class of 2021

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Drama
- Eucharistic Ministers
- FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)
- Lasallian Youth
- Math Team
- Newspaper www.sjhsnlance.org
- Peace and Justice Club
- Peer Ministry
- Peer Tutoring
- Photojournalism
- Science Team
- Speech and Debate
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Yoga Club

FINE ARTS

- Animation
- B & W Photography
- Digital Art
- Digital Photography
- Graphic Design
- Video Production and Editing
- Visual Arts

PERFORMING ARTS

- Community and High School Theater Program
- Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles
- Jazz and Pep Bands
- Speech and Debate Program

RETREATS

Students in the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes attend annual faith-based retreats, while senior students have the opportunity to attend Kairos, an extended, religious retreat experience.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

St. Joseph High School students are required to perform a minimum of 40 hours of community service before graduation.

Chargers from the Class of 2020 share their experience and give advice:



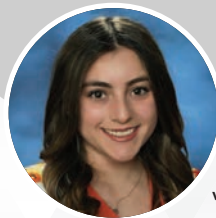
Taylor Griggs
Class of 2020 / Salutatorian
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

What has it meant to you to be a Charger?

"It means being adopted into a family that won't turn you away or judge you, because as a family we are **all in this together.**"

What advice would you share with an incoming freshman to St. Joes?

"I would tell the incoming freshmen to **stay true to yourself** and **stay focused** on your end goal at all times and don't forget to **have fun!**"



Samantha Spacone-Fratto
College of DuPage

What makes St. Joseph High School so special?

"...it really feels like a family-oriented community. **The teachers are always there when you need them**, but the whole staff, not just teachers."

What has it meant to you to be a Charger?

"**To be a Charger is an honor**, to make so many memories in our school. To be a Charger means to be there and ready to have a **good time with our studies and activities.**"

What advice would you share with an incoming freshman to St. Joes?

"Some advice I have for an incoming freshman is to **just relax and stay calm**. There are plenty of people there to help you get through your year. It is not as scary as you may think so **just be yourself.**"



Kevin Foleno
Triton College

What has it meant to you to be a Charger?

"Being a Charger has always been important to me. **Everyone at St. Joes wants to see you succeed**, and there are lots of people who can help you get to where you want to be."

What advice would you share with an incoming freshman to St. Joes?

"I would say **make a good first impression**, and work hard every day to improve as much as you can. Also, you should do your best at being resilient after any setback you face."



Dion Atwood
California State University – East Bay

What makes St. Joseph High School so special?

"St. Joseph is special because it has given me an understanding of the Catholic way of life. Also, it has given us the opportunity to utilize these **skills to give back** to our community."

What has it meant to you to be a Charger?

"For me being a Charger meant that I would form **bonds with my friends** that I believe will never break."

What advice would you share with an incoming freshman to St. Joes?

"Be the best at whatever you're going to do. For example, be the best athlete, student, or friend. **Everything you do, try your best.**"

get involved your **first** year



Jordan Mendoza '20

University of Michigan – Business

Activities at SJHS: Student Council, Peer Ministry, National Honor Society President, Spanish Honor Society, Girls' Soccer Team, Yearbook Editor, Kairos Leader

Senior Awards: Student Ambassador Award/English Award



(Jordan (center) pictured with sisters and St. Joseph alumnae, Jazmin Mendoza '15 (left) and Mariya Mendoza '18 (right).

"Being involved at St. Joes was something that was beneficial to me throughout my high school career. Not only was I able to meet new people, but I established lifelong friendships that I am extremely grateful for now. Extracurricular activities enabled me to express myself outside of a classroom setting and grow in ways I never thought I could. Not to mention, I was able to give back to my school community and take pride in doing so. I am thankful for the many opportunities to be involved that St. Joes provided me with and would not be where I am today without them."



St. Joseph HS @... · Sep 13, 2019

Dodgeball fun! #Olympicday



St. Joseph HS @... · Sep 19, 2019

Powderpuff Game!

#homecomingtradition



St. Joseph HS @... · Sep 22, 2019

The Chargers concluded their homecoming week with the big dance! So much fun! #HOCO2019



St. Joseph HS @... · Nov 23, 2019

Congrats Chargers on your performances! You did amazing!



St. Joseph HS @... · Dec 15, 2019

Pictures with Santa!



freshman admissions process

- **REGISTER FOR ENTRANCE EXAM**

Eighth graders wanting to take the entrance exam at St. Joseph High School should pre-register at www.stjoeshs.org starting on November 13, 2020. The registration form can be found under the Admissions tab.

- **ENTRANCE EXAM**

Eighth graders take the entrance exam at St. Joseph High School on Saturday, December 5, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m.

- **REVIEW**

Test results, elementary school records, and recommendations are collectively reviewed.

- **SCHEDULING MEETING / REGISTRATION**

After the letter of acceptance is mailed in February, families register their student in March for the upcoming school year.

- **BACK TO SCHOOL MAILING**

Registered families will receive information about the start of school and summer opportunities.

transfer student admissions process

- **APPLICATION**

Transfer students should inquire about acceptance and academic placement through the Admissions office.

- **INTERVIEW**

Personal interview is conducted with the Transfer Committee and prospective transfer student and family to determine acceptance.

- **REGISTRATION**

Upon acceptance, students meet with an Admissions Director to complete registration.

- **SUITABILITY**

Academic performance must indicate college preparatory potential; all transfer students are on academic and discipline probation for their first year.



Our teachers are the heart and soul of St. Joseph High School. They bring a passion for our mission and a commitment to our students. Academic credentials place the majority of our teachers at the masters level and their skills extend beyond the classroom, where many share their talents as coaches of athletic teams and/or moderators of clubs and organizations. In addition, 100% of our teachers, several of whom are alumni, dedicate time before and after school to tutoring in order to help our Chargers succeed and achieve their full potential.



chargers first

2020-2021 TUITION AND FEES

Tuition: \$10,400

Registration Fee: \$400

Freshman/Sophomore Educational Fees: \$1,310

Junior/Senior Educational Fees: \$1,450

Technology Fee: One time purchase of device from St. Joseph's preferred vendor

Athletic Fee: \$100 per sport

Tuition Payment Options

St. Joseph High School offers payment options:
annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

St. Joseph High School offers scholarship and grant opportunities to qualifying students.

Students must take the St. Joseph High School entrance exam on Saturday,

December 5, 2020 in order to qualify for scholarship opportunities. Applicants will be considered for the following scholarships:

- **Academic Scholarship (Up to \$1,000)**
- Based on the student's outstanding performance on the December Entrance Exam.
- **Presidential Grant (\$500)**
- **Tomorrow's Leaders Award (\$250)**
- **St. Joseph Scholarship (\$1,000)**
- **Charger Community Scholarship (\$2,000)**

dress code:

St. Joseph students are required to wear a red, black or grey St. Joseph polo with solid black dress pants and solid black or brown dress shoes.

Approved school apparel may be purchased through **Schoolbelles**
www.schoolbelles.com



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Our program is based on the demonstrated and verified needs of individual families accepted into St. Joseph High School.

STEPS INCLUDE:

- Submit a financial aid application through FACTS
- Financial aid is reviewed annually; families must reapply every year



ENTRANCE EXAM PRE-REGISTRATION

SAVE THE DATE | NOVEMBER 13, 2020

Registration for the Entrance Exam opens! Register online at www.stjoeshs.org.

ENTRANCE EXAM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Families are encouraged to pre-register online starting November 20, 2020.

Eighth graders should bring \$25 and two #2 pencils.

VISIT US VIRTUALLY OR IN-PERSON

Visit the **ADMISSIONS** page at

www.stjoeshs.org to register for:

**Virtual Open Houses, Virtual Shadow Days,
Individual In-Person Family Tours, and MORE!**

OUR MISSION

St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, Christian educational community formed in the Lasallian tradition whose mission is to provide a Christian education for young women and men of diverse economic and cultural backgrounds. We inspire these young women and men to discover their God-given talents, empower them to be lifelong learners, and challenge them to achieve their potential as compassionate women and men of faith.



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