



New Family

WELCOME

GUIDE



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Who Do I Contact for ...?



All phone numbers begin with **(574) 233-6137**, followed by the department's extension indicated below:

ADMISSIONS

Ext. 524

- Campus Tours
- Application Process
- Prospective Students
- Enrollment
- Placement Testing

ATHLETICS

Ext. 539

- IHSAA & Club Sports
- Athletic Lockers
- Final Forms

BILINGUAL

- Assistance in Spanish
- Support for English Learners (ELs) / Students with ILPs
- WIDA Testing

BUSINESS OFFICE

Ext. 529

- Tuition
- Financial Aid
- Accounts Payable Ext. 529
- Spirit Shop Ext. 529

COUNSELING/ COLLEGE ADVISING

Ext. 516

- Change of Address
- Academic Counseling
- Personal Counseling
- Course Placement
- Course Registration

- College Admissions
- College Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Standardized Testing
- Report Cards & Transcripts
- Graduation Requirements
- Food Services - Ext. 535
- Breakfast / Lunch
- Lunch Accounts

LEARNING STRATEGIES

- Support for Students with:
 - Catholic School Accommodation Plans (CAPs)
 - Individual Service Plans (ISPs)

MAIN OFFICE

Ext. 510

- General Inquiries
- Visitor Information
- Contact a faculty member
- Summer PE
- Summer School

MISSION ADVANCEMENT

Ext. 544

- Alumni Relations
- Community Partnerships
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Annual Fund / SGO / Gala
- Planned Giving
- Special Events
- Marketing/Communications

NURSE

Ext. 552

- Allergies
- Student Illness
- Immunizations
- Medication

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Ext. 534

- Personal Spiritual Guidance
- Community Spirituality
- Class Retreats
- School Masses

STUDENT LIFE

Ext. 526 (574-239-7665)

- Attendance
- Late Arrival/Early Release
- Messages to students during school day
- Lockers
- Lost & Found
- Parking Permits
- Reporting Absences
- Student IDs
- Student Discipline
- Uniforms

TECHNOLOGY

Ext. 533

- iHelp Desk
- Student Laptops
- Network Security



to Saint Joseph High School!

We are delighted that you have joined our school family, and hope that you feel at home here. Know that you belong. This is your school — and your community — for the duration of high school and beyond. Ours is a lifelong connection to one another, and the friends you make throughout your time at Saint Joe will become your forever friends. Your adventure is just beginning to unfold, and we are blessed to share it with you.

Enjoy the journey!

Good things are on the way.

How Will Saint Joe Communicate with Families?



SCHOOL WEBSITE: At saintjoehigh.com the school posts the calendar of events, school news, athletics information, online uniform ordering, and the cafeteria menu. There are also links to the handbook, faculty/staff directory, and PowerSchool. See the parent portal for more information.

SOUNDINGS E-NEWSLETTER: Distributed every other week, this e-newsletter features campus happenings and is the primary vehicle for school-to-parent communication. Past issues are posted on the website in the parent portal.

LETTERS FROM THE PRINCIPAL/ADMINISTRATION: The Principal or an administrator may share announcements, updates, or other focused communications via email, in addition to Soundings. These communications are as needed.

COUNSELING E-NEWSLETTER: Parents receive updates related to social and emotional wellbeing, course placement and registration and college and career preparedness. Counseling newsletters are also linked in Soundings.

FOCUS MAGAZINE: Published twice a year, Focus highlights current students and alumni, and features more in-depth articles about campus and the Saint Joe community. Parents, former parents, alumni and friends receive this magazine.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS



In the event of a school delay or closure, Saint Joseph High School will send an e-mail blast and robocall to parents. The announcement will also be posted to www.saintjoehigh.com. Delays or closings will also appear on local media stations.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Saint Joseph High School maintains six primary social media sites for the school:

GENERAL

Facebook: facebook.com/saintjoehigh

Twitter: @SaintJoeHigh

Instagram: @saintjoehigh

ATHLETICS

Facebook: Saint Joseph High School Athletics

Twitter: @SaintJoeSports

Instagram: @saintjoesports

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS: This one is for the students! Saint Joe students plan, produce and air a daily news program from our very own broadcasting studio. The show includes announcements, interviews, athletics highlights, daily birthdays, and a weekly announcement from Principal Kennedy.

WHERE TO FIND GRADES AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION



PowerSchool

This online gradebook allows parents to access their student's grades, attendance records, service hours, and assignments.

Canvas

Students and teachers use Canvas, an online forum for announcements, course content, assignment details and due dates. Parents can link to their student's account. Register at <https://diocesefwsb2.instructure.com/login/canvas>.

THE SAINT JOE SUCCESS PROGRAM

This program promotes a smooth academic and social transition to high school for 9th graders. Flex teachers give valuable lessons to help 9th graders build high school success skills, and upperclassmen Peer Mentors welcome 9th graders into the SJHS family and find their role in our community.



Say What? ... Saint Joe Lingo

Words to know



Holy War Ho-ly War /¹hōlē wô(ə)r/

Noun: A war declared or waged in support of a religious cause. Or, in our case, anytime Saint Joe competes against our cross-town rival, Marian.

Fun fact: For over 20 years, the student section has chosen to wear black to the Holy War, continuing the theme “Black out the Knights” from year to year.



Dress Down Day (DDD) Dress Down Day / ‘dres doun dey/

Noun: A school day fundraiser, usually a Friday, whereby students and faculty dress less formally than usual in exchange for a donation to a predetermined charitable organization.

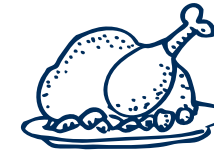


EVENTS

Mid-Winter Formal: This event is for all students, but especially important for our freshmen and sophomores, who have yet to experience a high school semi-formal dance.

Spirit Week: This is an annual tradition where students, faculty, and staff come together to show their school pride. It typically involves themed dress-up days, fun activities, and spirited competitions, creating a sense of unity and enthusiasm among the student body.

Stronger Together



Community Traditions

Community service is central to the Saint Joseph High School experience, and we take great pride in our annual efforts to make the world a better place. Yes, community service hours are required of individual students, but these annual events allow us to build community together.

Diaper Drive - You heard that right!

The whole school brings in baby diapers for the Women’s Care Center across the street. Organized by Saint Joe’s Right to Life Club, the Diaper Drive produces so many donations that the entire school has built a human chain extending through the upper hallway, down Notre Dame Avenue, and across the street to the Women’s Care Center, passing diaper packages hand-over-hand until they arrive at their destination.



The Hunger Bowl happens in conjunction with the Saint Joe vs Marian football game (cue the Holy War!). It’s an all-out competition to see which Catholic school can contribute more food to Saint Vincent de Paul ... a little sibling rivalry that benefits a worthy cause.

Dating back to the 1980s, the

Thanksgiving Food Drive organizes hundreds of Thanksgiving meals — including turkey, stuffing, and all the trimmings — each year. The entire Black Box Theatre is overtaken by an assembly line, as volunteers pack enormous boxes full to bursting with holiday fare. At the conclusion of our monthly All-School Mass in Alumni Gym, Saint Joe honors three **Community Award winners** — one male and one female student, and one faculty/staff member. Honorees are nominated by students and selected for exemplary service to Saint Joe. Half the fun is noticing when the student body has guessed that month’s recipient — usually marked by quiet rumblings developing into full-volume cheers as the recipient’s name is mentioned.

School Spirit is alive and well, as evidenced by strong student participation in football and basketball games. Each week students dress according to a predetermined theme. During halftime, the seniors choose a student to read a prayer or a poem.

These are just a few of the many special traditions that make Saint Joe a unique and vibrant place. We could write pages on the traditions reserved just for seniors! Tie-dyed uniform polo shirts, handprints on the class banner, the euchre tournament ... These and others will be revealed throughout your time at Saint Joe.

Join the Club!



There are many ways to build connections and feel a part of something special at Saint Joe. Each fall we host a Co-Curricular Fair, which allows students to learn more about each of the following organizations and interscholastic athletics.

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Saint Joe Quiz Bowl has won

Nine STATE Championships

Saint Joe is the only school in Indiana to have ...

Fed Challenge and Euro Challenge teams

ACADEMIC

- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Creative Writing and Production Club
- Debate Club
- Euro Challenge
- FBLA
- Fed Challenge
- GREIA Tutoring
- Mathletes
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- Quiz Bowl
- Science Club
- Spanish Honor Society

ATHLETIC

- Bowling
- Esports
- Ice Skating Club
- Intramurals
- Pickleball Club
- Ski Club
- Sports Management Club

CULTURAL/ LINGUISTIC

- French Club
- German Club
- Latino Cultural Awareness Club (LCA)
- Spanish Club

FINE ARTS

- Art Club
- Drama Club/Thespians
- Fall Play
- Fiber Arts Club
- Film Club
- Spring Musical

SERVICE/ COMMUNITY/ FAITH BASED

- Aidan's Masterpiece
- Catholic Relief Services
- SECO
- Light It Up Blue
- Liturgical Choir
- Peer Ministry
- Prayer Blanket Ministry
- Right to Life
- Ronald McDonald House (RMH)
- SADD

STUDENT FORMATION

- Asian Association Club
- Best Buddies
- Cards for Courage
- H.O.P.E.
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Sidewalk Chalk Project
- Spirit Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Unity Council

STUDENT LIFE

- Baking Club
- D6
- Model U.N.
- Unapologetically Beverly



Athletics, A Tradition of Excellence

Over 50% of all students at Saint Joe participate in a club sport or interscholastic athletic team, and many students are multi-sport athletes. Saint Joe is respected by opponents for its strong history of success, having recently won two State Championships in the 2024-25 academic year. How successful are we? Take a look.

By the end of the 2025 - 2026 academic year, Saint Joe has earned:

235

SECTIONAL Championships

104

REGIONAL Championships

42

SEMI-STATE Championships

68

IHSAA STATE Finalists

17

IHSAA STATE Runner-Ups

13

IHSAA STATE Championships



and we have celebrated ...

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INDIVIDUAL STATE Championships

Join the Legacy!

FALL SPORTS

- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Flag Football (Girls)
- Football
- Golf (Girls)
- Soccer
- Tennis (Boys)
- Volleyball (Girls)

SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball
- Golf (Boys)
- Lacrosse
- Softball
- Tennis (Girls)
- Track & Field
- Volleyball (Boys)

WINTER SPORTS

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Hockey
- Swimming
- Wrestling



Enjoy the journey!



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