



Wildcat Flash

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From the President

Each
Student,
Each
Day

Dear Members of the St. Joseph Family,

On behalf of the entire St. Joseph High School Community, welcome, whether again or for the first time, to St. Joseph High School. At the heart of why St. Joseph is a very special place is the people who are a part of our school community. We are blessed to have extremely dedicated and talented teachers and

support staff who are generous with their time, gifts and resources. Most importantly, they sincerely care about the young people they meet and show their care and concern in ways that go far beyond the classroom walls and their teaching duties.

We are proud of our students who excel, not only in academics, but in leadership, athletics and community service. They are wonderful representatives of St. Joseph High School.

Parents, grandparents and extended family also hold a very special place in the St. Joseph family playing a vital role in the success of our school programs and in the spiritual and personal development of our students.

Finally, graduates share in St. Joseph success because they keep tradition alive and through their support help us sustain and grow. They connect the past to the present and assure our future.

We truly believe education is a partnership.

We invite you to be part of the life of the school by attending events, games, theatrical productions, spiritual programs, and participating in our Annual Fund and our Food Certificate Program.

Please let me know if we can help you in any way.

I wish you and your children all God's blessings.

Best Wishes,

Nick Regina
Interim President

Special Invitation

We hope you can join us for our annual Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. It's a great opportunity to meet our staff and learn more about SJHS.

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Special points of interest:

- Open House
October 19 from 6:30—8:30
October 30 from 12:00—2:00
- Alumni Memorial Mass —
Sunday, November 6, 2011

Guidance Update — Speaking of College

College Planning

Freshmen Year

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your college plans.
- Make sure you are enrolled in challenging classes.
- Colleges prefer four years of English, history, math, science, and a foreign language.
- Get more involved with your extracurricular activities.

Sophomore Year

- Meet with your counselor to discuss college majors and programs of interest.
- Prepare to take the PSATs in the Fall.
- Research specific colleges of interest and costs.
- Work hard to keep your GPA (grade-point-average) up.

Upcoming Test Information

SAT

October 1, 2011
(Late Register by September 21)
Fee Applies

SAT

November 5, 2011
(Register by October 7)

Junior Year

- Meet with your counselor to learn the college application process.
- Prepare to take the PSATs in the Fall .
- Register for the SATs in the Spring at collegeboard.com.
- Take SATs at least twice.
- Register for Subject SATs for Ivy League Universities.
- Make a list of potential colleges.
- Brainstorm which teachers will write a recommendation letter for you.
- Schedule tours at colleges of interest.

Senior Year

- Meet with your counselor to discuss where you want to apply.
- Attend open houses, college fairs, and visitation dates.
- Register to take SATs again in the Fall.
- Make sure letters of recommendation are on file.
- Fill out on-line college applications and adhere to all deadline dates.
- Bring parent permission slips to your counselor to release your transcripts.
- Attend financial aid workshops.
- Submit the FAFSA financial aid application as soon as January 1st.
- After receiving acceptance letters and financial aid information on the colleges of your choice, bring a copy to the Guidance Department.
- Make your final decision!

Speaking of College

Greg Cusick '09 has earned Dean's List honors in each of his first four semesters at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



We would love to hear news about our graduates like Greg. Please email us at wf@stjoek12.org with updates.

An Exciting Start

Principal's Corner

At our faculty orientation on September 1, Mrs. Domenico framed our 2011-2012 school goals for our administration, staff and students — goals developed in collaboration with our talented teaching staff.



- Provide the instruction and support necessary to ensure student success
- Use student data to plan and deliver differentiated instruction and assessment that are developmentally appropriate for each learner
- Serve as a facilitators to engage each student in his/her learning and to accommodate individual needs

These goals centered on three areas:

- Collaborative Leadership
- Personalizing the School Environment
- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

As an administration, we strive to:

- Provide opportunities and encourages collaborative leadership
- Establish organizational structures
- Implement programs that ensure personalization and banish anonymity for students
- Reviews data (lesson plans, assessments)to make sure that students are on track for each level of learning

As a teaching staff, we strive to:

- Communicate and maintain high expectations for each student's success



We hope each of our students will:



- Be engaged in a supportive relationship with at least one adult in the school who knows his/her aspirations, strengths, weaknesses, and helps him/her to be successful
- Be encouraged to take challenges in coursework and activities and receives the support necessary for success
- Provide input and feedback into the academic and social activities of the school
- Participate with teachers and family in collaboratively planning his/her academic program

Our first days of school have been a celebration of academic enthusiasm and renewal of friendships ~ both very important to the success of our students. A rigorous curriculum and a strong sense of community are the perfect blend for a safe, caring, learning environment.

At Saint Joseph High School, the Administration and Faculty are committed to the creation of a personalized learning plan for each student. Flexible scheduling, opportunities for student leadership, effective guidance, and parent involvement are essential elements to the overall achievement of our program.

Students here develop a sense of accomplishment and take pride in being part of meaningful collaboration on the direction of their learning. Authentic, hands-on experiences help them to make well thought-out, informed choices. Dedicated teachers ensure that students are challenged and encouraged to succeed in high school and beyond.

At the center of our curriculum and integrated throughout all we do is our Faith. Service to others, the formation of lifelong Catholics, and a culture of respect for life are the underpinnings of our tradition of excellence.

Thank you for entrusting your students to our care. We look forward to a new school year at Saint Joseph High School filled with promise and progress!

Sincerely,

Lynn Domenico
Principal

Wildcats in the News

Girls Soccer

(From the Hammonton News)

HAMMONTON -- Despite having a dozen returning players, the St. Joseph High School girls soccer team is still trying to get accustomed to playing with each other. Click the link that follows for the full story.

[Finally healthy, Wildcats have high expectations](#)

Football

(From the Atlantic City Press)

The St. Joseph High School football team is famous for how hard it prepares for each season. Click the links that follows for full stories.

[Wildcat Preview](#)

[Wildcats Focused](#) (Vineland Daily Journal)

Field Hockey

(From the Atlantic City Press)

The Wildcats had the best season in the program's 40-year history in 2010, reaching the state Group I final for the first time before losing 8-2 to powerful Oak Knoll. The biggest question is how will the Wildcats fare without graduated scoring leader Megan DeMarco, The Press Female Athlete of the Fall. DeMarco scored 45 goals.

Three other seniors graduated, but the Wildcats return several key players, including defender Gina Smith (13 goals) and midfielder Emily DeMarco (12 goals), both Press first-team All-Stars. Forwards Molly Mullee and Marisa Moreno scored 18 goals each and goalie Becky Boffo had 13 shutouts. Jaime Radetich is a leader at midfield. Others

contributing are Nicolette Bernardino, Shaunna Como and Marielena Dottoli. Sisters Joanna Umosella and Gina Umosella (a freshman) are defenders.

Girls Cross Country

(From the Atlantic City Press)

St. Joseph (9-2) lost their No. 1 runner Sarah Barilgio to graduation and two from the top seven to transfers. The team is young and small with just five runners. However, three are experienced varsity runners and the two sophomores are battling to be No. 1 on the team.

Boys Cross Country

(From the Atlantic City Press)

St. Joseph (3-4): The Wildcats finished just below .500 for the second straight year and will try to get over that hump.

Mark your Calendars

St. Joseph High School

Open House

October 19, 2011

6:30—8:30



October 30, 2011

12:00—2:00

Come visit and meet our faculty, administration, students and parents and experience our commitment to educating each student, each day.

Advancement Update

Annual Fund

Thanks to all those who invested in St. Joseph High School with a commitment to last year's Annual Fund.

The St. Joseph Annual Fund is fast becoming a vital part of life at the school. The generosity of our, alumni, current and alumni parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and friends, enhances the life of every student, helping each to grow academically, spiritually, athletically and personally. We are the school we are because the St. Joseph family believes in our mission -- to foster excellence in scholarship, lifelong learning, enlightened citizenship, and moral integrity and prepare our students to serve as leaders who will use their Catholic values and education to shape a world of peace and social justice.

Did you know...

- 100% of St. Joseph students receive financial assistance since tuition and fees cover only 90% of the true cost of a St. Joseph education; 38% of students also receive additional direct financial aid totaling over \$200,000.
- St. Joseph SAT scores have increased by 30 points in Math and Reading in the last three years
- 99% of the Class of 2011 is now in college
- The class earned over \$4 million in college scholarships
- Virtual education is now part of our academic program

Annual Fund investment supports many things including: student transportation expenses to athletic and academic events, classroom renovations, technology enhancements, lab equipment, library books and systems, faculty and staff technology training programs, assisting 380 students from more than 45 communities and 60 different elementary schools, supporting the retention, recruitment and recognition of our outstanding faculty and helping to maintain our campus.

Gifts to the St. Joseph Annual Fund is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Donors can make gifts by

check, MasterCard or Visa, or by appreciated securities. Donors may also choose to pay pledges in installments throughout the Annual Fund year. The Annual Fund year ends on June 30, 2012.

Shop for St. Joseph

Our supermarket certificate program returns for what we know will be another successful year. Proceeds from last year's program allowed us to purchase Hitachi Star Boards (look for more on this in our next issue of Wildcat Flash) to enhance technology in classrooms. Like last year, member of the St. Joseph family can purchase gift certificates for ShopRite, Inferrera's and Bagliani's in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 and use them like cash. SJHS will receive 5% on all purchases. You can purchase gift certificates by contacting Joyce Barbone (609/432.6073) or Joanne Ordille (609/774.0107).

Wildcatters Golf Outing

St. Joseph High School Wildcatters will host their 13th annual Memorial Golf Tournament at White Oaks Golf Club in Williamstown on September 17, 2011. A shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m. The cost includes refreshments and lunch.

Call (609) 374-6912, (609) 774-0162 or (609) 364-3019.

Alumni Memorial Mass

Please join us for our Alumni Memorial Mass on November 6, 2011, at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish (St. Anthony of Padua Church) on Route 206 in Hammonton. The Mass starts at 10:00 AM with refreshments to follow in the Church Hall. We encourage all members of the St. Joseph family to remember deceased graduates, faculty, staff, Filippini Sisters and Pallottines.

Please contact Rose Kruc (609-561-8700, extension 100 or via email at rkruc@stjoek12.org) to let us know if you would like to attend this very special event.