



Saint Joseph High School

2021–2022 PROFILE

Our Mission

Saint Joseph High School is grounded in the Gospel truths of Jesus Christ. In a community that respects each student as a Child of God, we offer a college preparatory education that encourages spiritual growth, academic excellence, co-curricular participation, and civic engagement. Our mission is to graduate men and women whose lives are rooted in our core values of Sanctity, Justice, Honor, and Scholarship. During this school year, SJHS is beginning its second century of academic excellence within a family-like environment.

School & Community

Saint Joseph High School, a four-year co-educational high school, was chartered as a parish school in 1915 and originally located adjacent to Saint Joseph Parish in Natrona, PA. Now located in Natrona Heights, PA, it has served the community in providing quality, Catholic education.

The annual student body of approximately 130 includes students from at least 20 school districts and two Catholic Dioceses (Greensburg and Pittsburgh). Saint Joseph High School is the only parish high school in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Although they have diverse backgrounds, the majority of the students mention the family-like atmosphere, academics, and extra-curricular activities when asked to list the strengths of the school.

Saint Joseph High School has been named by The Cardinal Newman Society's Catholic Education Honor Roll as a School of Excellence (formerly known as the "Top 50 Catholic High School in the Nation") every year since 2006. This recognition highlights excellence in academics, civic education, and Catholic identity. For over 100 years, SJHS has been mission-driven—preparing students for college, life, and heaven!

Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Faculty

All 18 faculty members are certified in their respective disciplines. Eleven hold master's degrees. The student to teacher ratio is 7:1.



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Educational Goals

Realizing that adolescents are engaged in the task of identity formation, Saint Joseph High School offers students the opportunity to examine what is meaningful to them. At the same time, it offers a model of Christian living and appreciation of the Church and its teachings.

In all areas of the curriculum, critical thinking, personal responsibility, and initiative are stressed. Students are expected to work to the best of their abilities. Our programs develop the skills and talents of each student. Students are encouraged to interact with others on every level to learn from each other as well as from the teacher, and to experience fellowship of interpersonal relationships.

In addition, Saint Joseph High School offers a sense of community, led by a staff who genuinely care and challenge the students. The teachers, through the program of studies, develop the skills and talents of each student, as well as his or her own personal growth. Placing strong emphasis on the development of the human mind and the values of education, Saint Joseph High School is dedicated to preparing young men and women to be tomorrow's leaders.

Class of 2021, by the numbers!

- SJHS students earned an average of 23 college credits prior to graduation at a fraction of college tuition.
- \$2.9 million in scholarships and awards
- 44% graduated with a QPA greater than or equal to 4.0

SJHS Class of 2021 Average SAT Scores*			
	SJHS	State	Nation
Critical Reading	599	543	528
Mathematics	580	534	523

Extra Curricular Activities

Athletics (PIAA/WPIAL Participants)

- Fall: golf, soccer, volleyball
- Winter: basketball, bowling, cheerleading
- Spring: baseball, softball, tennis

Other Activities & Clubs

- Art, Book, Catholic Faith, Disc Golf, E-Sports, Farm, French, Latin, Liturgical Music, Liturgical Choir, Mock Trial, Musical Production, National History Day, Outreach Team, Photography, Robotics, Spanish, Science Research, Student Ambassadors, Student Council, Ultimate Frisbee, Yearbook.

Grading Systems

All subjects are included in determining GPA and class rank, and are cumulative beginning with grade 9 and ending with the 8th semester in grade 12. Only a weighted class rank is done at the end of each year for each student.

	Academic	Advanced	AP/CHS
A (93-100)	4.0	4.5	5.0
B (85-92)	3.0	3.5	4.0
C (75-84)	2.0	2.5	3.0
D (70-74)	1.0	1.5	2.0
F (0-69)	0	0	0

Curriculum

Religion	4 credits
English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Foreign Language (French, Latin, Spanish)	3 credits
Electives	4 credits
Physical Education	1 credit
Laboratory Science	4 credits
Total	28 credits

Students choose from the following electives: Accounting & Personal Finance Introduction to Art, Art: Ceramics & Sculpting, Art: Drawing & Painting, Computer Programming, Engineering/Robotics, and Science Research. Students can earn the following College in High School credits:

Carlow University

- Art: Painting & Drawing
- Catholic Social Justice

Duquesne University

- Chemistry
- Diversity & Literature
- Physics

LaRoche College

- American Politics & History
- Art History
- College Algebra
- Emergence of Mass Democracy
- Foundations of the Republic
- Statistics

Saint Vincent College

- Psychology

Seton Hill University

- Topics in Literary Study

University of Pittsburgh

- Business Calculus
- Engineering Calculus
- Latin 4
- Spanish 4