



# Saint Joseph High School

## 2023–2024 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. SJHS is in 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 serves 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). 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

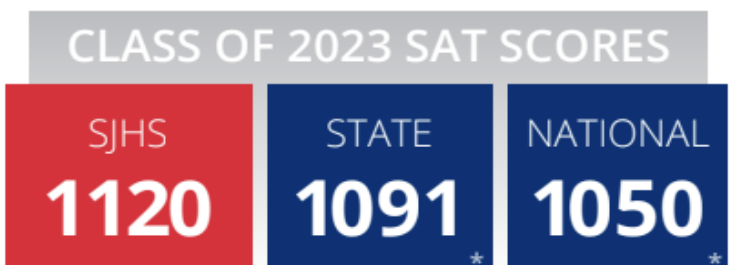
Realizing that adolescents are engaged in the task of identity formation, Saint Joseph High School offers students the opportunity to examine what is meaningful to them. At the same time, it offers a model of Christian living and appreciation of the Church and its teachings.

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 and 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 2023, by the numbers!

- SJHS students earned an average of 17 college credits prior to graduation at a fraction of college tuition.
- \$4.5 million in scholarships and awards
- 30% graduated with a QPA greater than or equal to 4.0



\*The last reported SAT scores from the College Board are from 2022.

## Extra Curricular Activities

### Athletics (PIAA/WPIAL Participants)

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

### Co-Curriculars & Clubs

- Art, Bowling, Catholic Faith, Chess, Crafts, Disc Golf, Empowering Women, E-Sports, French, Hand Lettering, Harrison Hills Hikers, Latin, Musical Production, Outreach, Physics, Risk (board game), Robotics, Science Research, Spartan Streaming, Spanish, Speech & Debate, Student Ambassadors, Student Government, Ultimate Frisbee, and Yearbook.

## Grading Systems

All subjects are included in determining GPA and class rank, and are cumulative beginning with grade 9 and ending with the 8<sup>th</sup> semester in grade 12. 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: Art History (CHS), Ceramics/ Sculpture, Chemistry (CHS), Child Development (CHS), Drawing and Painting, Engineering/Robotics I & II, Fundamentals of Journalism, Global Issues, Introduction to Art, Introduction to Psychology (CHS), Python, Science Research, Statistics (CHS). Students can earn the following College in High School credits:

### Carlow University

- Catholic Social Teaching

### Duquesne University

- Diversity & Literature
- College Physics

### La Roche University

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

### Saint Vincent College

- Introduction to Psychology

### Seton Hill University

- Topics in Literary Study

### University of Pittsburgh

- Business Calculus
- Child Development
- Engineering Calculus
- Latin 4
- Spanish 4