



Saint Joseph High School

Sanctity Justice Honor Scholarship

Established 1915

Dear SJHS Families,

November 2024

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 Peter 4:10

Our Outreach group hosted a Thanksgiving food drive to serve our local community. On November 15th more than 1,052 non-perishables were collected through class competitions and donated to the Allegheny Valley Association of Churches (AVAC). Our students understand the importance of helping others.

Progress Notices:

In addition to this newsletter and semi-formal attire agreements there may be **Progress Reports** enclosed in this mailing. These notices serve as notifications of the student's performance in a course. Progress Reports can be indicators of academic concerns or highlight areas of success. The recommendation is to directly contact the subject area teacher with questions pertaining to grades if there are academic concerns. Quarter 1 rolls into Quarter 2 providing students the opportunity to maximize their potential. The first semester ends on January 16, 2025. Report cards will be mailed January 23, 2025.

Weather Related School Cancellations or Delays:

Any delay in the start of school or cancellation due to weather will be announced on KDKA Radio and their website. St. Joseph High School is listed as **St. Joseph H.S. Natrona Heights**. Regarding bus transportation and weather related delays, students are to follow their public school district bussing. SJHS serves students from 18 different school districts. St. Joseph High School does **NOT** directly follow the Highlands School District delay/cancellation schedule.

Snow Days will be asynchronous Flexible Instruction Days:

A Flexible Instruction Day (FID) is an asynchronous remote learning day where teachers will post lessons and instructional assignments in Google Classroom. Students complete all work from home. FIDs may be used in place of a school day that has been cancelled because of inclement weather or another emergency situation.

Saint Joseph High School Winter Semi-Formal Dance

All SJHS students grade 9-12 are invited to the Winter Semi-formal dance on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the River Forest Country Club located at 130 Club House Drive, Freeport, PA 16229. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. The dance is from 6:30-9:30 PM. Students are not permitted to leave the dance prior to 9:30 PM. The price per person is \$45 which includes soft drinks, dinner buffet, dessert, and dancing.

Saint Joseph High School students and respective dance dates must abide by event guidelines and the policies in the Saint Joseph High School Handbook. The maximum age for any attending guest is 20 years old. A “Guest Form” must be submitted for approval. Female guests of SJHS males must follow the “Female semi-formal attire agreement” as well as male guests of SJHS females following the “Male semi-formal attire agreement.”

All SJHS students interested in attending the dance must be in good standing with the school academically and financially. Any student who is not in compliance will not be able to purchase a ticket. Once cleared, students can purchase tickets in the office through January 7th. Checks can be made payable to SJHS.

Semi- Formal Guest Forms can be picked up from our Main offices. **All** forms are due back to the office by January 7, 2025. Please note that all forms require parent & student signatures:

- Male semi-formal attire agreement form (enclosed)
- Female semi-formal attire agreement form (enclosed)
- Outside student Guest Form (available in the Main Offices)

Mandatory Random Drug Testing:

SJHS is instituting a mandatory random drug testing program as part of a Diocesan-wide policy to promote student health and welfare amidst a nationwide drug epidemic, serving as a prevention method and resource for our students and their families. This program is being implemented at all Diocesan High Schools this 2024-2025 school year, and goes in to effect specifically at the start of the second semester, January 2025 at SJHS. See page 70 SJHS Student Handbook. The policy in its entirety will be available in a parent letter and our website January 16, 2025.

Mark Your Calendar & Save These Dates:

DECEMBER:

- 12/3- Classes resume from Thanksgiving Break (November 27- December 2)
- 12/5 -Fall Retreat for Seniors at Saint Vincent College
- 12/6 & 12/7- SJHS Tip Off Basketball Tournament
- 12/18- School Assembly with Joe Klimchak (Pittsburgh Pirates In-Game Host & Motivational Speaker)
- 12/18- SJHS Ugly Sweater Christmas Movie Night 7 PM, JPll free event. Snacks will be sold.
- 12/20- SJHS Christmas break begins at 12:30 PM
- 12/27(Alumni Night) & 12/28- SJHS Holiday Basketball Tournament

JANUARY:

- 1/6-Classes resume
- 1/16- Semester 1 ends
- 1/17- Teacher in-service Day, **no classes**
- 1/18- Semi-Formal Dance at River Forest Country Club, 6:30-9:30 PM
- 1/20- MLK Jr. Day of Observation, **no classes**
- 1/26-1/31 Catholic Schools week
- 1/27- Mandatory Random Drug Testing Policy in Effect

See the *NEW* look of our Spartan Athletics website at www.saintjosephsathletics.com