

St. Joseph Catholic Academy

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New student orientation at the Upper Campus on August 23rd

A New School Year... A New Beginning!

The 2025-26 school year has officially begun! As we begin this new year, let us pray for our students, staff, and parents; that the Lord bless them and guide them through a faith-filled year!

Please join us in welcoming all of our new students and staff as they embark on a journey at St. Joseph Catholic Academy.

Thank you to all of our alumni who have continued to support our beloved school. Your support allows us to continue our mission of esteemed Catholic education.





Featured Articles - Alumni News

Alumni Night at Homecoming

This year, we are bringing back the "Alumni Night" at the SJCA Homecoming game on October 3rd. This event will grant every alum free access to the game as well as a free meal (thank you to the Athletic Association).

This is a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni and cheer on your Lancers!

The parade begins at 3:00pm leaving from the school and traveling to Ameche Field.

The Soccer game starts at 4:00pm at Ameche Field followed by the Football game at 7:00pm.

WE WANT TO SEE ALL OF OUR BELOVED ALUMNI AT THE FESTIVITIES! This is an important event for our school community. Please join us if you are available!

Further details will come at the end of this month.

All Souls Day Mass for Deceased Alumni

On November 4th at 7:00am, we will be hosting a special All Souls Day Mass in the Upper Campus Chapel for all Alumni who have passed away this year. The Mass will be offered for those who have passed in our school community this past year. Mass will be followed by refreshments and a social gathering.

There will be a banner and candles commemorating all of our alumni who have passed this past year. We are hoping to make this an annual commemoration.

We thank you all for your support. ALL alumni are invited to attend Mass and the gathering.

Further information will come next month.

LANCER GALA - November 8, 2025

It's that time of year again! The Lancer Gala (formerly the Annual Auction) is set for November 8th! We are asking for all alums to join us for this special night. We have amazing food, drinks, auction items, cigar tent, and much more; all to benefit the school we all love and cherish so deeply. Join us for this momentous event!



We are TRANSFORMING the dinner experience! It is now a family style dinner with new AMAZING dinner selections!

The Guardian Angel program is an extremely important part of the annual benefit auction. Every year, we heavily rely on our Guardian Angel sponsors to meet our fundraising goals. Your contribution directly services the needs of our beloved school. Please consider donating with the tiers outlined below:





Featured Columns

CAMPAIGN COLUMN: Faith to Grow

Recently, after a community wide survey was conducted, the SJCA Board of Directors in conjunction with the Steier Group, decided to pivot the capital campaign to benefit the current school facilities, educational product, and the faith formation of our students. Please see the new acronym below (FAITH), which outlines the goals of our new and improved campaign.

· F - Faith:

Deepening our Catholic identity by enhancing spiritual programs, improving

sacred spaces (the Chapel), and emphasizing our commitment to faith-based education.

A – Academics:

Promoting academic excellence through curriculum enrichment, faculty

development, and expanded opportunities in college preparation, the arts,

and literacy. Our renewed focus aims to measurably improve student

outcomes.

I – Infrastructure:

Prioritizing repairs and improvements to our current buildings and learning spaces.

• T - Technology:

Enhancing educational delivery with upgraded technological tools, improved

network capabilities, and robust support systems.

• H – Hands:

Investing in our community—supporting faculty and staff through

competitive compensation, professional development, and strengthening

volunteer engagement.



We are still looking for volunteers to help with various campaign related initiatives. If you are interested, please contact Ryan Kussman, our campaign manager, at RKussman@steiergroup.com

The Alumni Association Corner

Did you know that:

- The Alumni Association has already committed \$1,000 to the Guardian Angels Program for the SJCA November Gala. Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students for the 2025-26 school year.
- All paid Lifetime Alumni Association members receive free admission to all HOME St. Joe athletic events and one admission to the Spring Musical (annually).

We would like to encourage all alumni who are not members of the Alumni Association to consider joining. We will not be able to continue to provide support for scholarships, the Gala, the Annual Golf Tournament as well as other events without increasing our membership. It's only \$100 for a Lifetime Membership and it will allow you to show your support for St. Joe's.

A Note from the Alumni & Advancement Office

Dear Distinguished Alumni,

You are the heart of our school community, and it is because of you that we remain strong and connected. We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all of our wonderful alumni for being such a vital part of our community.

To show our appreciation, we are excited to announce Alumni Appreciation Week, which will coincide with SJCA Homecoming. Throughout the week, there will be a variety of events and opportunities to reconnect with former classmates and enjoy a visit to our beautiful campus.

Thank you for being part of our family.

May God bless you abundantly,

Thomas Connolly

Alumni & Advancement Coordinator

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Director of Advancement

SAVE THE DATE



November 8th, 2025

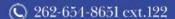


ALUMNI NIGHT

at the St. Joseph Catholic Academy **Homecoming** game.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Catch up with other alumni
- Alumni tent (yearbooks & spirit wear)
- Free meal (courteous of the Athletic Association)
- Momecoming Football Game







Come join us for an unforgettable night!!



Friday, 3 October 2025



Soccer: 4pm - Football: 7pm

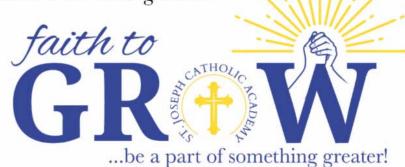


Meche Field

Save the Date: Capital Campaign Launch - October 4, 2025

We're excited to announce the public launch of our new and improved Capital Campaign on October 4, 2025.

Stay tuned-full details will be shared in the coming weeks!



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY HONORS

Service



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"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1:9