



# SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP

FAITH | LEADERSHIP | SCHOLARSHIP | HONOR | SERVICE



## OUR HISTORY

### 1829

Founded in 1829 by Father John McElroy S.J., Saint John's has the distinction of being Maryland's oldest Catholic high school. For more than 190 years we have carried on Father McElroy's work educating young men and women to be leaders for our nation.

### 1915

In 1915, Saint John's becomes co-educational.

### 1925

Saint John's moves to a newly built school building on 2nd Street in Frederick, Maryland.



# WELCOME TO SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP



Our mission is to educate students in a joyful Catholic community of faith, hope, and love. Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School prepares students to be leaders with good hearts and discerning spirits as they pursue truth, academic excellence, and service to humanity.

We believe that our responsibility is to bring knowledge of the past to our students, to engage them in the present, and to prepare them for the future.

Our goal is to create good citizens, sensitive to the needs of others, morally and intellectually responsible for our world, and ready to account to God for their lives.

To those ends we strive to offer a strong academic program intended to endow our students with the intellectual, spiritual, athletic, and aesthetic qualities needed to enrich the world.



## 1958

Saint John's moves to Prospect Hall Mansion in Frederick, Maryland.

## 2013

Saint John's moves to Buckeystown, Maryland in order to accommodate more students and athletic fields.



## 2020-2021

Saint John's expands adding the Delaplaine Fine Arts Wing and Warner Family Stadium.

# AT A GLANCE

12:1

Student to  
Teacher  
Ratio



Possible college  
credits with  
our dual  
enrollment  
program

24

partnering with Mount St.  
Mary's University

20

Sports  
Teams



1

Annual  
Theater  
Production

Advanced  
Placement  
Courses

18

Offered in all disciplines  
from AP Studio Art to  
AP Chemistry

20

Average  
Class  
Size

16



Guaranteed College  
Acceptance and  
Scholarship Partners

70%

Percent of  
students  
play a  
sport



20+

Student Clubs

and 80 % of our students  
participate in clubs

100%

College  
Acceptance  
Rate

80

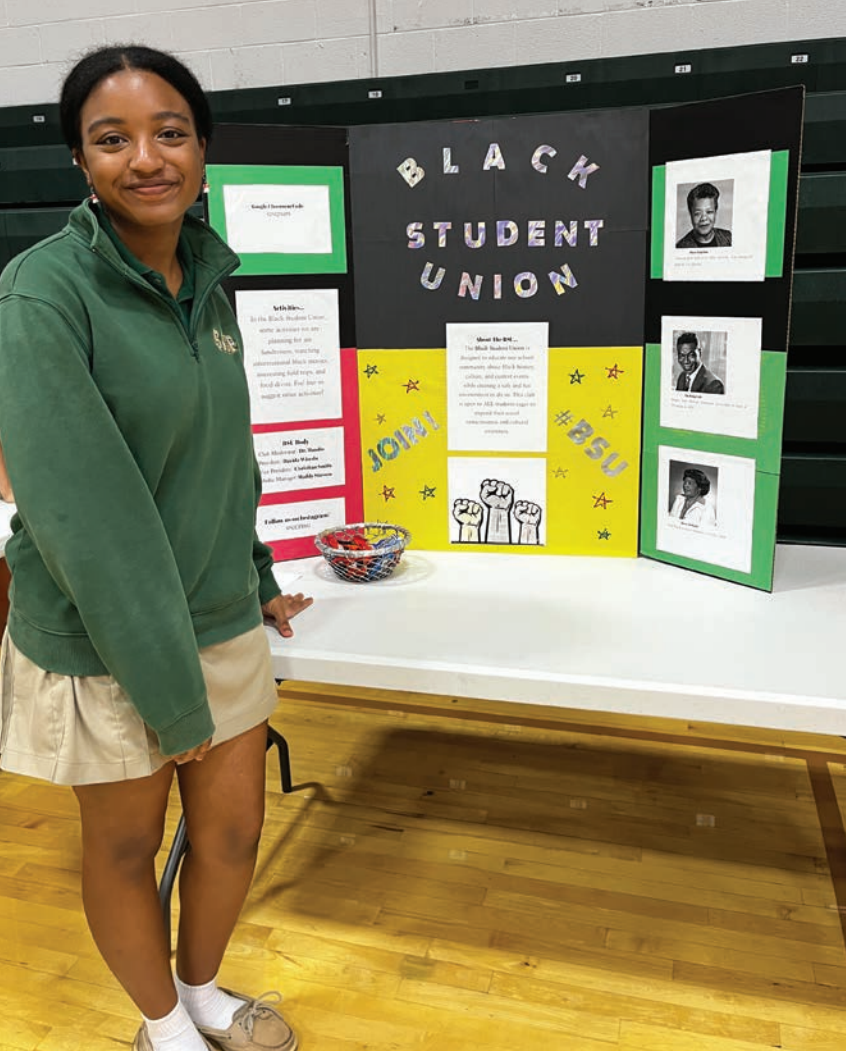
Community Service  
Hours required to  
graduate

Class of 2022 had a  
combined total of  
9,160 hours.

60%

of SJCP  
students  
are Catholic



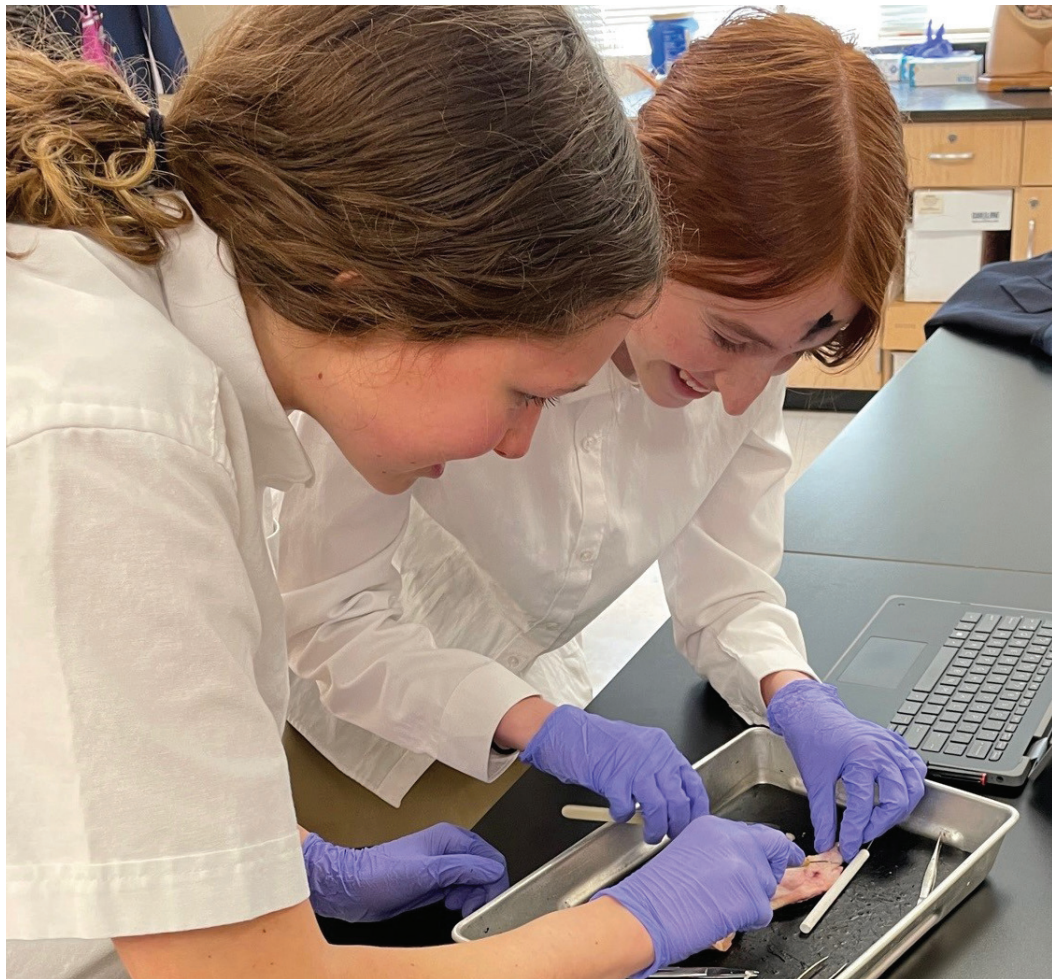


# IN THE CLASSROOM

In the classroom, SJCP students are encouraged to ask questions, think critically, and be curious by engaging in a rigorous college preparatory educational program. Our program of studies includes a wide variety of course offerings ranging from AP Calculus to audio production engineering. Our faculty challenges students to reach their greatest potential by fostering the exchange of ideas, recognizing and respecting views of others, nurturing individual faith journeys, and promoting community stewardship.

Small class sizes, experienced teachers, and daily academic support allows our students to understand complex concepts, build successful academic skills, apply deeper meaning to subjects, and advocate for their own learning, giving them the knowledge and skills to be successful wherever their academic journey takes them next.

We offer numerous honors and AP options as well as a dual enrollment and a senior-to-freshman year program with Mount St. Mary's.



## FINDING HER PLACE

**Kailey Nicholas**  
**Transfer Student**

Kailey transferred into SJCP her Sophomore year for basketball and high-level academics. She is a member of the National Honors Society, ASL Club, Book Club, and plays volleyball, basketball, and runs track. She plans to study architectural engineering in college and is preparing by taking advanced math and art courses.

Kailey enjoys the small classes and the ability to get one-on-one attention with teachers. SJCP provides her with a strong sense of community. She feels "closer and more connected" to her school.



## AOPA Stem Program

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's STEM Curriculum is a rigorous four-year program that prepares students for aviation related careers and education opportunities. The program was designed in anticipation of the shortage of pilots and other aviation professionals. After completing the program, students will be prepared to pass the certification test to fly Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) commercially.



# STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER

## Academic and College Counseling

SJCP is committed to providing our families with the most comprehensive college planning available. Counselors work closely with students considering their academic, personal, vocational, social, and financial needs. They provide resources, programming, and serve as liaisons to college admission officers.

Counselors meet with students both individually and in a classroom setting throughout their four years at SJCP. Formal introduction to the college search, selection, and application process begins in the fall of the junior year. During this time, students and parents meet individually with the college counselor to develop a personal plan for the student's college and career journey.



## Guaranteed College Acceptance and Scholarship Partnerships

Saint John's Catholic Prep has partnerships with 16 colleges and universities to provide **GUARANTEED COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE** and annual **SCHOLARSHIPS** to SJCP graduates that meet their requirements. Go to [saintjohnsprep.org/academics/guaranteed-college-acceptance](http://saintjohnsprep.org/academics/guaranteed-college-acceptance) for more information.







## Academic Support

The goal of our academic support services is to help every student become confident and successful on their academic journey. SJCP has several options for students requiring additional support including:

- After school office hours and writing lab with faculty and/or peer tutors
- Prep Center for after-school help from our Director of Academic Support with organizational, time management and planning skills
- Development of a formal accommodation plan for students with documented learning differences
- The addition of a resource class (Seton Scholars Class) for students with a formal learning plan who may need more intensive support

## Mental and Physical Health

We believe in a holistic approach to best support our students' health and wellness needs.

We offer:

- A dedicated space available for students to privately take telehealth appointments
- A school Certified Medication Technician and Health and Wellness Coordinator working in conjunction with an off-site delegating registered nurse
- Short-term, solution-focused support for students to foster social and emotional wellness
- Referrals and recommendations for mental health services in the community
- Mental health programming for students and families



## Spiritual Health

Campus Ministry consists of both a Campus Minister and a Chaplain who coordinate and oversee:

- Masses
- Prayer services
- Retreats
- Spiritual counseling



# ATHLETICS

At Saint John's Catholic Prep 70 percent of our students are student athletes who participate in varsity and junior varsity sports. Our SJCP Vikings learn skills and strategy, but, more importantly, they are exposed to the ideals of teamwork, leadership, sacrifice, and the devotion to excellence through our coaches and challenge of interscholastic competition.

Our girls' teams play in the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland (IAAM) and our boys' teams in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA).

**Fall Sports**

- Cheerleading
- Cross Country-Girls and Boys
- Football
- Soccer-Girls and Boys
- Volleyball

**Winter Sports**

- Basketball-Girls and Boys
- Cheerleading
- Indoor Track & Field-Girls and Boys

**Spring Sports**

- Baseball
- Golf
- Lacrosse-Girls and Boys
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field-Girls and Boys



## RAISE YOUR HAND

**Makayla Ferrell**  
First SJCP Pole Vaulter

“Is anyone willing to try pole vaulting?” Coach asked. Girls pole vaulting had only two participants in the conference and there was an opportunity for SJCP to gain some points in meets. Makayla Ferrell’s hand shot into the air. Makayla is a three-season athlete always looking for a challenge. She also participates in triple jump and hurdles.

She received a tremendous amount of parental support and worked with her coach to find a clinic with a certified pole-vaulting coach. In addition, she does specialized weight training.

The advantages to trying something new at SJCP? “You can go to the athletic director or your coaches. They are supportive and will try to get you where you want to be. Raise your hand and ask. Otherwise they won’t know.”

# FINE ARTS





Many of our students discover a passion they never knew existed and develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts in our 9,000-square-foot Delaplaine Fine Arts Wing.

Some let their creative side shine in our annual drama production. Others highlight their musical talent in our newly-formed bell choir or liturgy band. Many choose to take an art class and embrace nature in our student-built outdoor classroom. Is photography your passion? We have a publications class that leads the production of our yearbook. Enjoy writing? Contribute to *The Viking Journal*, our online newspaper.

This year our inaugural ceramics class will break in our new kiln. The fine arts department even boasts one of the most popular student clubs—Mr. G's Bad Songwriting Club. Everyone is welcome!

# STUDENT LIFE AT SJCP



Clockwise: ASL Club practices signing, Chess Club is always ready to compete, and our newly formed Asian Cultural Club boasts 50 members and has been known to indulge in home-made dumplings.



## Clubs and Activities

There are so many ways to become involved and find new interests (and friends) here at SJCP. We have more than 20 student run clubs and activities. Whether you are looking for something to expand your intellectual horizons or something to help you relax, our small and safe community allows exploration and development as they prepare to be future community leaders.

### 2022-23 Clubs

- Art Club
- Asian Culture Club
- ASL Club
- Black Student Union
- Bell Choir Club
- B-Movie Club
- Book Club
- Campus Ministry Club
- Chess Club
- Cooking Club
- Corn Hole Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Drama Club
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Environmental Club
- Floral Club
- French Club
- History Day Club
- Interact Club
- Kits to Heart Club
- Lego Club
- SJCP Liturgy Band
- Maker Space Club
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- National Art Honor Society
- Science Olympiad Club
- Sound Crew
- Spanish Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student-Athlete Advisory Comm.
- Student Government Association

## Traditions

Our sense of community is what sets us apart. We have annual traditions such as Spirit Week, our Mr. Viking Contest, Cabaret Night, a Christmas program and community service projects during Catholic Schools Week. We have powder puff football games, ring day ceremony, and class retreats. We cheer for each other for both individual and team achievement. We truly believe, "Once a Viking, Always a Viking."



Clockwise: Seniors compete for the honor of Mr. Viking. On the feast of Saint Francis, our Chaplain blesses our family pets. Students take a field trip to the Mexican Geniuses Art Exhibit. A little friendly powder puff game during spirit week. Students showcase their talents during Mass.



# HOW TO BECOME A VIKING

- Complete the online inquiry form
- Schedule a Viking shadow visit
- Schedule a campus tour
- Submit an application
- Register for the High School Placement Test
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete a transcript request form
- Schedule an interview
- Apply for tuition assistance

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