



St Joseph High School Fine Arts Department Fast Facts

Philosophy

St Joseph High School believes that every student requires a well-rounded arts education that is integral to the formation of the whole student. A foundation in the arts develops cognitive and analytical skills, the ability to self-direct, communicate more effectively, and sharpens critical and creative skills. Research has shown that what students learn in the arts helps them to master other subjects, such as: literature, math, engineering, and social studies. The arts allow students to develop self-expression through visual, aural and performance mediums. Upon completion of the program, students possess an understanding and appreciation of the arts in both modern and historical contexts.

Curriculum Overview

Studio Art

- Art 1 (CP) (Grade 10)
- Art 2 (CP) (Grades 10,11,12)
- Art 3 (H) (Grades 11,12)
- Ceramics/Pottery 1 (CP) (Grades 11, 12)
- Ceramics/Pottery 2 (CP) (Grades 11, 12)

Music

- Concert Band (CP) (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Steel Drum Ensemble (CP) (Grades 11, 12)
- Concert Choir (CP) (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
- Advanced Band (H) (Grades 10, 11, 12)
- Advanced Chamber Choir (H) (Grades 10, 11, 12)
- Advanced Band 2 (H) (Grades 10, 11, 12)
- Advanced Chamber Choir 2 (H) (Grades 11, 12)
- Advanced Band 3 (H) (Grades 11, 12)

Theater

- Theater (CP) (Grade 10)
- The Art of Acting (CP) (Grades 11, 12)

National Honor Societies

- International Thespian Society
- Tri-M Music Honors Society
- National Art Honors Society

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Beyond the Classroom

Art Portfolio Club: An artist's portfolio is an edited collection of their best artwork intended to showcase an artist's style or method of work. Art portfolio club focuses on developing student portfolios to illustrate the versatility of each students' talents by showing different samples of current work.

Drama Club: Over 100 performers, technical crew, stage managers, a student board participate in Drama Club and run many of the aspects of production, tickets sales, ushering, and so much more. Two productions are scheduled each year, a drama or comedy in the fall and a musical in the spring.

Jazz Band is open to all students with a background in instrumental music, the jazz band will meet weekly in preparation for the winter and spring concerts.

The Pottery Club is a forum for those interested in ceramics and pottery to join together in making pottery and sharing knowledge regarding ceramics.

"Studying the arts at St Joes has helped me grow as a person and come to a better understanding of the human condition. It has allowed me to process my emotions in a way that connects me with the experience of others, helping me to grow in solidarity with my fellow students as well as the world around me."
~ Sal Orosz '20