

Greetings from the College and School Counseling Office of Saint Joseph Prep! We hope the information included in this profile will help you and your colleagues better understand the history, mission, academic, and extracurricular programs at Saint Joseph Prep.

### Mission Statement

A premier independent co-educational Catholic high school in greater Boston, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Saint Joseph Prep provides an exceptional, accessible, student-driven education marked by academic excellence, authentic community, meaningful engagement, and dynamic innovation. Through the School's diverse, character-driven, and faith-filled experience, graduates are prepared for success in college and career and empowered to be servant-leaders.

### The Four Hallmarks of SJP

- Academic Excellence: *A holistic approach, with an intense focus on student-centered learning, that supports each individual's intellectual growth and personal development.*
- Authentic Community: *Richly diverse, powerfully affirming community of acceptance, respect, and genuine relationship where scholars are known and loved.*
- Meaningful Engagement: *Exemplary co-curricular offerings in the arts and athletics, available to all, that encourage participation and develop leadership and integrity.*
- Dynamic Innovation: *A forward-thinking, skills-based program that integrates STEAM exploration, led by a creative, collegial faculty, where students can engineer a future of their own design.*

### The School

Saint Joseph Prep HS is a community rich in diversity, drawing students from nearly 50 communities throughout the Greater Boston area. 57% of our students are people of color and 10% of our students are international. 71% of our 248 students are on some sort of financial aid (either merit and/or need-based).

### COVID-19 Statement

Saint Joseph Prep transitioned to remote learning on March 19, 2020, immediately following the mandatory state shutdown of schools in Massachusetts. We shifted to a block schedule with four classes meeting each day for 60 minutes via Zoom from 3/19/20-6/11/20.

Normally our final grades are calculated as Q1=20%, Q2=20%, Midterm Exam=10%, Q3=20%, Q4=20%, Final Exam=10%. For the 2019-2020 academic year, we did not hold final exams and used the following weightings: Q1=25%, Q2=25%, Midterm Exam=10%, Q3=25%, Q4=15%.

For the 2020-2021 academic year, we have opened in a synchronous hybrid learning model and have continued the shift to a block schedule with four class periods meeting on alternating days. We have three cohorts. Cohorts A and B are in the building two days a week and remote the other three. Cohort C is fully remote all week. Class Periods Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are 80 minutes and students participate in class via Zoom on the days they are remote. All students are remote on Wednesdays and classes meet for 60 minutes to allow for extracurricular activities and community events remotely after school.

We welcome and encourage your communication with us throughout the application and admission process so that we can further illuminate the pillars of this mission-driven, forward-thinking school: intellectual excellence, moral integrity, and Catholic tradition.

Kindest regards,

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# School Profile 2020/21

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## 2020 - 2021 ENROLLMENT

Class of 2021 77

Class of 2022 60

Class of 2023 54

Class of 2024 57

## About Saint Joseph Prep

### Grading System

Saint Joseph Prep only reports weighted Cumulative Grade Point Averages on a 4.0 scale. Honors courses receive 0.2 additional GPA points, AP Courses receive 0.7 additional GPA points.

### Class Rank

In light of Saint Joseph Prep's selective admission policy, class size, and rigorous curriculum, the school does not rank its students.

### SAT Scores, Class of 2020

Mean Reading & Writing: **589**

Mean Math: **589**

Mean Total: **1178**

Students taking SAT: **100%**

### ACT Scores, Class of 2020

Mean Composite: **24**

Students taking ACT: **56%**

### Advanced Placement Scores, 2020

200 Exams taken by 100 Students

77% students scored 3+ on AP Exams

## Discipline Reporting

Saint Joseph Prep does not report student discipline records, except in major cases of academic dishonesty or physical violence. As a Catholic school, we recognize that students make mistakes, and we do so in a community of trust, support, and reconciliation. We instruct all students to answer questions regarding disciplinary history, including any change in academic standing between application submission and graduation, honestly and completely. We take seriously our responsibility to our college admissions colleagues and will not recommend a student about whom we have any serious reservations.



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## Curriculum & Instruction

The Saint Joseph Prep curriculum is divided into Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Preparatory levels. Level determination takes into consideration a student's historic grades, teacher recommendations, and standardized test scores.

- **Advanced Placement Courses:** Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, Government and Politics, Physics I, Statistics, Spanish, Studio Art: 2D Design, US History.
- All AP courses are eligible for Dual Enrollment credit through Regis College.
- Latin IV Dual Enrollment taught at AP level with UMass Boston.
- Only Juniors and Seniors may enroll in AP courses. It is strongly recommended that students take no more than three AP courses in their junior or senior years. Exceptions are granted on a case by case basis for seniors to enroll in four APs.
- **Honors Courses:** Advanced Studio Art Honors, Algebra 1 Honors, Algebra 2 Honors, Anatomy, Physiology, and Genetics Honors, Biology Honors, Calculus Honors, Chemistry Honors, Computer Aided Design Honors, Economics Honors, English 1, 2, 3, and 4 Honors, Geometry Honors, Physics Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, Spanish 1, 2, 3, and 4 Honors, United States History Honors, World History 1 and 2 Honors.
- **Virtual High School:** With our partnership with Virtual High School (VHS), students have access to a multitude of other college prep, honors, and AP level courses for their academic enrichment. VHS courses are limited to seniors.
- In the 9th Grade, students are enrolled in two English courses, our traditional 9th Grade English course, as well as an intensive college prep English Writing class.
- Saint Joseph Prep meets and exceeds the Massachusetts state requirements for graduation. Students must complete four years of English, Theology, and Math and three years of Lab Science, Social Studies, and World Language.
- SJP Theology Courses are considered academically rigorous classes that are as demanding as other core academic courses. We encourage all colleges to include the student's theology grade in recalculating a grade point average.
- SJP actively fosters cross-curricular collaboration. Teachers and Departments work in tandem to align units in order to build mastery of essential skills and content. This is exemplified in programs such as Writing Across the Curriculum, and our interdepartmental Collaboration Wednesdays.
- **SAT/ACT Course:** All juniors take a one semester SAT/ACT prep course taught in-house at SJP.

# SJP Signature Programs

- **Chapel Speeches:** The Chapel Speaking Program plays a unique role in the spiritual and intellectual development of every student at SJP. Every year, each student presents to their peers about topics important to them in the intimate setting of the school chapel. This program has continued via Zoom for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **College Road:** In partnership with the Urban Outreach Initiatives Office at Boston College, College Road is a unique four-year transitional program that empowers our students to envision themselves thriving in college and beyond. Through participation, students and their families are introduced to strategic ways to review and access a variety of pathways to college.
- **Engineering Certificate:** Awarded to elite scholars who have completed rigorous academic and co-curricular achievements in STEAM, with a minimum 3.25 GPA.
- **Opportunities for Service & Educational Enrichment:** Students are granted the opportunity to explore, serve, and learn domestically and abroad. Educational Enrichment trips have traveled to Eastern and Central Europe. Service programs have traveled to parts of the Appalachian region, Camden (NJ), Belize, Haiti, as well as our surrounding communities.
- **Robotics Team:** The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) helps students discover the world of science through technology while learning about innovation, engineering, and the real world values of competition. Students learn programming, circuitry, problem-solving, design, and building skills in this team-based club.
- **Community Service:** Students at Saint Joseph Prep are challenged to make a positive difference in our world through compassionate leadership and selfless service. Following the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph, impelled by the active, inclusive love of God, students are empowered to serve the dear neighbor without distinction in their own communities and beyond, thus creating ever-widening circles of relationship and communion. It is our hope that students will discover their God-given gifts and talents, and use them to serve others. Required Service Hours: Grade 9: 10 Hours; Grade 10: 20 Hours; Grade 11: 20 Hours. Grade 12: 100 Hours (Senior Service Project).
- **Senior Service:** The Senior Service Program empowers Saint Joseph Prep seniors to live the Gospel through service to God's beloved. Rooted in the example of Christ, the Senior Service Program challenges students to witness the virtues of faith, hope, and love through service to their local community.
- **STEAM Academic Program:** The STEAM classes at SJP practice and enforce our vision of developing critical thinking and problem solving skills along with cultivating in our students a spirit of collaboration, innovation, communication, and creativity. Our robust STEAM curriculum, featuring our signature STEAM I and STEAM II required courses for freshmen and sophomores and our electives in CAD, Fine Arts, Graphic Design, and Mechatronics provides project-based, hands-on, student-centered learning opportunities at every grade level.



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## Student Activities, Clubs, & Organizations

Admissions Ambassadors  
ACES (Alumni and Advancement  
Committee of Engaged Students)  
AHANA  
Athletic Leadership Council\*  
Big Brother/Big Sister\*  
Book Club  
Campus Ministry  
Creative Writing  
High School Quiz Show  
Knitting  
Literacy Magazine  
Liturgical Music Ensemble\*  
Mental Health Awareness  
National Honor Society  
Newspaper (the TIE)  
Photography  
Prom Committee  
Robotics  
Servants to the Dear Neighbor\*  
Social Entrepreneurship Club  
Step Team\*  
Student Council  
Theatre (Phoenix Players)  
Yearbook  
Youth in Government

*\*Activity temporarily on hiatus  
due to COVID-19*

## SJP Phoenix Athletics

Baseball (Mens)  
Basketball (Mens & Womens)  
Cross Country (Coed)  
Golf (Mens)  
Ice Hockey (Mens & Womens)  
Lacrosse (Womens)  
Soccer (Mens & Womens)  
Softball (Womens)  
Swimming (Coed)  
Tennis (Mens & Womens)  
Track & Field (Coed)  
Volleyball (Womens)

# Class of 2020 College Admission

Adelphi University  
Anna Maria College  
**Assumption University**  
Bard College  
Bay Path University  
**Bentley University**  
Binghamton University  
**Boston College**  
Boston University  
Bradley University  
Bridgewater State University  
Bryant University  
California State University-Monterey Bay  
Canisius College  
Castleton University  
Catholic University of America  
Clark Atlanta University  
Clark University  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston  
**College of the Holy Cross**  
**Cornell University**  
Creighton University  
**Curry College**  
Dean College  
**Drexel University**  
Duquesne University  
East Carolina University  
**Elon University**  
Emerson College  
**Emmanuel College**  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Fordham University  
**Framingham State University**  
Franciscan University  
**Franklin Pierce University**  
Gannon University  
**George Washington University**  
Guilford College  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
**Hood College**  
Indiana University-Bloomington  
James Madison University  
Lafayette College  
Lasell University  
Le Moyne College  
Lehigh University  
Lesley University  
Loyola University Chicago

**Loyola University Maryland**  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Marist College  
**Marquette University**  
Marshall University  
**MCPHS**  
MA Maritime Academy  
**Merrimack College**  
**Miami University-Oxford**  
**Morehouse College**  
Mount Holyoke College  
**New York University**  
**Nichols College**  
**Northeastern University**  
Nova Southeastern University  
Otterbein University  
Pace University-New York  
Pennsylvania State University  
Plymouth State University  
Providence College  
Purdue University-Main Campus  
**Quinnipiac University**  
Regis College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rivier University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Sacred Heart University  
**Saint Anselm College**  
**Saint Joseph's College of Maine**  
**Saint Joseph's University**  
Saint Michael's College  
Saint Peter's University  
Salem State University  
Salve Regina University  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
Seton Hall University  
Shenandoah University  
Skidmore College  
St. John's University  
**Stonehill College**  
Stony Brook University SUNY  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
**Texas A&M University**  
The College of Saint Rose  
The University of Tennessee  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Towson University



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**99** % of students *admitted* to at least one four-year institution.

**96** % of students *attending* a four-year institution.

## **Trinity College**

University of California-Davis  
University of California-Irvine  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
**University of California, San Diego**  
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
**University of Detroit Mercy**  
University of Hartford  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**University of Maine**  
University of Massachusetts Boston  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
**University of Massachusetts Amherst**  
**University of Massachusetts Lowell**  
University of New England  
**University of New Hampshire**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
**University of Rhode Island**  
University of Scranton  
University of Southern Maine  
**University of Tampa**  
University of the Pacific  
University of Toronto  
**University of Vermont**  
University of Washington, Seattle  
Vanderbilt University  
**Villanova University**  
Walsh University  
Washington College  
**Wentworth Institute of Technology**  
West Virginia University  
Western New England University  
Westfield State University  
Wheaton College - Massachusetts  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
Worcester State University  
**Xavier University**

*Bold indicates student matriculated*