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# Founded in Faith,

## Sponsored by Sisters.

St. Joan Antida High School (SJA), sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of St. Joan Antida, was founded in 1954 and acts as a successful springboard for nearly 5,000 young women.

We are a Catholic, values-based organization that integrates character and spiritual development into our students' lives. By embracing every student and empowering them with opportunities, we serve to form young women to become people of faith and good moral character.

### Our Vision | Our Mission

*St. Joan Antida High School embraces young women and empowers them to discover their God-given potential, give voice to their passion, and change the world.*

*In the spirit of Saint Joan Antida Thouret's passion to educate and empower young women, we prepare our students to lead and serve in a global society through a Catholic, values-based education.*



# Our Sisterhood

**We embrace. We engage. We empower.**

We are driven by a calling to serve young women seeking a spiritually enriching, supportive, and challenging educational experience that helps them find their voice and become leaders. It is our responsibility to make sure that our students are well-prepared for a successful future that strengthens their relationship with their local and global communities.

**We know these young women can change the world.**

**We do this through:**

- Empower Hour
- Experiential Learning
- Extracurricular Clubs
- Athletics
- Jaguar 40
- Class Retreats
- Daily Prayer
- Daily Gathering
- Campus Ministry
- Service Experiences





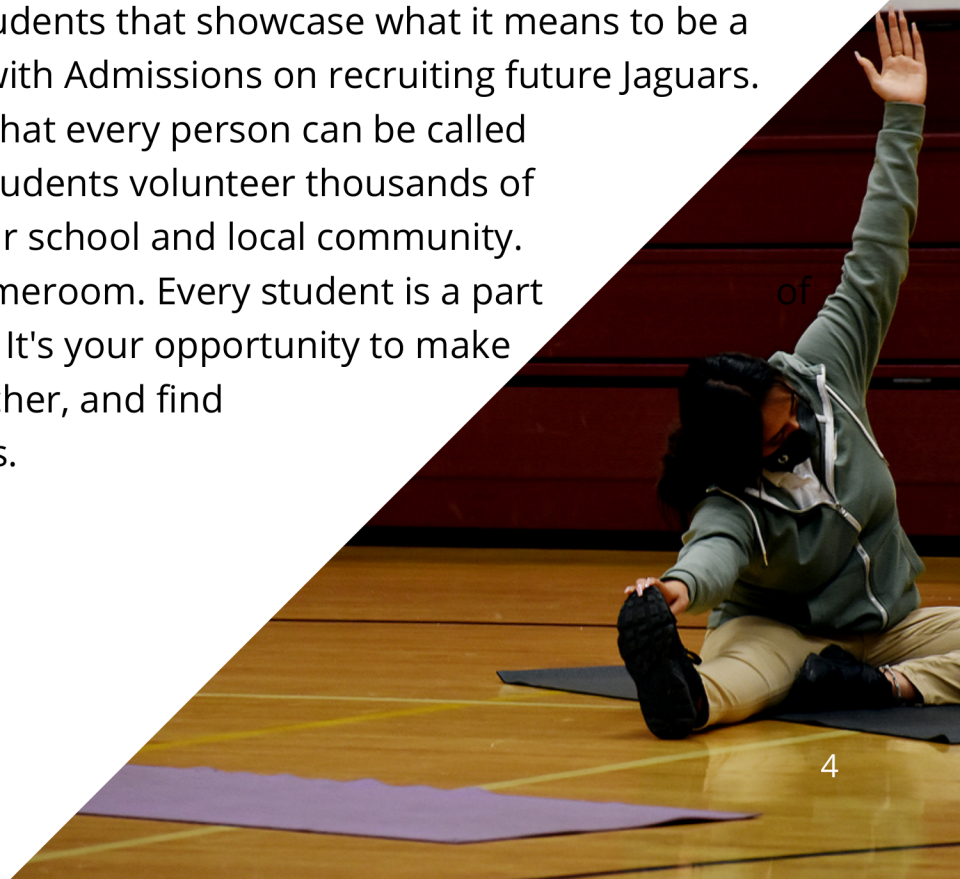
# SJA lingo

## Get to know the SJA brand.

We use terms you might not be familiar with to talk about our programs and to build our culture with staff and students.

### Here's a brief explanation of what we mean when we say...

- **Daily Gathering** — Every morning, we gather together as a school to pray, look forward to the days and weeks ahead, and celebrate our successes.
- **Class Retreats** — Once a year, each grade level comes together as a class to bond, share strengths and connect.
- **Empower Hour** — That's our Wednesday afternoon enrichment class! Students participate in classes like ACT prep, African drumming, and sewing.
- **Experiential Learning** — We use this term to talk about learning that takes place outside of the classroom or using hands-on, skill-building learning time.
- **Jaguar 40** — During the lunch hour, students have a 40-minute flex time to grab lunch, participate in clubs, seek tutoring, or connect with friends.
- **ROAR Squad** — Exemplary students that showcase what it means to be a Jaguar. This team also works with Admissions on recruiting future Jaguars.
- **Service Hours** — We believe that every person can be called to serve those in need. Our students volunteer thousands of hours each year to support our school and local community.
- **Dens** — Basically, it's your homeroom. Every student is a part a den, much like a real jaguar! It's your opportunity to make friends, get to know your teacher, and find support from your classmates.







# Why St. Joan's?

## **PAOLA VELEZ — CLASS OF 2021**

**1** "I knew right away SJA was the right school for me because they are so inclusive, and there is so much diversity. Because the teachers and the staff are so amazing, I knew that St. Joan Antida High School was my home and that is where I wanted to be."

## **NAVAEH MCNEAL — CLASS OF 2025**

**2** "SJA is important to me because it has helped me get through stressful times and understood my struggles. I'm so thankful for the cheer team and tennis team, they've been amazing friends and support."

## **KARLA VEGA — CLASS OF 2022**

**3** "Through St. Joan Antida I've done so many amazing and incredible things. Thanks to God and thanks to the people that support me I was able to accomplish my goals."

## **DAIJAHNAY CANADY — CLASS OF 2019**

**4** "The decision that my parents made to send me to St. Joan Antida was the best thing that ever happened to me. The teachers, the environment, the amount of attention that you get is a wonderful thing."

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**Did you know?** We are one of the Top 25 private schools in Milwaukee according to the Milwaukee Business Journal!



# Just the Facts:



We are a **Catholic, all-girl high** school of **189 students** that embraces all religions



**\$1.5 Million**

in scholarship dollars earned by the Class of 2022 to schools including **Big 10 & International Universities**



**Our Legacy:**

of serving **Milwaukee's** young women



## 3 Career Pathways

Business, Engineering/IT, Health Sciences



**100%**

of our students receive financial aid



**23 Zip Codes**

We serve students from more than 50 schools across Milwaukee



**Latina**  
68%

**Black**  
27%

**How we identify:**

**Native**  
1%

**Multi**  
1%

**White**  
1%

**AAPI**  
2%

**225**



**volunteers** supporting the SJA mission in and out of the classroom

**4,408**

**service hours** completed by students for the 2021-2022 year

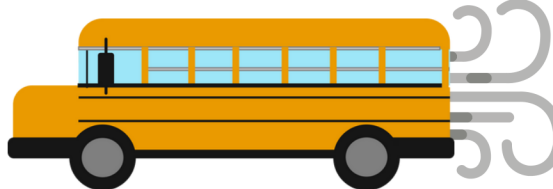
## 20 Student Clubs & Athletics

Including Photography, Black Student Union, Latina Student Union, Robotics, Cheer, Volleyball, Tennis, Soccer, and Basketball

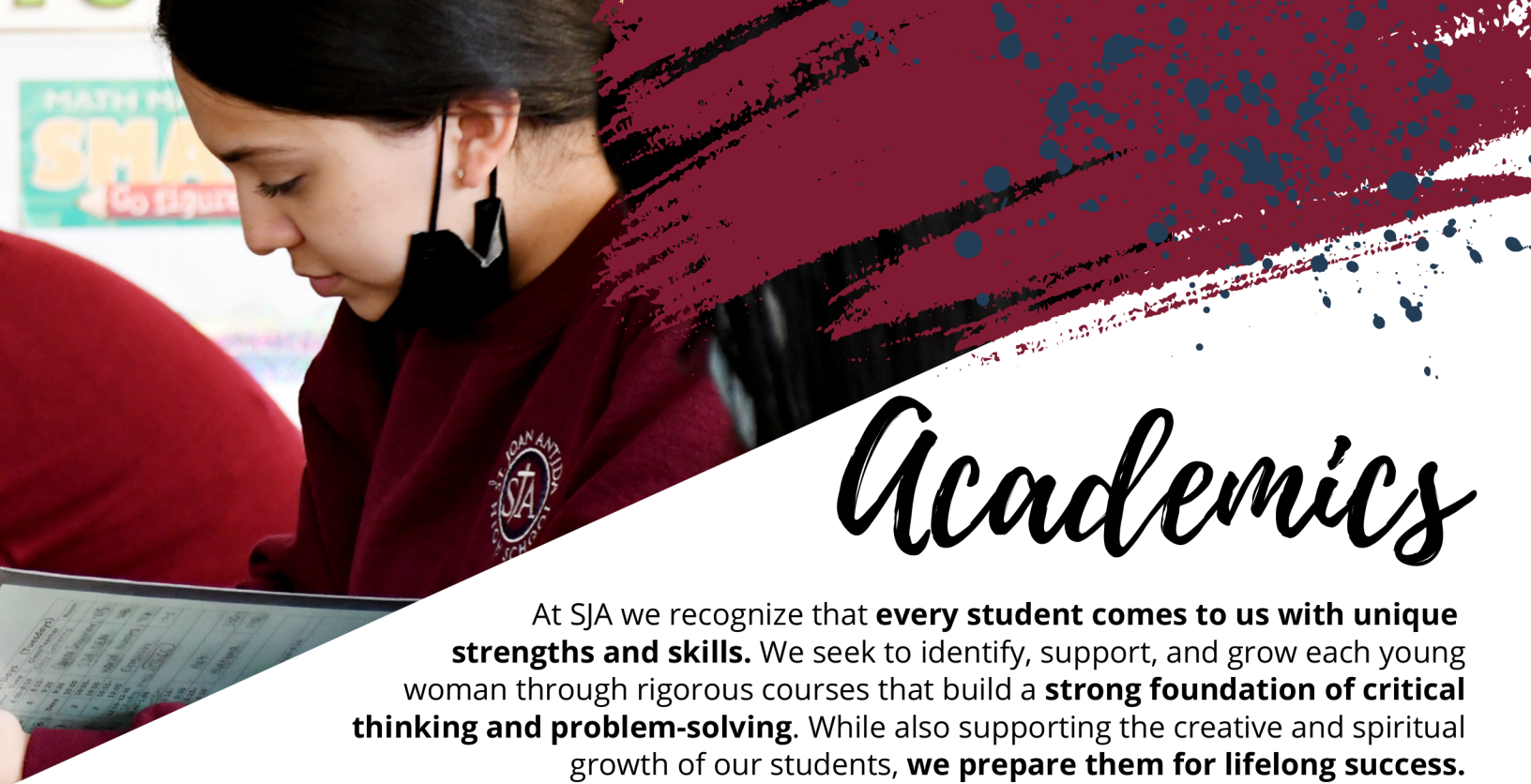


**Staying Local:**

**90% of our students** live in Milwaukee metro after graduation



SJA Students are provided **free yellow bus** transportation



# Academics

At SJA we recognize that **every student comes to us with unique strengths and skills**. We seek to identify, support, and grow each young woman through rigorous courses that build a **strong foundation of critical thinking and problem-solving**. While also supporting the creative and spiritual growth of our students, **we prepare them for lifelong success**.

## Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits and 4 years of full-time attendance is required for graduation from SJA.



Find our full course catalog by scanning the code!

**English** — 4 Credits

**Math** — 3 Credits

**Science** — 3 Credits

**History** — 3 Credits

**Theology** — 4 Credits

**World Language** — 1 Credit

**Fine Arts** — 1 Credit

**Physical Education** — 1.5 Credits

**Electives** — 3.5 Credits

## Dual-Enrollment & Higher Ed Partnerships

SJA has strong partnerships with colleges and universities that offer experiential learning and dual-enrollment.



## Empower Hour

Each semester, SJA students choose and participate in a 18-week seminar-style course that gives them the opportunity to earn credits towards graduation, prepare for college entrance exams or take a course designed to build life skills like driver education, sewing, and swimming.

## Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement courses give students the opportunity to earn transferable college credit while taking a course right here at our school. **SJA offers college-credit earning AP classes in:**

- Psychology
- Spanish
- Human Geography



# Career Pathways

The SJA Career Pathways program was specifically developed for students who wish to engage in career-related learning while gaining lifelong skills in:

- **applied knowledge**
- **critical thinking**
- **communication**
- **cross-cultural engagement**

The career-related study at SJA has three pathways for students that begin with a freshman seminar to identify strengths and provide exposure to career options. Students can choose to take classes focused on **Business, Engineering/IT, and Health Sciences**. Through corporate and community partnerships, all pathways involve experiential learning leading to a capstone project during the students' senior year.

## Engineering/IT Pathway

Current SJA courses offered as part of the Engineering Pathway:

- **Introduction to Engineering Design**
- **Intro to Computer Science**
- **Digital Electronics**
- **Engineering Design and Development**
- **Coding**

## Business Pathway

Current SJA courses offered as part of the Business Pathway:

- **Introduction to Business**
- **Introduction to Marketing**
- **Introduction to Accounting**
- **Business Capstone**

## Health Sciences Pathway

Current SJA courses offered as part of the Health Sciences Pathway:

- **Biology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Anatomy and Physiology**
- **Health Care Basics**
- **Food Science**
- **Forensic Science**
- **Health Sciences Capstone**

# Student Services



At SJA, we know that the social and emotional growth of our students **is critical to building soft skills that ensure success well beyond graduation.** We work with our students to find their strengths, plan for their future and build soft skills like conflict resolution and goal setting. Our guidance staff is dedicated to ensuring that young women come to school and **feel safe, accepted, and ready to grow so that when they leave SJA, they are confident and capable leaders.**



**Melissa Rios**

Student Services Director



**Artisha Williams**

Dean of Students



**Bridget Sebby**

Guidance & Career  
Counselor



**Sr. Jennifer Daul**

Student Support Coach

## How our team supports students:

### **Academic Guidance**

- Course selection
- Academic support & goal setting
- Summer school registration
- Study skills

### **Personal/Social Guidance**

- Individual counseling on personal issues
- Referral to outside agencies when appropriate

### **Career Guidance**

- Career interest surveys
- Volunteer experiences
- Pre-College/Summer programs

### **College Guidance**

- College financial aid information
- Scholarship/Award information
- College & military options
- College campus visits
- College application assistance





# Sports & Clubs

We know that giving our students the opportunity to explore enriching activities with their friends builds curiosity and **creates lifelong learners**.

We also know that physical activity keeps both body and brain strong and healthy. We work hard to create activities around our students interests, so **we're always open to new clubs!**

## Student Organizations & Clubs:

LATINA STUDENT UNION  
FILM CLUB  
BLACK STUDENT UNION  
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

STUDENT NEWSPAPER  
CODING CLUB  
YEARBOOK  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

**ROBOCHIX ROBOTICS TEAM** – SJA encourages women to explore STEM fields, our RoboChix Robotics Team is a great way to engage and express a passion for construction, coding, and design. We are the only all-girl robotics team in the state!

**LINK CREW** – Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable at school. Built on the belief that students can help each other succeed, students are eligible to apply for this program junior year.

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** – The National Honor Society (NHS) recognizes outstanding high school students. Through scholarship, leadership, service, and character, students who are selected to be a part of this group serve their community. Students are eligible to apply for induction into NHS their sophomore year.

**ROAR SQUAD** – These Student Ambassadors support the Office of Admissions with recruitment. Participants attend school visits, assist with campus events, support shadow visits, and share their stories of why they chose SJA.

## SJA offers the following competitive sports:



Basketball



Volleyball



Dance/Cheer



Soccer



Track & Field



Tennis



Cross Country

# The Burke ROAR Center

Reach **O**ut and **A**chieve **R**esults - Career-focused collaborative learning



## Construction Complete Winter 2022!

The Burke ROAR Center is **our largest capital improvement in 14 years** and will soon serve as the school's central hub for collaborative learning and skill-building.

As we plan for the future, our goal is to create state-of-the-art classrooms that best prepare our students with **industry-recognized skills and credentials** for future careers within Milwaukee. Utilizing hands-on learning, they will build confidence in their field of interest.

Through corporate and organizational partnerships, **our students will learn directly** from Milwaukee leaders who specialize in their area of career interest.





Arriving at school safely means our students are ready to take on the day without distractions. That's why SJA provides free yellow bus transportation to all students in the Milwaukee-county area who request it.

**We offer more than 30 bus stops across the city for our families.**

## Yellow Bus Stop Locations:

### Route 1

- Maple Tree Elementary — 6444 N. 107th St.
- Greater Holy Temple — 5575 N. 76th St
- Good Samaritan — 5226 W. Burleigh
- Blessed Savior East — 5140 N. 55th St.
- South E corner W. Bobolink Ave. & 62nd St.
- Christ the King Baptist Church — 7750 N. 60th St.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Parish — 71-52 N. 41st
- Milwaukee Excellence - 4950 N. 24th St.

### Route 2

- MLK Elementary School — 3275 N. MLK Dr.
- Messmer Prep — 3027 N. Fratney
- St. Marcus Lutheran — 2215 N. Palmer St.
- St. Josaphat Parish School — 801 W. Lincoln Ave.
- Bruce Guadalupe — 1028 S. 9th st.
- St. Rose/St. Leo — 514 N. 31st. St
- All Saints/St. John Capel — 3456 N. 38th St.
- Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts — 800 W. Walnut St.

***NOTE: Bus stop locations are subject to change from year-to-year***

### Route 3

- St. Thomas Aquinas — 341 E. Norwich
- South 20th St. & College Ave. ·
- St. Roman Parish School — 1810 W. Bolivar Ave.
- South 22nd St. & W. Warnimont Ave.
- St. John Paul the Second — 3307 S. 10th St.
- Zablocki School — 1016 W. Oklahoma Ave.
- Lincoln Ave. Elementary — 1817 W. Lincoln Ave.
- Notre Dame — 1420 W. Scott St.

### Route 4

- S. 65th St. & W. Main St.
- Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School Upper Campus — 2765 S. 55 St.
- Wedgewood Park International School — 6506 W. Marnimont Ave.
- Milwaukee Zablocki Library — 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.
- W. Kinnickinnic River Pkwy & S. 43rd St.
- U.S. Grant School — 2920 W. Grant St.
- Greenfield Bilingual — 1711 S. 35th St.
- Prince of Peace School — 1646 S. 22nd St.



Our commitment to keeping tuition affordable is made possible by the continued support of the Sisters of Charity, faculty, and staff, and the generous contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations that believe in the mission of St. Joan Antida High School.

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### Opportunity For All Girls

In the mission of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joan Antida, we make every effort possible to ensure St. Joan Antida High School (SJA) remains an accessible, affordable option for families.

Our current financial aid offerings include merit and need-based scholarships. SJA is also a part of a network called the Milwaukee/Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program. Our tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is \$13,200.

### What is the Milwaukee/Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program?

These programs allow eligible students to attend a participating private school in grades four-year-old kindergarten (K4) to 12. Each year, parents must complete the Online Parent Application. An email address is required.

In order to be eligible for support through the Milwaukee Parental School Choice Program, each student must reside in the City of Milwaukee and be part of a family with an income equal to or less than the government poverty income guidelines. Depending on eligibility, funding from the Milwaukee Parental School Choice Program may cover the entire cost of tuition for students to attend SJA.

2023-24 Parental School Choice applications are available as of Wednesday, February 1, 2023.  
**Questions about choice?** Reach out to Kimberly McGowan on Page 15.

**Start your Choice application by scanning here:**



**Save your login info:**

Username \_\_\_\_\_

Password \_\_\_\_\_





# Admissions Process

## STEP 1: Start your Application!

Visit [saintjoanantida.org/enroll](http://saintjoanantida.org/enroll) or scan the link to begin!



Save your login info:

Username \_\_\_\_\_

Password \_\_\_\_\_

Once you've started your application, the SJA's Admissions team will request the required academic records from your current school:

1. 7th-grade report card
2. Most recent 8th-grade report card
3. Behavioral report
4. Attendance record
5. Most recent standardized test scores (MAP, STAR, Forward)
6. IEP/504 Plan if applicable

## STEP 2: Get Scheduled

1. Tour
2. Shadow visit
3. Placement Test (Required)

**STEP 3: Get accepted into SJA.** During the 2nd week of December, our Admissions Committee will review all applications and make acceptance decisions. We will be updating those decisions online that same week and sending out acceptance letters in January.

**STEP 4: Apply for Financial Aid.** Starting February 1st the Open Enrollment period for the Parental Choice Program begins. Please see the Financial Aid page for more information on how to apply.

**Admissions Events and staying in touch.** Once you apply, we will reach out and invite you to various events that will help you get to know SJA. Be on the lookout for emails from the SJA Admissions team.

**STEP 5: Complete your enrollment.** Attend our registration night and sign up for our summer program!



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Our admissions team is ready to help you start your path to becoming a Jaguar! Please reach out to us with any questions or to request more info or schedule a tour!



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WE EMPOWER.



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