



SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP

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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, and morally and intellectually responsible for our world.

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.

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.



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.

SAINT JOHN'S AT A GLANCE . . .

12:1

Student to
Teacher
Ratio



Possible college
credits with
our dual
enrollment program

12-30

partnering with Mount St.
Mary's University

20

Sports
Teams



1

Annual
Theater
Production

15

Average
Class
Size

Advanced
Placement
Courses

18

Offered in all disciplines
from AP Studio Art to
AP Chemistry

Student
Clubs

30+

and 80 % of our students
participate in clubs

70%

Percent of
students
play a
sport



20

Guaranteed College
Acceptance and
Scholarship Partners

17% of the class of 2024 enrolled in our
partner colleges



100%

College
Acceptance
Rate

80

Community Service
Hours required to
graduate

Class of 2024 had a
combined total of
9,048 hours.

56%

of SJCP
students
are Catholic

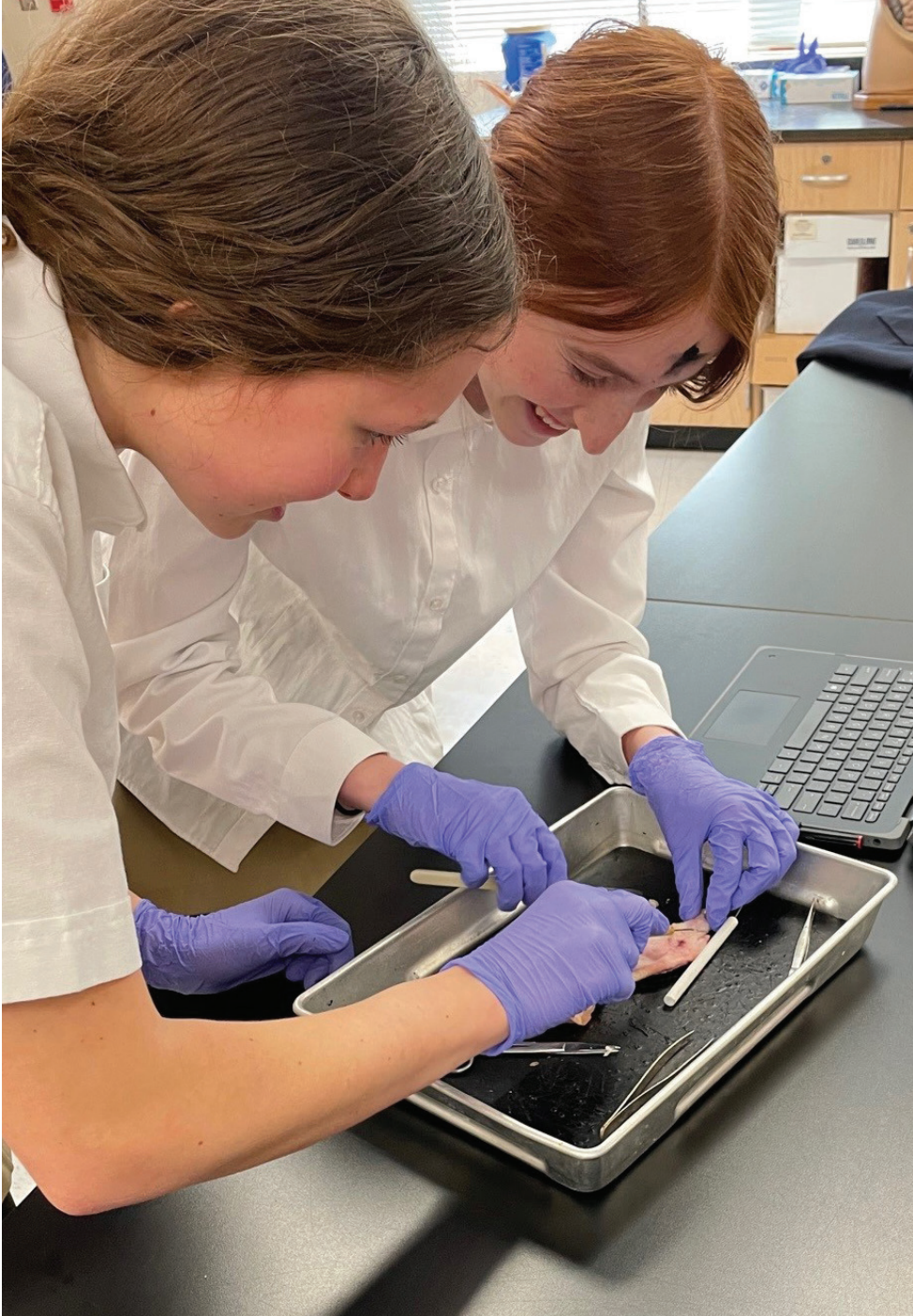


IN THE CLASSROOM

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.



Flying High with the 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.

Mount St. Mary's University Partnership Program



In the Spring of 2019, a unique partnership between Mount St. Mary's University and Saint John's Catholic Prep was announced for the first time in both the institution's history. This partnership provides SJCP seniors the opportunity to be both full-time college freshmen at Mount St. Mary's University and high school seniors at Saint John's Catholic Prep. The Senior/Freshman Initiative promotes the two schools' shared Catholic values and commitment to student success and academic achievement. The students are selected because their excellent academic achievements demonstrate they can excel at the college-level while participating in traditional high school activities like athletics, clubs, and service organizations.

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.



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



Guaranteed College Acceptance and Scholarship Partnerships

Saint John's Catholic Prep has partnerships with 20 colleges and universities to provide GUARANTEED COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE and annual SCHOLARSHIPS to SJCP graduates that meet their requirements.

<https://www.saintjohnsprep.org/academics/guaranteed-college-acceptance>



Spiritual Health

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

- Masses
- Prayer Services
- Retreats
- Spiritual Advising





ATHLETIC SIGNING DAYS



Participation in our athletic programs at Saint John's prepares our student-athletes to play at the collegiate level. Many of our Vikings receive scholarships from D1, D2, and D3 schools to continue their athletic career. Each year the Athletic Department hosts athletic signing days where the student-athletes, along with their families, coaches, and teammates, gather to recognize and celebrate their intent to play at the next level. Approximately 31% of the Class of 2024 went on to play NCAA athletics.



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).

LET'S GO VIKINGS!

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

FINE ARTS

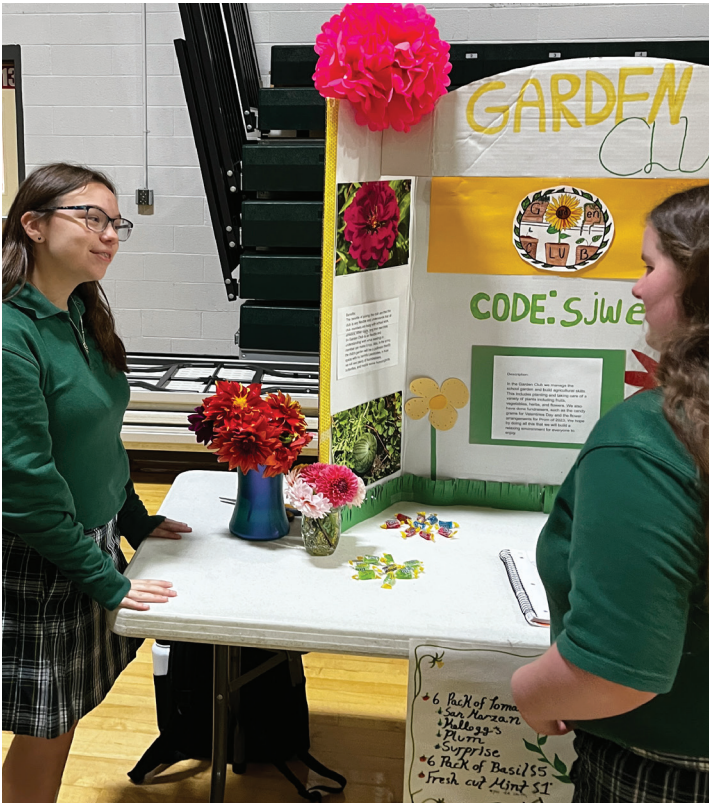


Many of our students discover a passion they never knew existed and develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts in our 9,000-square-foot Delaplaine Fine Arts Wing.

Some let their creative side shine in our annual drama production. Others highlight their musical talent in our bell choir or liturgy band. Many choose to take an art class and embrace nature in our student-built outdoor classroom or fire their ceramics in our kiln. Is photography your passion? We have a publications class that leads the production of our yearbook.

Every spring, our students highlight their talents during our Fine Arts Evening. From music to live painting, our community appreciates the many talents of our students.

STUDENT LIFE AT SJCP



Students peruse more than 30 clubs and organizations at the annual Club Fair.

Clubs and Activities

There are so many ways to become involved and find new interests (and friends) here at SJCP. We have more than 30 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 you prepare to be future community leaders.



2024-2025 Clubs and Organizations

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| Art Club | Model United Nations |
| Asian Culture Club | National Art Honor Society |
| Bell Choir Club | National Honor Society |
| Black Student Union | Neuropsychology Club |
| Book Club | Newspaper & Journalism Club |
| Campus Ministry Club | Photography Club |
| Chess Club | Rainbow Loom Club |
| Cooking Club | Science Club |
| Crochet Club | Sound Crew |
| Diplomacy Club | Spanish Club |
| Dungeons and Dragons | Student Ambassadors |
| Environmental Club | Student Government |
| French Club | Veterans' Valor Club |
| Garden Club | Vikings on Wheels |
| History Day Club | World Travel Club |
| Lego Club | |
| SJCP Liturgy Band | |
| Mock Trial | |

Traditions

Our sense of community is what sets us apart. We have annual traditions such as Spirit Week, Fine Arts Night, a Christmas program, and community service projects during Catholic Schools Week. We have a powder puff football game, 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: Students cheer on our football team at Warner Stadium, On the feast of Saint Francis, our Chaplain blesses our family pets, Students compete for the title of "Mr. Viking", Faculty and Staff serve students for the annual Thanksgiving meal, Seniors enjoy the Senior Sunrise" together, and students decorate the Great Hall Christmas Tree.



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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