

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will bloom." ~ *St. Pope John Paul II*

DEVELOPING MINDS. BUILDING CHARACTER. STRENGTHENING FAITH.

Calendar News

A Peek at the Calendar for April

- 4/2 Classes Resume
- 4/3 Early Dismissal
- 4/4 Masses – 8:30 MSP K-3, 10:10 Gr. 4
- 4/5 \$1 PNUT Day Benefits Ukraine Youth Group & Orphanage
- 4/8 Flexible Instruction Day at Home
- 4/9 Ark Testing Week Begins
- 4/10 Confirmation at St. Margaret Mary for NK/LB Parishes
- 4/11 Save Day
- 4/11 Masses – 8:30 MSP K-3, 10:10 GS Gr. 5 & 6
- 4/16 Assemblies 4-8 with Westmoreland Cleanways
- 4/18 Masses – 8:30 MSP K-3, 10:10 GS Gr. 7 & 8
- 4/19 Field Trip Gr. 4 & 5, Rivers of Steel
- 4/20 Confirmation Retreat for Diocese of Pittsburgh Students at Guardian Angels
- 4/22 IOWA Testing Week Begins, Gr. 3-8
- 4/23 NO SCHOOL, In-service Act 80 Day
- 4/25 Masses – 8:30 MSP K-3, 10:10 GS Gr. 4
- 4/26 \$1 PNUT Day Benefits Girl Scout Troops
- 4/26 Mid-term
- 4/27 JV & Varsity Volleyball Tournament
- 4/30 Assemblies K-3 with Westmoreland Cleanways
- 4/30 Field Trip Gr. 8, Washington, D.C.

[FACTS Re-enrollment – Open Through Individualized Email w/Link](#)

[FACTS New Student Application – Open](#) [FACTS Financial Aid Application - Open](#)

Attending MQA means using FACTS. All re-enrollments for current students, applications for new students and enrollments of newly accepted students are done through FACTS. So is application for financial aid. Each of these is a step to take in the FACTS system.

Students currently enrolled at MQA *have received a re-enrollment email from FACTS on January 28th to begin the process of enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. These students do not need to submit an inquiry or an application.*

Families with students who will be joining the MQA classes, but who are not yet attending MQA, should complete the inquiry form using the button on our website or by clicking on this link: <https://mqa-pa.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=15769> or scanning this QR code. This is step one! Step two and three follow! After the inquiry is complete, an application for the new student is submitted. Upon approval of the application, an email is sent offering a link for enrollment. This email will come from FACTS.

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Part of the enrollment/re-enrollment process is choosing the payment plan for your family. Regardless of what is chosen, re-enrollment and setting up the payment plan both have a fee. The process is delayed until the fees are paid.

Families who want to apply for financial aid for their students for the 2024-25 school year will only be required to use their **2022 tax returns** and not their 2023 tax returns. If there is a reason where using the 2023 tax return is beneficial to the family, the 2023 tax return can be uploaded once your forms are ready then FACTS will recalculate need. The financial aid application for 24-25 school year must be completed to receive aid. The aid application opened in November 2023 and continues. Financial aid applications also have a fee determined by FACTS for processing the application. Until it is paid, the application is not verified/completed, and therefore no aid can be given until this step is completed.

As a reminder: applying for financial aid and re-enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year are two different items to prepare for the upcoming school year. Please read this carefully and call the office with any questions.

Student and Teacher Honors

Celebration of Catholic Schools Breakfast

The Catholic Schools Breakfast held March 14 was a wonderful event.

The entertainment was provided by MQA's band members from the brass and percussion sections. They practiced at home and after school and were dubbed "The Breakfast Club". They played two selections, "This Is My Country" and "Louie, Louie". A bit later in the program the 8th grade select chorus entertained the



audience with "We Are Marching/Siyahamba." They were a smashing success! Thank you to the student performers and our directors, Mrs. Capone and Mrs. Bernot.



In addition to MQA providing the entertainment, Abygail Farmer was given a plaque and announced as our Student Spotlight recipient. Congratulations, Aby! We were also proud of Mrs. Bernot who was chosen as a Golden Apple Awardee. She was one of three teachers in the diocese to receive this honor, representing both Mary Queen of Apostles and The Divine Redeemer schools. Congratulations, Mrs. Bernot!

Forensics Honors



Ten presentations were invited to the Finals/All Star Forensic Tournament at South Fayette. The team did exceedingly well, with members getting 8 first awards and 2 second awards. The All-Stars tournament is an honors tournament where top students from all schools are ranked within each

category. Once again, we had an exceptional showing in the Finals round with four members advancing to All Stars!

In the Final round of competition, the results are as follows:

Poetry – Aby Farmer and Ava Myers each earned a 1st place award.

Prose – Julia Skowronski and Emmalin Domiano each earned a 1st place award.

Drama – Hadassah Cardaro and Bria Domiano each earned a 1st place award.

Declamation – William Gibbons and Frank Girardi each earned a 2nd place award.

Impromptu – Joelle Ondriezek earned a 1st place award.

Multiple Reading – Clara Girardi, Zoey Farmer and Martha Palumbo earned a 2nd place award.

The results of the All-Star round are as follows:

Poetry – Aby Farmer 1st place and Ava Myers (grade 7) 3rd place

Prose – Julia Skowronski 2nd place and Emmalin Domiano 3rd place

Drama – Bria Domiano 1st place and Hadassah Cardaro 2nd place

Impromptu – Joelle Ondriezek 1st place

Multiple Reading – Clara Girardi, Zoey Farmer and Martha Palumbo 3rd place

One student is chosen to receive the Mary Fahey Award for encouraging students to participate in forensics, coaching team members, receiving many first awards and trying different categories in which to present readings. This year, Greta Magnusen is the recipient of the Mary Fahey Award. Congratulations to all the students on a job well done all year!

PJAS



Three students from Mary Queen of Apostles School recently participated in the 90th Annual Region 7 Competition at Baldwin High School on Saturday, February 3, 2024. This is the first time for each of these students participating in the competition.

- Chase Porter, grade 8, received a 2nd place award for his project on “Does Playing Video Games Increase an Adult’s Reaction Time?”

- Julia Skowronski, grade 7, received a 2nd place award for her project on “What Carpet Cleaner Works Best on Mud?”
- Abigail Farmer, grade 7, received a 1st place award and The SWE Society of Women Engineer Award for her research project on “I Teach my AI Abynese. “

A special thanks to Mr. Domiano who sponsors our students. Congratulations to all the students on a job well done!

Carson Scholars



The Carson Scholars Fund congratulates two students, Ian Roberts and Natalia Mlinarcik, on being named a 2024 Recognized Carson Scholar! These scholars were previously honored with a scholarship award and are now receiving a commemorative pin and certificate to acknowledge their

continued academic and humanitarian achievements. Congratulations, Mary Queen of Apostles School, Lower School nominee, Lucia Cicconi, who has been selected as a 2024 Carson Scholar! All scholars will be honored at the Carson Scholars Fund’s 20th Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 7th at Acrisure Stadium. Nominees are chosen because they demonstrate the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, and civic and social responsibility.

Last Chance for Students K-8 to Sign up for MQA Track & Field

The roster for K-8 Coed Track and Field is due to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Mr. Collett needs to know if anyone else wants to participate in this league. **Email him at mcollett@mgaschool.org by April 9th.**

SCG Spring Raffle

It is time for the SCG annual Spring raffle fundraiser. The oldest/only child brought home 4 raffle tickets to sell. The SCG is asking each family to sell 4 tickets at \$15 a ticket to support this fundraiser. If you choose not to sell the tickets you are able to opt out for \$75.00.

Each year the SCG (School Community Group) holds a Spring fundraiser to help with our school sports teams, technology upgrades, curriculum materials, and class field trips. We will be selling tickets for a gift card raffle to our local grocery store of your choice, Giant Eagle, Community Market, or Golden Dawn. There will be 3 lucky winners.

1st prize: \$500.00

2nd prize: \$250.00

3rd prize: \$250.00

All money and ticket stubs be returned by May 15th. The drawing will be on May 17th. Winners do not need to be present to win. Please make checks payable to: MQA SCG. Please direct any questions to: mqascg@gmail.com. Thank you for your support and participation!

EITC and OSTC Scholarship Program Relies on Redirecting Our PA Tax Liability

Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania State taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It’s possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC).

Here's how it works:

1. **Choose Your School:** Select Mary Queen of Apostles as the school you'd like to support with your contribution.
2. **Receive Tax Credits:** Receive **90%** of the contributed amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment.
3. **Make Education Affordable:** The school(s) will receive up to **100%** of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year.

Learn More: Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at **724-552-2589**.

This is a good time for businesses to consider redirecting their PA state tax liability to our school. Individual family tax liability can also be a source for EITC or OSTC funding.

Take a moment to consider building a base of financial assistance through the state's EITC/OSTC program.

Appreciation Breakfast

The SCG is hosting a teacher and staff appreciation breakfast during Teacher Appreciation Week from 7:00 am to 8:00 am on May 10th. They are asking for two volunteers at each site. If you can volunteer to help set up and tear down for the breakfast, please use the Signup Genius link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A72BA7FCC61-48778262-teacher>

TOP Service

Helping at the St. Joseph HS musical will provide service opportunities.

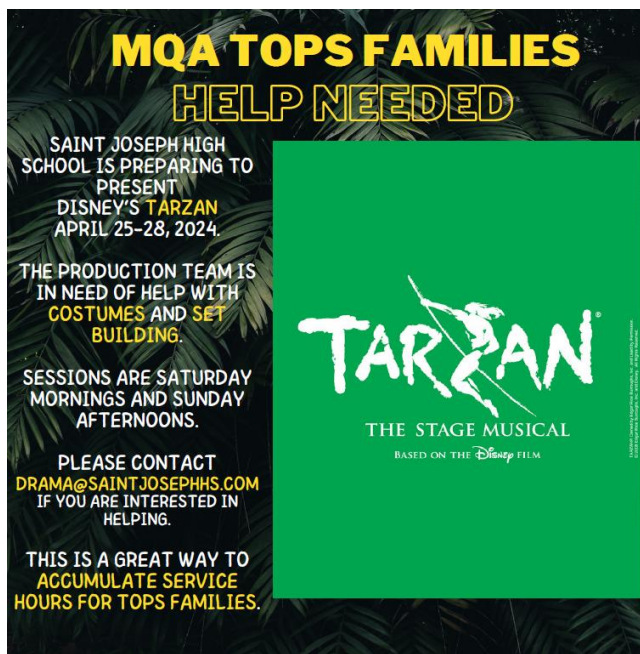
Tracking TOP Service for Donor Report

TOP students and families are responsible for service to their churches and communities and school. Tis the season of volunteering counting even the Advent tree, poinsettia volunteer hours, fruit basket delivery, church decoration, gifts and visit to the senior care homes, and others! Remember to record your service using the link on our homepage.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=aTEFDZ8GDUuYEq6an2UtRq_y-pd6shFKsZ-dgsWwx0tUN1NLSVdRSDBGV1hRTTIQRks2MUREMFIOOC4u

MQA Spirit Wear!

MQA Spirit Wear Store is always open! There are categories for each sport, some general MQA wear, and some holiday wear. Remember that these items are not part of the required school uniform, but they can be worn on a PNUT day. Any questions please contact Jody Kleckner 724-448-1403. Please use this link to order your spirit wear. <https://mary-queen-of-apostles.myshopify.com/>



Earth Day Contest at SJHS



SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

DO YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

GRADES 6 - 8
STUDENTS FROM ALL SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME TO COMPETE.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024
AWARDS IN ALL CATEGORIES PER GRADE! ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT.
AWARDS INCLUDE SJHS SCHOLARSHIPS, GIFT CARDS AND MORE!
ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A T-SHIRT.

CHOOSE A CATEGORY:
ART PROJECT --- WRITTEN POETRY --- PHOTOGRAPHY
GREEN STRATEGY --- WRITTEN PRAYER

**VIEW DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFO AT
SAINTJOSEPHHS.COM**

Save the Date

The SCG is sponsoring a movie night at the end of May. Mark your calendar and save the date. Please RSVP and sign up to help. Please park in Felderalli Square for this event. Here is the Signup Genius link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A72BA7FCC61-48256946-movie>

MQA SCG invites you to



Friday, May 31, 2024

Time: 6:30p.m. Movie will start at dusk.

Location: MQA Greenwald parking lot

Families can park in Federalli Square parking lot.

Come join us for fun, socialize with MQA families,
watch a family movie, and enjoy the local food trucks.

Bring your lawn chairs and/or blanket.



Summer Opportunities

Register Online at SaintJosephHS.com!

More details pertaining to each camp and biographies of camp instructors can be found online at SaintJosephHS.com.

Camp Discounts

1. Have multiple children attending the same camp? Get a 25% discount! Only applies for the same camp registration. (code MULTI)
2. If a camper registers for both the Drama and Art camp, get 50% off the second camp. Each camper should bring a lunch to eat between camps. (code FINEARTS)

Limited scholarships are available. Contact the Admission Office at admissions@SaintJosephHS.com

Every camper will receive a t-shirt!

Camps will be held on the school campus, 800 Montana Ave. Natrona Heights, PA 15065, unless otherwise stated.

Questions?

Mrs. Shane Palumbo '92
& Mrs. Sharon Farrell
(724) 226-2819

admissions@saintjosephhs.com



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Scan to Register!



St. Joseph High School

Summer Camps 2024



Register Online Today!

Bring A Friend!

SaintJosephHS.com

Spring Clinic

Girls' Volleyball Grades 5-8
with Coach McCarthy & SJHS Players
April 21 & May 19 - 1-3 PM
\$50/athlete + fees (\$)
Improve your game by working on fundamental skills such as passing, hitting, serving, setting, blocking, and more!

Summer Camps

Art Grades 5-8
with SJHS Art Teacher Mrs. Morrone & Student Assistants
June 17-21 - 12:30-2:30PM
\$100/camper + fees (\$)
Opportunity to create, collaborate, and learn about various arts in an open and fun environment.

Drama Grades 5-8
with SJHS Musical Director Mrs. Porter & Student Assistants
June 17-21 - 9AM-12PM
\$100/camper + fees (\$)
Learn skills for the auditioning and rehearsal process, staging, backstage and technical theater skills, and performing. **Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a pencil.**

§ Credit Card Processing Fee - FNB Bank

Materials Science

Grades 5-8
with SJHS Science Teacher Mr. Wesolowski & Student Assistants
June 17-20 - 10AM-2PM
\$150/camper + fees (\$)
Participate in hands-on labs, study how materials change when heat and forces are applied. **Camper should bring a lunch each day.**

Girls' Basketball

Grades 5-8
with Coach Dutelle, College Athlete Julie Spinelli & SJHS Players
June 24-27 - 9-11:30AM
\$100/camper + fees (\$)
Improve your game by working on your skills: ball handling, dribbling, passing, rebounding, and teamwork.

Boys' Basketball

Grades 5-8
with Varsity Coach Acri, Assistant Coaches, College Athletes Jimmy Giannetta & Charlie Ross & SJHS Players
June 27 & 28 - 5:30-8PM & June 29 - 9-11:30AM
\$100/camper + fees (\$)
Improve individual skills, teamwork, and team building initiatives, as well as character development.

Girls' Cheer

Grades 5-8
with Coach Mitchell, SJHS Cheer Alumna Kylie Krzewinski & SJHS Cheerleaders
June 29-30 - 1-4PM
\$50/camper + fees (\$)
Enhance current skills and unveil hidden talents while working as a team that supports one another, and of course, has fun!

Co-Ed Soccer

Grades 5-8
with Coach Dom Ferrante & SJHS Players
July 8-10 - 6-8PM
\$75/camper + fees (\$)
A mix of technical, fun, and small-sided drills/games will be used to develop the player's soccer abilities and game understanding.

Boys' Baseball

Grades 5-8
with Coach Vocke & Players
July 11-12 - 5:30-8PM @ Freeport Community Park
\$50/camper + fees (\$)
A drills-and-skills camp to enhance your catching, fielding, base running and more. Come learn more about the skills every ball player needs.

Co-Ed Bowling

Details coming soon

For sports clinic/camp questions, contact Athletic Director, Sally Ackerman at sackerman@SaintJosephHS.com.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN




Climbing

Games

Swimming

Summer Happens Here!

At Camp GUYASUTA

2024

9 Weeks
Campers can attend 1 week to all 9 weeks

Beginning June 3, 2024

Boys and Girls
Ages 6-14
Register ONLINE






For more information contact:
Kim Daniher - 412-782-2669
kim.daniher@scouting.org

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2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER JUNE 1, 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS!
TICKETS ONLY \$31.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30TH!
 PRICE INCREASES TO \$35.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1ST OR LATER

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 1ST FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:

- STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
- STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity
- STEP 3: Enter Promo Code maryqueen in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
- STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE, then click 'Continue'
- STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JULY 14TH FOR \$37.99:

- (if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 14TH)
- STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools
 - STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity
 - STEP 3: Enter Promo Code maryqueenflex in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'
 - STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH JULY 14TH TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER, then click 'Continue'
 - STEP 5: SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE, then click 'Continue'
 - STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!
- *Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase March 1st - June 30th.*

IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.
 Visit KENNYWOOD.COM for up-to-date park operating dates and hours. Park operating dates, hours and prices are subject to change. Online offer only. No refunds or rainchecks for online purchases.

MQA Mission Statement

The mission of Mary Queen of Apostles School is to form a new generation of disciples of Jesus Christ by educating the total child – developing minds, building character, and strengthening faith. In a Christ centered learning community, we offer a solid foundation in the fundamentals with a challenging and extensive curriculum evolving to meet the needs of students in an ever-changing world. We provide a safe nurturing environment, promote respect for the dignity of each person, emphasize individual responsibility, and encourage service to others under the guidance of our patroness, Mary, the first and model disciple of her Son.