



**Steve Wies, Ed.S.  
Principal**

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SHALL**

- **BE AUTHENTICALLY CATHOLIC**
  - **MAINTAIN A VIABLE CURRICULUM**
  - **ENJOY SUPERIOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**
  - **EDUCATE EACH CHILD AS AN INDIVIDUAL**
  - **BE AN INSTITUTION OF DISCIPLINE**
  - **MAINTAIN AN ORGANIZED, SAFE ENVIRONMENT**
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**OUR RECENT ACCOLADES**

**International Science Fair Participants – Four consecutive years**

**2017 State Football Championship 2018 Division Champs**

**2017 State Cheerleading Champions**

**2 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award Recipients**

**16 students placed 1st in 2017/18 MAIS and MSEF Science Fairs**

**35 students inducted into the National Honors Society**

## SJCS ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

In order to graduate from St. Joseph Catholic School a student must complete 26 Carnegie units. These units must include the following:

Religion-----4 units*	Mathematics-----4 units
English-----4 units	Science-----4 units
Social Studies-----4 units	The Arts-----1 unit
Business & Technology-----1 unit	Health-----0.5 units
Electives-----3 units	Physical Education-----0.5 units

\* A full credit in Religion must be earned each year. Students entering St. Joseph after the freshman year begins are not required to complete prior religion courses, but must take Religion from their date of entry at St. Joseph through graduation.

### Other notes of interest:

- While students may meet their mathematics and science requirements prior to their senior year, college and university advisors strongly advise students to take a math and a science in their senior year.
- A passing grade of 70% allows a student to earn a Carnegie unit (credit) in a given course. Any loss of credit must be made up in an accredited school.
- St. Joseph Catholic School has a Community Service Program in which all students must participate. Students in grades 9 through 12 must accumulate 25 hours of community service each year they are enrolled in order to receive their religion credit.
- Class retreats are held each year to help students reflect more deeply on their spiritual life and direction in life. These retreats are mandatory. Should a student be absent from his/her class retreat, an alternate date will be arranged with the Principal.

The goal of each student at St. Joseph Catholic School should be to successfully complete his/her high school education in order to become a productive member of society. Participation in the graduation ceremony is an important expression of the milestone achieved by each student. However, in order to participate in the ceremony and receive a diploma or certificate the student must have done the following:

1. Earned the proper credits to receive the diploma or certificate
2. Met and complied with all graduation expectations including the completion of 100 hours of service through the religion classes.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Two types of resource services are available to students at St. Joseph Catholic School:

- Tutorial – Eligible students may be tutored in regular education subjects during arranged times or during their study hall if available. These students have the option of coming to the Resource Room to take tests and examinations. These tests may be read to the students, and extended time is allotted, if needed.
- Resource Classes – Eligible students can take Learning Strategies at the High School level. However, Carnegie units are not awarded for these classes.

A certificate program is available for those students who plan to attend a vocational-technical school and are not pursuing a high school diploma. Each student's curriculum is selected on an individual basis by the administration, teachers, parents, and the student based on the student's special needs. Certificate students receive their certificate at the school's graduation ceremonies. Many students who earn their certificate and subsequently GED decide to further their education at community colleges particularly in the Vocational-Technical departments. Certificate students should consider taking an ACT test through the Resource Department while still enrolled at St. Joseph.

## VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Vocational-Technical education may be an option for St. Joseph students in grades 11 and 12 through the Greenville Public Schools Vocational Center. With job training as a major goal, the Vocational Center seeks to provide students with entry-level job skills. Most of the courses are designed for two years of training with fundamentals taught the first year and more advanced materials presented during the second year. Certificates are issued upon completion as well as 2.5 Carnegie units earned. Vo-Tech courses comprise a portion of the student's day with the balance spent in courses at St. Joseph. The following courses are offered through the Greenville Public Schools Vocational Center:

Allied Health	Culinary & Related Foods Technology
Agriscience	Diesel Mechanics
Automotive Body Repair	Early Childhood Services & Education
Automotive Service Technician	Residential Carpentry
Brick Masonry	Technology Applications
Business and Computer Technology	Welding

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

The Advanced Placement (AP) program allows students to take college level courses while still in high school. In order to obtain college credit, these students must sit for and pass the AP exam administered in the spring. Students should check with their college of intention to determine if the credit will be accepted. Due to the intensive nature of Advanced Placement classes, the grade will be enhanced to reflect the academic rigor. See the School Handbook for further information.

## HONORS COURSES

Honors classes are offered in some disciplines and enable the grouping of superior students who are exposed to greater depth of subject matter. Enrollment in these classes may be restricted to established criteria that are listed in the course description. Due to more stringent academic demands, averages are enhanced. See the School Handbook for further information.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT / DUAL CREDIT

St. Joseph Catholic School participates in a Dual Enrollment / Dual Credit program in conjunction with Mississippi Delta Community College. This program allows eligible high school students to earn college credit and high school Carnegie units for certain college courses completed during the regular school day on the St. Joseph campus.

The requirements to participate are: (1) a student must have completed 14 core high school units, have a 3.0 grade point average and an unconditional recommendation from the high school principal and/or the guidance counselor, or (2) students with less than 14 units may be considered if they have a minimum ACT score of 30 or an equivalent SAT score, a 3.0 grade point average and the unconditional recommendation. A student's grade and college credit will be recorded at the college or university.

Courses are offered on a rotating basis and include English Composition I, English Composition II, College Algebra, College Calculus, Trigonometry, World Civilization I, World Civilization II, Art Appreciation, Psychology, and Sociology.

## OTHER COURSES AVAILABLE

A variety of courses may be available to students through the Distance Learning program under the direction of the State Department of Education as well as through Correspondence Programs available at several of the state's universities. Permission to take these must be granted by the Principal. More information on these programs is available through the School Counselor.

# St. Joseph Catholic School Sport Offerings

## Varsity

Archery\*\*

Baseball\*

Boys' Basketball

Girls' Basketball

Cheer

Cross Country\*

Football\*

Golf\*

Powerlifting\*

Boys' Soccer\*

Girls' Soccer\*

Girls' Softball\*

Swimming\*

Tennis\*

Track & Field\*

## Middle School

Cheer

Football\*\*

Boys' Basketball

Girls' Basketball

\*Includes students 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Coaches make every effort to include J.V. games as competition allows.

\*\*Includes a separate elementary team of 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders (boys and girls)

## St. Joseph Catholic School Club and Organization Roster

Student organizations meet at during a reserved activity period following Wednesday Prayer Service or at other designated times.

- Academic Team—trains and participates in academic competitions.
- Ambassadors—utilized to support the school in recruitment and retention of students.
- Book Club—read and discusses age-appropriate books. Hosts special reading events.
- Chess Club—a wonderful place to study this fascinating game and engage in mental exercise.
- Drama Club—an opportunity to learn the basics of drama, experience field trips, and perform plays.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes \*—promotes spirituality through sportsmanship.
- High School Fine and Applied Arts - Learn, assist, and produce in cutting-edge applications of media.
- Mu Alpha Theta \*- Mathematics honorary society.
- National Honor Society \*-  
Junior National Honor Society \*- Honors students that have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
- Environmental Science Club—hands-on scientific experimentation and lab work.
- Student Government Association \*-builds a strong level of student leadership and maintains an involved spirit for the school community.
- Technology Club – gain first-hand knowledge of emerging technologies and robotics.
- WHO – “We Help Others,” through student volunteer service to the community.
- YADA \*—promotes drug and alcohol-free lifestyles among students.

\* Notes a nationally or internationally chartered organization with local affiliation

## St. Joseph Catholic High School EXPECTATIONS

### WHAT PARENTS SHOULD EXPECT OF TEACHERS:

- Quality instruction
- Religious instruction and weekly Mass
- Classroom order and discipline
- Fairness and equality
- Individual concern for each child
- Timely student progress updates
- Communication
- Presence at school functions
- Immediate emergency notification

### WHAT TEACHERS SHOULD EXPECT OF PARENTS:

- Support for school and classroom policies and rules
- Support for the teacher's decisions
- Help with homework and assignments
- Response to communications
- Presence at school functions
- Provision of school supplies, lunch, and permission forms
- Accountability for the child's whereabouts
- Provision of up-to-date emergency information

**St. Joseph Catholic School**  
**ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST:**

- \_\_\_ Application for Admission  
The parent or guardian must return the completed form along with other required documents.
  
- \_\_\_ Birth Certificate and Immunizations  
An official copy of the student's Birth Certificate and Immunization Record is required.
  
- \_\_\_ Transcript of Grades  
A copy of the student's academic transcript, including a current grade is required.
  
- \_\_\_ A pre-registration fee of \$150.
  
- \_\_\_ A non-refundable \$25 testing fee.
  
- \_\_\_ Admissions Screening  
Each applicant is required to sit for an entrance exam. The exam is comprised of the QUIC Inventory of Competency in Communicative Arts, the QUIC Inventory of Competency in Mathematics, and an essay written on an assigned topic.
  
- \_\_\_ Interview  
When all entrance requirements have been met, a personal interview with the principal, parents, and student is required.



# St. Joseph Catholic School Application and Admissions Packet

## Our Mission:

The mission of the St. Joseph Catholic School is to provide a Catholic faith based education in a safe, academically challenging and creative environment.

## Admissions Criteria:

- Solid academic performance
- Responsible behavior and self-discipline

*This is only an application for admission. It should not be considered as registration for St. Joseph High School. Admission is contingent upon review of the student's transcript, standardized test scores, conduct, attendance, entrance exam and all relevant data. St. Joseph Catholic School complies with all applicable State and Federal laws on discrimination.*

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A copy of the student's transcript including all current grades is required.
- Admissions Screening  
Each student is required to take an entrance exam. Upon completion of the exam and submission of all required documents, and admissions interview will be scheduled with the principal.

## Signatures

Our signatures indicate that we understand the admission procedure. All information submitted in the Application for Admission is true and complete.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Student Signature

Date

# Application for Admission

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for School Year \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Preferred

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Applying For 7 8 9 10 11 12

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
M or F

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Catholic/ Non Catholic

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your reasons for wishing to enroll as a student at St. Joseph High School?

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A "yes" to any of the following required further explanation on separate sheet:

Has student been absent more than ten days in one school year? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No

Has student ever been suspended or expelled from school? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No

Does Student have a history of illegal drug/substance use? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No

Has student been diagnosed with a specific learning disability? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No

Has student been diagnosed with a behavior disorder? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No

Does student have a medical condition? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No

Will student require medication at school? \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_No

## Parent/ Guardian Information

All information requested below must be current and is expected to be updated as it changes.  
Phone numbers are requested in the event of an emergency.

Mother/Female Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Catholic/ Non-Catholic

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Male Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Catholic/ Non-Catholic

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Information

Applicant Resides With (Name, Relation) \_\_\_\_\_

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List all Siblings Oldest to Youngest (Use separate sheet if needed)

Name	Gender	Age	DOB	School	Grade
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Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_