



WELCOME TO

St. Joseph High School

Excellence in Education

Mr. Blomgren

Principal

*Creating a place where
students want to come,
not a place they have to
come!*

*If you're not having
fun,
neither are the kids.*

Staff

- Amy Peterson, Counselor
(last names A-G)
- Tracy Wagner, Counselor
(last names H-O)
- Tracy Olson, Counselor
(last names P-Z)
- Amy Hume-Sizer,
Social Worker
- Allison Koch, Guidance
Administrative Assistant
- Greg Blomgren, Principal
- Alli Hoskins, Assist. Principal
- Andrew Pratley, Assist. Principal
- Kevin Guzzo, Athletic Director

Materials for Tonight

Course Description Book

- [2024-25 Course Description Booklet](#)

Blue Course Selection Form

- [2024-25 Freshman Course Selection Form Link](#)

Overview of Graduation Requirements

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- 18.0 required MMC credits
- Remaining 4.5 are elective credits
- 22.5 Total High School Credits minimum
- Attendance for 8 semesters (Recommended)
- State Assessment in April of Junior Year (MME)

- 4 Credits English
- 4 Credits Math
(senior year must be math or math-related)
- 3 Credits Science
(3rd year can be CTE)
- 3 Credits Social Studies
 - .50 credit personal finance
- 1 Credit VPAA
- 1 Credit PE/Health
- 2 Credit World Language
(option for 2nd yr)

Michigan Merit *High School Graduation* Requirements

Modifying the MMC

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- Testing Out
- PE Waiver
- Personal Curriculum
- CTE programs

*Classes taken outside the 6 hour day or in summer are at your own cost

Example: 4 Year MMC Plan

Four Year Plan

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English	Eng 9	Eng 10	Eng 11	Eng 12
Math	Alg 1	Geometry	Alg 2	senior Math or Math Elective
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	
Social Studies	US History	Econ/Personal Fin. + Civics	World History	
Other	PE & Health	VPAA		
Other	World Lang.	World Lang.		

Other – May include World Language, Consumer Science, Fine Arts, Art, PE/Health, Woods, CAD, etc.

- If you are serious about being faster, stronger and healthier...consider taking our new Athletic Performance course.
- This course is also built to support athletes & can be taken for all 4 years.
- There will be a section for Females only.
- This course requires a teacher request.

Physical Education Options

Mr. Pratley

Assistant Principal



Expectations

BE WHERE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE.....

WHEN YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE.....

DOING WHAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.....

TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.....

1st Day of School

- Stations
 - School Pics, Rules, Jostens, Laptops

1:1 Chromebooks



All students will be issued a touch-screen Chromebook for use
at school & home.

Because of equity, security, and teacher planning and prep for device use, the student
issued chromebooks are the **ONLY** devices students will have at SJHS!

Attendance

- New Policy
- Calling in:
 - A (Absent)
 - AV (Absent Verified)
 - Other codes we add

Mrs. Hoskins

Assistant Principal



Course Types

- Honors Courses
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Resource Room Courses
- Dual Literacy, Academic Achievement
- Dual Enroll & Direct Credit Courses
- CTE Courses
- Online Courses

Course Description Book Highlights

- Course Listings pg. 3
- Test Out Guidelines pg. 9
- NCAA Eligibility pg. 13 & 14
- Standardized tests pg. 17
- Career Pathways pg. 18
- Course Descriptions begin on pg. 19

- Classes are designed to prepare students for work and introduce them to specific careers.
- They are offered at high schools throughout Berrien County, including CTE classes at SJHS.
- **Students must provide own transportation.** Please consult with your counselor prior to scheduling.

Career & Technical Education

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Off Campus Courses

- Firefighting
- Emergency Med Tech
- Criminal Justice
- Machine Tool
- Prof Health Careers Academy
- Welding
- Automotive Technology
- Cosmetology
- Aviation
- Construction Trades

SJHS Courses

- Graphic Arts
- Culinary Arts
- Athletic Training
- Expl in Medical Careers
- Adv Healthcare: Phlebotomy
- Marketing/Business/Accounting
- Marketing
- Teacher Cadet



...And So Much
More!

CTE Options

For more info, please see the www.berriencecte.org or contact our
CTE Director, Alli Hoskins

Dual Credit Courses

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- Classes taught at SJHS during school day.
- High School teachers credentialed as LMC adjunct college instructors.
- Curriculum approved by the college to receive Lake Michigan College credit.
- **Must meet college criteria via ACT, SAT or Accuplacer test scores.**
Accuplacer deadline mid August - TBD.
- Watch for more information coming in the spring as deadlines approach.

- Honors College Writing
- Pre-Calculus
- Honors Pre-Calc
- World History
- Art 4 & Art 6
- Athletic Training
- Foods & Nutrition
- Graphic Arts
- Intro to Hospitality
- Exploration in Medical & Healthcare Careers
- Adv. Healthcare: Phlebotomy

Dual Credit Courses @ SJHS

Honors and AP Class Eligibility

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- 3.5 core GPA, or 3.8 in subject area
- Teacher recommendation
- Minimum standardized test score

* NOTE: A student may meet all above requirements yet may *not* get a recommendation from current teacher.

Honors Courses & Summer Work

- Some honors courses require summer work.
- Incomplete summer work is not a reason to drop a course – you are still expected to take the course you registered for and will likely take a “0” on the assignments that are missing.
- Communicate with the teacher – they make themselves accessible through the summer.

Early Middle College

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EMC allows all Sophomores an opportunity to earn:

- High School Diploma
- Associates Degree from LMC or Occupational Certificate from LMC
- During grades 11, 12, and “13”

* The final “13th” year is completely on LMC campus as a college student.

Students receive free tuition, books and fees to participate in EMC for three years—grades 11, 12, and 13.

Mrs. Wallace

Math Department

Message from Mrs. Wallace with some thoughts or guidance as to what classes you may consider in Math as you complete your 4 years at SJHS!

Video: [Watch Video](#)

St. Joseph Public Schools

Mathematics Flow Chart

	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade (Must have math related course senior year)
Option 1	6th Grade Math	7th Grade Math	8th Grade Math	Algebra 1 and Dual Lit	Geometry	Algebra 2A	Algebra 2B
Option 2	6th Grade Math	7th Grade Math	8th Grade Math	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Math Related Course
Option 3	6th Grade Math	7th Grade Math	8th Grade Math	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	MAPS and/or Pre-Calculus
Option 4	6th Grade Math	7th Grade Math	Algebra	Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus or MAPS	MAPS and/or AP Stats
Option 5	6th Grade Math	7th Grade Math	Algebra	Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus	AP Calc AB and/or AP Stats
Option 6	6th Grade Math	7th Grade Math	Algebra	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	H Pre-Calc and/or AP Stats	AP Calc AB and/or AP Stats
Option 7	6th Grade Accelerated Math	Algebra	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	H Pre-Calc and/or AP Stats	AP Calc AB and/or AP Stats	AP Calc BC and/or AP Stats

8th → 9th Grade Math Options

8th Grade

1. Pre Algebra

→

9th Grade

Algebra 1

*Dual Lit Option

2. Algebra 1

→

Algebra 1

Geometry

Honors Geometry

3. Geometry

→

Algebra 2

Honors Algebra 2

Math Dual Literacy

- Supports what the student is doing in their Algebra class (extra practice using online tools).
- Students should have their Algebra homework complete on their own (although help is provided).
- Quarterly grades based on effort, no semester exam.
- Work on strengthening deficit skills (using those online tools).

Honors Math Classes

- Increased academic expectations & workload
- Possibility for summer assignments
- More difficult to earn an A
- Increased learning
- Build a stronger foundation for future classes that can earn college credit

Mrs. Froelich

Science Department

Message from Mrs. Froelich with some thoughts or guidance as to what classes you may consider in Science as you complete your 4 years at SJHS!

Video: [Sci. Dept. Video](#)

Recommendations for Science

Physical Science

- Concurrently enrolled in Algebra (not Geometry)
- Students who have challenges in the areas of Math and/or English, organization, time management

Biology

- The majority of students enroll in Biology
- Concurrently enrolled in Algebra or Geometry

Honors Biology

- NWEA Test Scores help with placement
- Middle School Core GPA - 3.3
- Concurrently enrolled in Geometry or higher math class
- Excellent study habits, organization, and time management skills

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Science Flow Chart

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Option 1	Physical Science	Biology	Forensics/Env. Science or Chemistry or CTE Program	
Option 2	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Anatomy & Physiology or Forensics/Env. Science
Option 3	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry	Honors Physics	Anatomy & Physiology or AP Biology or AP Chem or AP Physics
Option 4	Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry	Honors Physics + Anatomy & Physiology or AP Biology or AP Chemistry	AP Biology and/or AP Chem and/or AP Physics

***NOTE:** These are typical pathways that students take, but other pathways are possible. Students who are doing well in their regular classes may apply to take Honors classes and AP classes. For example, it is possible for a successful Biology student to take Honors Chemistry.

****** See MMC Flexibility section for 3rd Year Science options on page 7.

Mrs. Hunter

English Department

Message from Mrs. Hunter with some thoughts or guidance as to what classes you may consider in English as you complete your 4 years at SJHS!

Video: [English dept](#)

Reading Dual Literacy

- Works to strengthen skills in reading comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, reading fluency, and writing through the READ 180 program.
- Provides time for independent reading.
- Supports what the students are doing in their English class.
- Provides differentiated instruction and one-on-one and small group instruction.
- Quarterly grades based on effort and READ 180 results. No semester exam.

Honors English at SJHS

- Summer novel reading + writing assignments: 2-4 total works.
- Grade-level curriculum is followed but supplemented:
 - Reading: 5+ more books
 - Writing: 6+ more pieces; longer, assessed at higher level
 - Solid competency of grammar rules and writing structure
 - Higher-level thinking skills/Socratic seminar skills
- Homework: Daily, weekends, and breaks.
- Recommendations based on core GPA, writing proficiency of 8th grade work, and benchmark tests.
- Students score in top percentiles, especially in reading and writing. At least a B average to advance to next level of honors.
- Need excellent time management skills and strong study habits.
- It is more difficult to get an A.

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Language Arts Flow Chart

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Option 1	English 9 and Dual Lit Reading	English 10	English 11	21 st Century Literature & Writing or Honors College Writing
Option 2	English 9	English 10	English 11	21 st Century Literature & Writing or Honors College Writing
Option 3	Honors English 9	Honors English 10	Honors English 11	21 st Century Literature & Writing or Honors College Writing or AP Literature & Composition
Option 4	Honors English 9	Honors English 10	Honors College Writing	21 st Century Literature & Writing or AP Literature & Composition
English Enrichment	Journalism 1 (Yearbook/Mazenblue)	Advanced Journalism (Yearbook/Mazenblue) and/or (Newsmagazine/Wind-Up)	Advanced Journalism (Yearbook/Mazenblue) and/or (Newsmagazine/Wind-Up)	Advanced Journalism (Yearbook/Mazenblue) and/or (Newsmagazine/Wind-Up)

***NOTE: Other options may be available per teacher recommendation.**

Mrs. Olson
Mrs. Peterson
Mrs. Wagner

Guidance Counselors



New Students

To be eligible to enroll in honors courses, include with registration materials:

1. Report card from 7 & 8th grade
2. Standardized test scores
3. Writing samples – include two types (poetry, short story, essay, creative writing)

Building Master Schedule

- Student Centered – classes offered based on number of requests and graduation requirements.
- Request your classes carefully and make sure you are taking what is required to graduate.
- Schedule change policy page 11

Choosing Courses

1. English 9 - 8th grade teacher recommends
2. Math - 8th grade teacher recommends
3. Science - 8th grade teacher recommends; Phy Sci or Bio
4. Social Studies - US History or Civics/Econ if recommended
5. PE/Health or Elective/World Language
6. Elective

(see 4 year plan on back cover of book)

Course Selection Form

Please put an * next to Athletic Performance Classes both semester & Year Long.

This class will require a Middle school teacher recommendation. If you are not in PE now, seek out a PE teacher for the recommendation.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
2023-24 FRESHMAN COURSE SELECTION FORM

NAME: _____
(Last, First)

GRADE: _____
(grade level during 2023-24/Current School Name)

_____ (Home Phone # & Email address)

DIRECTIONS:
1. Print semester 1 & 2 course numbers and names in spaces below.
2. Get parent signature.
3. On Feb 22 – Mar 3, 2023, SJ students enter courses online in PowerSchool.
4. Upton students drop this form off in Upton Office by Mar. 6, 2023.
5. Parochial & New students (SJ Residents only): online enrollment can be completed at this link – [SJ Enrollment Link](#).

Student is NOT a SJ resident & will apply for School of Choice
*SOC paperwork can be located at [sjschools.org](#) beginning May 1, 2023 – Forms/enrollment due after acceptance.

	Course #	Semester 1 Course Name	Course #	Semester 2 Course Name
1.			1.	
2.			2.	
3.			3.	
4.			4.	
5.			5.	
6.			6.	

ALTERNATES (must select 3 & be different from classes above – these classes will be used if classes above are full):

1.			1.	
2.			2.	
3.			3.	

<p style="text-align: center;">ART</p> <p>SEMESTER Courses</p> <p>1111 Art 1 1112 Art 2 1113 Art 3* 1114 Art 4 (DC)*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LANGUAGE ARTS</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>111 English 9 112 (H) English 9* 143 Dual Lit Reading* 169 Journalism 1 (Yearbook/Mazenblue)*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SOCIAL STUDIES</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>411 U.S. History/Geography SEMESTER Courses</p> <p>422 American Civics* 423 Economics* 453 Criminal Law</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUSINESS</p> <p>SEMESTER Courses</p> <p>918 Personal Finance YEAR Courses</p> <p>1580 Accounting 938 Applied Business Tech 939 Marketing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MATHEMATICS</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>211 Algebra 1 221 Geometry 222 (H) Geometry* 232 Algebra 2 233 (H) Algebra 2* 254 Dual Literacy – Math*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WORLD LANGUAGE</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>511 French 1 531 Spanish 1 532 Spanish 2*</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE</p> <p>SEMESTER Courses</p> <p>1223 Child Development YEAR Courses</p> <p>1211 Foods & Nutrition (DC)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PHYSICAL EDUCATION</p> <p>SEMESTER Courses</p> <p>641 Recreational PE Boys (S) 643 Recreational PE Girls (S) 647 Athletic Performance Boys (S)* 645 Athletic Performance Girls (S)* 721 Health Girls 722 Health Boys YEAR Courses</p> <p>642 Recreational PE Boys (Y) 644 Recreational PE Girls (Y) 648 Athletic Performance Boys (Y)* 646 Athletic Performance Girls (Y)*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RESOURCE ROOM</p> <p>1410 Study Skills* 1411 English 9* 1421 Algebra 1*</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FINE ARTS</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>1021 Choral 1010 Symphonic Band** 1012 Wind Ensemble Band** 1030 Phil Orchestra**</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>1343 Intro to Engineering: PLTW Yr 1 1321 Graphic Arts 1 (DC) 1391 Intro to Woodworking (Y)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OTHER COURSES</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>1518 Athletic Training (DC) 1574 Explor Medical & Healthcare Careers (DC) 258 AP Computer Science Principles 1770 Peer to Peer (Y) 21000Y Online 21F (Y) – form required SEMESTER Courses</p> <p>1769 Peer to Peer (S) 21000 Online 21F (S) – form required</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SCIENCE</p> <p>YEAR Courses</p> <p>311 Biology 312 (H) Biology* 355 Physical Science*</p>	<p>OTHER COURSES</p> <p>I approve the class selections made by my son/daughter.</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____</p>	

(DC) denotes Dual Credit | ***Teacher Recommendation**
(H) denotes Honors Class | ****Teacher Initial Required**
(AP) denotes Advanced Placement

Completing Course Selection Forms

- Write name and next year's grade.
- Note semester or year-long courses.
- Complete the "schedule grid," using course numbers.

Course Selection continued...

- Must include 3 alternate choices (different from the initial six)
 - Parent signature required
- Upton students may go online to select courses February 21 after 3 p.m. to 3 p.m. March 1st.
- Upton Students turn in Course Selection Form into Upton Office by March 4
- New students turn in forms to SJHS office by March 6

Teacher Recommendation

- 8th grade teachers will inform students by February 21st, which course(s) may be taken the following year in that subject area.

Entering Courses Online

- Online Course Selection: February 21 - March 1 end of day.
- Enter Student Powerschool or Parent Portal link.
- Click on “Class Registration”.

See back of Blue Course Selection Form
for these instructions.

Class Registration Page








Navigation

-  Grades and Attendance
-  Grade History
-  Attendance History
-  Teacher Comments
-  Report Cards
-  School Bulletin
-  Class Registration
-  My Schedule
-  School Information
-  Schoolnet Test

Welcome to the St. Joseph High School Class Registration System for 2020-2021

All courses must be selected by Feb 28, 2020 (3pm) in Powerschool and Course Selection Form Due March 2 in Upton Office (signed by parent/guardian). You will have 6 credits on your scheduling screen AND 3 alternates (MUST be different from original 6 courses as these will be used if there is a scheduling conflict).

[View course requests](#)

9th Grade English Requirement	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
Please choose one English course.		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
9th Grade Math Requirement	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
Please choose one Math course.		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
9th Grade Science Requirement	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
Please choose one Science course.		
Number of requests to generate : 1		
9th Grade Social Studies Requirement	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	 
Please choose one Social Studies course.		
Number of requests to generate : 1		

Course Requests

Requesting Setup | Course Requests | St. Joseph High School

powerSchool.com | https://sjschools.powerSchool.com/admin/powerschedule/requestsetup/requestformpreview.html?mode=preview&gradelevel=9&schedulerequestyear=...

Welcome, **Christine E Waterhouse** | Help | Sign Out

Math

Please select 1 course.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 1-Differentiated	212	1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 1	211	1	8th grade teacher recommendation. Math score on EXPLORE between 12 and 17.	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 1	1421	1	Teacher recommendation	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 2	232	1	Successful completion of Geometry or Essential Geometry and teacher recommendation.	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALGEBRA 2	1416	0.5	Successful completion of Geometry or Essential Geometry.	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra 2 Honors	233	1	Successful completion of Geometry or Honors Geometry, and teacher recommendation.	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geometry	221	1	Successful completion of Algebra 1 or Foundations Algebra 1.	Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geometry Honors	222	1	Successful completion of Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 1 and teacher recommendation.	Prerequisites have not been met

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 courses.

Cancel Okay

Course Selection Form Due Date

Upton Students

- After entering courses online turn in your blue sheet to the office at Upton by Monday, March 4th

New Students (Parochial)

- SJ residents turn in Course Selection Form to SJHS Guidance Office by March 6th.
- SJ residents - please contact Amanda Mortimore at central office for enrollment process details, 269-926-3122.
- School of Choice- Look on our district website or call Central Office at 269-926-3122.

Mr. Guzzo

Athletic Director



Mr. Guzzo

Athletic Director

- First day of Fall Sport tryouts is Monday, August 12
- A valid physical (done on or AFTER 04/15/2024) must be uploaded to Big Teams before the first day of tryouts
- Grab paperwork tonight if you plan to play sports in HS--Athletics Office has a table set up in the Student Center

Clubs & Activities

Club		
11th Grade Advisors		
12th Grade Advisors		
Academic Challenge		
Anime Club		
Baking Club		
Boys Volleyball Club		
Broadcast Club		
Choral Music Director		
Dance Club		
DECA Club		
Director - All School Play		
Director of Bands		
Environmental Club		
French Club		
Graphic Arts Club		
GSA Club		
HOSA Club		
Interact Club		
Key Club		
Math Club		
Mock Trial		
Musical Director		
National Honor Society		
Pit Orchestra		
Project Lit Book Club		
Robotics		
Science Olympiad		
Show Choir		
Ski & Snowboard Club		
Smash Club / E-Sports Club		
Spanish Club		
St. Joseph Student Foundation		
Student Senate		
Symphony Orchestra		
Symphony Orchestra Assistant		
Ultimate Frisbee Club		
Variety Show Director		
Weightlifting Club		
Wind-Up		
Yearbook		
Yoga Club		

Closing

- Ask Questions
- Communicate
- Have Fun!!

