

Saint Joseph Catholic School

Extra-Curricular Organizations

2017-18

Fascination with the Stars – This group of students has an interest in astronomy and is devoted to active learning, promoting interest in the night sky and educating ourselves and others in the world of astronomy. All students are welcome to events and meetings; previous knowledge of astronomy is not required. This is a learning experience for all, with an infinite amount of information to absorb. Meetings are held on campus at Hulett Observatory.
Moderator – TBA

Bruin Ambassadors – Bruin Ambassadors is an organization that promotes St. Joseph in the community and to our incoming students. It is open to grades 8 – 12. Moderator – Kristi Garrard

Bruin News Now - This weekly video newscast is part of St. Joseph Catholic School's award-winning high school journalism program. Bruin News Now highlights the latest news and events on the St. Joe campus. This 10-minute program is written, produced and anchored by St. Joe journalism students. It is shown in homeroom on Fridays and is available for viewing at any time on the Bruin News Now YouTube channel. Any interested students can contribute or participate by contacting the moderator. Moderator — Terry Cassreino

Bruin Sports Radio - This Internet streaming radio station is part of St. Joseph Catholic School's award-winning high school journalism program. Students webcast every home-and-away varsity football game live every Friday night in the fall. Journalism students call every game, provide expert analysis and sell advertising for the self-supported station. St Joe is the only high school in metropolitan Jackson in which students call football games live on an Internet radio station. Any interested students can contribute or participate by contacting the moderator.
Moderator — Terry Cassreino

Chess Club – Chess Club is open to all students who dare to embark upon the challenging and intellectually stimulating game of chess. Students learn basic and intermediate chess strategy and tactics for victory. No prior chess experience is necessary to join. The chess club practices twice a week after school and competes in several regional and statewide scholastic tournaments during the course of the school year. Moderator – Matthew Hosler

Foreign Languages Moderator – Matthew Hosler

French Club - French club is open to all past and present French students. Participants elect officers and plan cultural activities such as Mardi Gras and traditional French Christmas celebrations. French club t-shirts are designed each year by students and may be purchased by faculty and students.

Latin Club - Latin Club is open to all students to plan fun classical activities, like the culture fair, conferences, and Roman numeral awareness month.

Spanish Club – The Spanish Club is offered to all high school students who are enrolled in a Spanish class or have taken a Spanish class. The club is an opportunity to gain cultural perspective on the Spanish-speaking world. Spanish club usually meets once or twice a month immediately after school.

Junior Youth Leg - The Mississippi Junior Youth Assembly is a model legislature for students in grades 8-9. Each participant serves the role of legislator and writes a piece of legislation that he/she debate through the legislative process in hopes of having it signed into “law,” providing the opportunity to learn firsthand the importance of becoming civic minded citizens. Students meet at sessions before and after school to prepare for the assembly in the spring. Assembly and room fees do apply. Moderator – to be announced

Literary Magazine - *The Josephian* is published every year by the creative writing class. It contains materials submitted by St. Joseph students. It includes poems, stories, essays, artwork, and photographs from all grade levels.
Moderator – Matthew Hosler

Newspaper - *The Bear Facts* is published by a student staff. Any interested students may participate by consulting with the sponsor. Moderator – Terry Cassreino

Quiz Bowl – The academic competition team is open to both middle school and high school students. The middle school and high school teams compete against other schools at the regional, state, and national level. Moderator – Matthew Hosler

Speech and Debate - The Speech and Debate team is open to students in grades 9-12. The team competes at tournaments in and out of state. Students have qualified for the two National Tournaments for several years. Practices take place after school for students who can come, and on Saturdays when not competing. This is a year-long endeavor. Moderator – Ryan Starrett

Student Council – The Student Council consists of Student Body and grade level officers. Elections for seventh grade officers are held at the beginning of 2nd quarter. Elections for 8th-12th grade officers and Student Body officers are held in late April or early May. Candidates must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0, be registered for the next school year, have recommendations from four current teachers and have been in attendance at St. Joseph for at least one full academic year prior to running. Moderators – Dena Kinsey (High School) Elise Bingham (Middle School)

Varsity Cheerleaders – The Varsity Cheerleaders are in grades 9-12. They are selected yearly in March. They cheer for football and basketball games. They also represent the school at community events. Girls trying out for cheerleading must have a G.P.A. of 80 or better with recommendations from all current teachers. Moderator – Emily Toulomelis

Middle School Cheerleaders – The Middle School Cheerleaders are 7th and 8th grade girls who have a desire to achieve their highest potential individually and as a squad. Cheerleaders are expected to demonstrate their faith in God, be leaders and role models inside and outside of the classroom, and represent the school well in the community. Therefore, girls trying out for cheer must have an 80 average overall along with recommendations from current teachers. Teacher recommendations are factored in the scores of an independent panel of judges. Cheer candidates must attend a mandatory information meeting, apply for admissions, be accepted, and pay for all of the required admission fees before attending clinic/tryouts, which typically occurs in March before Spring Break. Middle School Cheerleaders cheer for home football and basketball games. Moderator – Rachael Cole

Spirit Steppers - The Spirit Steppers is a team of 9th-12th grade girls who dance and cheer at all home football games and at all pep rallies. The team works with the administration of the school, the St. Joseph cheerleaders, and the St. Joseph band to provide school spirit. The 2017-18 team consists of twenty-five girls and is advised by one sponsor. Tryouts for the team are held in the spring of each year. Moderator – Leslie Ann Harkins

The International Thespian Society - The International Thespian Society is an honorary organization for high school students located at more than 4,200 affiliated secondary schools across America, Canada, and abroad. The mission of ITS is to honor student achievement in the theatre arts. Students grades 9-12 need a school average of a B and be affiliated with the productions at Saint Joseph Catholic High School to be inducted. Each student must receive so many points to keep his/her membership within the society. Moderator - Leslie Ann Harkins

The Shield - St. Joe's annual yearbook is part of the school's award-winning high school journalism program. Journalism students write, take photos, edit and design the school's yearbook, which is distributed every fall. Any interested students can contribute or participate by contacting the moderator. Moderator — Terry Cassreino

The Bear Facts - This professional-looking student newspaper is part of St. Joseph Catholic School's award-winning high school journalism program. Journalism students write, take photos, edit and design the paper; *The Bear Facts* is published and distributed across campus about six times a year. Any interested students can contribute or participate by contacting the moderator. Moderator — Terry Cassreino

Youth Legislature – Youth Legislature is for 10th -12th grade students. The Youth Legislature program allows students to gain an in-depth knowledge of our state's political, judicial and legislative systems. Students will partner with another student to write a bill to present at the conference or may apply for a lobbyist position. The conference is located in Jackson during the month of November. Student meetings are scheduled periodically. Parents and students interested can go to the website for more information www.msyag.org. Moderator – Elyssa Lambert