



Get the Jesuit Advantage

Cura Personalis

St. John's Jesuit subscribes to the Jesuit philosophy of *Cura Personalis* — meaning “care for the entire person.” For our international students, we have a wide variety of services to ensure they are successful.

1. World as One International Student Program
2. English as a Second Language Class
3. College Counseling Resource Center
4. A+ Learning Center
5. The worldwide Jesuit education network
6. Advanced Placement Courses



SJJ students are winners of many awards.



World As One- International Student Program

World as One is dedicated solely to international students at St. John's Jesuit. The program's mission is to:

1. Facilitate the Admissions and application process
2. Organize the Home Stay Program for the students
3. Lead extensive international student support system

English as a Second Language Class

The English as a Second Language Class focuses on helping SJJ international students with the adjustment to the American classroom. The class helps students:

1. Prepare for the TOEFL, IELTS, FCE, CAE, and CPE exams
2. Prepare for English-based exams

English as a Second Language focuses on building complete fluency (writing, reading, speaking, listening, grammar) and bridging the gap towards cultural integration.





A+ Learning Center

Helping Students to Achieve Their Best

Established in 2003, the A+ Learning Center is modeled after learning centers at leading colleges and universities. The A+ staff is trained in positivity and strength-based approaches.



THE SJJ DIFFERENCE

- ◆ Serves all students.
- ◆ Fosters academic independence and responsibility.
- ◆ Customizes resources to fit each student's learning style.
- ◆ Staffed with trained professionals to support individual academic development.
- ◆ Welcomes students anytime for any academic need.
- ◆ Academic coaches are always willing to go the extra mile.

The A+ Learning Center . . .

- ◆ *Enables any student to reach his full potential.*
- ◆ Provides a comprehensive support system that encourages and enables students at every grade and ability level to achieve their best.
- ◆ Empowers students to take responsibility for their own learning.
- ◆ Provides a multitude of resources including academic coaching, small group tutoring, individual tutoring, technological aides, study groups, practice tests, and academic counseling.
- ◆ Offers students individualized services to achieve short-term and long-term goals.
- ◆ Is open before, during and after school (M-F), when students need it most.
- ◆ Features a comfortable place to study and a staff invested in each student's success and personal goals.
- ◆ Modeled after college and university learning centers.

A+ Learning Center Services

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| Academic Coaching | Parent Support |
| Professional and Peer Tutoring | Technological Aids |
| Academic/Learning Counseling | Writing Lab |
| Exam Review Sessions | Specialized Instruction |
| Study Guides and Practice Tests | Study Groups |
| Minor Accommodations | Quiet Study |
| Study Skills Instruction | Research Assistance |
| Targeted Interventions | Psycho-educational Testing |
| Enrichment | ACT/SAT/AP Applications for Accommodations |

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Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship: Students accepted to St. John's Jesuit with current IEP's may be eligible for the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship as defined by the Ohio Department of Education.



Extracurricular Activities

SJJ Difference

- ◆ A dedicated Office of Student Life offers students plenty of opportunities to get involved.
- ◆ Choose from 30 plus clubs and organizations.
- ◆ Clubs are a great way to develop leadership and team-building skills.
- ◆ Most SJJ students are involved in one club and/or play on a sports' team.
- ◆ Freshmen participate in an Activity Fair.
- ◆ Involvement in a club or playing on a sports' team is good for college applications.

Looking to meet new friends, be involved, or just have fun, with more than 30 clubs and activities, there is literally something for everyone. Learn to ski as part of the Skiing Club. Enjoy the game of Magic? You'll find fellow players here. Interested in politics? Then join the Young Politicians Club.

While academics are major, Jesuit education encourages young men to be well-rounded and develop all their talents. Colleges and universities look for involvement as a success indicator.

Freshmen attend an "Activities Fair" and a rep from every organization is there to acquaint them with the club or organization.

Leadership Opportunities

Clubs are a great way to develop leadership skills. There are hundreds of ways young men develop their leadership and team-building skills through the 30 plus clubs and organizations as well as multiple sports teams. ***Our role as a Jesuit school is to help young men step out of their comfort zone to learn, to lead, and to grow in their self-confidence.***



Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life is focused on student opportunities to get involved with extracurricular activities based on Ignatian Identity. A team of faculty members

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Ambassadors	Anime Club	Arabic Club
Band	Bird Watching Club	Board Game Club
Burger Club	Chess	Christian Service Team
Leadership & Alumni Mentoring Program	Magic The Gathering Club	Latin Language/Roman Culture Club
Euchre Club	Intramurals	Mock Trial
Model UN	National Honor Society	Newspaper
Robotics	Rock Climbing Club	Service Club
Skiing & Snowboarding Club	Social Justice Alliance	Spanish National Honor Society
Speech/Debate	Spirit Squad	Student Arts Council
Student Council	Theater (Campion Hall)	TV-4
Weightlifting Club	Wilderness/Nature Club	Young Politicians



College Credit in High School

St. John's Jesuit offers multiple ways to earn college credit while in high school through Advanced Placement (AP) courses at the school and through online courses from the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy (JVLA).

SJJ Difference

- ◆ SJJ offers more AP courses for college credit opportunities than any other regional school.
- ◆ Only SJJ offers the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy in this region with AP course options.
- ◆ Many SJJ students earn some college credit while in high school.

Many St. John's Jesuit students start college with some college credit and some with as much as a year to two years of credit thanks to AP coursework.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses on the SJJ Campus

Offering the most opportunities to earn college credit through Advanced Placement (AP), students have the opportunity to take one of the 18 classes at St. John's Jesuit. AP instructors receive professional AP training.

AP English Language & Composition	AP Biology	AP Latin
AP English Literature	AP Psychology	AP Spanish
AP Chemistry	AP U.S. History	AP Art
AP Statistics	AP American Government	AP Music
AP Calculus AB	AP Chinese	AP European History
AP Calculus BC	AP French	AP Comparative Government

Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy Online AP Courses

Students can take advantage of additional AP classes as well as over 20 other specialty courses through the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy (JVLA).

JVLA is the ultimate learning experience - a classroom without walls, classmate from around the U.S., a teacher from across the country and a guest lecturer from the other side of the globe. Students experience the classroom of tomorrow. *All courses are taught by faculty members from other Jesuit high schools from across the country.*

AP Environmental Science	AP Macroeconomics	AP World History
AP Human Geography	AP Microeconomics	AP Art History
AP Computer Science	Multivariable Calculus	AP Music Theory

College Credit through Local Universities

Currently students can take advantage of college online courses or choose to take classes off campus at local universities while taking courses at St. John's Jesuit High School. Interested students should work with their school counselor.

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Athletics - Regional Leader in All Sports

Play in the best high school athletic complex in northwest Ohio. Facilities include Lyden Field, a state-of-the-art sports' stadium; a wrestling facility; an auxiliary gym with batting cages; a dome gymnasium; a lacrosse/soccer field; a baseball complex and more. Students work out in the 5,000 sq. ft. Lyden Center modeled after college-equipped weight and fitness rooms.

Titans play on nearly 50 athletic teams in 13 different sports. Over 600 young men play on teams. Many of the sports offer Freshman-only Teams.

Titan sports are strong season after season. Titans have captured the **Three Rivers Athletic Championship (TRAC)** for four of five years including the last four years in a row.

SJJ Difference

- ◆ Over 600 young men play sports.
- ◆ Many of the athletic teams feature Freshman-only Teams.
- ◆ St. John's Jesuit has state-of-the-art athletic facilities.
- ◆ All students can work out in The Lyden Center weight and fitness room.
- ◆ The Titans have earned the All Sports Award more than any other school in northwest Ohio.

Titans field teams in:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Crew
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Wrestling



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- ◆ College scholarship leader -- SJJ has continually outpaced other schools. *Class of 2016 earned \$19.5 million.*
- ◆ College planning manual helps guide families.

College Counseling

St. John's Jesuit has the region's premier college counseling program. College preparation begins when a young man walks through the door through his regular course work and the start of his college portfolio. He is counseled through his freshman and sophomore years to take the curriculum that will provide him the base for his college and career plans.

College Counseling is committed to providing excellent guidance and assistance to students and their parents in the college planning and decision-making process.

This is done through:

- ◆ counseling on an individualized basis — each student's college planning journey is unique to his needs and interests,
- ◆ hosting programs and forums to explain processes and procedures that help students and parents gain insight into the college planning and decision-making process,
- ◆ keeping abreast with the latest trends in college admissions, college financial aid and current updates from specific colleges (especially those most popular with our students),
- ◆ maintaining strong relationships with college representatives,
- ◆ utilizing technology advances to improve application processing, record keeping and college research.

January of junior year SJJ launches the "official" college process with the College Kick Off. Families and their sons receive their online college manual to guide them easily through the process in a timely manner.

With programs such as *Application Boot Camp*, *Financial Aid Night*, *Parents as College Coaches* and so much more, the end result is that a young man finds the **college that is the right fit for him** and scholarships in many cases to make it more affordable.

SJJ students are sought after by colleges because colleges across the country know the quality of a Jesuit education. SJJ has continually led in scholarship dollars in northwest Ohio. The Class of 2016 earned \$19.5 million in college awards with 88% of the class receiving a scholarship award.

Parents and students use the NAVIANCE system to guide them through the process. Included in NAVIANCE is the College Planning Manual which takes users through the step-by-step college process. The manual was created exclusively by Dr. Margie Warrick who has more than 35 years of college admissions experience including working at the University of Michigan and The Ohio State University.



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- ◆ Application Boot Camp
- ◆ Parents as College Coaches
- ◆ College Fair (hosted by Toledo Catholic High Schools)
- ◆ Hosting Specific College Information Programs for key universities i.e. University of Michigan, The Ohio State University, Notre Dame, etc.
- ◆ Senior Parent Financial Aid Night
- ◆ College Kick Off for Juniors
- ◆ Sophomore Scheduling Seminar
- ◆ College Planning Seminars
- ◆ Selective School Seminar
- ◆ Essay Writing Workshop
- ◆ College Rep Visits Right On Campus from leading universities
- ◆ One-on-One Consultations
- ◆ Special Opportunities at Jesuit Colleges

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Director of College Counseling, Dr. Margie Warrick, meets with students and parents at the start of "College Kickoff". This informational program begins the college search for the families at the end of their sophomore year.



Men for Others

The Formation of Compassionate Hearts through Christian Service

Since 1965 St. John's Jesuit has taken an active role in Ignatian formation of young men who will be contemplative in action: young men who will be actively engaged in service as a response to God's love, and will critically and prayerfully reflect upon how best to use their talents for the service of others.



The Jesuit mission at SJJ and around the world is to form *men for others*, men who are compassionate and reflective, men who care about justice and display kindness. Our formation program is built on Christian Service, a four-year retreat program, liturgies, reflective prayer and contemplation, and theology classes.

Forming Young People into *Men for Others*

SJJ young men have done Christian Service within the Toledo community since the school started with students volunteering in those early years at St. Mary's and the Sunshine Children's Home. Today, 50 years later, that legacy continues and has expanded to hundreds of organizations across the Toledo area, Appalachia and internationally in Central America.

Each year the SJJ brotherhood volunteers over 20,000 hours.

SJJ is the leader in developing service programs that impact the Toledo community – Christmas on Campus for central city children and Easter on Campus for preschoolers, the Sweetheart Dance with an elder center and the Labre Program that prepares and delivers a home-cooked dinner every Monday evening, 52 weeks a year to 75 adults and their families in the Toledo area.

SJJ has the only school day Christian Service Program where students help local service organizations, elementary schools, hospitals and senior centers at the time the organizations need it most – during school hours on weekdays.

Every student completes a service requirement for graduation.

Service extends beyond Toledo. National outreach started in the early seventies with students volunteering in Appalachia. A more formal program started in 1992 and continues today with spring and summer programs.

SJJ was the first area school to offer an ongoing international service program where young men learn more about the world and themselves while serving others. In 1992, students explored an international component with two students working with a medical mission in the Dominican Republic. In 1994 students visited Guatemala. These events started a 20-year plus tradition of international service.

The summer of 2016, 37 juniors and seniors served in three international trips to Haiti, Dominican Republic and Guatemala doing everything from tutoring students, to building multi-sports' courts -- doing whatever it takes to make life better for someone else.



THE SJJ DIFFERENCE

- ◆ For over 50 years service has been part of an SJJ education.
- ◆ SJJ students and graduates are known as *men for others*.
- ◆ The SJJ brotherhood volunteers over 20,000 hours a year.
- ◆ Only SJJ has a day time Christian Service program for when agencies need help most during school hours on weekdays.
- ◆ SJJ was the first area school to offer international service opportunities.

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SJJ Difference

- ◆ SJJ is one of only two schools in Ohio to offer The Ohio State University Introduction to Engineering.
- ◆ Students taking the OSU courses can earn up to six college-credit hours.
- ◆ Two semester-long introduction classes in engineering and robotics provide students with a basic overview.
- ◆ The SJJ Robotics Program has gone to State-level competition.

Engineering Courses for Every Interest Level

Six Semester Hours of Ohio State University Engineering

What does putting together a Mr. Potato Head have to do with a factory line? Everything. The SJJ Ohio State University Engineering Class closely follows the curriculum of The OSU Introduction to Engineering taught to college freshmen in Columbus. The lesson provides a way to show assembly line production, quality control, and inventory within strict time constraints.

For more than ten years, SJJ has been one of only a few high schools to provide this prestigious jumpstart to engineering. The year-long, intense program can count as two college-level, three-hour semester courses for students who choose to pursue engineering. For many students it is the perfect way to

experience a college-level introductory engineering course. The curriculum offers multiple hands-on assignments dealing with the stress and strain on bicycles, a circuitry train lab, and building a roller coaster to test theories learned in class. These exercises contribute to a college portfolio while teaching teamwork. The course introduces students to SolidWorks, a 3D CAD design program.



Two Semester-Long Introduction to Engineering and Robotics Classes

Students interested in exploring engineering as a career choice can take two semester-long courses. Both courses offer hands-on opportunities. The first course acquaints students with multiple principles used in mechanical engineering. Lessons include working with gears and transmission systems and how to apply them to various projects. The course also touches on robotics. The second semester studies robotics on a higher level and includes some computer science coding in addition to learning more about mechanical engineering.

Robotics Team

Now in its fifth season, the SJJ Robotics Program has made it to State-level competition. Fielding two teams, the Broken Axles and the Smoking Motors, there are plenty of opportunities to test your problem-solving skills while competing in robotics competitions.



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The Fine Arts — Music

Our goal is to encourage students to develop an awareness and appreciation of the arts and the important role they play in enriching the human spirit. With a focus on theory and practice, the Music Department produces self-sufficient learners with educated opinions.



Both instrumental and vocal musicians compete in the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) as soloists or as ensemble members. Students continually receive Superior and Excellent ratings for their performances. Students showcase their talents and hard work through competitions, music concerts, and musicals. Young men are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones and to stretch themselves.

All freshmen take Foundations in Art, chorus, or band.

SJJ Difference

- ◆ All freshmen take Foundations in Art.
- ◆ Students often take more than one Fine Arts credit.
- ◆ Multiple opportunities exist in music.
- ◆ Students continually receive Excellent and Superior ratings in music competitions.
- ◆ SJJ offers the best practice and performance venues for music.

The Best Practice and Performance Music Facilities

The Sawicki Family Music Center provides instrumental and vocal music students a state-of-the-art performance practice center. Plus, a high technology music lab allows young composers to hear their compositions played back to them. The McQuade Theater provides students with a performance venue.



Vocal Music Opportunities

The Men's Chorus meets every day for class. There are multiple concerts held throughout the year. Students use their musical gifts at Masses and prayer services, sporting events, and numerous community events.

The SJJ Vocal Ensemble is an auditioned group of advanced singers that meets one day after school. The group learns and performs challenging collegiate-level music.



Multiple Instrumental Opportunities

The Marching Titans consists of approximately 50 members and competes in OMEA in Class AA, the highest class in OMEA. Indoor Drumline and Color Guard competes in the OIPA circuit. They travel around the State and compete at the Scholastic A. Level. The Indoor Color Guard has previously won a State Championship in 2013 and both Ensembles have received State-level medals in their competition history.

A pep band performs for schools events, pep rallies, and basketball games. A concert band program runs through the winter and spring and performs virtuosic repertoire. The instrumental music program also includes Jazz Band and instrument classes.

NEW FOR FRESHMEN:

Foundations in Art encourages all freshmen to step out of their comfort zone and be exposed to each of the arts: Visual, Musical, Communication, (Public Speaking), Technology (Computer), Theatre, and Religious. Students rotate every five weeks and experience something new.

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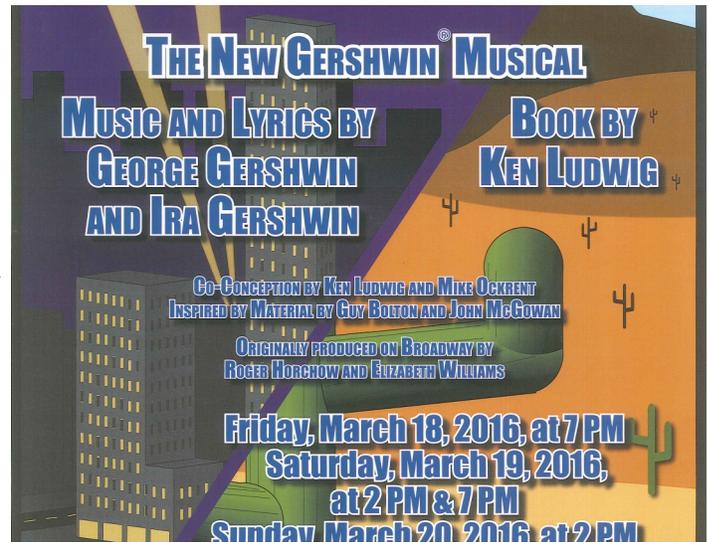


The Fine Arts — Theater & Forensics

The Play is the Thing

Since 1965, St. John's Jesuit budding actors have taken to the stage through the Campion Hall Players and musicals creating an over 50-year-old tradition of excellence. Whether a young man enjoys singing and/or dancing, has a flair for comedy or wants to strengthen his dramatic side, St. John's Jesuit has a venue for him to express his self.

Many St. John's Jesuit graduates have gone on to careers in the theatre. Tony Award winner **Kevin Kirkwood '95** is starring on Broadway in *Kinky Boots* and **Mark Beyer '11** toured as the "Beast" in the international tour of *Beauty and the Beast* travelling to 15 different countries a role he played in the St. John's Jesuit production.



THE SJJ DIFFERENCE

- ◆ All freshmen take Foundations in Art.
- ◆ Speech and Debate earn top honors.
- ◆ Students can perform in the spring musical or the fall play — long SJJ traditions.
- ◆ Graduates act on Broadway and in international performing tour groups.
- ◆ Theater, Speech and Debate are a great way to meet girls.
- ◆ Special classes such as Advanced Speech, Theater and Shakespeare in Performance are available to students who enjoy the arts.

The Fall Play, either a comedy or a drama, is performed in the McQuade Theater. The spring musical held is performed at the majestic Valentine Theater in downtown Toledo. Students can be involved in both or one of the productions, whatever best fits their talents and schedule.

Forensics - Speech and Debate

St. John's Jesuit offers multiple opportunities for students to hone their speaking and debate skills. All freshman are required to take a speaking course. Many go on to polish and hone their skills in Speech and Debate, one of the largest all-boys' programs in the area and one of the most popular extracurricular activities.

St. John's Jesuit regularly has students reach the State Finals. For the past several years St. John's Jesuit has hosted, along with Notre Dame Academy, the Tourducken Speech and Debate Invitational in November.

Theater productions as well as Speech and Debate are great opportunities for guys to meet girls from across the area.

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Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy

The Jesuit vision utilizes technology to connect every Jesuit secondary school throughout the world for the benefit of students, teachers, administrators, parents, alumni and friends. To do this we must operate as St. Ignatius and his companions did - with the spirit of an explorer sent to the frontiers.

THE SJJ DIFFERENCE

- ◆ Multiple courses are offered for extra challenge.
- ◆ Students can pursue courses during a period in the school day, or in off hours.
- ◆ Online courses are a great learning experience to prepare for college.
- ◆ All courses are taught by Jesuit educators.

Imagine a classroom without walls, a classmate who gets to class 12 hours after you do, a teacher from across the country and a guest lecturer from the other side of the globe. This is your opportunity to be part of an educational experience that will change the way you think about school.

The best of both worlds. Combining spirited Jesuit pedagogy and the innovation of online learning, the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy (JVLA) allows students to benefit from this new and exciting learning environment. The online courses are taught by faculty members from other Jesuit high schools from around the country. There are a variety of courses offered from technology to Advanced Placement (AP). There is an additional charge per course. Course credit and grade is part of the high school transcript.

Current Courses Available To Challenge and Explore

AP Computer Science	Ignatian Discernment: The Act of Finding Your Way	Socio-Cultural Transformation
C++ Programming	Science and Religion	The Making of Modern Latin America
Computer Game Development	AP Human Geography	AP Art History
Computer Science Principles	AP Macroeconomics	AP Music Theory
Database Development Using Microsoft Access	AP Microeconomics	Arts and Cultural Identity
AP Environment Science	AP Psychology	Arabic Level 1
Astronomy: An Introduction	AP World History	Arabic Level 2
Principles of Engineering	Genocide and the Holocaust	Italian Level 1
Science and Art	Model United Nations and International Relations	Italian Level 1
Multivariable Calculus	Poverty Past and Present	How to Read Plays . . . And How to Write One
Bioethics: Navigating the Ethical Dilemmas of our Future	Pre-Columbia Latin America and the Conquest	Multimedia Authorship -- The Power of Words and Images

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Leadership & Alumni Mentoring Program

A part of Jesuit education is leadership and networking. When a young man attends a Jesuit school the world opens to him. Anywhere he travels in the world, he will always find another Jesuit-educated colleague. St. John's Jesuit begins that unique networking experience with the Leadership & Alumni Mentoring Program (LAMP) and our 10,000 alumni.

SJJ Difference

- ◆ Over 100 alumni are involved in mentoring the next generation.
- ◆ Alums return to campus to provide valuable information through lectures.
- ◆ Multiple opportunities for all young men to learn to lead through clubs, organizations, Christian Service, athletic and teams.
- ◆ Over 300 students participate in LAMP.
- ◆ The Jesuit network is worldwide.
- ◆ *Anywhere a Jesuit graduate travels in the world, he will always find another Jesuit-educated colleague.*

LAMP prepares young men for life beyond high school with alumni engagement and networking, mentorship, and an interactive lecture series. Students develop leadership and life skills, gain knowledge, discuss college expectations and explore their future through perspective employers' eyes.



Sophomores attend lectures focusing on core leadership skills and values that are paramount on the road to success.

Juniors focus on life skills and career exploration opportunities through a lecture series. Juniors are assigned an alumni mentor with whom they will have a two-year dialogue either by phone or email. These conversations cover a wide range of prompted monthly topics from personal finance to how to best take advantage of their college experience.

Seniors continue with their mentors and can attend the life skills and career exploration lectures. There are additional presentations on life after St. John's Jesuit for those interested. Having developed a relationship with their mentor, they could discuss college applications, seek help in jobs or internships and explore possible professions to pursue.

LAMP is open to all students and over 300 students regularly participate in the program. They interact with over 100 alumni from around the country whose employment range from teachers to CEOs of Fortune 500 Companies.

Other Leadership Opportunities

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THE SJJ DIFFERENCE

- ◆ The four-year retreat program builds in spiritual depth each year.
- ◆ SJJ was the first school to introduce the *Kairos* retreat in northwest Ohio.
- ◆ Each retreat deepens a young man's individual spirituality.
- ◆ Retreats strengthen the SJJ brotherhood bond.

Four-Year Retreat Program

St. Ignatius is the patron saint of retreat programs, and every Titan makes at least one retreat a year. Retreats are staffed by faculty and staff members and facilitated by trained student leaders. The retreats are blessed times when students and faculty alike take time out from their busy lives to reflect on God's influence on their lives.

Freshman Pilgrim Retreat

The Pilgrim Retreat is an overnight experience. Trained senior leaders direct their groups through a variety of exercises aimed at building confidence and friendships among the freshmen as well as a growing sense of God's presence in their lives. The retreat takes its name from the autobiography of St. Ignatius Loyola, who described himself as a pilgrim following his dramatic conversion.



Sophomore Retreat

The Sophomore Retreat is centered around four of the five tenets of the Jesuit Graduate at Graduation - Open to Growth, Religious, Loving, and Committed to Doing Justice. The retreat is a one and a half day retreat (held locally) which challenges the students to work with each other (as Christ did) in loving service to those in need. Then reflecting on that service, lead them to further action, and a life of Faith that does justice.

Junior *Magis* Retreat

The *Magis* Retreat, a three-day, two-night experience, is named after the Jesuit ideal of *Magis*, a phrase that means "the more." *Magis* refers to the philosophy of doing more for Christ, and therefore, for others. St. Ignatius encouraged his fellow Jesuits and everyone he influenced to ask several times daily, "What **have** I done for Christ? What **am** I doing for Christ? What **more** can I do for Christ?"

A student/faculty team leads the retreat group to form a Christian community centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ. A variety of activities helps retreatants to reflect on the qualities of discipleship and Christian leadership and their own progress as Disciples of Christ.

Senior *Kairos* Retreat

Kairos, meaning "The Lord's Time," is often cited by seniors as one of the defining moments of their experience as a Titan. The four-day, three-night retreat is led by a student/faculty team that forms a Christian community centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Based on the flow of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, the *Kairos* retreat helps retreatants come to see themselves as loved sinners, errant children who are nevertheless deeply and unconditionally loved by their Creator. Students and faculty develop a deep appreciation of God's blessings in their lives and their families within the context of an authentic Christian community.

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THE SJJ DIFFERENCE

- ◆ Jesuit education embraces *cura personalis* – care of the individual.
- ◆ Counselors meet weekly with freshman teachers to monitor each student's progress.
- ◆ Students have the same counselor all four years.
- ◆ Back on Track helps students when grades start to shift.

Cura Personalis – Care of the Individual

Jesuit education embraces *cura personalis* – care of the individual. Just one way St. John's Jesuit demonstrates *cura personalis* is through School Counseling. When a young man enters, he is assigned a counselor for his four years who will look out for his interests, personal and academics. Counselors monitor students' classroom progress - both academic and behavioral; social comfort and interpersonal skills; teacher/student relationships; study skills; extra and co-curricular activities; scheduling and course selection; as well as college preparation issues including standardized college admissions test preparation and performance for PSAT, SAT and ACT. They also run student support groups.

Students know their counselor is always available whether it is to help him over a rough patch in his life or to provide additional academic assistance and support when needed. *Counselors work so that every young man will reach his greatest potential.*



Freshmen meet their counselors who help them transition into a college-prep high school and begin a four-year academic plan. Students begin their activities résumé and college exploration. *Counselors and freshman teachers meet weekly to ascertain how students are doing and to see if any students may need help getting "back on track" with their academics.*

Sophomores continue to meet with their counselors who monitor their personal and academic progress. Counselors encourage students to join the Leadership Alumni & Mentoring Program (LAMP) where they enhance their leadership skills and learn more about careers and life with alumni mentors. Students take State Mandated Testing. Students have a PSAT consultation with their counselor. Sophomores update their activities résumé and begin accessing the college-planning software Naviance.

Juniors meet with the school counselor for personal and academic checkups and their graduation progress. They take the PSAT test. Juniors become more immersed in the college process and begin meeting with the college counselor. Students are encouraged to be involved with LAMP. Counselors write letters of recommendation for jobs, college applications and scholarships. Students take the SAT and ACT and visit colleges.

Seniors continue to meet with their counselors on personal and academic progress. Counselors write letters for jobs, college applications and scholarships. Seniors complete their activities resume, begin Senior Project interviews and finalize the college application process. Counselors act as sounding boards for students as they weigh their college options. Seniors complete their graduation assessment of the five characteristics of a Jesuit Graduate at Graduation: *Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving and Committed to Doing Justice.*

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Contemplative Reflection & Theology Classes

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- ◆ SJJ provides a Catholic, Christ-centered atmosphere where students can grow in their own faith.
- ◆ Daily reflection on how God acts in our lives.
- ◆ Daily Mass, if desired.
- ◆ Theology classes delve into social justice and morality issues.
- ◆ SJJ fosters spiritual growth in people of all faiths.
- ◆ The *Spiritual Exercises* help students commit to lives of service as *men for others*.

Catholic, Christ-Centered Atmosphere

St. John's Jesuit provides a Catholic environment that develops Christian leaders and fosters spiritual growth in people of all faiths through religious services, retreats, Christian Service, and theology classes. Daily classroom discussions and prayer play a major role in forming a young man's spirituality and compassionate heart. It allows him to talk openly about what is in his heart and his feelings for God, his faith, and his own personal spirituality.

Liturgies

Most weekday mornings Mass is celebrated before school and all are welcome. An all-school Mass is held on Holy Days of Obligation and Ash Wednesday. Prayer services are held throughout the year.

Daily Prayer

Every school day begins with morning prayer. Prayers reflect the readings of the day, a celebration of the feast day of a saint, or a special event in the life of the Church or school. Each class and every school meeting starts with a prayer. At the end of sixth period every day, a student reads the Examen Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola over the PA system. During this prayer, all members of the community reflect on *where God has been in their lives so far during the day, the blessings they have received, and the times when they have been less-than-generous in their own responses to God*. Finally, they resolve to do more to see God's influence in their lives in the hours to come.

Freshmen learn about the Jesuits, the Society of Jesus, major figures in its founding, its history, and spirituality during the first quarter. The second quarter serves as an introduction to the Old Testament. The second semester examines the New Testament. *A 10-hour service project is required for students in Freshman Theology.*

Sophomores study the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church, systemically examining the doctrine of God, the person and mission of Jesus Christ, and the mission of the Church. The course is structured around the Nicene Creed, and helps students to better know Christ in their lives and understand Christ's saving work in their lives. *A 15-hour service project is required for students in Sophomore Theology.*

Juniors study Moral and Sacramental Theology to better understand the biblical and theological foundations for the Christian life. Students will investigate various methods of moral decision-making and learn to apply these methods to current moral issues, developing their conscience on these issues in the process. Some issues that may be covered are Catholic Social Teaching, medical ethics, marriage and sexual morality, war and peace, technology, and media ethics, as well as the sacramental life of the Church. *A 20-hour service project is required for students in Junior Theology.*

Seniors study first semester the ways in which the Catholic Church relates to non-Catholic Christians and other religions of the world. Through this study, they gain a greater appreciation of both their own faith and the faith of others. During second semester, students engage in a study of Ignatian Spirituality building on the insights of St. Ignatius of Loyola that are the heart of the Society's mission. St. Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises* help students to reflect on their vocations and better commit to a life of service as *men for others*.

Honors Theology Classes are available to *sophomores, juniors, and seniors*. Students go into greater depth into the topics that they are studying.

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THE SJJ DIFFERENCE

- ◆ Boys are taught in the style that best fits them.
- ◆ “All boys” creates a brotherhood.
- ◆ Young men are more likely to explore their interests in arts and music.
- ◆ Positive peer influence to achieve.
- ◆ Boys are more willing to seek help.

Why All Boys?

Educators are beginning to recognize and embrace the benefits of single-gender education. *Teaching all boys is a St. John's Jesuit tradition.*

Research reveals that boys learn differently than girls. SJJ understands the competition, rivalry, hands-on learning and energy that characterize successful boys' education. Boys thrive on movement, vivid description and enjoy a

classroom that is experiential in its approach. The SJJ faculty is trained and understands how boys learn and employs teaching practices that keep boys engaged.

The all-boys' setting allows young men the freedom to be themselves without worrying about what girls think. It encourages guys to explore interests in academics, art, music, athletics and over 50 activities without concern for typecasting.



When students speak about the all-male environment, they talk about the “brotherhood” that SJJ fosters.

The Jesuit traditions of *Magis*, the spirit of being and doing more, and *cura personalis*, the care for each person, challenge the SJJ community to reach beyond the goal of academic excellence to develop the whole person, forming students who use their talents to be *men for others*.

SJJ provides a culture where friendly competition in academics is a natural fit and it is “cool” for boys to study . . . to want to reach their academic potential. At SJJ boys are more open to ask for help when needed. As a result, students are academically successful and motivated to be life-long learners.

To learn more about single-gender education, consider reading:

The Minds of Boys: Saving Our Sons from Falling Behind in School and Life by Michael Gurian (SJJ has featured Mr. Gurian as a keynote community speaker several times and the Academy is a Gurian Model School.)

Real Boys by William Pollack, Ph.D.

Boys Adrift, Why Gender Matters by Leonard Sax, M.D., Ph.D.

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