

ADMISSIONS OFFICE UPDATE



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Providing prospective SJJ families with information about Catholic Jesuit Education.

A Strong Student Retreat Program



"St. John's Jesuit develops Christian leaders... we inspire each student to achieve his greatest potential in a diverse, Christ-centered atmosphere." (from the St. John's Jesuit Mission Statement)

Student retreats are an integral part of the spiritual life of the Jesuit high school experience. St. Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, and is the patron saint of retreats. Known as "the Pilgrim Saint" Ignatius traveled some 12,000 miles of the roads of Europe to help people find the God who loved them and wished only good for them. A St. John's Jesuit student attends a retreat every academic year. There are many religious experiences each year designed to help each student grow in their relationship with God (many Masses, daily prayer and reflection, pray in the classroom, and more). But importantly, they will find and embrace God's will for them by withdrawing from their regular work and taking time to pray and reflect with their classmates on their yearly retreat.

For students to grow in faith, a positive experience of community is essential. Our retreats are lively affairs -far from the lectures and silent prayers of the past. St. John's Jesuit retreats are community experiences - a group of around 30 classmates, led by upperclassmen, along with faculty and staff. Our retreats are intense, overnight small-group experiences that emphasize witness talks, liturgy, reflection, praying, music, good food, and recreational activities.

St. John's Jesuit retreats succeed because they empower upper-class retreat leaders, who spend months planning each retreat, along with faculty and staff members. Many, many St. John's Jesuit students get the opportunity to lead these retreats. They grow in their relationship with God by reflecting on their faith so they can share it with retreatants. They become Christian leaders.

Student Life Provides Outlet for All

Student Life actively promotes students balancing their lives through interests, hobbies, and social activities. Faculty Members serve as advisors to support student-led initiatives throughout the school year. Student leaders are sought out or may volunteer to organize clubs and events such as Marine Biology Club, Volley for Vets, and Trunk or Treat. Opportunities are limited only by imagination and openness to growth! Student Life is located in the Carty Fox Commons.



Teacher Spotlight:

Mr. Amir Horani, Intro to Engineering 1 and 2



Mr. Amir Horani teaches Intro to Engineering 1 and 2 in the high school. An elective class, Engineering 1 is open to grades 9 -12. Mr. Horani offers a hands-on classroom approach, "I keep it broad and interesting to ensure that they get exposure to as many forms of engineering that they can.

Intro to Engineering 2 is more about putting the principles and concepts from Intro to Engineering 1 into action. Students explore the specifics of different engineering fields. Mr. Horani encourages students to consider all aspects of the field, "We cover disciplines such as computer science, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and civil engineering. As a final project in Engineering 2, a student group created an invention called the *Quick Lock*, a simple device that slides between the strike and strike plate of each door to keep it unlocked during normal non-emergency situations. Students had to brainstorm about the invention, create engineering drawings of the concept, develop the invention using computer aided design (CAD), and 3D print the invention. *Quick Lock* is now being used by offices in our school to improve the safety of our environment.

Interested in learning more about St. John's Jesuit? Have your son shadow as a Titan for a Day.
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