



# St. John's Jesuit Academy



# A Gurian Model School

Michael Gurian, educator and author, is the foremost authority on gender-based learning. There are only sixteen Gurian Model Schools in the U.S. and St. John's Jesuit Academy is one of them. Academy teachers are trained by Gurian-certified professionals and use the latest high-impact instructional strategies in every aspect of educating boys.





# The Academy

**ST. JOHN'S JESUIT ACADEMY IS A MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MEN IN GRADES SIX, seven and eight.** Founded in 2004, SJJA shares the campus with St. John's Jesuit High School, which opened on Airport Highway in 1965 as a four-year, college preparatory high school.

The Academy is unlike any other middle school in northwest Ohio, providing a level of educational excellence in the Jesuit tradition – a tradition that is more than 450 years old. At St. John's Jesuit Academy, our young students are nurtured as part of the Jesuit philosophy of *cura personalis*, or *care for the entire person*, an educational philosophy that inspires our teachers to listen to students and to build relationships with them.

Our goal is to prepare our students in mind, body and spirit so that they grow strong as individuals and develop a foundation for success in high school, in college, and in life. At St. John's Jesuit Academy, we believe that the middle school years for boys are important as they head toward adulthood leaving childhood behind. It is critical for boys at this age to take responsibility for their learning—a responsibility and a discipline that will last a lifetime.

# Outstanding Academics



ONE OF THE REASONS THAT ST. JOHN'S JESUIT is so highly regarded among educators and national colleges and universities is because it stresses a curriculum that challenges our students. The same is stressed in the Academy where our students take a full course load that includes English, science, math, social studies, theology, world language, fine arts, enrichment and physical education.

For high-achieving Academy students, high school classes are offered in math, science, and world languages. St. John's Jesuit provides academic assistance for all students through its A+ Learning Center which is staffed full time with learning specialists and tutors available in every subject. The Academy works closely with each student to set academic goals that are both measurable and attainable. St. John's Jesuit Academy uses 1:1 iPad classroom technology. Students use their device in class, for homework, and as a study aid. The iPads function as a perfect tool for helping the boys manage their assignments and personal calendars.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Capstone Project

Every 8th Grader is required to complete a capstone project prior to graduation. The 8th Grade Capstone Project teaches personal responsibility, accountability, and small group collaboration—skills essential to almost any future career. The tasks involved are the foundation of success in high school and challenge Academy 8th graders to read, think, write, create, act, evaluate, and document a significant event. Students transition from simply knowing to doing. Students are asked to consider a topic, then analyze, evaluate, research, and interpret an aspect of it. Next, they are assigned to work in small groups, identifying a topic-related problem or challenge, then devising and implementing a solution. At the end of this process, students assess the impact of their actions. Finally, students work in groups to create a documentary video to explain their processes and make an oral presentation before a Faculty Evaluation Committee.



# Hands-on Learning



**H**ands-on learning is paramount in the Academy. The school year has a calendar that is filled with exciting field trips to places that reinforce the curriculum such as Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama; the Cincinnati Freedom Center; the Newport Aquarium in Kentucky; and trips to Washington, D.C. and Chicago. Classes also visit the Toledo Museum of Art; Holy Rosary Cathedral; and the OSU Stone Lab. The SJJ Academy has an on-site greenhouse where students can grow various plant specimens, conduct experiments and learn about the environment. As a benefit to enrollment at grade six, SJJ offers the **2+2+2 Program**. Each 6th grader can choose from a list provided by the Administrator, two overnight field trips, two school-day field trips, and two full-day field trips at no additional cost. These opportunities enhance the learning experience as well as the bond between classmates.

On campus, the Makers' Space is a lab in which students can learn, collaborate, work in teams, and create objects or projects using software and tools geared toward a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. The Makers' Space can be used for working on Lego Robotics, building R/C airplanes, coding with drones and Sphero Sprk+ robots, and using 3-D printers to create and print models. Additional technologies have recently enhanced a student's experience in the Makers' Space including zSpace VR/AR computer stations, podcasting equipment, and white board tables ideal for group projects. Students learn more about many content areas while also being able to view and manipulate models in virtual/augmented reality. The Makers' Space is always adapting to new technologies that accommodate the creativity of every kind of student.





# SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**T**he mission of St. John's Jesuit is to develop Christian leaders. St. John's is committed to teaching young men about the grace of God and living their faith each day as men for others. Faith is the foundation of the SJJ experience. Students attend Mass regularly, participate in Theology classes, and attend annual class retreats where they can put aside daily pressures and concentrate on strengthening their relationship with God and each other.

SJJA promotes becoming men for others through Christian Service. Academy students are called to share their gifts and to reach out to improve the quality of life in our community. Campus Ministry is a welcoming place where students can put their faith into action and develop their relationship with God. Through structured activities and comforting conversations, SJJA is a place of deep faith where students begin to be developed as men for others. Even the youngest Titans give of their time and love to serve others. Students visit the elderly, collect food for the poor, and build relationships with those in need.



*"The Academy is an inviting place where students can grow in their knowledge and practice of their faith. Service and retreat days supplement what students learn in the classroom, and regular opportunities to pray and to celebrate the Eucharist help develop their spiritual lives. Most importantly, the Academy offers a wholesome and caring environment in which Christ-like love characterizes the day."* – FR. BRIAN LEHANE, S.J.

# Social Development

**B**oys will be boys. They are active. They are noisy. They are funny. They are complex. They are growing and changing at a rapid rate. They are searching for who they are and for what they do best. They are accepted for who they are in the Academy!

Every day students meet in small mentor groups that foster relationships between faculty and students as well as allow students to bond with each other. Small mentor groups provide opportunities to connect and share information that can be helpful to students, from social issues to hints for studying for a test.

Mentor groups are made up of a cross section of grade levels, incorporating the Gurian Institute's philosophy of providing healthy competitions both in and out of the classroom to reinforce accountability and personal best effort.



**T**he Academy offers a range of activities that allow boys to explore new worlds, including art, band, chorus, theater, special interest clubs, team sports, and leadership opportunities. Academy students perform in annual Christmas concerts, either singing in the Chorus or playing an instrument in the Middle School Orchestra. Academy students have multiple ways to try something new through the enrichment period. Offered during the school day, enrichment classes are student-inspired. Offerings rotate periodically and have included or currently include classes such as cooking, robotics, boat-building, wood building, self-defense, math enrichment, jewelry-making, drones, yearbook, and podcasting.

Special interest clubs have included an award-winning Lego Robotics Team, Chess Team, Book Club, Guitar Club, and Games Club. Academy students also have the opportunity to compete in the Geography Bee, History Bee, Math Counts, and Quiz Bowl. Students enjoy preparing for these national and state programs and competing with other middle school students to test their mastery of a specific subject.

# Titan Athletics

**B**oys love sports! 80% of Academy students participate in a sport. The Academy stays active with football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, track, cross country, baseball, tennis, golf, wrestling, and indoor soccer teams.

The Academy competes locally in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and various other leagues. Teams are coached by parent volunteers and SJJ faculty and staff.



## ACADEMY SPORTS TEAMS

- Football
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Track
- Cross Country
- Baseball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Wrestling
- Indoor Soccer

*“Catholic education gives soul to the world”*

– POPE FRANCIS



## A PLACE FOR Families...

It's a family affair at the Academy! There are wonderful opportunities for families to connect and join in the fun at Academy activities. The Academy sponsors multiple student dances each year. Every year family events are planned such as movie nights, fall tailgate parties, the Father/Son Golf Outing, New Family Welcome Dinner, Grandparent Mass & Breakfast, Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads, and more.



# SJJA Student Services

## The Academy A+ Learning Center

All Academy students are welcome in the A+ Learning Center. Tutors and learning specialists can assist students with studying for tests, writing skills, or solving complex math problems. It is open from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 3:15 p.m. on Friday.

## Carty Fox Commons

The Carty Fox Commons is the gathering place at SJJ. The Commons opens at 7:00 a.m. and the Food Court serves breakfast, lunch and after school snacks.

## Iott Center

The Iott Center features an impressive library and comfortable seating and study areas for students. The Iott Center includes the High School's A+ Learning Center, and Writing Lab. It is open from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 3:15 p.m. on Friday.

## The Lyden Fitness Center

The Lyden Fitness Center provides fitness equipment and personal training for student athletes and everyone interested in physical fitness. Adult supervisors are on duty at all times to ensure safety. It is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

## Transportation

Yellow bus service is provided for SJJA students in the public school districts of Anthony Wayne, Perrysburg, Maumee, Sylvania, and Springfield Toledo Public Schools offers TARTA bus passes.

SJJ yellow bus and van accommodations are available for most students who do not have transportation options. The route is evaluated every year as student needs change. An online application must be submitted.

## Scholarships

### **Ron Miller Alumni Scholarship**

Sons of SJJ graduates are eligible to receive \$3,000 per year/per son for students entering grades 6 and 7.

### **Brother's Discount**

\$450 for each additional son enrolled concurrently at St. John's Jesuit.

### **Blue and Gold Awards (one per parent)**

#### **Catholic Employee Scholarship**

Sons of an employee at a Catholic institution are eligible to receive \$2,000 per year/per student.

#### **Military and First Responder Scholarship**

Sons of parents who serve in the military or as first responders including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, and other trained members of organizations connected with this type of work are eligible to receive \$2,000 per year/per student.

#### **Educator Scholarship**

Sons of public or private school educators are eligible to receive \$2,000 per year/per student.

#### **State Sponsored Scholarships**

##### **Ed Choice**

Awarded to students living in a low-performing public-school district; Application and awarded by the Ohio Department of Education

##### **Jon Peterson**

Awarded to students with a qualifying disability; Application and awarded by the Ohio Department of Education; Contact the SJJ A+ Learning Center at 419-720-0715 for more information.

## Financial Assistance

We understand the rising cost of education and how it affects a family's budget. A good education is not cheap, but it is an investment that is priceless. At St. John's Jesuit, no qualified applicant will be denied enrollment for financial reasons. If you have decided that St. John's Jesuit is the place for your son, we can help you make it happen financially. St. John's Jesuit has over \$3 million in tuition assistance available. More than 70 percent of our students receive financial assistance.

Please contact the Admissions Office at 419.720.0797 for information on tuition and fees. For specific questions regarding scholarships and tuition assistance, contact Laura Hoyt, Financial Aid and Scholarship Officer at [lhoyt@sjjtitan.org](mailto:lhoyt@sjjtitan.org).



# Something Special

Students take pride in belonging to St. John's Jesuit  
and know that it means something special to be a Titan.

**T**here is a special something about the SJJ Academy. Students enthusiastically endorse their school and all that it means to belong to St. John's Jesuit. Students wear their Academy blue and gold ties with pride. They are proud to be called Titans. Even in the middle school years, they understand the importance of setting academic goals. They work hard to accomplish more, to become more all for the greater glory of God.



*"Academy students are prepared for much more than the rigor of high school academics. Young men learn decision-making skills, how to manage their time, and take ownership of their work. Above all else, they are developed to be men for others."*

– MICHAEL J. SAVONA '75  
PRESIDENT, ST. JOHN'S JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL & ACADEMY

## Academy Alumni Shine

- From 2014-2019, ten Academy graduates have been named National Merit and Commended Scholars.
- Academy students aspire to leadership positions in the high school serving on Student Council, as team captains, and as leaders in service organizations.
- Seventeen Academy students have been honored as valedictorians and salutatorians of their class from 2014-2019.
- Academy alumni have received merit based scholarships and enrolled at prestigious colleges and universities including: Stanford University, University of Notre Dame, United States Naval Academy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Northwestern University.



ST. JOHN'S JESUIT  
MISSION STATEMENT

*St. John's Jesuit develops Christian leaders.  
As a Catholic school in the Jesuit tradition,  
we inspire each student to achieve his greatest potential  
in a diverse, Christ-centered atmosphere  
distinguished by academic success  
and service as a man for others.*