

Welcome to Saint Joseph ó Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School! As your child enters **Junior High**, it is important that you know what he/she is going to be studying throughout the middle school years. Indiana State Standards create the framework for each junior high content area. The Indiana Academic State Standards can be found at:  
<http://www.doe.in.gov/standards>

In addition to what is listed, individual teachers may and will choose to teach additional concepts and skills based on the needs and interests of his/her students. Classrooms within a building and across the district will vary regarding the strategies, techniques, and activities used to meet these objectives.

Your interest, commitment, and involvement in your child's education are greatly appreciated and necessary. With the home and school working together, communicating frequently, and having common goals, each child should find success and be rewarded for his/her efforts.

Educationally and spiritually yours,

Miss Lois Widner  
SJSE Principal

## ENGLISH

**National Writing Contests** at teacher discretion (some required, some as extra credit)

**Journalism Club**-group of students that write, edit and produce a quarterly newsletter

- Invest Write
- Career Profiles research project
- Collaborative writing projects
- Spelling Bee
- ACPL research field trip
- Allen County Courthouse field trip

## RELIGION

St. Joseph ó Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School is founded by faith and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Please refer to the Junior High Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines. Copies are available at <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/>

Some of the highlights I of Junior High Religion include the following:

- Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines
- Faithful Citizenship
- Sacrament preparation
- Role playing
- Personal reflection
- Service Projects
- Latest textbooks & classroom technology to ensure religious education is in touch with real world learning
- Special Intentions box for students to write anonymous prayers for others
- Spirit Pals - Each 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student is paired with a primary student. Throughout the year, they participate in special activities including going to Mass, making gifts for each other, and an end of the year picnic

## ART

DBAE (Discipline-Based Art Education)

Aesthetics, Art criticism,

Art history, Art production

Cross-curriculum: math, reading, writing

Multicultural projects

Grading criteria: Time, Thought, Effort, Craftsmanship

Drawing/painting (2-D), sculpture (3-D), pottery,

watercolor, mixed media, architect design, printmaking,

book illustration, etc

Artist in Residence

FAME Festival (Foundation of Art, Music, and Education)

FWMOA's Gallery on Wheels

Lutheran Hospital Art Show

FWMOA's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

## LITERATURE

- Vocabulary workshop (SAT prep)
- Literature Circles
- Leveled Library
- Dramas
- Critical Thinking
- Note Taking Skills
- SmartBoard and PowerPoint

## MATHEMATICS

**Pi Day**- The celebration of Pi on 3.14 (March 14th). Students explore the meaning and use of Pi throughout several hands-on activities.

**Math Club** - Students get the opportunity to explore the fun side of math outside a traditional math class. We explore problems through games, puzzles, and collaborative learning one afternoon a week.

**Math Team** - Eight selected students compete in a math competition.

## SCIENCE

**Lego Robotics – Science / Technology elective**

Students first build a simple Lego Robot. Students then learn how to program some basic maneuvers before they begin to complete the various missions presented to them.

**Rube Goldberg Challenge – Sixth grade** Challenge is to complete a simple task in many steps. Problem solving, critical thinking and team work are components of this challenge.

**Roller Coaster Challenge – Sixth grade**

Students are placed in groups with a goal of creating a roller coaster made of construction paper and masking tape. A marble is used as the car. Points are awarded based on tricks, success of the coaster, and correct labeling using Newton's Laws of Motion.

**Crime Scene – 8<sup>th</sup> grade** Challenge is to use critical thinking and problem solving. Students complete real lab investigations to help solve the crime.

**Camp Potawatomi – 8<sup>th</sup> grade** -Three day leadership building camp for 8<sup>th</sup> grade to learn how to listen, work together to solve problems, complete tasks through critical thinking, and to learn to become leaders.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Some of the highlights of Junior High Social Studies include the following:

- Weekly Current Event reports
- Geography Centers  
6<sup>th</sup> grade: US, Canada, Central America, Mexico, West Indies, South America, Europe  
  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: Asia, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand  
  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: Early American through Reconstruction, American history
- Stock Market Program  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Regional placing 2009
- ðWe the Peopleö  
3<sup>rd</sup> Overall & 3 unit awards 2009 (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Biz Town
- Finance Park
- Era Day  
Cultural Voyage

## SPANISH

- Celebrate Dia de los Muertos, La Navidad, Las Posadas, La Pascua, El Cinco de Mayo, etc
- Learn and sing Spanish hip-hop songs
- Learn and sing authentic nursery rhymes and songs
- Learn and recite prayers
- Hispanic Heritage Month power point project (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Create a restaurant menu (7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Write and recite a poem (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Golf field trip to Bobicks Golf Center
- Bowling field trip to Village Bowl
- Field Day at Spiece Fieldhouse
- American Heart Association Hoops for Heart
- Fitness program with heart rate monitors
- Sports units: basketball, soccer, football, volleyball, speedminton, ultimate Frisbee, golf and bowling
- Emphasize the importance of daily physical activity

## SHOW CHOIR

Students in Brooklyn Street Singers will be working on more advanced rhythms, reading music, and the use of dynamics and learning to perform on stage. The singers will also, this year, learn techniques on proper singing ó breathing from the diaphragm, proper vowel placement in the mouth and lift - especially when dancing at the same time. We integrate all of this with dance and movement that reflects the musical style and lyrics of the pieces we are performing. Show Choir performances include: Sing For Your Supper, Arts Celebration in March at St. Elizabethæ, Christmas songs at Sweetwater Sound for the annual Sounds of the Season, compete in four local show choir competitions: Northrop HS, Columbia City HS, Bishop Luers HS, and Homestead HS.

## CYO SPORTS **(Catholic Youth Organization)**

The following sports are offered for grades 5-8: Football, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Track, Softball, and Cross Country

**Junior High students also participate in Library, Technology, and Mass twice a week. Band, guitar, advanced P.E., advanced art, and public speaking can be taken as electives.**

Saint Joseph -  
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Academic Highlights

Junior High



*TWO CAMPUSES*  
*-One School*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Campus  
Grades PreK-4  
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