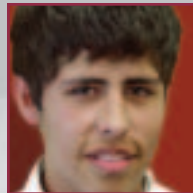
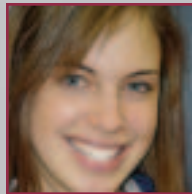




Keeping Faith

One Holy Catholic Apostolic





Thunderous Spirit


OUR PASSION AND PURPOSE

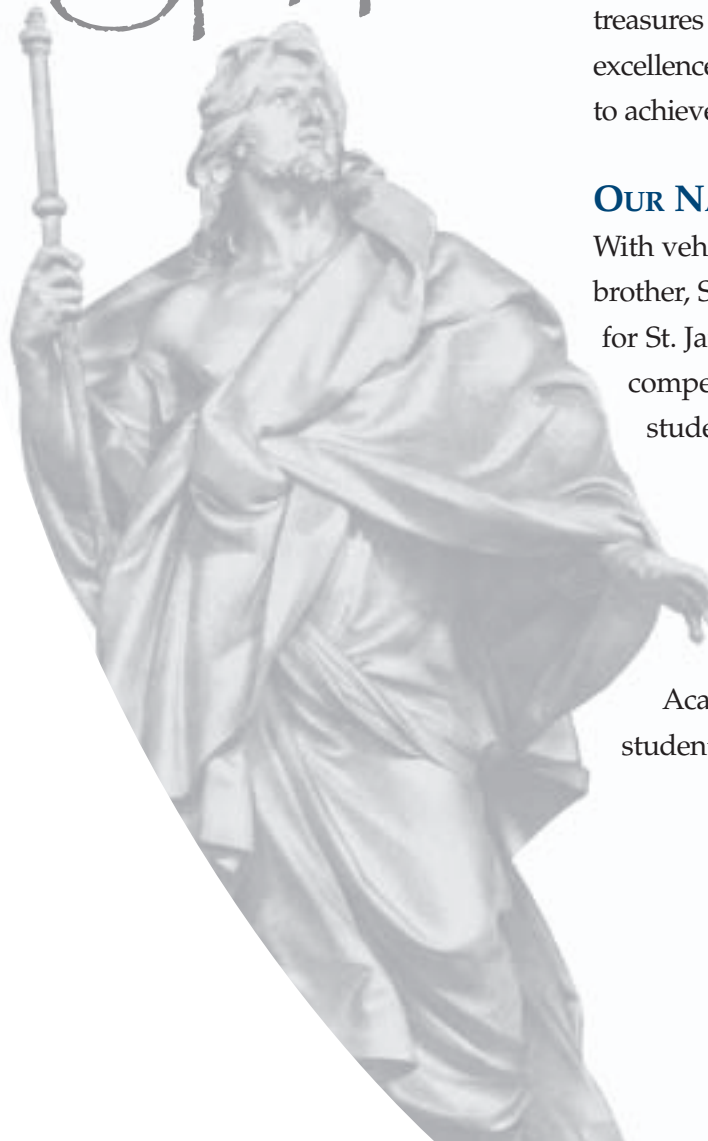
St. James Academy, the newest Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, welcomed its first class in the 2005-06 school year. Built to satisfy the increasing demand for Catholic secondary education, our school exists first and foremost to pass along the teachings, traditions and treasures of the Catholic faith. St. James Academy also strives to uphold the highest standards of excellence in all academic, athletic and extracurricular endeavors. Students and staff are challenged to achieve their best and to demonstrate the strength of their faith by their example.

OUR NAMESAKE AND INSPIRATION

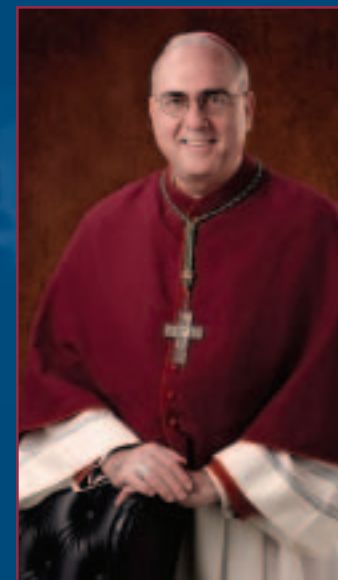
With vehemence of character and at times unrestrained zeal of purpose, St. James the Apostle and his brother, St. John, earned the name "Sons of Thunder." That powerful, fervent spirit is the inspiration for St. James Academy's Catholic fidelity, student-focused energy, compassionate fellowship, and competitive intensity. In the chapel and the classroom, on the field, and out in the community, our students aspire to be models of discipleship in the image of St. James.

OUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

St. James Academy espouses the belief that all students can learn and excel with proper guidance, spiritual support, and an environment in which they feel comfortable sharing and exploring their talents, knowledge and faith. True to these convictions, St. James Academy is unique in the greater Kansas City area for its uplifting prayer experiences, excellent student-teacher relationships, and outstanding, new facilities. 



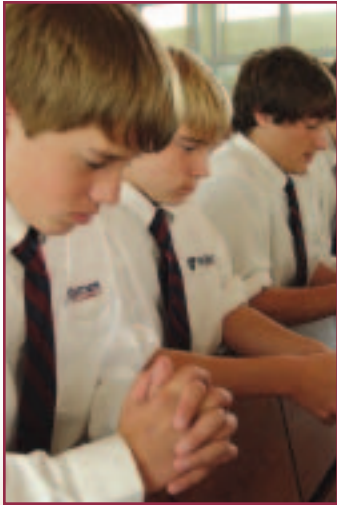
“St. James Academy represents the very best in Catholic Education. I am excited and enthused by the commitment of the faculty and staff of St. James Academy to integrate into every subject and activity the beauty and wisdom of our Catholic faith. St. James Academy is committed to fostering, in each of its students, a love for Jesus and His Church. The young people coming to St. James are given the opportunity to develop their talents and abilities in order to glorify the Lord, who is the source of all those gifts. I look forward to the future contribution that the current students of St. James Academy, who are being so well educated and formed in their Catholic faith, will make to the life of the Church.”



Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,


Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

Constancy of Charisms



PUTTING PRINCIPLES OF FAITH INTO PRACTICE


The real lesson taught at St. James Academy is that the charisms of our faith should be inseparable from the lives we lead. These charisms are One Holy Catholic and Apostolic. To live out the charisms and complete the spiritual landscape offered at St. James Academy, students, staff and faculty participate in spiritual direction, retreats, service to others, and an expectation of Christian behavior towards one another.

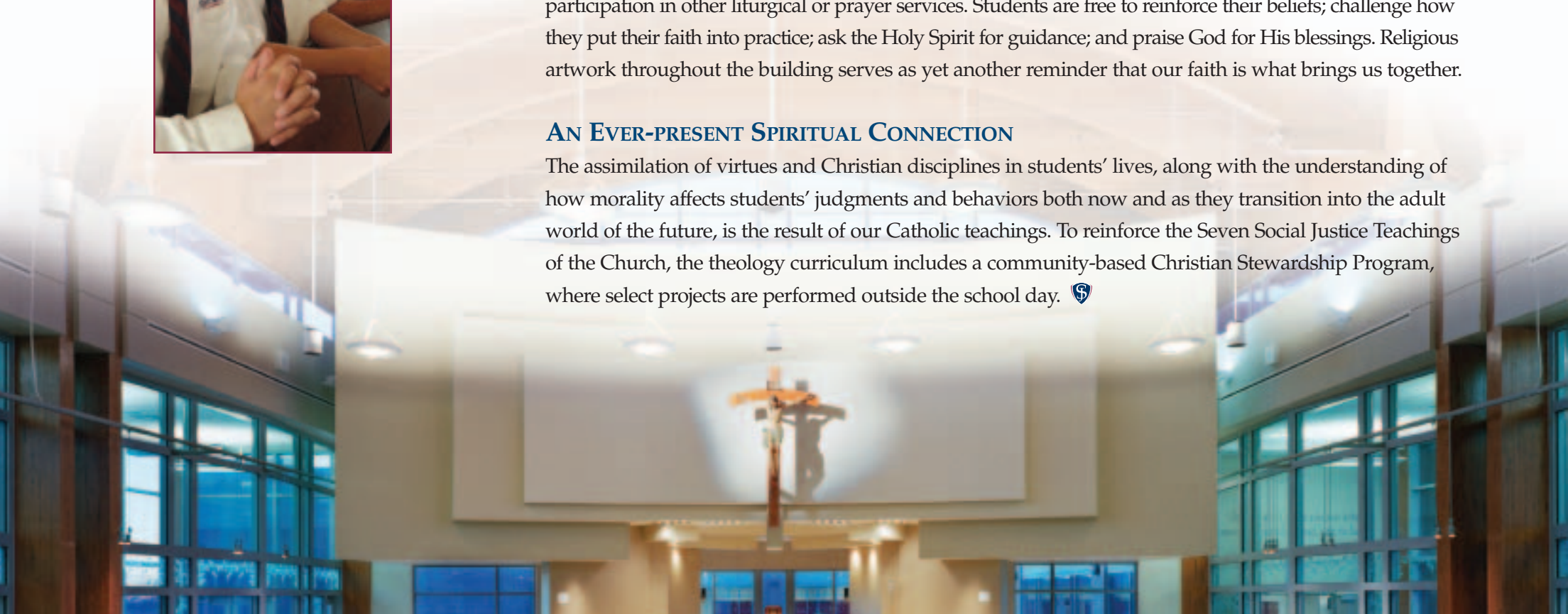
THE CHAPEL IS THE HEART OF THE CAMPUS

From the moment you enter into the gathering space, you get a sense of the profound focus placed on spiritual enrichment. The chapel is figuratively and literally the center of the school, and it is a palpable reminder of the constant impact and influence of the Catholic faith in all that students do and strive to become.

The vibrant, spiritual atmosphere is both refreshing and inviting. Its welcome connection to students is exhibited by their attendance at daily Mass, through personal quiet time and reflection, and through participation in other liturgical or prayer services. Students are free to reinforce their beliefs; challenge how they put their faith into practice; ask the Holy Spirit for guidance; and praise God for His blessings. Religious artwork throughout the building serves as yet another reminder that our faith is what brings us together.

AN EVER-PRESENT SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

The assimilation of virtues and Christian disciplines in students' lives, along with the understanding of how morality affects students' judgments and behaviors both now and as they transition into the adult world of the future, is the result of our Catholic teachings. To reinforce the Seven Social Justice Teachings of the Church, the theology curriculum includes a community-based Christian Stewardship Program, where select projects are performed outside the school day. 



Student Experience

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

St. James Academy school days are segmented according to a modified block schedule. This allows students to see every teacher at least three days a week, while other days are set up for longer periods of instruction.

Beyond basic required courses, such as Math, English, Science, Foreign Language and Theology, a variety of electives is offered. Students who qualify may also register for advanced or college-credit level courses. Refer online to: www.stjamesthunder.org, and click on "Admissions" for a link to a downloadable, current course catalog.

ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports and club-related activities are a vital part of the St. James Academy experience, creating a culture of faith-filled student-athletes. With such a wide variety of offerings, there's literally something for everyone. These activities teach teamwork, camaraderie, leadership, and further develop students' God-given talents. New clubs and activities are encouraged and will be added at the initiation of students and by the approval of the administration.

Fall Sports: Football • Boy's Soccer • Girl's Volleyball • Cross Country* • Girl's Golf • Girl's Tennis

Winter Sports: Boy's Basketball • Girl's Basketball • Wrestling • Boy's Swimming & Diving

• Bowling*

Spring Sports: Track & Field* • Baseball • Softball • Boy's Golf • Girl's Swimming & Diving

• Boy's Tennis • Girl's Soccer

Activities: Debate* • Forensics* • Crimson Thunder Performance Squad • Spirit Club* • Newspaper*

• Yearbook* • Student Government* • National Honor Society* • Choir* • Band*

*Provided for both boys and girls. 



Outward Reaching

All enrolling students are encouraged to apply for financial assistance.

No student will be turned away as a result of financial hardship.

Providing the opportunity for many young people to experience our faith-based curriculum is a priority of this administration.

EXPANDING HORIZONS THROUGH EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

The goal of external partnerships at St. James Academy is not just to prepare students to perform at the highest levels in their chosen careers and avocations, but also to develop the whole person through an understanding of each individual's responsibilities to the broader community. We strive to refine thinking skills that will have a direct application in society and in business, and we teach students how to offer their time, talents and treasures for the benefit of others.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS

These partnerships are designed for students to engage in community-service projects through cooperation with a variety of organizations dedicated to serving those in special need of help. The students cherish their experience and marvel at the difference they can make.


CATHOLIC ADULT & YOUTH MINISTRIES

These programs are open to all Catholics—young children, teenagers and adults—who seek continued spiritual growth, guidance and enlightenment. On-going Catholic adult formation is a critical part of this.

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Many well-respected local businesses have established alliances with St. James Academy to provide needed services and assistance or to offer support through financial sponsorships. Professional business people in a variety of fields have also consulted with our school administrators on developing curricula that is most appropriate and advantageous for students to apply in future, real-world work environments.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

These partnerships give students a taste of college life and expectations. They may take the form of school visits, participation in college-credit courses, or attendance at seminars conducted by college or university teachers or administrators. 

Nurturing Growth

A COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

St. James Academy features an innovative architectural design that utilizes space more efficiently to create a variety of collaborative or independent learning environments. Spaces can be flexibly arranged in different size configurations to accommodate different groups or “student communities.” Related class subjects, when appropriate, can also be taught in joint sessions. This helps students discover the significance of historical or rational influences on each.


Class Settings: Collaborative Commons • Lecture Rooms • Project Rooms • Focus Rooms
• Independent Learning Stations • Reflective Enclaves • Library/Media Center • Fine Arts

The advantage of these various independent or integrated learning environments is that they enhance interactions, stimulate creativity, allow for more open discussions, and enable learning at various paces.

TECHNOLOGY AT THE CORE

Realizing the great importance of technology in all facets of learning, St. James Academy demonstrates foresight and leadership in providing all students and staff with laptop computers. Consequently, students have a constant resource at their fingertips.

Purpose of Computer Utilization: Expand/explore learning • Monitor student progress
• Provide updates on grades & attendance • Alert students & parents to important meetings, activities & events • Assist students in collaboration • Minimize rote learning • Prepare students for technological advances of the future

Our technology enhances textbook lessons. While textbooks are available in the classrooms, teaching takes place through various mediums. Online resources have been invaluable study tools in several classes. Technology is also what brings students together as a community, demonstrated each morning when early arriving students are gathered in small groups with their laptops open, helping each other study, sharing tips and working on group projects. Especially awe-inspiring are the electronic presentations made during prayer services and masses. 





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