

# St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School



2009 Open House

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## Mission Statement

**We are Catholic. The Gospel is the foundation and purpose of all that we do. Therefore, we seek to form young men and women in the image of Jesus Christ. This formation is the deliberate effort of administration, faculty, and parents. We strive to help students grow spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially. This will prepare them to take up their personal and social responsibility in the City of Man during their pilgrimage toward the City of God.**

## HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

*The Sisters of Charity opened St. Joseph by-the-Sea in September, 1963, to meet the needs of a rapidly growing South Shore community. Each succeeding year saw the school grow in students and faculty. Since the first graduates in 1967, more than 8,500 students have earned their Sea diplomas.*

*In 1973, the school entered a new phase in its history when a diocesan priest was appointed principal and the school began admitting young men.*

*In 1982, four new classrooms were added and, in 1983 an 11-acre sports complex was completed. In 1992, an Olympic-size track was built to accommodate a co-ed student body of 1,400 students. In 1995, a new 3,000 square foot Music Wing was completed and dedicated by John Cardinal O'Connor, and in 1996, field seating capacity was expanded to 2,010.*

*The Msgr. Thomas Gaffney auditorium was dedicated in December 1999. In September of 2001, Sea opened a television studio which features student broadcasts to the student body three times a week. In November 2001, Edward Cardinal Egan dedicated a new 5,000 square foot physical fitness center with the latest equipment.*

*In September of 2002, we opened our new chemistry lab and in September of 2003 our newly renovated biology and physics labs were available for science classes. Meanwhile, in June of 2003 our main gymnasium was completely refurbished. In June of 2004, Sea became the first Catholic high school in New York City to install Field Turf. Over the summer, our Track and Tennis Courts have undergone complete renovations. In 2006, the Baseball Field and the Softball Field were re-surfaced with Field Turf completing Viking Park and providing additional practice space for all of our teams.*

*The faculty of sixty-five consists of diocesan priests, Sisters of Charity, Franciscan Sisters, Sisters of the I.H.M. Community, and lay men and women.*

## SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

*St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School is a private Catholic school which exists to afford young men and women the opportunity to come to appreciate that every person has been created by God in His image and likeness, was redeemed by Christ, and is destined to become one with God.*

*Here, education is the deliberate effort of the administration, faculty, and parents to assist our young people in the development of their spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical, social and aesthetic potential through instruction, discipline and example.*

*We offer, therefore, an education rooted in Gospel values. We expect students to develop an awareness and sensitivity for these values and for the basic principles of American democracy by practicing them in their lives.*

*Our ultimate goal is to help develop responsible persons who will use their virtues and talents in making the world a better place. In cooperation with the home, the church, and the state, we communicate knowledge, truth, and a sense of justice in order to give students the ability to exercise responsible choices in their lives.*

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to St. Joseph by-the-Sea is competitive and based primarily on the TACHS exam. All applicants are required to take this standardized aptitude and achievement test. Selection is based on our own formula for interpreting the scores obtained on the exam. Sea only considers first and second choice applicants.

Applicants must be Baptized Roman Catholics and must be confirmed or willing to make Confirmation. **This is an absolute requirement without exceptions.**

The number of boys and girls accepted into the freshman year is based on our overall enrollment objectives. Usually, 200 boys and 200 girls are admitted.

**THOSE STUDENTS WHO INDICATE ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA AS THEIR FIRST CHOICE WILL BE GIVEN PRIMARY CONSIDERATION FOR ADMISSION AND OFFERS OF SCHOLARSHIP.**

## Spiritual Life at Sea



*St. Joseph by-the-Sea is a Catholic High School and, as such, the Faith is the foundation and purpose of everything that we do.*

*We seek to give our students a positive experience of Catholic devotional life. We want the students to practice the faith because they choose to. This is accomplished by offering a large number of devotions and encouraging attendance through student leadership provided by our Holy Name Society and Ladies of Charity.*

*Mass is celebrated in the school chapel each morning at 7:30. In addition, the student body assembles to celebrate the Mass at various other times throughout the year. Each homeroom chooses a patron saint and is invited to attend a special homeroom Mass.*

*Priests are available for confessions in the chapel during*

*lunch periods each Thursday and each student participates in a Day of Renewal.*

*Other opportunities for spiritual growth include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of the month, Stations of the Cross on Friday's during Lent, an annual May Crowning and outdoor Eucharistic Procession, and Rosary devotions.*

*Through Holy Name and Ladies of Charity, our students are afforded the opportunity to collect food and clothing for the needy, visit hospital patients and the elderly, and engage in various other charitable activities.*

*Our young men and women also teach religious education in various parishes and work as volunteers in area nursing homes and hospitals.*

*Parents and families are invited to attend a monthly Family Holy Hour in the Chapel on the first Monday of each month.*

## THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF STUDIES

*St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School is accredited by the New York State Board of Regents and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Our program of studies follows not only the requirements of the state and Archdiocese of New York, but also the special requirements set by the Curriculum Committee of St. Joseph by-the-Sea.*

*The courses of instruction follow the prescribed syllabi of the State of New York and the curriculum outlines prepared by the different academic disciplines at St. Joseph by-the-Sea.*

*Our courses of study are strictly college preparatory. St. Joseph by-the-Sea offers a Scholars' Program and a College Preparatory Program to meet the needs and abilities of the individual student.*

*The Scholars' Program is an honors program offered to those students who qualify academically. Admission into this program is based on the students' TACHS scores.*

*St. Joseph by-the-Sea is not staffed to provide for IEP students with special needs.*

### Courses of Study

#### Ninth Grade

##### Scholars' Program

*The Catholic Faith H  
English 9 H  
Global Studies 9 H  
Algebra RH or Geometry RH  
Living Environment RH  
Accelerated Spanish  
Italian II  
Latin I (required)  
Computer Writing Lab I: Grammar/Writing Skills  
Public Speaking  
Physical Education*

##### College Prep Program

*The Catholic Faith  
English 9  
Global Studies 9  
Algebra R or Geometry R  
Living Environment R  
Spanish I, II  
Italian I, II  
Computer Writing Lab I: Grammar/Writing Skills  
Public Speaking  
Physical Education*

#### Advanced Regents Diploma

**New York State requires the following exams for a regents diploma:**

- Two Year Global Studies
- US History
- Three Year English
- Biology
- Algebra and Geometry

**New York State requires the following additional exams for an Advanced Regents Diploma:**

- A second science (Earth Science or Physics)
- Three Year Foreign Language (Italian or Spanish)
- Algebra II/Trigonometry

**To receive a Sea diploma, a student must pass all of the above plus the following:**

- Chemistry
- Latin (Scholars Program only)

#### Tenth Grade

*Scripture Studies  
English 10 or English 10H  
Global Studies 10R or Global Studies 10RH  
Geometry R or Trigonometry R  
Chemistry RH, R  
Italian II or Spanish II  
Spanish III R and Latin II (required of those in Scholars' Program)  
PSAT Verbal Skills  
PSAT Math Skills  
Physical Education*

#### Eleventh Grade

*Church History\*\*\*\*  
English 11R or English 11 RH\*\*  
U.S. History & Government R or A.P. U.S. History\*\*\*  
Algebra 2/Trigonometry or Algebra 2R/Trigonometry RH\*\*\*  
Pre-Calculus\*\*\*  
Physics R  
Spanish III R or Italian III R,  
Latin III(required of those in Scholars' Program)\*\*  
Western Art and Music  
Health  
Writing Lab II: Research Paper Skills*

#### Twelfth Grade

*Catholic Morality\*\*\*\**

*Physics or one of the following:  
AP Biology\*\*, College Chemistry\*\*,  
or College Physics\*\**

*Participation in Government and Economics or one of the following:  
AP Government\*\*\*\* or  
Western Civilization\*\*\**

*English 12 or AP English\*\*\**

*Physical Education*

*College Algebra and Trigonometry or one of the following: AP Calculus\*\*\*, College Calculus\*\*\*, Pre-Calculus\*\*\**

*Introduction to Analytical Writing\*\*\*  
Speech Composition and Presentation\*\*\**

R - Regents  
H - Honors  
RH—Regents Honors  
\*\* St. John's University  
\*\*\*SUNY Albany  
\*\*\*\*Iona College

# ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Intramural Sports</u>
Baseball Basketball Bowling Cross Country Football Golf Ice Hockey Lacrosse Rifle Team Soccer Swimming & Diving Tennis Track Wrestling	Basketball Bowling Cheerleading Cross Country Football Cheerleaders Golf Rifle Team Soccer Softball Swimming & Diving Tennis Track Volleyball	Aerobics Basketball Bowling Football Track Volleyball Weight Training Wrestling
		

## VIKING PARK: SEA'S ELEVEN ACRE SPORT'S COMPLEX

- 2 gymnasiums;
- State-of-the-art Fitness Center;
- an Olympic-size track refurbished in the Spring of 2005;
- Joe Ryan Memorial Field, the first of its kind in New York City, a Field Turf football/soccer field complete with press box, scoreboard, and seating for more than 2000 fans;
- 3 tennis courts refurbished in the Spring of 2005;
- Baseball Stadium complete with Field Turf, bleachers, and dugouts;
- Softball Stadium complete with Field Turf, bleachers, and dugouts;
- Extensive Field Turf practice fields.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Altar Servers Art Club Book Club Chess Club C.C.D. Teachers Chorus Communion and Liberation Conservation Club Dance Committees Film Club	Future Business Leaders of America History and Current Events Club Holy Name Society Hospital Aides I.T.V. Team Ladies of Charity Lectors National Honor Society Newspaper - <i>Viking Press</i> Performing Arts	Sea Surfing Association Senior Brothers and Sisters Speech and Debate Spring Musical Stitchery Club Student Council Television Studio – WSJS-TV Theater Party Club Tutoring Club Yearbook - <i>Saga</i>
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### MUSIC PROGRAM



### TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Sea has both an instrumental and vocal program available for all students. The Concert Band, Marching Band, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble and Choral Group perform at parades, concerts, regional and state competitions, athletic events and school ceremonies. The concert and jazz bands have received countless medals and vocal soloists have received top honors at the New York State School Music Association's Competition. The Marching Band and Color Guard took the third place award in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade the first time they marched. Other opportunities for music at Sea are the Spring Musical and the Liturgical Ensemble.

Sea has outstanding computer facilities available to all students. As Freshmen, all students take a writing lab in conjunction with English 9 aimed at improving basic writing skills. Juniors take a writing lab in conjunction with American History focused on writing research papers typically required by college professors. Seniors take Introduction to Analytical Writing which can earn them three credits with SUNY Albany.

All courses are taught in a state-of-the-art computer lab. Any student may take advantage of the newly expanded Electronic Reference Center in the library and in three computer labs.

## Family Association

*Since its inception, St. Joseph by-the-Sea has been uniquely blessed with an active and effective Family Association. The Association is made up of the total community: parents, students, faculty, and administration. It has played a significant role in the life of St. Joseph's and continues to do so by fulfilling its pledge to raise money for the benefit of the students who are currently enrolled in the school.*