

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-2010

CEEB code: 335-383

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.

SIZE

1400 students and 70 Faculty
Student-teacher ratio: 20:1

ACCREDITATION

New York State Board of Regents
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Archdiocese of New York

ADMISSIONS

Based on the Archdiocesan-wide entrance exam (TACHS).

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF STUDIES

The program of studies at St. Joseph by-the-Sea follows not only the requirements of the State and the Archdiocese of New York, but also the special requirements set by the school's curriculum committee. The courses of instruction follow the prescribed syllabi of the State of New York and the curriculum outlines prepared by the various academic departments at St. Joseph by-the-Sea. College courses follow the required curricula of the accrediting institutions.

Our courses of study are college preparatory. In addition to the Regents Program, we offer a Scholars Program to meet the needs and abilities of our academically gifted students. Admission to this program is very competitive and is based on the results of an Archdiocesan-wide entrance exam (called TACHS). In addition, some students with high TACHS scores attend St. Joseph by-the-Sea on an academic scholarship, which requires them to maintain a GPA of 90 or higher.

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2009

Average SAT Score (top 10%): Verbal 640 - Math 620 - Writing 670

Average SAT Score (overall): Verbal 530 - Math 540 - Writing 530

Percentage going on to college: 98.6 %

Percentage entering trade school/work force: 0 %

Percentage accepted to their first college choice: 72%

Percentage attending either the State or City University of New York: 43%

Percentage offered financial aid: 61%

Percentage satisfied with their Sea experience: 98.5%

Scholarships awarded: exceeding \$10,000,000

Sampling of colleges and universities accepting recent Sea

Graduates: Harvard, Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Cornell, College of William & Mary, Johns Hopkins, Duke University, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, University of Notre Dame, Boston College, Georgetown, Fordham, Cooper Union, Stevens Institute, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, Boston University, University of North Carolina, Lehigh, NYU, University of Rochester, University of Southern California, Penn State, Syracuse, Northeastern, Drexel, Binghamton, UConn, University of Delaware, NC State.

LETTER GRADE TRANSLATION

Averages earned by the Class of 2010 at the end of 2009 (Junior Year) can be translated according to the following scale:

A+	(95-100)	2%
A	(90-94)	12%
B+	(85-89)	20%
B	(80-84)	25%
C+	(75-79)	19%
C	(70-74)	20%
D	(65-69)	2%
F	Below 65	0%

Median Average: 81.68

Mean Average: 81.79

Highest average: 98.98

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM

College Prep Courses:

These courses are part of our regular program of studies. To preclude grade inflation, teachers of these courses are asked to keep section averages below 80.

Regents Courses: These courses are linked to a standardized test mandated by the state. The state requires six such exams for a Regents Diploma (Global Studies, U.S. History, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, and English). In addition, the state awards an Advanced Regents diploma to students who pass a second science exam, a three year foreign language exam, and the Algebra II Regents exam. **All Sea students must earn an Advanced Regents diploma and, in addition, pass a third science exam.** A suffix of "R" designates such courses on the transcript. The Regents exam grade itself is not included in the course average as per state policy.

Honors Courses: Honors courses are offered for various subjects for grades 9 to 11. A suffix of "H" designates such courses on the transcript and they are weighted at 1.02 in the average. To preclude grade inflation, teachers of these courses are asked to be certain that the section averages for Honors courses do not exceed 90. Honors courses with a Regents exam are designated by the suffix "RH."

College Courses: Juniors and seniors may substitute a college course for a school requirement and receive credit from Iona College, SUNY Albany, and St. John's University. A suffix of

"C" designates these courses on the transcript unless they are also AP courses, in which case they are simply designated as AP. They are weighted at 1.04 in the average.

Sea offers the following college courses for juniors: American Political and Social History I/II (SUNY), Elementary Latin I/II (St. John's), American Authors (St. John's), Church History (Iona), and Pre-Calculus (SUNY).

Sea offers the following college courses for seniors: History of European Civilization I/II (SUNY), Introduction to American Government (Iona), Understanding Politics and Government (Iona), Christian Morality (Iona), Reading Literature (SUNY), World Literature (SUNY), Calculus I/II (SUNY), College Physics I/II (St. John's), General Chemistry I/II (St. John's), Fundamentals of Biology I/II (St. John's), Speech Composition and Presentation (SUNY), and Introduction to Analytical Writing (SUNY).

AP Courses: Sea offers several AP courses which are designated by the prefix "AP" and are weighted as 1.04 in the average. Juniors may take AP U.S. History (also American Political and Social History I/II). Seniors may take AP Biology (also Fundamentals of Biology I/II), AP Calculus (also Calculus I/II), AP English (also Reading Literature and World Literature), AP Government (also Introduction to American Government and Understanding Politics and Government). Reading."

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Four years of Religious Studies;
- Four years of English with a passing grade (65) on the Comprehensive English Regents Exam;
- Four years of Social Studies with a passing grade (65) on both the U.S. History and Global Studies Regents Exams;
- Four years of Mathematics with a passing grade (65) on Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II Regents Exams;
- Four years of Science with a passing grade (65) on the Biology, Chemistry and Earth Science or Physics Regents Exams;
- Three years of Foreign Language (Spanish or Italian) with a passing grade (65) on the Foreign Language Regents Exam; Scholars program students additionally must pass a second (Latin) language Regents
- One Semester each of Freshman English Writing Lab and Freshman Speech;
- One Semester of Sophomore Social Studies Research Writing Lab;
- One Semester each of Art and Music;
- One Semester each of Introduction to Analytical Writing and Speech Composition and Presentation;
- Four Years of Physical Education plus one Semester of Health.

GRADING POLICIES

Grades are numerical at St. Joseph by-the Sea and are administered on a 100 point scale.

The high school does not use a 4.0 scale.

Both cumulative and semester grades are recorded on the transcript. The passing grade for all subjects is 64.5 which is rounded to a 65.

With the exception of Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Phys Ed and Regents Examination grades, all numerical grades are averaged when computing the overall GPA.

When reporting rank in class on college applications, the rank reflects a student's standing in comparison to other students (i.e., 25 in a class of 289). The rank appears on the transcript.

To preclude grade inflation, school policy dictates that courses designated as Honors, College, and AP should have a section averages falling within the range of 85 - 90 and regular courses should have section averages falling within the range of 75 - 80.

The highest marking period grade a student may receive is 99.