St. Joseph Hill Academy

History... Pride... Tradition

A college preparatory school educating young women for over 75 years.



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~Mission Statement~

Saint Joseph Hill Academy High School, in keeping with Christian values and the traditions of the Daughters of Divine Charity, seeks to educate and empower young women to be confident, independent thinkers with strong character and leadership qualities, who stand ready to meet society's challenges.

~A Timeless Tradition of Academic Excellence~

St. Joseph Hill Academy is operated by the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Charity. It is located on a fourteen acre, park-like campus in Staten Island, New York. The enrollment is approximately 460 young women.

Admission into St. Joseph Hill Academy is based upon the results of the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). Students may select SJHA (HS Code #223) as their 1^{st} or 2^{nd} choice. Scholarships are awarded to students who select SJHA as their first choice and who have performed in the top percentiles of both the TACHS <u>and</u> our Scholarship Exam, which is administered to eighth grade students in December each year.

St. Joseph Hill Academy has not and shall not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, or national and ethnic origins in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Academic placement is based upon the results of the TACHS and our placement tests, which are administered after registration in the spring term. Some Ninth Graders will be invited to participate in our Pre AP Program of Studies. Participation in this honors program will be based upon the student's performance on the TACHS exam and 8th grade academic record. Students who passed high school courses (ex. Algebra, Biology) and their associated Regents may be advanced placed into Geometry etc.

The purpose of this program is to prepare more students to take AP level classes, earlier in her HS career. This increases the likelihood that students may become AP Scholars, Scholars with Honor or Scholars with Distinction as specified by the College Board. In 2009, 47 SJHA students earned this designation.

Placement in subsequent years is determined by the student's academic performance and teacher recommendations for Honors, College and AP Level classes.

All classes are College Preparatory level, Honors level, Advanced Placement or College Level with the exception of Physical Education, Health Education and Religious Studies.

While we adhere to the New York State Regents curriculum as the basis for high level instruction, all of our classes challenge the student to achieve her greatest potential. We require all students to take the Regents Examinations necessary to earn an Advance Regents Diploma (Living Environment, Physical Setting (Chemistry/Physics), Integrated Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry, English, Global History, American History, Foreign Language).

<u>~Tuition and Fees for 2011-2012~</u>

This year's tuition is \$7300 -Payable over 11 months from July 1 to May 1 through FACTS Tuition Management Company by Automatic Bank Withdrawal or Credit Card.

- Fees: \$700 Activity Fee includes : selected workbooks, lab fees, standardized tests, yearbooks, retreats
- \$250 for *Fair Share* which covers admission to events such as play tickets, dances etc.

Additional Expenses:

Uniform	approximately \$275	
Shoes	approximately \$60	
Laptop Computer	prices vary	

<u>Scholarships:</u>

Scholarships are awarded based upon the student's academic achievement,

elementary school standardized test scores, the TACHS Entrance Exam and our

Scholarship Test.

Our Scholarship test will take place on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 from

3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The \$50 application fee and the form are due by November 15.

Students who are awarded scholarships are notified in their acceptance letter.

Applications are available in the Open House folder and at our website www.stjhill.org.

<u> ~Classes Offered at St. Joseph Hill Academy~</u>

9th Grade

- Religious Studies 1 English Lit 1 English 1 Honors French 1 Italian 1 Spanish 1
- Latin 1 Algebra Alg/Geo H Biology Biology Honors Global Studies 1

Global Studies Honors Computer Applications Physical Education

10th Grade

Religious Studies 2 English Lit 2 English 2 Honors French 2 Italian 2 Spanish 2

<u>11th Grade</u>

Religious Studies 3 American Literature AP English Literature French 3 Italian 3 Spanish 3

12th Grade

Justice Christology World Religions British Literature AP English Language Creative Writing French 4 Italian 4 College Italian Spanish 4 Geometry Geo/Alg 2 Honors Chemistry Honors Chemistry Global 2 AP European History

Algebra 2/Trig Honors Trig/Pre Cal Physics AP Psychology Sociology American History

Calculus AP Calculus Pre Cal/College Algebra AP Psych College Physics College Chemistry Environ. Science Forensic Science College Spanish Music Physical Education Health Ed

AP American History Intro to Business The Opera American Musical Theatre Physical Education

Physiology Law Amer. Gov't Economics AP American Gov't AP Art History Physical Education

~AP and College Courses ~

College level courses are offered through the St. John's University College Advancement Program as well as several AP classes.

St. John's University credits, which are accepted at over 200 colleges and universities, may be earned by juniors and seniors taking specific elective classes at St. Joseph Hill.

Courses taught for college credit include: Religions of the World, Theology, College Spanish, College Algebra, Calculus, Forensic Science, Environmental Science, College Physics, Psychology, Sociology, American History, Law, Opera and American Musical Theatre.

Advanced Placement courses may earn either college credits or advanced placement status at colleges and universities throughout the country. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2011, thirty-seven AP Exams were offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving or oral response) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).

About *18 percent* of the more than 1.4 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar. At *SJHA*, *38.5% are recognized as AP Scholars* by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations.

St. Joseph Hill offers AP Courses in the following subjects:

English Composition, English Literature, Biology, European History, Psychology, U.S. History, U. S. Government, Macroeconomics, Calculus and Art History

~Regents Examination Results~

2011

Regents Exam	% Passing at S.J.H.A.	% of Students passing in 46 NY Archdiocese H.S.
English	100%	96%
Algebra	100%	83%
Geometry	91%	71%
Alg2/Trig	90%	61%
Global History and Geography	100%	85%
U.S. History and Gov't	100%	93%
Living Environment	100%	93%
Chemistry	96%	74%
Physics	94%	78%
Italian	100%	98%
Spanish	99%	92%
French	100%	99%

All students are scheduled to receive the Advanced Regents Diploma. All students at St. Joseph Hill taking the subject

are required to take the Regents exam in that subject.

~SAT Score Averages 2011~

	St. Joseph Hill	NY State	National
Verbal	540	485	497
Math	537	499	514
Writing	564	476	489

~/	ACT Score	<u>Averages 2011~</u>	
	seph Hill	NY State	National
ACT Composite	24.4	23.4	21.1
	<u>~Class .</u>	<u>Statistics ~</u>	

Class of 2011 (117 Graduates) **Total Value of Scholarships awarded** \$16.6 million.



<u>~Important Questions about Laptop Learning~</u>

• Will the laptop be used in all subjects for students?

Yes. All teachers in this program will be incorporating the technology. We are a school committed to the integration of technology and therefore all our students must have a laptop.

• Does the parent purchase the laptop?

Yes. Laptops are purchased by the parents but must meet the minimum system requirements stated below. The laptop may be purchased through Richards Computer which includes a 4 year Warranty within the price of their computers. Information will be provided at registration.

- Will the same laptop be used all four years? Yes. Students will not be required to purchase more than one laptop while at St. Joseph Hill.
- Can students use their own laptop for this program? Yes. It must be available to them on a daily basis.
- Will my child be able to access inappropriate material through the use of the Internet?

St. Joseph Hill enforces a strict Acceptable Use Policy. Internet use is a privilege. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the loss of computer privileges and is subject to further disciplinary action.

• What computer system or program is the best for my child to learn? At St. Joseph Hill Academy our goal is for students to have an understanding of computers through the integration of technology into the present curriculum. Computers are seen as a tool to reach the goal of understanding subject content and ideas.

Laptop students apply more problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Laptops enhance learning in core academic subjects and increase students' passion for learning. Laptops lead to higher quality work, especially writing.

Saint Joseph Hill Academy College and University Acceptances for Class of 2007*, 2008** and 2009***

*The Class of 2007 (110 students) received \$11.5 million in college scholarship monies over four years. **The Class of 2008 (92 students) received \$10.1 million in college scholarship monies over four years. ***The Class of 2009 (100 students) received \$13.3 million in college scholarship monies over four years. ****The Class of 2010 (118 students) received \$15.3 million in college scholarship monies over four years.

Adelphi University Albany College of Pharmacy Allegheny College Alvernia College American University Arcadia University Bard College Barnard College Bentley College Berkeley College Bloomsburg University Boston College **Boston University** Brown University **Bryant University** Bucknell University Cabrini College Caldwell College Canisius College Catholic University of America Champlain College Chestnut Hill College Chinese University of Hong Kong College of New Jersey Cooper Union CUNY – Baruch College CUNY – Baruch College Honors CUNY – Brooklyn College CUNY – Brooklyn College Honors CUNY – City College CUNY – City College Honors CUNY – College of Staten Island CUNY – College of Staten Island – Teachers Academv CUNY – Hunter College CUNY – John Jay College CUNY – Kingsborough College CUNY-NYC College of Technology Colby College Colgate University College of Mt. Saint Vincent College of St. Elizabeth College of the Holy Cross College of St. Rose

College Misericordia Columbia University *Connecticut College* Cornell University Dartmouth University **DeSales** University Dickinson College Dominician College Drew University Drexel University Duke University Duquesne University East Stroudsburg University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Elizabethtown College Emerson College Fairfield University Fairleigh Dickinson University Florida Atlantic University Fordham University Franklin & Marshall College Gannon University George Washington University Gettysburg College Goucher College Harvard College Hofstra University Iona College Ithaca College Johnson and Wales University Juniata College Kean University King's College Laboratory Institute of Merchandising Lafayette College LaSalle University Lasell College Lehigh University LeMoyne College Long Island University – Brooklyn Long Island University - CW Post Loyola College in Maryland Loyola College in Chicago Macaulay Honors College – College of Staten Island Macaulay Honors College – Hunter College Manhattan College Manhattanville College Marist College Marymount Manhattan College Marymount University Marywood University Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Montclair State University Mount Saint Mary's College – New York Mount Saint Mary's College – Maryland Muhlenberg University Nazareth College New York Institute of Technology New York University Northeastern University Pace University Penn State University Philadelphia University Polytechnic University/ New York University **Pratt Institute Providence** College Quinnipiac University Ramapo College of New Jersey Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Rhode Island College Rider University Rutgers University Sacred Heart University Sarah Lawrence College Seton Hall University Seton Hill University Siena College St. Bonaventure University St. Francis College St. John's University St. Joseph's College St. Joseph's University St. Peter's College St. Vincent's School of Nursing Stanford University Stevens Institute of Technology Stonehill University SUNY - Albany

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