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## Letter from the President/Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

*"The summer night is like a perfection of thought." Wallace Stevens*

We hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed the summer months and found time to reconnect with your family and friends. As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we look forward to renewing our commitment to Catholic education, and eagerly await the new challenges and opportunities our community will encounter during the upcoming year. As always, SJVHS strives for academic excellence! We are proud to start our new relationship with Georgian Court Universities' business department. This year, students are enrolled in several Dual Enrollment (DE) Georgian Court business classes, and the classes are taught at SJVHS as part of the student's normal schedule. Each year, additional business classes will be offered so a student can accumulate 15 or more college credits from Georgian Court University. The school continues to have success with the Early College Academy (ECA). Last year's graduating seniors in this program have successfully been accepted to Princeton University, Carnegie Mellon, George Washington University, Villanova and more. Close to a dozen of the 2019 graduates will be attending Rutgers University where all 60 of their credits have been accepted, saving a year or more of undergraduate tuition and housing costs. The class of 2023 has over 30 students participating in this program.

We are also proud to be entering the third year of the SJVHS Advanced Placement (AP) Academy. This program is designed for students to maximize the number of AP courses taken during their high school career. In the fall, 15 incoming freshman have enrolled in the AP Academy, and three SJVHS AP teachers attended week long College Board workshops this summer to learn more about new strategies for teaching AP courses. Ms. Finlay attended an AP Government and Politics workshop, Mrs. Smith attended AP Statistics workshop, and Ms. Bevilacqua attended an AP Calculus workshop. These teachers are looking forward to sharing new teaching strategies with the faculty and their students. As the leadership team continues to offer all our students the most rigorous challenges, SJVHS has expanded its in-class support personnel to compliment the current guidance office, which includes extended hours for our in-house social worker and the addition of a second Academic Support Advisor. Our staff looks forward to continuing to improve the use of technology in the classroom, with the use of online testing capabilities. The school will be transitioning to a new online learning system; Blackboard will be replaced with the Canvas system software. Canvas is utilized by a wide variety of colleges and universities. We will continue to enhance opportunities for increased project-based learning and alternative teaching techniques in and out of the classroom.

The maintenance staff has been hard at work to make our campus safe, clean, and beautiful. Several classrooms have been furnished with new cooperative group desks, and the student hallway lockers have been painted and all the locks and mechanical parts have been replaced. The downstairs classroom hallways and doors have been painted, along with the Student Dining Room. The Security Committee's suggestions from 2018-2019 were realized, with additional cameras throughout the campus; lockdown-capable doors in the Vianney Activity Center and several other areas; and a protective film on specified windows to assist in protecting our community. The outside lights in the circle, parking lot and on the building have been replaced and additional units added, with LED technology and a timing system. New lockers have been donated by Toyota World of Lakewood and Nissan World of Red Bank. The lockers have been installed in portions of both the boys' and girls' athletic locker rooms.

We would like to welcome into the SJVHS community our new students in the freshman Class of 2024, our 18 transfer students, and our new faculty members. It is with regret that Mr. Deroba, Sister Bernadette, and Mrs. Burns retired at the end of the school year. We will miss the numerous talents they brought each day to our community and wish them the best of luck in their retirements. As always, our parents, past and present, are our best ambassadors for future students. Please help us spread the word... our **Open Houses are scheduled for Saturday, October 19 and the evening of Thursday, October 24.** Finally, I am asking for your full support and prayers for the upcoming school year. We pledge to create a safe, loving environment that encourages your child to believe in his/her true capabilities, and work toward his/her maximum potential.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mr. Steven C. DiMezza*

## Student Activities

**SENIORS** who have not had their school pictures taken will have an opportunity to do so on **September 26, 27, and October 31** from 3:00-8:00 PM. This date is the last chance to have their Senior portrait taken. Please contact **Lifetouch Photography** if you wish to make an appointment for that day. Lifetouch can be reached through [www.photoappointment.com](http://www.photoappointment.com). In late September or early October seniors will submit information needed to prepare materials for graduation (that date is **Saturday, June 6, 2020**). This will include: name for a diploma and height and weight for a cap and gown. Please note well: a name, as it is submitted, will appear on a diploma, in the graduation program, and in all press releases.

**JUNIORS** will have their last chance to order a ring on September 9-11 during the lunch block. If you have any questions, call the SJVHS rep—Al DeSantis—at 732-693-1412.

**FRESHMEN** will have their school pictures taken on Thursday, September 5. These photos will appear in the yearbook and on their student ID cards and will also be available for purchase. A separate mailing was previously sent to all freshmen parents with the flyer/payment envelope.

**SOPHOMORES** and **JUNIORS** will have their yearbook pictures taken on Wednesday, **September 4**. Picture flyers/payment envelopes will be

mailed directly to you from Lifetouch. Students should listen to announcements regarding this. Picture retakes will be held on Tuesday, **October 15**.

**STUDENT ID CARDS** will be distributed on the first day of school. **Policy dictates that students must have these cards displayed on them at all times during the school day and during after school activities. Students are obligated to comply with the request of a member of the faculty or staff to present a card whenever asked to do so.** A valid ID card entitles students to free admission to all home athletic events and drama presentations. Lost cards must be reported immediately to the Dean of Students. A replacement will be issued for a fee of \$10.00. For the first month of school, freshmen will have a temporary card. Permanent ID cards will be issued to them during the month of October.

**THE GOLD AND WHITE AWARD** requirements include a minimum number of points earned in several areas of activity. Parents and students should familiarize themselves with these requirements by reviewing the section in the Calendar/Handbook which details the information about this prestigious award. **All freshmen** should look online for the Student Activities Booklet which provides information about clubs and activities offered at SJV, as well as info for the G&W Award.

**Students and parents should check the SJVHS website at [www.sjvhs.com](http://www.sjvhs.com) on a daily basis for the most current listings of activities and/or events.**

Mrs. Michele Langdon  
Director of Student Activities  
[mlangdon@sjvhs.org](mailto:mlangdon@sjvhs.org)



### SJVHS Online Store

Many school spirit items can be found at the SJVHS online store. The online store is open 24/7 and can be accessed through the main SJVHS webpage [sjvhs.org](http://sjvhs.org). Orders from the online store can be delivered to home addresses or, to avoid shipping charges, can be delivered to SJVHS twice monthly. Any questions can be addressed to Mr. Chris Notte on ext. 138 or email him at [notte@sjvhs.org](mailto:notte@sjvhs.org).

### Picking Up Students At End of School Day

For the safety of our students, please do not pick up students until **2:40 PM** after all buses have left. The front of the school is a **No-Parking Zone**. There is a 20-minute grace period before the start and end of the school day; however, it is much safer for all involved if you wait to pick your child up from the front of the building. Always use crosswalks when crossing Line Road.

## Schedule for Opening Week of School

<b>Wednesday, September 4</b>	<b>Grades 10, 11, 12 Orientation</b> <b>8:00 AM - 12:30 PM</b> <b>Holiday – Grade 9</b>
<b>Thursday, September 5</b>	<b>Grade 9 Orientation</b> <b>8:00 AM - 2:23 PM</b> <b>Holiday – Grades 10, 11, 12</b>
<b>Friday, September 6</b>	<b>Grade 9 Orientation</b> <b>8:00 AM - 2:23 PM</b> <b>Holiday – Grades 10, 11, 12</b>

*Transportation will be provided for students who receive it.*



### Back-to-School Night

Our first Back-to-School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 from 7:00-8:15 PM. During this evening, you will be able to walk through your child's daily schedule and meet his/her teachers. Please plan on attending this important evening.

## Advancement Office


The Advancement Office is looking forward to another successful school year as we continue to ensure our mission and improve Saint John Vianney High School. Thank you to all parents, alumni, staff and friends for donating to the 2018-2019 SJVHS Annual Fund.

The 2019-2020 SJVHS Annual Fund campaign has begun. You will receive more information in the upcoming weeks about giving opportunities. Please consider making a donation. Your participation, generosity

and tax-deductible gift will make a difference in the lives of so many students at SJVHS.

We are continuing to pitch articles to local and state media outlets about SJVHS. Please contact Kelly Meany ('92), Public Relations Coordinator, if you have a newsworthy story about a member of the SJVHS community at [meany@sjvhs.org](mailto:meany@sjvhs.org).

Mr. Steve DiMezza  
President/Principal  
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## Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Test is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17. For more information, please visit the SJVHS webpage at [www.sjvhs.org](http://www.sjvhs.org).

Mrs. Margaret Kane  
Assistant Principal  
[kane@sjvhs.org](mailto:kane@sjvhs.org)



## PTA News

Welcome Back to our students and staff, and a special welcome to our new students... the Class of 2023!

The SJVHS PTA sponsors many events throughout the year with an intensive effort to make our students' high school experience a positive one. Visit the SJVHS website at [www.sjvhs.org](http://www.sjvhs.org) for the PTA link listing all of our yearly activities.

### Spirit Week

Mon-Fri, October 7-11

### Homecoming Game

Friday, October 11

### Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 16

In addition to providing hospitality for many SJVHS events, the PTA is happy to join forces with our other committees as we continue our school-wide fundraising endeavors. Revenues from these events assist in funding many projects throughout our school.

PTA is also happy to fund several scholarships to each graduating class.

Volunteer sign-ups are available at Back-to-School Night on Thursday 9/19. We invite all our parents to be actively involved with the PTA and look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Mrs. Michele Langdon  
PTA Advisor  
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## Guidance Office

The Guidance Office welcomes Mrs. Krista Conklin and Mrs. Melanie DiTommaso. We look forward to another year of new challenges for both our counselors and their students. More than 100 colleges and universities will be visiting SJVHS for mini-college fairs during the month of October. A list of participating colleges can be found on the Guidance webpage. The Monmouth County Fall College Fair will be held Sunday, October 6, 2019, at Monmouth University from 1:00–4:00 PM.

The **CEEB Code for Saint John Vianney is 310568**. Please make sure your child uses this number whenever he/she takes the SAT or ACT. It must be bubbled in on the test answer sheet, otherwise the scores are not reported to SJVHS.

### Senior Parent/Student Meeting

Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM

### Freshmen & Transfer Parent/Student Meeting

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Jenna Schebell  
Director of Guidance  
[schebell@sjvhs.org](mailto:schebell@sjvhs.org)

### Our Mission Statement

With eyes firmly fixed on the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Tradition, Saint John Vianney High School strives to form an open and welcoming community of faith and academic excellence in which students will become lifelong lovers of learning, who devote themselves to lives of leadership and service, living fully the message of faith.

## Open House

Saturday, October 19, 2019  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Thursday, October 24, 2019  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Email [gilmartin@sjvhs.org](mailto:gilmartin@sjvhs.org) or call Patti Gilmartin on ext. 155.

## EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

**Earn a High School Diploma and an Associate's Degree in 4 Years!**

The SJVHS Early College Academy, which opened in the fall of 2014, is a program in which academically sound high school students begin college in the 9th grade and can earn an Associate of Arts degree from Brookdale Community College by the time they graduate from high school. Please call Mrs. Margaret Kane, Assistant Principal, for more information or email [kane@sjvhs.org](mailto:kane@sjvhs.org).