

SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

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January highlights



Happy New Year!! Welcome back after what I hope was a wonderful, fun-filled and relaxing Christmas Holiday. We are now off and running in the second semester of the school year. This semester is jammed packed with many events and deadlines for all of our students and their families as well as the staff and faculty. Here are just a few that are scheduled for January:

- January 10 Bi-annual College Forum
- January 13-15 Senior Retreat at Camp Zephyr
- January 17 Report Cards Mailed Home
- January 19 Entrance Exam for prospective students for the 2013-2014 school year
- January 21 No School –
Martine Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 28 Grandparents' Day Liturgy at
9:15 in the Student Center

Faculty activities last semester

Our Faculty was very busy last semester not only in working with all of the students and guiding them through their classes but in attending workshops themselves to continue improving strategies for increased rigor and depth of all of our classes. Here is a summary of just October through December 2012:

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| • Ms. Karla Lozano | Classes through the Rio Grande Valley Science Association |
| • Mr. Juan Ybarra | Classes through the Rio Grande Valley Science Association |
| | College Board Workshop for AP Chemistry |
| • Mrs. Olga Borrego | College Board Workshop for AP Biology focused on inquiry-based Labs |
| • Ms. Anabel Aldrete | College Board Workshop for Pre-AP Middle School Mathematics |
| • Ms. Roxana Betancourt | College Board Workshop for Pre-AP Middle School Mathematics |
| • Mrs. Gracie Touchy | Common Core ASCD Institute |
| • Mrs. Stephanie Machinena | College Board Workshop for Pre-AP Middle School English |

Honoring Mrs. Graciela Touchy

Please make plans on joining the administration, faculty and staff in honoring Mrs. Graciela Touchy as the Saint Joseph Academy Spirit Award recipient for the 2012-2013 school year. This yearly event recognizes dedicated people from each Brownsville Diocesan school for the many contributions they have made to the students, families and community with undying energy. It is a great joy for us to honor Mrs. Touchy at this event for all that she has contributed to Saint Joseph Academy as a student, parent, teacher and Department Chair. This year's celebration will be held at Our Lady of Sorrow School in McAllen on Friday, January 25th at 6:30pm. Hope to see many of you there!



Student and Parent Meetings

In late January, we will be conducting two student and parent scheduling meetings in the Middle Division Gym beginning at 7:00pm. During the evening, the counselors will be reviewing our Standardized Test Scores and discussing the sequencing of courses as students move through 7th through 12th grade at Saint Joseph Academy. We will also review our application process for placement in Honors and/or Advanced Placement classes and the deadline associated with these requests. Individualized Course Selection Forms will be distributed for the students and parents to review and make selections if space is available.

Meeting Dates:	Current students in grades 8 and 9	Tuesday, January 29, 2013
	Current students in grades 10 and 11	Wednesday, January 30, 2013

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS STEPS:

- Monday, February 4th The first day for signed Course Selections to be accepted by the Finance Department along with the \$100.00 fee. This fee is part of the re-registration fee.
- Friday, February 15th The last day for signed Course Selections to be accepted by the Finance Department along with the \$100.00 fee. This fee is part of the re-registration fee.

REMEMBER:

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY EITHER CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD ONLY