



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2012-2013

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### COMMUNITY

Saint Joseph Academy is located in Brownsville, TX, across the Mexican border from its sister city of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, and the community is predominantly bilingual and bicultural. Saint Joseph Academy reflects these characteristics, and a significant percentage of our students reside in Matamoros and commute each day.

### SCHOOL

Saint Joseph Academy is a Roman Catholic College-Preparatory school owned and operated by the Marist Brothers of the Schools with an enrollment of about 675 students in Grades 7-12. Founded in 1865, Saint Joseph Academy is an important part of the southernmost tip of Texas community. It is accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools** as well as the **Texas Catholic Conference Education Department**, and holds memberships in the **National Association for College Admission Counseling** and the **Texas Association for College Admission Counseling**.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, CLASS OF 2013

Religious Studies	4.0 credits	Fine Arts	1.0 credit
Mathematics	4.0 credits	Computer Science	1.0 credit
Social Studies	4.0 credits	Physical Education	1.0 credit
English	4.0 credits	Fitness	0.5 credit
Science	4.0 credits	Health	0.5 credit
Target Language	3.0 credit	Speech	0.5 credit

Other electives 0.5 credits

## CURRICULUM

The academic program is organized on a fixed schedule, with a seven-period day, and each period is 50 minutes. Students are required to take seven credits each year.

**Advanced Placement Program** courses are offered in many of the college preparatory disciplines. AP enrollment requires students to meet certain academic criteria set by the departments. Enrollment in **Honors courses** is by placement exam, grades, and teacher recommendations. There is no honors track in French, except for AP French.

## GRADING SYSTEM AND RANK

Grades are computed on a 100-point scale. The minimum passing grade is 70. Rank is computed using all subjects receiving credit and includes all members of the class.

AP classes receive a weight of 1.10, Honors courses receive a weight of 1.05, and dual enrollment courses receive a weight of 1.03. Weighting is reflected in the rank and cumulative average, but not in the course grade. Rank and GPA are calculated at the conclusion of each semester.

## TRANSCRIPT NOTATIONS & GRADING SCALE

H indicates an <b>Honors</b> Course	98-100 = A+	88-89 = B+	78-79 = C+
D indicates a <b>Dual Enrollment</b> Course	95-97 = A	85-87 = B	75-77 = C
AP indicates an <b>Advanced Placement</b> course	90-94 = A-	80-84 = B-	73-74 = C-
			70-72 = D

The following will be used to assign value to grades earned in the Mexican school system:

10 – 7 = P [Passed]      6 – 1 = F [Failed]

### AP COURSES 2012-2013

Biology	French Language & Culture
Calculus AB	US History
English Language	Spanish Language
English Literature	Spanish Literature

### DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Hon. Algebra II	Calculus I
AP Calculus AB	Hon. Pre-Calculus

## CLASS OF 2012 STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

SAT: 98% reporting scores		ACT: 49% reporting scores	
	<u>Mid 50%</u>		<u>Mid 50%</u>
Critical Reading	460-560	English	21-27
Math	450-560	Math	20-26
Writing	460-580	Reading	20-28
		Science	20-24
		Reasoning	
Total	1380-1720	Composite	21-26

# UPPER DIVISION COURSE OFFERINGS CLASS OF 2013

DEPARTMENT	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
<b>English</b>	English 9 Hon. English 9 Foundational English 9 Writing Lab Speech	English 10 Hon. Eng. 10 Speech Journalism	English 11 Hon. Eng. 11 AP Eng. Comp Journalism Speech	English 12 AP Eng. Lit. Journalism Adv. Creative Writing Speech
<b>Mathematics</b>	Algebra I Hon. Geometry Geometry Hon. Alg. II-Dual	Geometry Hon. Algebra II Algebra II	Algebra II Pre-Calculus Hon. Pre-Calculus Hon. Calculus I	Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AB Calculus I Hon. Calculus I
<b>Science</b>	Biology Hon. Biology	Chemistry Hon. Chemistry	Physics Hon. Physics	Environ. Systems AP Biology
<b>Social Studies</b>	Wld. Geography	Wld. History Hon. Wld. History	US History AP US History Women's History American Cultures	Amer. Govt. /Econ. Hon. Govt./ Econ. Women's History American Cultures
<b>Religious Studies</b>	Religion 9: Scripture	Religion 10: Church and Worship	Social Justice	World Religions Christian Lifestyles Call to Ministry Christian Service
<b>Target Languages</b>	Honors Spanish Beginning Spanish Interm. Spanish Adv. Spanish French I	Honors Spanish Interm. Spanish Adv. Spanish AP Spanish Lang. French II French I	Honors Spanish Adv. Spanish AP Spanish Lang. AP Spanish Lit. French III French II	Honors Spanish AP Spanish Lang. AP Spanish Lit. French III AP French Language & Culture
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Band Jazz Band 2/3-D Design Mus. Thru the Ages Music Theory Dance	Adv. Band Choir 2/3-D Design Mus. Thru the Ages Music Theory Dance	Adv. Band 2/3-D Design Portfolio Theatre Dance Stagecraft	Adv. Band 2/3-D Design Portfolio Theatre Stagecraft
<b>Other Offerings</b>	Phys. Ed/Athletics Health/Fitness	Computer Applications Phys. Ed/Athletics Dance Yearbook Health/Fitness	Computer Applications Business Law International Business Phys. Ed/Athletics Yearbook Health/Fitness	Computer Apps. Business Law Business Mgt. Stagecraft Yearbook Phys. Ed/Athletics Health/Fitness Physical Conditioning

## POST SECONDARY STUDENT PLANS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of graduates	136	140	143	134	139
2-year college	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.9%	5.7%
4-year college	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	98.1%	92.2%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	2.1% [gap year]

### COLLEGES ACCEPTING SJA STUDENTS, CLASSES OF 2011-2012

Students are attending colleges in bold print

Abilene Christian University  
American International College  
American University  
**Art Center College of Design**  
**Austin College**  
**Austin Community College**  
Ave Maria University  
**Barnard College**  
**Baylor University**  
**Biola University**  
**Blinn College**  
**Boston College**  
**Boston University**  
Bridgewater College  
Brooks Institute of Photography  
California Lutheran University  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
Colorado State University  
**Columbia College**  
Concordia University – IL  
Cornell College  
Creighton University  
**Dartmouth College**  
**Denison University**  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
Eckerd College  
**Eugene Lang College, the New School for Liberal Arts**  
**Florida Gulf Coast University**  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Hawaii Pacific University  
**Hollins University**  
Houston Baptist University  
Immaculata University  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México  
**Iona College**  
Iowa State University  
Ithaca College  
**La Salle University**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
Loyola University New Orleans  
**Lycoming College**  
Marist College

Menlo College  
Millsaps College  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
**Mount Holyoke College**  
Mount Saint Mary's University  
**New Mexico State University**  
**New York University**  
**Newbury College**  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oklahoma Christian University  
Old Dominion University  
Our Lady of the Lake University  
Pace University  
Parsons The New School for Design  
Pennsylvania State University, Altoona  
Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg  
**Pennsylvania State University, University Park**  
**Purdue University**  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
**Rice University**  
Russell Sage College  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at Newark  
Saint Mary's College  
**San Antonio College**  
Santa Clara University  
Santa Fe University of Art & Design  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts  
Schreiner University  
Seton Hall University  
**Simmons College**  
Simpson College  
**Smith College**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
**Southwestern University**  
**St. Edward's University**  
St. John's University – NY  
**St. Mary's University of San Antonio**  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Stetson University  
**Suffolk University**  
Sweet Briar College  
**TEC de Monterrey - Campus Monterrey**  
**Texas A&M University**  
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi  
**Texas A&M University, Galveston**  
Texas A&M University, Kingsville

**Texas Christian University**  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas State University - San Marcos  
**Texas Tech University**  
**Texas Woman's University**  
The Art Institute - San Antonio  
**The Art Institute of Austin**  
The Art Institute of Dallas  
**The Culinary Institute of America**  
The University of Tampa  
**The University of Texas , Arlington**  
**The University of Texas, Austin**  
**The University of Texas, Brownsville**  
**The University of Texas, San Antonio**  
The University of Tulsa  
**The University of Texas, Pan American**  
Trinity College  
**Trinity University**  
**Universidad de Monterrey**  
Universidad Iberoamericana  
**University of California Santa Barbara**  
**University of Central Oklahoma**  
**University of Chicago**  
University of Dallas  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
**University of Houston**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana**  
**University of Kansas**  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of New England  
**University of North Texas**  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Oregon  
University of Rhode Island  
**University of Rochester**  
University of San Diego  
**University of San Francisco**  
**University of St. Thomas**  
**University of the Incarnate Word**  
**Wabash College**  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wheaton College MA