## St. Joseph High School Clubs and Organizations

<u>Art Club</u> - The St. Joseph High School Art Club is a student-led group that provides a space for creative exploration, skill development, and community outside of the classroom. Members can collaborate on projects, experiment with a wide range of traditional and modern art forms, and share their passion for art.

<u>Bass Fishing Club</u> - The St. Joseph High School Bass Club is a member of the Texas High School Bass Association. The purpose is to provide a venue where high school students can compete in organized tournaments while establishing strict guidelines and academic standards that will allow student anglers to excel in the classroom and on the lake.

<u>Campus Ministry Team</u> - The STJ Campus Ministry team leads the student body in prayer, service, and devotion to our Lord. This growing community of faith-filled students help host retreats, lead bible studies, serve at Mass, and coordinate service projects for the poor and vulnerable in our area.

<u>Cheerleading</u> - The St. Joseph High School Cheerleaders play an integral role in promoting school spirit and fostering a sense of unity within the student body and community. They lead spectators in support of athletic teams during sporting events and pep rallies, provide entertainment between plays, and represent the school with pride as ambassadors and role models.

<u>Chess Club</u> - The St. Joseph High School Chess Club provides a space for students to play chess casually, learn new strategies through lessons and skill sharing, and compete in in-school tournaments.

<u>Chick-fil-A Leader Academy</u> - The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is a national, servant-leadership program for high school and middle school students that develops character and empowers them to make a positive impact in their communities through action. It features monthly "Leader Labs" to teach leadership skills and culminates in student-led, community-focused impact projects, promoting servant leadership through a framework like Gratitude, Integrity, Vision, Empathy, and Service.

<u>Choir</u> - The St. Joseph High School Choir teaches students music and vocal skills, such as reading music, pitch, and breathing techniques, through daily rehearsals and performances. Beyond musical education, the STJ choir builds teamwork, discipline, and confidence, while also

providing a strong social community for students to connect and collaborate with peers. Activities often include performing in concerts, competing, and participating in events like school musicals.

<u>Civilian Emergency Response Team</u> - The STJ CERT is a volunteer-based program that trains students in basic disaster response skills like fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medicine to help their communities before and during emergencies. CERT members provide immediate assistance, support professional responders, and help connect survivors with resources, ultimately reducing the immediate impact of disasters and strengthening community resilience.

<u>Starlighters Dance Team</u> - The St. Joseph High School Starlighters Dance Team strives to promote school spirit, performs at school and community events, and represents the school in dance competitions. The team also strives to provide its members with opportunities for personal growth, teamwork, and active participation within the community.

<u>Dean's Advisory Council</u> - The St. Joseph High School Dean's Advisory Council is composed of student leaders representing a variety of clubs and organizations across campus. The council serves as a think tank for the Dean of Students, providing valuable student perspectives on school-related issues and initiatives as they arise.

<u>Kindness Club</u> - The purpose of the St. Joseph High School Kindness Club is to promote a culture of compassion, empathy, and inclusivity by organizing activities and initiatives that spread kindness throughout the school community.

<u>Keyboard Club</u> - The St. Joseph High School Keyboard Club was established to help students strengthen their musical keyboarding skills, build confidence, and cultivate their passion for music. The club offers a supportive environment where members can learn new pieces, refine their technique, compose original music, and share performances with one another.

<u>Leo Club</u> - The St. Joseph High School LEO Club is a youth-focused community service organization sponsored by our local Lions Club, dedicated to developing Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity among its members through active participation in local and global service projects.

<u>Marching and Concert Band</u> - The St. Joseph High School Band performs at a variety of school and community events, including football games, parades, and pep rallies. In addition to participating in music and visual competitions, the band offers students valuable opportunities

to develop their musical abilities, strengthen teamwork skills, and foster a sense of community and school pride.

<u>Medical Professionals Club</u> - The STJ Future Medical Professionals Club (MedPro) is driven to cultivate student interest in the medical fields, promote professional growth and development, and serve the greater Victoria community.

<u>Music Ministry</u> - The St. Joseph High School Music Ministry Team uses their musical gifts to enrich school Masses through vocal and instrumental performances.

<u>National Honor Society</u> - Membership in the St. Joseph High School Mrs. James F. Welder Chapter of the National Honor Society is a prestigious honor awarded to students who meet the organization's rigorous standards of excellence. To be considered for selection, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 89.5 or higher, demonstrate a commitment to community service, and exemplify strong moral character.

<u>Outdoorsman Association</u> - The St. Joseph High School Outdoorsman Association aims to introduce students to a wide range of outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, and other nature-based pursuits, while helping them develop valuable life skills. The club provides a community where students can connect with nature, stay active, and cultivate a deeper appreciation for the outdoors.

<u>Recycling Club</u> - The St. Joseph High School Recycling Club organizes and collects recyclables on campus and educates students and staff on the importance of recycling.

<u>Speech and Debate</u> - The St. Joseph High School Speech and Debate Club teaches students skills like public speaking, critical thinking, and research by having them research topics, write speeches, and compete in events such as debate and original oratory

<u>Student Ambassadors</u> - The STJ Student Ambassador Program utilizes current students to assist with the positive promotion of St. Joseph High School. As an official representative of the school, the Ambassadors show dedication to and support of STJ while hosting prospective students on Shadow Days, assisting with Future Flyer events and working on special projects with the Admissions and the Advancement Office.

<u>Student Council</u> - STJ Student Council is a student-led organization designed to strengthen our school community and build school spirit. The elected council membership acts as a

representative government for students, focusing on advocating for their interests, organizing school activities, and fostering leadership skills.

<u>Theatre Arts</u> - The St. Joseph High School Theatre program provides comprehensive training in performing arts, engaging students in acting, technical theatre, and dramatic analysis through multiple productions like the STJ spring musical, fall production, and one act plays.

<u>Yearbook/Publishing</u> - The St. Joseph High School Yearbook committee is responsible for producing the STJ annual yearbook, which involves a wide range of tasks including photography, writing, design, sales, and project management

<u>Boys' Athletics</u> - Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track

<u>Girls' Athletics</u> - Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball

St. Joseph High School athletics aims to foster physical and mental well-being, teach valuable life skills like teamwork and discipline, and support academic success. STJ sports (team and individual) provide a foundation for personal growth, helping students develop confidence, leadership, and resilience, while also improving attendance and GPA.

## **Start Something New!**

New clubs and organizations are formed each year. Students are encouraged to bring their ideas to the administration if they are interested in starting a new student organization.