Mount Saint Joseph

Student Activities Catalog
2008-2009 School Year
A Cappella Group (susan@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Moderator:** Mrs. Susan Esserwein

**Purpose:** To provide the opportunity for students to get together and sing various styles of music a cappella (without musical accompaniment). Sometimes all you need to make great music are your own vocal chords.

**Meetings:** Wednesday at 2:30 PM

**Location:** Choral Music Office

**What you need:** An interest in singing.

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Esserwein in the Choral Music Office

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ACE Mentor Program

**Moderator:** Ms. Thadine Coyne (tcoyne@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To introduce students to a career in architecture, construction or engineering.

**Meetings:** Weekly – January through mid-May 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Location:** Room 421

**What you need:** Interest in architecture, construction or engineering.

**How to join:** Open to juniors and seniors. Freshmen and sophomores pending interview with Ms. Coyne and Guidance Counselor.

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Anime Club

**Moderators:** Mrs. Cheryl Hall (chall@admin.msjnet.edu); Mrs. Christine Mitchell (cmitchell@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** Primarily to view and discuss anime (Japanese animation), but discussion of manga (Japanese graphic novels), cosplay (costumes), and culture influences are also welcome.

**Meetings:** Thursday from 2:45-4:30 PM

**Location:** Room 11

**What you need:** The desire to delve into the world of the anime otaku

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Hall or Mrs. Mitchell or come to one of the meetings

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Ardent Audiophiles

**Moderator:** Mr. Matt Perzinski (mperzinski@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** to enjoy various forms of music

**Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:45 PM

**Location:** Room 116

**What you need:** a passion for music

**How to join:** see Mr. Perzinski or just come to a meeting

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Art Club

**Moderators:** Mr. Ken Pittman (kpittman@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Bryan Bieniek (bbieniek@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To encourage the creation of fine works of art.

**Meetings:** Wednesday after school.

**Location:** Art Room

**What you need:** An enjoyment of art.

**How to join:** Contact one of the art teachers

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Asian American Club

**Moderator:** Mrs. Mary Zimmer (mzimmer@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** to learn about and appreciate Asian culture; to experience traditional foods, games and sports; to view films specific to Asian culture

**Meetings:** Monday at 2:45 PM

**Location:** Room 5

**What you need:** an interest in and openness to learning about Asian culture

**How to join:** see Mrs. Zimmer

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Big Brother
Moderator: Mr. Sam Bianco (sbianco@admin.msjnet.edu)
*Purpose:* To welcome freshmen to MSJ and to provide a source of support for them. It can be tough being a newbie.
*Meetings:* 1st Monday of the month during homeroom
*Location:* Auditorium.
*What you need:* For juniors and seniors only – an interest in working with freshmen and an openness to participating in activities that support social, athletic, spiritual, and academic aspects of life at MSJ.
*How to join:* Contact Mr. Bianco.

Black Cultural Awareness Club
Moderator: Mr. Cameron Ailiff (cailiff@admin.msjnet.edu)
*Purpose:* to educate and share the rich experiences, advancements and history of African Americans; to help determine strategies to maintain and increase the diversity of the MSJ community
*Meetings:* Monday at 2:45 PM
*Location:* Room 12
*What you need:* a desire to enrich the MSJ community
*How to join:* see Mr. Ailiff

Board Games
Moderator: Mrs. Cyndi Riddle (Cyndi@admin.msjnet.edu)
*Purpose:* To create a venue for students to play popular board games and introduce new ones. Capture the king, guess that word, sink a battleship, whatever!
*Meetings:* Wednesday from 2:45-4:00 PM
*Location:* Guidance Office
*What you need:* An interest in playing board games with fellow students.
*How to join:* Contact Mrs. Riddle or just come to the Guidance Office.

Book Club
Moderators: Mrs. Christine Mitchell (cmitchell@admin.msjnet.edu); Mrs. Paula Wichmann (pwichmann@admin.msjnet.edu)
*Purpose:* To encourage student reading through introduction of contemporary novels and short stories.
*Meetings:* after school on the 1st Tuesday of the month
*Location:* Room 24
*What you need:* A desire to read and discuss quirky books for pleasure.
*How to join:* Contact one of the moderators.

The Carpenter
Moderator: Mr. Doug Lambdin (dlambdin@admin.msjnet.edu)
*Purpose:* To edit and layout a publication of student writing and artwork. Good work deserves a good medium to be distributed through.
*Meetings:* Daily after school.
*Location:* TBA
*What you need:* Willingness to work regularly.
*How to join:* Attend the first meeting; listen for announcements.

Chess Club
Moderator: Mrs. Cyndi Riddle (cyndi@admin.msjnet.edu)
*Purpose:* To play chess for enjoyment of the game and the exploration of skill and strategy. Long live the King!
*Meetings:* Wednesday after school.
*Location:* Guidance Center
*What you need:* An interest in chess.
*How to join:* Contact Mrs. Riddle or just come to the Guidance Center
Choir
**Moderator:** Mrs. Susan Esserwein ([susan@admin.msjnet.edu](mailto:susan@admin.msjnet.edu))

**Purpose:** To promote good singing in prayerful settings and fun gatherings.
**Meetings:** Every day during homeroom.
**Location:** Band Room
**What you need:** The ability to sing.
**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Esserwein in the Choral Music Office

Comedy Club
**Moderator:** Mr. Michael Gittings ([mgittings@admin.msjnet.edu](mailto:mgittings@admin.msjnet.edu))

**Purpose:** To afford students the opportunity to share common interest in film through laughter; to learn about various types of comedy
**Meetings:** Wednesday at from 2:45 to 4:30
**Location:** Room 011
**What you need:** An interest in comedy films
**How to join:** see Mr. Gittings

Drama Club/ Stage Crew
**Moderators:** Mr. Michael Hartsfield ([mhartsfield@admin.msjnet.edu](mailto:mhartsfield@admin.msjnet.edu)); Mrs. Stacy Stender ([sstender@admin.msjnet.edu](mailto:sstender@admin.msjnet.edu))

**Purpose:** To produce a fall play and spring musical.
**Meetings:** Monday-Thursday, 3:00-6:00 PM.
**Location:** Auditorium
**What you need:** An audition submission for performing or some aptitude for tools and construction for stage crew.
**How to join:** See Mr. Hartsfield or Mrs. Stender

Environmental Club
**Moderator:** Mr. Greg McDivitt ([gmcdivitt@admin.msjnet.edu](mailto:gmcdivitt@admin.msjnet.edu)); Mrs. Beth Czyryca ([bczyryca@admin.msjnet.edu](mailto:bczyryca@admin.msjnet.edu))

**Purpose:** To promote environmental awareness and conservation practices by running the campus's Paper Recycling Program, assisting in projects such as Gwynns Falls watershed restoration projects with community leaders at Maiden Choice Run and the tree nursery project for Irvington with Maryland Save Our Streams. The club also sponsors outdoor adventure trips including hiking, canoeing, kayaking, whitewater rafting, and spelunking. **Meetings:** After school as needed.
**Location:** Room 113
**What you need:** A commitment to hours required for emptying of paper recycling bins during homeroom or after school and attending at least one trip during an academic year
**How to join:** Contact Mr. McDivitt (usually in Room 113).

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
**Moderator:** Mr. Charles Belzner ([cbelzner@admin.msjnet.edu](mailto:cbelzner@admin.msjnet.edu))

**Purpose:** An interdenominational Christian ministry committed to the mental, physical, and spiritual development of the total athlete. It challenges members to rethink their values and to develop a personal ongoing relationship with the Lord who directly influences their daily thinking and behavior.
**Meetings:** Tuesday at 7:15 AM.
**Location:** Room 421
**What you need:** To be an interested athlete.
**How to join:** Contact Mr. Belzner and come to a meeting.
Fish’n’ Club  
**Moderator:** Mr. John O’Dell (jodell@admin.msjnet.edu)  
**Purpose:** to improve our understanding of equipment and conditions related to fishing and to participate in a quarterly catch and release trip  
**Meetings:** Wednesday at 2:40 PM  
**Location:** Room 117  
**What you need:** along with an interest in fishing, magazines should be brought to meetings for discussion and personal rods will be needed for trips  
**How to join:** see Mr. O’Dell

Foreign Language Club  
**Moderator:** Dr. Elizabeth Pease (epease@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Shane Forrey (sforrey@admin.msjnet.edu)  
**Purpose:** To engage students in practice of modern Foreign Languages, particularly Spanish and French, but not exclusively, through games and in exposure to the representations of the many cultures of these languages through arts and crafts, and film and music  
**Meetings:** Thursday from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM  
**Location:** Room 206  
**What you need:** An interest in language and culture  
**How to join:** See Dr. Pease

Intramurals  
**Moderators:** Mr. Sam Bianco (sbianco@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Tony Brockmeyer (tbrockmeyer@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Kraig Loovis (kloovis@admin.msjnet.edu)  
**Purpose:** To give students the opportunity to play and compete with each other in a variety of sports.  
**Meetings:** scheduled throughout the year  
**Location:** specifically designated depending on the sport and time of year  
**What you need:** To be an MSJ student  
**How to join:** Sign up in the gym

Italian Language & Culture Club  
**Moderator:** Dr. Elizabeth Pease (epease@admin.msjnet.edu)  
**Purpose:** To learn the Italian language and culture, and to connect with your heritage and enjoy the cuisine.  
**Meetings:** Thursday from 2:40 PM to 3:15 PM  
**Location:** Room 206  
**What you need:** A desire to answer the question: why is it so great to be Italian?  
**How to join:** see Dr. Pease

It’s Academic  
**Moderator:** Mr. David Dutrow (ddutrow@admin.msjnet.edu)  
**Purpose:** To provide students a forum for sharing knowledge and competing academically. An MSJ team even competes in the televised It’s Academic show!  
**Meetings:** Tuesday and Thursday after school.  
**Location:** Room 4  
**What you need:** Regular attendance at meetings, active participation, and competition in monthly tournaments.  
**How to join:** Come to a meeting.

Junior Prom Committee  
**Moderator:** Mrs. Jean Meyer (jmeyer@admin.msjnet.edu)  
**Purpose:** To organize the junior prom.  
**Meetings:** After school as needed.  
**Location:** Room 205  
**What you need:** To be a junior.  
**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Meyer.
Leadership Club
**Moderator:** Mr. Marc Hoffman (mhoffman@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To form a core of solid student ambassadors.

*Meetings:* Every other Thursday after school.

*Location:* Auditorium.

*What you need:* Must do the Open House, three other events, and be a student in good standing.

*How to join:* Contact Mr. Hoffman.

Lifesaver/SADD Club
**Moderator:** Nurse Pam Bezirdjian (pbezirdjian@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To foster teen awareness of the dangers of smoking, drinking, drug use, and STDs; to alert students to the need to donate blood and recruit eligible students and teachers for on-campus blood drive.

*Meetings:* 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month during homeroom.

*Location:* Nurse’s office

*What you need:* An interest in health issues.

*How to join:* Contact Nurse Bezirdjian in the Health Suite.

The Mount Club
**Moderator:** Mr. Cameron Ailiff (cailiff@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. James Poisal (jpoisal@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* For Mount de Sales and Mount Saint Joseph students to grow closer to God and to each other by praying and playing.

*Meetings:* After school throughout the year, pay attention to the fliers and announcements.

*Location:* Mount de Sales Chapel and fields

*What you need:* The ability to have fun and to pray with other cool people.

*How to join:* see Mr. Poisal

Mount Ministries
**Moderator:** Mr. Robert Peace (rpeace@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To live and help build the Christian community. Let your actions set an example for the rest of the world.

*Meetings:* at 2:45 Thursdays

*Location:* Campus Ministry Office

*What you need:* An interest in Christian fellowship and service.

*How to join:* Contact Mr. Peace in the Campus Ministry Office.

National Honor Society
**Moderators:** Mr. Tim Breen (tbreen@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Jason Ader (jader@admin.msjnet.edu)

*Purpose:* To recognize scholarship, leadership, character, and service

*Meetings:* 2nd Tuesday of the month.

*Location:* Auditorium

*What you need:* Sophomores, juniors, and seniors only - refer to the corresponding sections in the Mount Book.

*How to join:* Earn a 3.3 or better and gain faculty committee approval.
P.A.C.T. – Promoting Active Community Testament
Moderator: Mrs. Susan Terranova (sterranova@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: Interscholastic service club with Maryvale, Seton Keough, and Calvert Hall. Perform four major service projects throughout the Baltimore area.
Meetings: Once a month prior to the service event and the Saturday or Sunday event itself.
Location: TBA
What you need: An open heart and mind, and the willingness to work with students from other schools.
How to join: see Mrs. Terranova in room 211

Peer Education
Moderator: Mrs. Brandy Campbell (bcampbell@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: To educate freshmen about health related topics, such as depression, tobacco use, drug and alcohol use, risks and consequences of use, peer pressure, and fitting in socially.
Meetings: 31–April 22 during homeroom as needed.
Location: Guidance Department
What you need: Junior and seniors only – selection and the ability to communicate honestly and effectively; a well-rounded student living a healthy life-style, and willing to help others.
How to join: Live a healthy lifestyle, express interest, gain approval of counselors, teachers, and administrators.

Photography Club
Moderator: Mr. Bryan Bieniek (bbieniek@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: to enable students to strengthen their skills in photography; to assist in picture taking at school events; to create a personal portfolio
Meetings: Tuesday at 2:40PM
Location: Graphic Design room
What you need: an interest in photography; while it would be helpful it is not required to have your own camera
How to join: see Mr. Bieniek

Prolife Club
Moderator: Mrs. Ivillese Gonzalez (igonzalez@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: to pray, educate and attends events that will assist in protecting those who can not protect themselves
Meetings: every other Tuesday at 2:45 PM
Location: Room 413
What you need: a belief in the importance of protecting life; a desire to be an advocate for those whose voice is not heard
How to join: see Mrs. Gonzalez

Recycling Club
Moderator: Mrs. Beth Czyryca
Purpose: to create an environmentally efficient campus
Meetings: during homeroom
Location: Room 316
What you need: time and an interest in building an awareness of the need for recycling at MSJ
How to join: see Mrs. Czyryca

Quill
Moderators: Ms. Rachel Richmond (rrichmond@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Bryan Bieniek (bbieniek@admin.msjnet.edu)
Purpose: To produce newspapers that present the news of Mount St. Joseph and its student body, as well as news of the world. Students write articles and layout each issue.
Meetings: after school Wednesday
Location: Room 116
What you need: Interest in assisting as a writer, layout artist, and/or photographer.
How to join: See Ms. Richmond or Mr. Bieniek
Rugby

**Moderators:** Mr. Marc Hoffman (mhoffman@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Rich Sargo (rsargo@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Ryan Folmer (rfolmer@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To teach the skills and rules needed to play rugby and give young men the chance to experience the bonding forces and tradition revolving around the sport.

**Meetings:** Listen to announcements

**Location:** Auditorium

**What you need:** Sportsmanship and the desire to learn and compete; your own mouthpiece and cleats

**How to join:** Contact Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Sargo, Mr. Folmer, or attend one of the meetings

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Ski Trip

**Moderator:** Mr. Greg McDivitt (gmcdivitt@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To attend a weekend trip at Seven Springs (January 25-27, 2008) aimed at promoting fellowship, friendship, and community among the students and faculty while enjoying the physical activity of skiing or snowboarding.

**Meetings:** Three prior to the event; to be determined.

**Location:** Auditorium

**What you need:** Academic eligibility as a MSJ student

**How to join:** Attend all meetings

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Speech and Debate

**Moderators:** Mr. Ed Schultheis (eschultheis@admin.msjnet.edu); David Dutrow (ddutrow@admin.msjnet.edu); Mr. Mike O'Donnell (modonnell@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To compete in debate as well as various dramatic and oratorical events using a variety of vocal skills and solid rhetoric.

**Meetings:** Tuesday through Friday after school.

**Location:** Room 5

**What you need:** Regular practice, good vocal quality, and attendance of the Saturday competitions.

**How to join:** Contact Mr. Dutrow or Mr. O'Donnell

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Spirit Club

**Moderators:** Ms. Rebecca Spangler (rspangler@admin.msjnet.edu); Mrs. Ivillese Gonzalez (igonzale@admin.msjnet.edu) and Ms. Thadine Coyne (tcoyne@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To provide support for Mount teams and to heighten school spirit; to get underclassmen involved in Mount activities.

**Meetings:** TBA

**Location:** Auditorium

**What you need:** The Spirit Club is open to all students

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Gonzalez or Ms. Coyne

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Stage Crew (see Drama Club)
Student Council Association
**Moderators:** Mrs. Ivillese Gonzalez (igonazole@admin.msjnet.edu) and Ms. Thadine Coyne (tcoyne@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To provide an open and organized forum through which students will be able to express their views and concerns regarding Mount Saint Joseph High School.

**Meetings:** Daily for Class officers and Executive Committees.

**Location:** Room 413

**What you need:** Election by the student body.

**How to join:** Run for office and win an election.

Think Tank
**Moderator:** Mrs. Jean Meyer (jmeyer@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To provide a forum of discussion of current political topics.

**Meetings:** After school Monday

**Location:** Room 205

**What you need:** Openness to various political views; willingness to listen and discuss.

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Meyer

**TOWER Yearbook**
**Moderator:** Mrs. Mary Wiedel (mwiedel@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To produce the TOWER yearbooks.

**Meetings:** Monday through Thursday after school and other days as needed.

**Location:** Yearbook room

**What you need:** An interest in working with a Web based program and digital photography.

**How to join:** Contact Mrs. Wiedel in the Development Office.

Video Games Club
**Moderator:** Mr. Charles Belzner (cbelzner@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To create a venue for students to play video games and to introduce members to new games.

**Meetings:** Tuesday after school.

**Location:** Room 306

**What you need:** Interest in playing video games and desire to meet new people

**How to join:** Contact Mr. Belzner

WMSJ
**Moderators:** Mr. Tim Kabara (tim@admin.msjnet.edu) and Mr. Pat Roach (proach@admin.msjnet.edu)

**Purpose:** To contribute to the broadcast by filming events, editing film, or conducting interviews. Broadcast news to Mount St. Joseph.

**Meetings:** daily during homeroom

**Location:** WMSJ studio

**What you need:** An interest in working on a news program.

**How to join:** Contact Mr. Roach.
Writing Club
Moderator: Mrs. JoAnne Morgan (jmorgan@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: to afford students the opportunity to strengthen existing and develop new writing skills; to learn about plot, word usage and grammar as it relates to story line and fiction, etc.
Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month
Location: Room 412
What do you need: a pen and enthusiasm for writing
How to join: see Mrs. Morgan or just come to a meeting

X-Act
Moderators: Mr. Mike O’Donnell (modennell@admin.msjnet.edu); Mrs. Susan Terranova (sterranova@admin.msjnet.edu)

Purpose: A service club whose goal is to assist in living the Xaverian call to service and to be active in the community surrounding the
Meeting: Once monthly for fellowship/reflection/food in preparation for service activity.
Location: Chapel
What you need: A desire to be involved in service and performing acts of charity for others with others surrounding the local neighborhood.
How to join: Contact Mr. O’Donnell or Mrs. Terranova

NOTE: X-Act service hours are not applicable for Junior service learning requirements