

Concordia Journal

Hi Friends!

As we hit our halfway point in this year's [Saint John's Summer Program](#), we want to share with you the happenings of our different courses. Since we can't all be *physically* together this year, this newsletter, *The Concordia Journal*, is meant to help us stay connected as a community and celebrate the friendships, talent and hard work of our teachers and students.

As you know, every summer, Saint John's High School has been proud to offer courses and programs for students and families throughout the community.

This year, we've continued the tradition and **we're immensely proud to have expanded our program by partnering with Notre Dame Academy and Venerini Academy** as a step towards building our [Alliance for Independent Catholic Schools](#).

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This July, we've offered over 20 different virtual courses and activities in a variety of 1-Week, 2-Week and 4-Week sessions for students and families of all ages and interests. Our courses are running *online* this year through the end of the month. There are spaces still available in each class, so check out our calendar of offerings below!

Contact us with any questions at sjsummer@stjohnshigh.org.



2020 SAINT JOHN'S
summer programs

IN PROUD PARTNERSHIP WITH
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY & VENERINI ACADEMY

More Information

The banner features a large photograph of Saint John's High School campus. Overlaid on the top of the banner is the text '2020 SAINT JOHN'S' in a serif font, followed by 'summer programs' in a large, red, cursive script. A red shield logo with a white 'S' and 'J' and the year '1858' is positioned between 'summer' and 'programs'. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo for Notre Dame Academy. In the bottom right corner, there is a blue shield logo with a white cross and the word 'VENERINI'. To the right of the main banner, there is a smaller, rounded rectangular image showing a desk with a laptop, a tablet, and a computer monitor displaying a video conference with multiple participants. Below this image is a yellow button with the text 'More Information'.

The Summer at a Glance

Check out the more than 20 courses available this summer.

St. John's Summer Program Calendar 2020				
	Week 1: July 6-10	Week 2: July 13-17	Week 3: July 20-24	Week 4: July 27-31
Calendar Key: 4 - Week Session 2 - Week Session 1 - Week Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Pre-9th Grade: Math/English Program ☐ Pre-9th Grade: Math/English (Session 1) ☐ SAT: Math/English and Essay (Session 1) ☐ Athletes: Injury Free 			
Morning Session: 9am - 12pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Prep for Algebra 1 ☐ Graphic Design (Session 1) ☐ Modern Dance and Choreography (Middle School Session) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Pre-9th Grade: Math/English (Session 2) ☐ SAT: Math/English and Essay (Session 2) ☐ STEM Boot Camp ☐ Pre-7th Grade: Math/English ☐ Graphic Design (Session 2) ☐ Tennis Program: Middle School ☐ Field Hockey Program 	
Midday Session: 1pm-4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Intro to Journalism (M/W 12-3pm) ☐ Robotics and Engineering ☐ Learning Leadership (Session 1) ☐ Become a Citizen Scientist (Middle School) ☐ Become a Citizen Scientist (High School) 			
Evening Session: 6pm-9pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Snapshot: Photography and Videography (Tu/Th 5-8pm) ☐ College Essay Boot Camp ☐ Star Wars: A Study 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Harry Potter: From Page to Screen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ College Essay Boot Camp ☐ Star Wars: A Study ☐ Art Studio: Drawing/Video

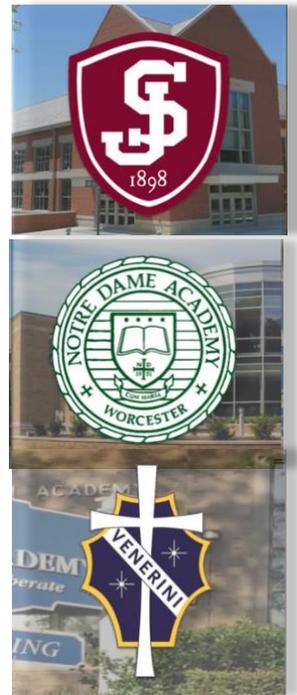
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Why Concordia?

Concordia is the Latin word for "harmony," meaning literally "with (one) heart." It was chosen first to recognize the Alliance for Independent Catholic Schools between Saint John's, Notre Dame Academy and Venerini Academy. Harmonious collaboration between our schools builds community, elevates education and extends opportunities to those who may not otherwise have them.



What is the *Alliance for Independent Catholic Schools*?



Putting together the robust selection of courses available in this year's Summer Program required building a team of educators with a diverse array of talents and interests – something which was only made possible by bringing together Saint John's, Notre Dame, and Venerini Academy in the newly-formed Alliance for Independent Catholic Schools. Although the formal partnership between the three schools will not officially begin until the 2020-2021 school year, this year's Summer Program represents an early example of the ways that collaboration and a spirit of *concordia* can benefit all members of the AICS. The Alliance is more than just a means of sharing resources and improving student transportation: by working together in harmony, the students and faculty of each institution will be able to create brand new educational opportunities, strengthen programs in the arts and in athletics, and support a future for Catholic education throughout Central Massachusetts. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Meet Your Summer Professors ...



Isabelle Germino

Lead Producer Concord MA Access Station

Snapshot: The Art of Framing Photos and Videos

Join Snapshot and dive into the world of photography and videography. Have you ever wondered what makes a picture beautiful? Or why some videos make you want to watch them again and again? Why do we like some photos better than others? Join Isabelle this summer to find out.

Over her month long course, you will examine the principles, commonalities and technical aspects of beautiful shots, both moving and still. And then, once you have your favorite shots, talk to Isabelle about submitting them to this newsletter. Click [here](#) for more information about Isabelle's course.

Let your voice be heard this summer and join our introductory journalism class to learn the core skills of writing, reporting, interviewing and more. Under the leadership-- and red pen--of seasoned journalist, Dan Holmes, discover how to develop, write and edit a story from its beginnings to its publishing date. Learn how to navigate the wild world of news in our ever changing media driven world, and get your best pieces published here in the Concordia Journal. Click [here](#) for more information about Dan's course



Daniel Holmes

Reporter for *The Rhode Island Catholic*

Introduction to Journalism

"Story-telling is a very powerful tool for changing the world, so I am excited to help students develop the skill!"

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Matthew Flowers

8th Grade ELA Teacher, Roxbury Prep

Pre-Secondary English

Entering high school this fall? Want to get a jump on getting that A in English? Join Matt this summer for the second session of our Pre-Secondary English class. Meet some members of your fellow 2024 graduating class while gaining confidence in everything from grammar, sentence structure and composition to vocabulary, reading comprehension, and study techniques. Practice close reading, note taking and joining group discussions in a safe, fun atmosphere designed to build critical thinking skills. Click [here](#) for more information about Matt's course.

"My hope is for my students to arrive at St. John's in the fall with a fostered sense of community and more confidence in foundational English skills that will further enable their success."

Do you love fitness? Want to learn the best way to keep your body healthy and active? Join Deanna—PE Teacher, CrossFit Trainer, Yoga Instructor, Nutrition Specialist and overall fitness guru—for a summer of athletics that you'll never forget. Over her course, you will practice mobility, correct athletic form and the greatest in training protocols. You'll study pre-hab and re-hab for common injuries along with nutrition and core training that you can do right from your home. You will walk away with a professional fitness assessment and specialized training methods with the tools and information necessary to be successful in your sport. Click [here](#) for more information about Deanna's course.

"If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you!"

See Deanna's gym and training credentials [here](#)!



Deanna Towns

Cross Country Coach, Notre Dame Academy
CrossFit Level 1 Trainor

Athletes: Fast, Stronger and Injury Free

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Gerald Taylor

Retired Math Teacher, Saint John's (30 Years)

Pre-Secondary Math

Entering high school this fall? Want to get a jump on your algebra skills? Join us this summer for an introduction to everything algebra. As a teacher with 30+ years of experience, Gerald knows all in the ins and outs of high school algebra. From multiplying and dividing fractions, ratios and proportions to prime numbers, equations, factors, and exponents, this course will cover it all. Click [here](#) for more information about Gerald's course.

"I am most looking forward to the interaction with the students as I have always loved that!"