

January 26, 2024

Dear Future Titan,

At St. John's Jesuit, we strive to celebrate the talents and passions of every student whom we serve. One of our core tenets, *cura personalis*, or care for the entire person, motivates us to facilitate experiences and growth for our students to help them achieve their full potential. The Magis Society is a program at St. John's Jesuit that is designed to identify and develop students who possess significant motivation to pursue their interests both in and out of the classroom.

As an incoming member of the class of 2028, we would like to invite you to consider applying to the Magis Society. This is a four-year program at SJJ that is committed to helping you develop your interests and passions in a creative way. In its current form, the Magis Society will focus on maximizing the SJJ experience for all students of varying abilities who wish to creatively pursue their areas of interest. This program aspires to create meaningful experiences and enrichment that encourage every student in the program to discover, hone, and pursue his talents and passions. Please see the attached information about the Magis Society for more detailed information.

If you wish to accept this invitation and apply for admission to the Magis Society, please do the following:

- Read the attached information to learn more about the Magis Society. If you would like more information about the program, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Adam Dane at adane@sjjtisans.org.
- Complete the enclosed Magis Society Application. We will accept applications between March 25 and April 19. If you wish to submit the application materials digitally, please scan and email them to Mr. Adam Dane (adane@sjjtisans.org). You may also email Mr. Dane to request a digital copy of the application materials.
- If you would like to experience the program first-hand, please call Admissions at 419-720-0797 to schedule a Titan for a Day experience. Please indicate your interest in the Magis Society to ensure that our Admissions Team can facilitate an experience with exposure to the program.

We hope that you will consider participating in this exciting program at St. John's Jesuit High School. For the class of 2028, we anticipate admitting ca. 25 freshmen into the program. We hope to hear from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Adam Dane
Director, Magis Society

Kari Bonnell
Dean of Academics

Magis Society at a Glance

Over 100
Student
Members!



Capstone Project
which develops

- ⇒ Student passion
- ⇒ Critical thinking
- ⇒ Networking
- ⇒ Organization
- ⇒ Communication

Students Benefit From

- * A Dedicated Program Space and Director
- * Exposure to Professionals
- * College Consultations
- * Unique Project-Based Curriculum



A Four Year Experience

Freshman Year

Magis English 9
Toledo Opera
Toledo Museum of Art
Project-Based Learning

Sophomore Year

SJJ Enrichment Events
Industry Field Trip

Junior Year

Capstone Project Seminar
Capstone Project Experience

Senior Year

Capstone Project Presentation
Capstone Project Defense
Mentorship Opportunities

Enrichment Events and Speakers

- Nick Carroll '14, Gameplay Programmer at Red Storm Entertainment Ubisoft
- Emmanuel Dzotsi '11, Emmy Award Winning Podcaster
- Mindy Rapp, Executive Director of Seagate Food Bank
- Ken Leslie, Advocate in Chief of Veterans Matter
- Catherine Crosby, Chief of Staff of the City of Toledo



For more information
or application materi-
als, please contact

Mr. Adam Dane,
Director



Magis Society

An engaging, holistic opportunity for passion-driven students

This program holistically serves and motivates students in accordance with one of our core Ignatian tenets: *Cura Personalis*—the development and care of the entire person. Through cohort activities, enrichment opportunities, and the Capstone Project, the Magis Society provides a structured impetus for young men to discover, explore, and pursue their interests and passions.

Admission to the Program

All incoming students will be invited to apply for the program after being accepted to St. John's Jesuit High School. The program accepts around 25 freshmen each year to form a cohort who will participate in this program for all four years of their SJJ experience.

The process will include the following:

- 1) The Magis Society Application
- 2) Creative Submission
- 3) Letter of Recommendation
- 4) Titan for a Day experience with a Magis Society student
- 5) Review by the Magis Society Admissions Committee

Cohort Opportunities

In addition to embracing core character principles, such as passion and initiative, the program will also expose the student to two unique cohort opportunities:

Freshman Year: Magis English 9

Junior Year: Junior Capstone Seminar

Capstone Project

Throughout their junior and senior years, students in the program will complete a Capstone Project that ultimately culminates in an expansive and personal experience that will be presented to the St. John's Jesuit community. This project will challenge the students to use all the abilities they have gained while studying at St. John's Jesuit to explore and engage an area of interest or a particular passion.

Extra-Curricular Enrichment

Enrichment outside the classroom will embrace a variety of opportunities that will include but are not limited to:

Fine Arts Experiences: Toledo Symphony, Toledo Opera, Toledo Museum of Art

Cultural Experiences: Accomplished SJJ Alumni; University of Toledo Distinguished Lecture Series, Bowling Green State University Speaker Series

Interactive Experiences: Awareness lectures and events, community service and involvement; local politics; career skills

The SJJ Difference

- ◆ Enrichment opportunities will expose students to unique areas of interest
- ◆ The program culminates in a Capstone Project that allows each student to explore his passion
- ◆ The program is designed to stimulate and facilitate growth in each student's area of interest

For more information,
please contact:

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St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy

Men for Others

Magis Society Application

Class of 2028

Name:

Birth Date:

Current School:

Video Interview

Provide a video in which you answer the questions below. Try to be as detailed and informative as possible. Please see the information sheet entitled “Magis Society Video Interview Instructions” at the end of this application for submission details.

- 1.) What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
- 2.) If you could engage in any activity for an entire day, what would you do and why?
- 3.) Identify and discuss the accomplishment or event that has made you most personally proud. What did you do? What happened? Why does it bring you pride?
- 4.) In as much detail as you can provide, identify explain your deepest passion. Why do you care so much about this?



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In addition to the video interview, you must complete the following tasks:

1.) Creative Component

Submit a creation of your own with this completed application. This can be a story, poem, song, video, or anything else you think reflects your ability to be creative. Think of this component as an opportunity to show us an aspect of you that your personal profile and this application cannot reveal. Have fun with it!

2.) Letter of Recommendation

Please provide the attached form to an adult who can comment on your character, abilities, and interests. This should not be a family member and preferably not a teacher. This could be someone like a coach, Boy Scout leader, family friend, music instructor, neighbor, etc. Please include this recommendation in the application materials you submit to Mr. Dane.



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Magis Society: Video Interview Instructions

Video Interview

Provide a video in which you answer the questions below. Try to be as detailed and informative as possible. You may use a mobile device (phone, iPad, etc.), a laptop, or a camera.

- 1.) What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
- 2.) If you could engage in any activity for an entire day, what would you do and why?
- 3.) Identify and discuss the accomplishment or event that has made you most personally proud. What did you do? What happened? Why does it bring you pride?
- 4.) In as much detail as you can provide, explain your deepest passion. Why do you care so much about this?

Submission

You may submit the video in whatever way is comfortable for you. Here are a few possible options:

- 1.) Save your video file on a portable USB drive and submit it with your creative component and letter of recommendation.
- 2.) Upload your video to YouTube on your personal account. Be sure to mark it as "Unlisted." Send the video link directly to Mr. Dane at adane@sjtitans.org.
- 3.) Upload your video to an online cloud service (e.g. Google Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox, etc.) and share it directly with Mr. Dane.

Using SJJ to Record

If you need a place to record your video interview, there is a space at St. John's Jesuit dedicated to facilitating this process. Contact Mr. Dane at adane@sjtitans.org to reserve the time you wish to use the equipment at SJJ.

Magis Society Letter of Recommendation

Applicant: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Recommender: _____

Number of Years you have known Applicant: _____

Please check the most appropriate box based on your knowledge of the applicant's character:

	Needs Work	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Motivation				
Passion				
Responsibility				
Initiative				
Respect				
Cooperates Well with Others				
Resourcefulness				
Overall				

In the space below, or in a separate letter, please discuss your impression of the applicant. What makes the applicant unique? Why do you think the applicant deserves this opportunity?

Signature of Recommender _____