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SJS ALUMNI UPDATES



St. JOSEPH SCHOOL

INAUGURAL ISSUE

Alumni News

FEATURING THE LAYMAN FAMILY

REMEMBERING MRS. BELL AND CROSS COUNTRY

Max Layman, the oldest of three St. Joseph School graduates in his family, is a member of the class of 2005. Max has carried his Catholic education with him in travels abroad and where he now resides in Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended St. John's Jesuit HS and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University. Max is a Technical Program Manager for Rolls-Royce Corporation, developing digital analytics capabilities for the aerospace propulsion business. On top of all of that, Max started an e-commerce business selling private label wine accessories through various online marketplaces.

Looking back, Max regards 7th grade as his favorite year. "I felt like I was beginning to take education, sports, and faith to the next level. I started to learn that generally hard work on any of those categories led to positive results, and it felt good to know I could begin to shape myself as a person through my own decisions." When asked about an influential teacher, Max is quick to say that his 8th grade math teacher, Mrs. Evelyn Bell, helped him build a strong foundation that served him well in math and science classes at St. John's.

Max began his cross country career at St. Joe's. For years, many of the area high schools' top runners have been SJS grads! The cross country program, open to all parish students in grades K – 8, has dedicated parent volunteer CYO coaches who consistently follow a formula for success established years ago. Max, a cross country runner at St. John's, credits his fitness habits in high school and beyond to the start he had at St. Joe's.

PAYING IT FORWARD

Margeaux Layman is a 2006 graduate of St. Joseph School. Margeaux has taken the gift of Catholic education and paid it forward at many times in her life. She attended St. Ursula Academy and obtained her undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University. Upon graduating from OSU, Margeaux earned a masters degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Toledo.

While a student at St. Joseph School, Margeaux has fond third grade memories of Ms. MyLien Cook (now Mrs. Floyd). "I was playing school at home and this is when I first thought it would be awesome to be a teacher when I grew up. Mrs. Floyd was always so kind and she made school something to look forward to. I also made great friendships this year that stuck throughout my time at SJS." Mrs. Floyd still teaches at St. Joseph and has moved up to grade 4. She has a strong reputation for her creativity in the classroom. She is a leader among her teaching peers and SJS is fortunate to have her on staff!

Such influences at St. Joe's helped Margeaux flourish in high school. She was active with volleyball, lacrosse, broomball, and swimming. She was a high school Admissions Ambassador, a member of the campus ministry Core Team, an executive member of the Spanish Club and co-founded two new clubs, one of which is called Arrows After Hours, a service-based group.

Today, Margeaux is teaching second grade at St. Rose in Perrysburg. "I am extremely grateful that I had the opportunity to attend Catholic schools for grade school and high school. I can attribute my strong faith to the foundations that were laid during those years.

It has also given me an incredible collection of positive adult role models who have been instrumental in helping me develop the way I see the world today."

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L-R: Mitchell, Margeaux and Max Layman.



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**WE ARE IN THE
PROCESS OF
GATHERING CONTACT
INFORMATION
FOR ALL 3,353
OF OUR SJS ALUMNI!**

- **We are updating our records going back to our first graduating class of 1939.**
- Go to our parish website www.stjoesylvania.org
- Click on "Our School/SCRIP" top right navigation button.
- Click on "Alumni" in drop down box.
- Share your current contact information with us! Please forward this link to your fellow alumni and ask them to share their contact information as well. We appreciate your efforts to help us reach out to as many Jaguars as possible.
- **GO JAGS!**

SJS Alumni!

We want to hear from you!

We want to be able to keep in touch with you. And we'd like to help you stay in touch with us and each other.

- Our plan is to communicate with you to keep you informed as to what is happening at St. Joseph School and what is happening with each of you.
- We'd like to highlight the importance of Catholic Education and we hope you'll help us to share that message.
- We'd love to share how SJS has influenced your life.
- We'll be happy to help support class reunions, class Facebook pages, or other methods of keeping in touch with your classmates.

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REMEMBERING A BRAND NEW EAST CAMPUS

Mitchell Layman was the last of his siblings to graduate from St. Joseph School in 2010. He attended St. John's Jesuit and currently attends Colorado State University. Above all else, Mitchell attributes the Catholic education he received with an incredible perspective of the world.

In his years at St. Joe's, Mitchell's most memorable teacher was Mrs. Nancy Plenzer and most memorable year was grade 6.

Grade 6 meant a new campus with new and old friends, and being introduced to the saxophone. Since 2006, St. Joseph School has been the only Catholic school in the Diocese of Toledo to offer a separate middle school campus that is still connected to the elementary campus directly across the street. It is the best of both worlds – the growing freedoms of middle school available in a K-8 environment.

During his high school years at St. John's, Mitchell enjoyed diving, rowing, and track. He regards his best achievement as the mission trips he took with St. John's to Guatemala. "My Catholic education has taught me to do my best to offer something tangible to the people around me and the world." Now a student at Colorado University, Mitchell intends to work with the National Park Service as a Ranger/outdoor educator.



St. Joseph School east campus.