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## SJHS Touchdown Club

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November 13, 2009



VS



***Week 9: St. Joseph Cadets @ Greenwich Cardinals***  
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***November 13, 2009 at 7:00pm***  
***Cardinal Stadium – Greenwich***

***Cadets 27***  ***Cardinals 34***

### Cadets “Feathered” by Cardinals

On an evening of heavy hearts with the loss and memory of a loved one, our St. Joseph Cadets gave everything they had only to come up short, facing the Greenwich Cardinals during Week 9.

It was a game played with emotion, as the teammates of senior offensive tackle Ryan Taylor played their hearts out for him and for the passing of his mother, Maria Taylor. Less than 48 hours before the game, St. Joseph's was notified of this unexpected tragedy. The Cadets rallied together in support of their classmate, their friend, who spent the evening home with his family.

“**God Bless**” the Taylor family, our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

The Cadets had a game to play regardless of the many pressures both emotionally and mentally that were facing them. There was the absence of their fellow teammate... their offensive line anchor, the elements of wind & rain on a cold miserable evening, while playing a team who just came off a very difficult loss and whom they've never beaten. All things being considered, St. Joseph's made it a game til' the bitter end.

Junior wide receiver, Patrick Mulligan kept the Cadets in the game by catching 2 passes, both for touchdowns (67, 33) totaling 100 yards of receiving yards. Mulligan also added 6 tackles while playing safety on defense. SJ quarterback Joseph Della Vecchia completed 13 passes for 230 yards and 3 touchdowns, while Tyler Matakevich the junior running back led the team with 80 yards rushing and 1 score.

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter began with St Joes starting on offense with Greenwich deferring the opening kick off. The Cadets took the field, but Della Vecchia's very first pass was intercepted. Less than 2 minutes later, the Cardinals scored on their second play from scrimmage. This was not what the visiting team had in mind to start the game, but St. Joseph's bounced right back. After a 19 yard kick off return by Jerry Kramer, Della Vecchia connected with Kramer for a 31 yard pass. Sophomore running back Joe Burns had 1 run of 4 yards, while Della Vecchia ran one for 8 more. Matakevich had 4 carries during the drive with the last one finding the end zone for a 1 yard touchdown. Senior Kicker Casey Olayos kicked the extra point. Cadets 7 \* Cardinals 7

Greenwich went right back to work and scored again within a few minutes. Our Hogs were out of sync, but something needed to be done. Both teams were jockeying for field position. Senior tri-captain Nick Pulaski punted the ball twice, the first for 70 yards and the second for 53 pinning the Cardinals both times. The SJ "D" held strong for each series. Junior corner back LJ Hunt stripped the ball and tri-captain Russ Renfer recovered it on the opponent's 32 yard line. Two passes later, Della Vecchia hit Kramer for a 24 yard touchdown. Olayos missed the extra point. The Hogs forced the Red Birds to punt after 4 plays. The Cadets had the momentum and they knew it. Matakevich carried the ball 4 times for 21 yards, while Della Vecchia completed passes to Matakevich for 2 yards and Kramer for 23. This helped set up a field goal attempt by Olayos, but the wind and rain didn't help. It missed to end the half.

**Half Time:** Cadets 13 \* Cardinals 14

The Cadets kicked off and the Hogs came at them hard with tackles by seniors Tim Izzo, George Nation, Kevin Nichols, Pulaski and Renfer. While tri-captain Tony Civitella sacked the Greenwich quarterback forcing the Cardinals to punt once again. Now it was time for St. Joseph's to do something and on their first possession Della Vecchia hit Mulligan for a 67 yard touchdown. The Cadets had taken the lead. However, Greenwich answered right back by driving the ball right down the field finding the end zone. St. Joseph's were not able to counter and the Cardinals scored again taking a 7 point lead. On the ensuing kick off and with heavy winds, the ball took a bad bounce off the Cadets receiver and Greenwich recovered it. One play later the Red Birds were in the end zone once again. Three scores in one quarter by the home team with St. Joseph's now trailing by 14 points. Cadets 20 \* Cardinals 34

Start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the Cadets had their backs against the wall. They needed a spark and boy did they get one. Greenwich fumbled unexpectedly and Izzo recovered it, but time was ticking away. Della Vecchia went right to work completing passes to Burns for 6 yards and Kramer for 9 more. Joe then connected with Mulligan for a 33 yard touchdown giving the Cadets hope and only down by seven. The Hogs needed to come out and hold their ground against the Cardinals "O" to have any chance and they did. The Cadets tried everything to move the ball, but swirling winds and misting rains made it very difficult to pass. St. Joes turned the ball over on downs as they watched Greenwich run out the clock.

St. Joseph's left everything on the field after a very hard fought and emotional game. Everyone's thoughts & prayers go out to the Taylors!

**The Final Score:** Cadets 27 \* Cardinals 34

**\*\*\*Our Next Varsity game will be held at Home  
(Dalling Sports Complex) on Thursday – "Thanksgiving Day"  
November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am vs Trumbull Eagles**



## **SJ Scoring:**

Qtr 1 – 7 Points: \*Matakevich – Run (1 Yard) \*Olayos – Kick – Extra Point  
Qtr 2 – 6 Points: \*Della Vecchia – Pass – \*Kramer (24 Yards) \*Olayos – Kick – Missed XP  
Qtr 3 – 7 Points: \*Della Vecchia – Pass – \*Mulligan (67 Yards) \*Olayos – Kick – Extra Point  
Qtr 4 – 7 Points: \*Della Vecchia – Pass – \*Mulligan (34 Yards) \*Olayos – Kick – Extra Point

## **SJ Statistics:**

Team Captains: \*\*Tony Civitella \*\*Nick Pulaski \*\*Russ Renfer

Leading Passer: (Completions / Attempts / Yards) \*Della Vecchia – 13/30/230 - **3 TD**  
**(1 Interception)**

Leading Rusher: (Rushes / Yards) \*Matakevich – 18/80 - **1 TD**

Rushing: (Attempts / Yards) \*Burns – 4/33 \*Della Vecchia – 2/11

Leading Receiver: (Catches / Yards) \*Mulligan – 2/100 - **2 TD**

Receiving: (Yards) \*Kramer – 4/87 - **1 TD** \*Matakevich – 3/18 \*Mawicke – 2/15 \*Burns – 1/6  
\*Irwin – 1/4

PAT / Extra Points: (Kicks / Attempts) \*Olayos – 3/4

Field Goals: (Kicks / Attempts / Yards) \*Olayos – 0/1 (Missed 27)

Leading Defensive Tackler: \*Renfer (13)

Defensive Tackles: \*Civitella (12) \*Matakevich (12) \*Nichols (9) \*Pulaski (9) \*Chinova (8)  
T. Izzo (7) \*Prutting (6) \*Mulligan (6) \*Hunt (5) \*S. O'Brien (5) \*Nation (4) \*Magee (3)  
\*Walczyk (3) \*Brantley (1) \*Dalling (1) \*Dwinells (1) \*Irwin (1)

**\*\*\*Please Note:** All tackles are recorded from the first player making the initial contact with references of assisting tacklers. Every player may not be accounted for on team tackles.

Sacks: \*Civitella (1) \*Nation (1)

Interceptions: (Picks / Yards) \*N/A

Fumbles: (Recovered / Yards) \*Renfer – 1/0 \*T. Izzo 1/0

Kick Offs: (Attempts / Yards) \*Olayos – 6/ 44, 43, 47, 37, 20, 20 (35 Avg)

Kick Off Returns: (Attempts / Yards and/or Fair Catch) \*Kramer – 3/ FC, Fumble, 21 (21 Avg)

Punts: (Attempts / Yards) \*Pulaski – 4/ 70, 53, 44, 55 (55.5 Avg)

Punt Returns: (Attempts / Yards and/or Fair Catch) \*Kramer – 1/5

## Greenwich holds off St. Joseph in another thriller

By Jesse Quinlan  
Staff Writer



St. Joseph's Russ Renfer (64), Jerry Kramer (22) & Kevin Nichols (20).

St. Joseph's running back Tyler Matakevich (44).

St. Joseph's safety Patrick Mulligan (10).

St. Joseph's cornerback Sean Chinova (43).

GREENWICH -- One week after the much-debated instant classic at Cardinal Stadium, the atmosphere was far less electric, but the outcome was nearly as dramatic.

Greenwich kept its faint state playoff hopes alive, surviving a serious scare from St. Joseph before holding on for a much-needed 34-27 victory Friday night.

The Cardinals (7-2) came out strong on Senior Night and got a memorable first-quarter performance by Colin Dunster, who started at running back for injured co-captain Mike Dunster and ripped off touchdown runs of 37 and 40 yards.

St. Joseph (7-2) trailed 14-7 after the first quarter, but the Cadets were not about to go quietly, not with their own state playoff berth possibly on the line, and especially not playing just one day after the mother of senior tackle Ryan Taylor had passed away.

"This was an emotional night for us," Cadets coach Joe Della Vecchia said. "Ryan's mother (Maria) was great to the kids and obviously this has been a tough few days for our team. We didn't get the win, but I'm tremendously proud of the effort."

Junior quarterback Joe Della Vecchia, the coach's son and leading passer in the FCIAC, threw for three touchdowns as the Cadets took a 20-14 lead early in the third quarter.

Greenwich, however, dominated the rest of the quarter. Senior quarterback Mike Lefflbine capped a seven-play, 62-yard drive with a 1-yard sneak before scrambling for a 10-yard scoring run on the next possession as the Cardinals went up 27-20 with 47 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Greenwich then recovered a fumble by St. Joseph on the ensuing kickoff, and quickly took advantage with Lefflbine firing a 23-yard touchdown pass to senior Peter Cavini on the first play of the drive.

Those 20 unanswered points made it 34-20 with 29 seconds left, but again, the Cadets would be heard from.

St. Joseph closed to within one score with 5:16 remaining on a spectacular 33-yard touchdown pass from Della Vecchia to junior Pat Mulligan, who made a leaping grab on one side of the field before weaving his way into the end zone on the other side. Mulligan had previously scored on a 67-yard screen pass, despite a valiant effort by Dunster, who caught up with the receiver as he crossed the goal line.

This game was starting to feel like deja vu as the Cardinals picked up a huge first down on a 22-yard run by Lefflbine, but wound up punting with just over two minutes to go.

The Cadets, winless against the Cardinals in their seven previous tries, took over on their own 13 and started a drive that could have gone down in the annals of program history. Star junior Tyler Matakevich had a pair of 9-yard runs on the series, but Della Vecchia's pass on fourth-and-1 from the Cadets' 35 fell incomplete.

The Cards took over with 48 seconds left on the clock, and after two kneel downs by Lefflbine, they could finally celebrate.

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GREENWICH 14 0 20 0--34

G--Colin Dunster 37 run (Raphael Bussy kick)

SJ--Tyler Matakevich 1 run (Casey Olayos kick)

G--Dunster 40 run (Bussy kick)

SJ--Jerry Kramer 24 pass Joe DellaVecchia (kick failed)

SJ--Pat Mulligan 67 pass DellaVecchia (Olayos kick)

G--Mike Lefflbine 1 run (Bussy kick)

G--Lefflbine 10 run (kick failed)

G--Peter Cavini 23 pass Lefflbine (Bussy kick)

SJ--Mulligan 33 pass DellaVecchia (Olayos kick)

Records: St. Joseph 7-2, Greenwich 7-2



## Connecticut Post Newspaper Article:

### **HS Football Week 9: Irked Greenwich hosts hopeful St. Joseph**

By Jesse Quinlan  
Staff Writer

Among the thousands in attendance during last week's game for the ages between Greenwich and New Canaan was Joe Della Vecchia.

It was originally a scouting mission for the St. Joseph High School head football coach, who quickly became just another captivated spectator.

"I picked the right game," Della Vecchia said with a laugh. "It was like watching two heavyweights going the distance. If New Canaan is the No. 1 team in the state, then in my opinion, Greenwich is 1a."

The Cardinals, as the CIAC Class LL point rankings show, came out on the short end of that 35-34 instant classic.

How they respond from the most heartbreaking of defeats will be learned tonight at 7 when the Cardinals (6-2) host the Cadets (7-1) in a matchup of FCIAC teams on the fringe of state playoff contention.

St. Joe's is fourth in Class SS, and needs at least one win in its two remaining games to reach the state tournament for the first time since 1990. With a victory tonight, the Cadets could also earn a trip to the FCIAC championship, but would need several other Week 9 scenarios to break in their favor as well.

The crestfallen Cardinals, meanwhile, would need a minor miracle to make states and are all but out of the LL tournament for the second straight year. Such is life in the loaded LL after a pair of one-point losses.

As of Wednesday night, Greenwich head coach Rich Albonizio was still waiting for his team to show the spirit that once had them 5-0 and dominating the league.

"It's been tough," said Albonizio, who is in his 13th year at Greenwich in a career that spans 29 seasons. "For me personally, it was one of the toughest losses ever. I only wish we had a chance to decide our own fate on that last drive, but penalties are a part of it, too. We had plenty of opportunities to put it away before that drive."

If the Cards are to have any shot at states, they can't afford to sleep on St. Joe's.

Greenwich is a perfect 7-0 all-time against the Trumbull school, but the last meeting came in 2004.

The Cadets are an improved team, and can put points on the board in a number of ways.

Junior quarterback Joe Della Vecchia, the coach's son, has thrown for a league-best 1,854 yards with 18 touchdowns and just five interceptions. Four receivers have each caught at least 23 passes, while junior two-way standout Tyler Matakevich leads the ground game with 1,043 yards and a healthy 7.56 yards per carry average.

"Our run-pass ratio is pretty much 50-50," Della Vecchia said. "We try to be balanced, and we'll need to be against a team of Greenwich's caliber. They have some great players on both sides of the ball. We need to bring our 'A' game and hope they play at their 'C' level."

These teams are in the top third of the league in both points scored and allowed, which should make for some interesting matchups across the board. And just as New Canaan handed Greenwich one of its two stinging defeats, St. Joe's also knows the feeling of falling to the state's top-ranked squad.

A victory tonight, of course, would validate the Cadets' arrival as an FCIAC titan.

"We didn't play as well as we could have against New Canaan," Della Vecchia said. "Hopefully, we can make a game of it. If it's anything like last week, I'll be proud, that's for sure."

As for the Cardinals, they still have arch-rival Staples to look forward to on Thanksgiving. But if the playoffs are to be even a remote possibility, they must first rise to the occasion tonight.

"We have to put last week in the past and let it go," Albonizio said. "All I'm worried about right now is St. Joe's. If we only have two games left, this is our postseason."

St. Joseph (7-1) at Greenwich (6-2) When: Tonight, 7 Where: Cardinal Stadium  
Series history: Greenwich is 7-0 against St. Joe's since the teams began playing in 1998. The Cardinals won the last meeting 33-0 in 2004.

## JV Football

Results of JV Game  
Monday, November 16th  
St. Joseph v. Trumbull Eagles

*Cadets 16 \* Eagles 20*

The St. Joseph's Junior Varsity Cadets season has come to an end and for what it's worth, they left it all on the field after facing their nemesis... the Trumbull Eagles.

SJ JV quarterback Pat Lomnitzer completed just 4 passes out of 17 attempts, but 2 of them went for touchdowns to junior wide receiver, Quinn Irwin. Irwin had 3 receptions for 70 yards with 2 TDs, while junior running back, Trevor Dalling rushed for just 27 yards and converted 2 crucial 2-point conversions. Middle linebacker's Will Dwinells (junior) and Kevin Izzo (sophomore) each had 10 tackles on the afternoon with Dalling contributing 8 of his own. Mike Grasso and Irwin each added 7 as well.

The Cadets offensive line of Amin Ahmadi, Ryan Finch, Alec Lessard , Ryan Mrozek, John Szalen and Dwinells held their own against the Eagle defense. Trumbull scored a touchdown in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter giving the Eagles a 6 to nothing lead, but St' Joseph's came right back. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Lomnitzer hit Irwin for a 16 yards pass for a touchdown, while Dalling converted the 2 point conversion giving the Cadets an 8 to 6 lead. On Trumbull's next drive, they moved the ball right down the field trying to find the end zone right before half time, but a key sack by Izzo and an interception returned 66 yards by junior cornerback Connor Donegan put a stop to that. **Half Time:** Cadets 8 \* Eagles 6

Start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and on a Trumbull 4<sup>th</sup> and long, Dwinells blocked an Eagle punt leaving the Cadets in excellent field position. Junior running back Kevin Rooney broke free on an 11 yard run before Lomnitzer completed a 24 yard touchdown to Irwin. Dalling converted the 2 point conversion. St. Joseph's now led 16 to 6. The Eagles did not lay down though. On their next drive they pounded the ball up the middle of the SJ "D" literally eating up the whole quarter before scoring. SJ junior cornerback, Brendan Donegan knocked down the Trumbull pass on an attempted 2 point try. The Cadets still led by 4.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the game on the line the Eagles forced the Cadets to punt with sophomore punter EJ Sheehan booting the ball 49 yards. With time ticking away Trumbull managed to find the end zone one last time taking the lead. The St. Joseph's offense made one last attempt to counter, but the Eagles picked off the pass on the very first play. The JV's season was over, but the boys had fun and played hard each and every game. ...Thank you Cadets and "God Bless"

**The Final Score:** Cadets 16 \* Eagles 20

**\*\*\*Special thanks to all the parents and fans for coming to support the boys this season.**

**\*\*\*Captain's:** Quinn Irwin \* Kevin Rooney \* Ethan Szabo \* John Szalen

### **St. Joe's Game Stats:**

Passing: (Completions/Attempts/Yards) \*Lomnitzer – 4/17/107 - **2 TD** (2 Interceptions)

Rushing: (Carries/Yards) \*Dalling – 6/27 \*Grasso – 5/18 \*Lomnitzer – 2/17 (1 Fumble)  
\*Rooney – 3/13

Receiving: (Receptions/Yards) \*Irwin – 3/70 - **2 TD** \*Rooney – 1/37

Extra Points: (Made/Attempts) \*Dalling (Rush – 2pt) – 2/2

Defensive Tackles: \*Dwinells (10) \*K. Izzo (10) \*Dalling (8) \*Grasso (7) \*Irwin (7)  
\*Rooney (5) \*Sheehan (5) \*Raucci (3) \*B. Donegan (2) \*C. Donegan (2) \*Finch (2)  
\*Howell (2) \*Mrozek (2) A. O'Brien (2) \*Pavia (2) \*Szabo (2) \*Szalen (2)

Sacks: \*K. Izzo (1)

Interceptions: (Picks/Yards Returned) \*C. Donegan – 1/66

Blocked Punt: \*Dwinells (1)

Kick Offs: (Attempts/Yards) \*Sheehan – 3/ 45, 20, 36 (34 Avg)

Kick Off Returns: (Attempts/Yards and/or Fair Catch) \*Dalling – 1/ 36  
\*C. Donegan – 2/23 \*Sheehan – 1/3

Punts: (Attempts/Yards) \*Sheehan – 3/ 48, 39, 49 (45 Avg)

## **Freshman Football**

### **Freshman Cadets Pray to St. Anthony of Padua**

Week 9 action saw the Freshman Cadets playing a home game against the Greenwich Cardinals at a cold and windy Dalling Sports Complex. Prayers to St. Anthony, the **Patron Saint of Lost Items**, were needed for Coach Luchansky and Coach Buygi as the officials failed to appear and the Cadet running game disappeared for the second week in a row. Greenwich dressed over 80 players and Cadets Athletic Director Jim Olayos jumped in at official as the Zebras were not to be found.

St. Joes received the opening kick-off taking possession at the 25-yard line. Quarterbacks **Brett Olayos (8)** and **Pat Boyle (10)** were protected by the Cadet Offensive line anchored by **Left Tackle Rob Roehrich (66)**, **Left Guard Brian Gavin (65)**, **Center Kevin Haynes (74)**, **Right Guard Mike Raucci (54)** and **Right Tackle Tom Bauer (77)**. On the second play from scrimmage, running back **Kyron Crawford (23)** went down with an injury for the second week in a row. The Cadets were forced to go to the air. Two plays later, a Cardinal pick was returned for a TD and went ahead 7-0. The Hogs then took the kickoff and started to move the ball when the Cadet ball carrier was stripped. Big **Tackle Rob Roehrich (66)** returned the favor on the following play, recovering a Greenwich fumble. The Cadets and **Cardinals** exchanged possessions until a 36-yard catch and run put the Cardinals up **13-0** at the end of the first quarter.

Second quarter action saw Greenwich going to the air themselves. A 40-yard td pass, a Cadets interception returned for a touchdown and a 55-yard screen pass brought the Cardinals into a **34-0** halftime lead.

Coach Luchansky's prayers were answered in the second half. The Cadets held Greenwich scoreless while scoring 14 unanswered points. Coach rallied the offense directing the ball to be handled by hard running Mike **Pulaski (45)**, speedster **Jake Pelletier (2)**, and the sure handed receiver **Matt Batten (4)**. **Olayos (8)** marched the Cadets down the field with a beautiful reverse by **Pelletier**, terrific runs by **Pulaski** and two great receptions by **Batten**. With 3:08 left in the Quarter, **Olayos** found end zone connecting with **Batten** on an acrobatic catch. **Pulaski** ran the conversion in, with the quarter ending **34-8**.

The St, Joe's defensive effort was lead by **Matt Hare (34)**, **Mike Raucci (54)**, **Dan Donnelly (56)**, **Connor Gebo (41)**, **Harry Leroux (84)**, **Jason Kaufman (27)**, **Dillon O'Meara (81)** and **Bobby Brennan (83)**. The Cadets defense shut down the Cardinal completely in the second half.

Fourth quarter saw **Travis Thompson (70)** in at center. The final **Olayos** drive was a thing of absolute beauty. A 25-yard **Mike Pulaski (45)** reception was followed up by an outstanding 27-yard reception by **Jake Pelletier (2)**. **Olayos** was not finished. He went airborne to **Matt Batten (4)** who lassoed his second TD catch of the day.

**FINAL SCORE: GREENWICH 34 - ST. JOES 14**

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## " Senior Spotlight "

### **Justin E. Brantley**

Born: *December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1992*

Height & Weight: *5'9 / 180*

Quote: "What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog."

*\*Running Back / Defensive Back*



Justin was born on December 27, 1992 in Bridgeport, CT. He lives with his mom Gwendolyn Brantley. What Justin admires most about his mom... "Is the love and support she always shows him."

Over the summer Justin volunteered at a Sports Camp for a local community center, exercised, visited colleges, and hung out with friends.

This is Justin's 8th year playing football. He wears number "2". Justin plays running back and defensive back for the program.

Justin's favorite subject is History.

College / Major: UConn, Morgan State, FAMU / Architecture - Civil Engineering

Hobbies: Sports, Video Games, and Socializing with friends.

#### **\*Justin's Favorites:**

Movie: *Remember the Titans*

TV Show: *Family Guy*

Music / Group: *Hip Hop*

Book / Magazine: *Sports Illustrated*

Food: *Pasta*



*"We wish you the best, Justin! God Bless you and your family."*



**Varsity Football Roster 2009**

**\*\*Captains:**

Civitella, Tony	Running Back / Linebacker	5'8 – 195
Pulaski, Nick	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'0 – 210
Renfer, Russ	Center / Linebacker	5'11 – 210

**\*Seniors:**

Belgrade, Kevin	Tight End / Defensive Line	6'3 – 190
Brantley, Justin	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'9 – 180
Cranston, Erik	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'9 – 160
Izzo, Tim	Guard / Defensive Line	5'9 – 205
Magee, Pat	Tight End / Linebacker	6'1 – 195
Nation, George	Tight End / Linebacker	5'11 – 195
Nichols, Kevin	Running Back / Strong Safety	5'10 – 170
O'Brien, Shane	Running Back / Defensive Line	5'10 – 220
Olayos, Casey	Kicker	5'9 – 140
Prutting, Nick	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'8 – 140
Stine, Jon	Guard / Defensive Line	6'0 – 225
Taylor, Ryan	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'2 – 265
Walczyk, Tom	Tackle / Defensive Line	5'11 – 225



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**Juniors:**

Adzima, Nick	Guard / Defensive Line	6'0 – 240
Ahmadi, Amin	Guard / Defensive Line	5'7 – 205
Cargnel, CJ	Quarterback / Defensive Back	5'8 – 135
Chille, Steve	Guard / Defensive Line	5'10 – 210
Chinova, Sean	Tight End / Linebacker	6'0 – 180
Crosby, Dave	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'6 – 125
Dalling, Trevor	Running Back / Defensive Line	5'7 – 145
Della Vecchia, Joe	Quarterback	6'0 – 170
Donegan, Brendan	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'11 – 165
Donegan, Connor	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'10 – 155
Dwinells, Will	Guard / Linebacker	5'11 – 215
Finch, Ryan	Guard / Defensive Line	5'8 – 190
Francis, Nick	Guard / Defensive Line	6'0 – 230
Hunt, LJ	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'11 – 185
Irwin, Quinn	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	6'2 – 185
Joyce, Connor	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'11 – 140
Kramer, Jerry	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'6 – 155



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**Juniors:**

Marini, Mike	Center / Defensive Line	6'0 – 245
Matakevich, Tyler	Running Back / Linebacker	6'1 – 195
Mawicke, Jason	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	6'1 – 200
Mrozek, Ryan	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'0 – 240
Mulligan, Pat	Wide Receiver / Safety	6'1 – 170
O'Brien, Alec	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'10 – 150
Pavia, Matt	Running Back / Linebacker	5'5 – 160
Rooney, Kevin	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'9 – 160
Szabo, Ethan	Quarterback / Defensive Back	5'9 – 155
Szalen, John	Guard / Defensive Line	5'8 – 190

**Sophomores:**

Burns, Joe	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'8 – 190
Ciufo, Larry	Tackle / Defensive Line	5'10 – 220
Grasso, Mike	Running Back / Linebacker	5'8 – 175
Granfield, Dan	Tight End / Linebacker	6'3 – 185
Howell, Charles	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	6'2 – 170



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**Sophomores:**

Izzo, Kevin	Guard / Linebacker	5'6 – 160
Lessard, Alec	Center / Defensive Line	5'8 – 230
Lomnitzer, Pat	Quarterback / Defensive Back	6'1 – 180
Morabito, Matt	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'0 – 190
Sheehan, EJ	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'8 – 175

*"Win Every Day"*

**Head Coach: Joe Della Vecchia**

**Defensive Coordinator: Chris Sadler**

**Assistant Coaches: Jim Chaves \* Dave Matakevich \* Dave Hashemi  
\* Tony Furnari \* Kevin Morey \* Jim Luchansky \* Chris Buygi**

**Trainer: Dan McDonagh**

Dear Football Families,

On behalf of Head Coach Joe Della Vecchia, and Athletic Director Jim Olayos, we would like to welcome you to another great season of SJ “hog” football. The season is young and yet has already been so very exciting.

We would also like to take this opportunity to appeal to you to join the Athletic Association. It is our goal to have 100% of our team parents become members.

Did you know that the SJAA participates in the development of our Athletic Programs? Not only are new uniforms, helmets, pads, nets, awnings, transportation, State Champ rings funded, but also are so many other programs that foster well rounded Student Athletes.

Have you ever attended a Senior Night Festivity for any of our athletes? I urge you to attend and bring tissues! Our SJAA celebrates the senior athletes with a ceremonious event that includes season highlights, Dalling Field decorated with St. Joes Spirit balloons, a ceremony that begins with each senior athlete escorted by their parents complete with flowers and photos, athlete accolades, and college/major intentions.

The Athletic Association also has a hand in each Team’s banquet and pizza party. After having driven home a car full of giggly Cheerleaders following their banquet, I can personally attest to the happy memories shared by the girls, as well as their parents. These are the days they (and we as parents) will look back on so fondly, and these are the days that pass so quickly.

Our Association needs your help in order to keep these, and so many other programs going. Please join the Athletic Association, come to the meetings and get involved. We are driven by the generosity of our members, and that is not only monetary. We welcome donations of labor, materials, expertise, food, networking etc. We recently had donations of extension cords and a microphone for our PA system, which parents were no longer using and we were in need of. ***All generosity is welcome!!***

Please join the camaraderie that is St. Joes! Help to continue to build our Athletic program and have some fun along the way!

Thank You,

The Families of:

Antonio Civitella (Sr. Captain)  
Nick Pulaski ( Sr. Captain)  
Russ Renfer (Sr. Captain)

# Annual Membership Application

***St. Joseph High School  
Athletic Association***

## Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

## Membership Level

Please Check One:

BOOSTER LEVEL  
\$25.00

BENEFACTOR LEVEL  
\$100.00 OR MORE

PATRON LEVEL  
\$50.00

OTHER  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name and Graduation Year:**

**Athletic Activities Participating In:**

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

The Athletic Association is involved with all athletic activities at St. Joseph High School.  
Parental Support is always needed and welcome!

\*ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME DURING THESE EVENTS? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

\*IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITY YOU WOULD CONSIDER HELPING US WITH?  
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\*Make Your Check Payable to: St. Joseph Athletic Association\*

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

*Jim Olayos, Athletic Director  
C/O St. Joseph High School  
2320 Huntington Turnpike  
Trumbull, CT 06611*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The Touchdown Club is collecting **\$30.00** from each Varsity team member to cover the costs of Friday night dinners and for sandwiches on the bus for all away games. Team dinners are held each Friday night before a Varsity Saturday game after practice in the school cafeteria and are catered by Vazzy's.

\*\*\*Please Make Checks Payable To: **SJAA**

**Chris Joyce - 26 Koger Road, Trumbull, CT 06611**

## “ Team Support “

**Varsity Liaison** – Chris Joyce

**Junior Varsity Liaison** – Mike Pavia \* David Crosby

**Freshman Liaison** – Gary Hare

# SCOREBOARD

September 2009

## St. Joseph's Touchdown Club Season Assignments

**Gate Ticket Sales** – Jim Olayos

**Concession Setup / Sales** – Chris Joyce \* Dennis O'Brien

**Chain Gang** – Chris Joyce \* Lance Hunt \* Dennis O'Brien \*  
Pat Donegan \* Gary Hare \* John Batten

**Scoreboard** – Ed Rooney

**Announcer** – Doc Marino

**Photographer** – John Phillips

**Game Day Programs** – Donna Mulligan

**50/50 Raffles** – Lorraine Renfer

**Apparel Sales** – Marjan Hashemi Ahmadi

**Inventory Shopping** – Bill Dwinells

**Friday Night Dinner Servers** – Chris Joyce \* Kim Matakevich \*  
Nadine Civitella \* Lorraine Renfer

**Sandwich Pick Up at Vazzy's** – Nancy Lessard

**Tailgate Away Games** – Chris Joyce

**Thanksgiving Mass** – Nadine Civitella \* Carolyn Cargnel \*  
Mary Hunte

**End of Season Banquet** – Chris Joyce \* Nadine Civitella \*  
Matt & Mary Ellen Adzima \* Jean-Marie Pulaski

**\*\*\*The Touchdown Club** welcomes "Volunteers" to help support the weekly functions of the program. **Please Join Us!** Contact: Chris Joyce at (203) 449-4998

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