

WE ARE SJA.



WE ARE OPTIMISTS.

We are intensely optimistic about the young people we teach.

They challenge us, surprise us, and inspire us. Every one of them has great potential and we give them every opportunity to reach it. By helping each student recognize and use their individual gifts and talents, we help them achieve their own brand of excellence, transforming their lives and the world around them.

WE ARE CATALYSTS.

We truly believe each student has the ability to do great things.

While they are here, our students build relationships with some of the very best educators in the world — our faculty and staff. Through these relationships, they learn to live out our mission as they build lives of good character, inquiry, and community.

WE ARE MENTORS.

We create a culture of respect, caring, acceptance, and encouragement.

We treasure the spirit of young people, their energy, their creativity, their curiosity and kindness — as well as the unique potential of each one. We believe in them even when they don't believe in themselves.

WE ARE GUIDES.

We provide the opportunities and support students need to succeed.

A student's teachers, advisors, college counselors, dorm parents, and many others help them navigate the remarkable opportunities St. Johnsbury Academy offers. As students try new things, many find their lifelong interests and passions.

WE ARE RESOURCEFUL.

We will “transmit the school not less, but greater and more beautiful” to future generations.

This was the commitment of our founders. We honor it still through our world-class faculty and programs located on a campus with expansive facilities for academics, the arts, technology, athletics, and boarding life.

WE ARE A LEARNING COMMUNITY.

We stay true to our motto: Semper Discens, Latin for “Always Learning.”

With our university-like schedule, students complete a one-year course in one semester. This opens up opportunities to students in many ways — they can explore a much broader range of depth in preparation for later studies.

WE ARE SJA.



8 TO 1
Student-teacher ratio

Students come from nearly half the U.S. states and
30 countries

12
Average class size

CHALLENGING CHOICES

Our *Signature Programs* provide unparalleled academic opportunities.

The academics at St. Johnsbury Academy are exceptional across the board, but a number of programs truly set us apart. From high-level math to the AP Capstone Diploma, from the visual arts to global travel opportunities, our Signature Programs ignite passion within our students, often leading them to pursue careers in fields first explored on our campus.

Signature Programs

Post-Calculus Mathematics

AP Capstone

Bio-Medical and Health Certificate

Culinary Arts and the Hilltopper Restaurant

Environmental Stewardship

SJA Field Semester

Fashion Design

Filmmaking

Travel Study and Cultural Exchange

Comprehensive Learning Support

Gregory N. Sweeny Applied Engineering Center

Pre-University Engineering and FIRST Robotics

Senior Capstone

Freshmen Humanities

World-Class Arts



“Studying at St. Johnsbury Academy was a really great experience for me. At SJA, there are not only rigorous, challenging, and fun courses, but also various learning facilities (like the Learning Center) and, most importantly, a group of extremely knowledgeable and friendly teachers that students can go to at any time. All of these helped me get into the college of my dreams — Cornell University.”

◀ **Victor Xie**
Hometown: Shenzhen, China



120

*full- and part-time faculty.
Nearly 70% hold Master's
or Ph.D. degrees.*

OVER 220 COURSES

With the support of advisors and college counselors, we help students choose wisely.

Students at St. Johnsbury Academy benefit from small classes, talented teachers, and a huge array of academic opportunities. We offer over 220 courses including 31 Advanced Placement courses, more than 30 courses in the fine and performing arts, college-level engineering, five languages, and an award-winning technical education department.

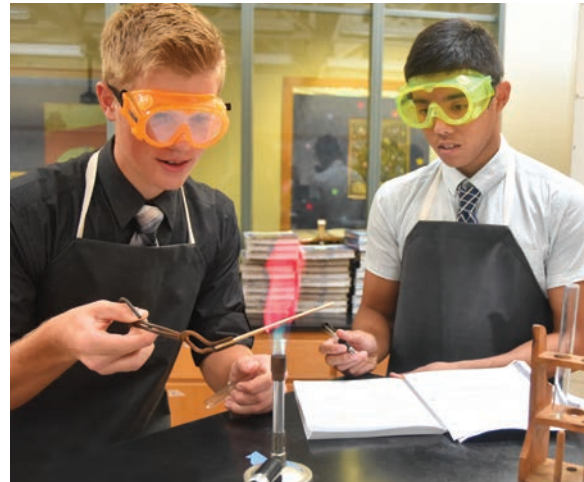
Learning Support

Our comprehensive learning support complements students' course work. All students, regardless of academic level, homework habits, or previous academic challenges, are provided with the resources to excel. We are highly successful in assisting students who require help with organization and study skills, or whose diagnosed learning disability creates the need for specialized assistance, remediation, and classroom accommodations.

Summer ESL Program

Our ESL program is an exciting opportunity for immersion into the English language while experiencing American culture.

The combination of language instruction and living with an American family maximizes exposure to the English-speaking world in a personal and friendly atmosphere.



All students participate in our

ONE To ONE

Google Chromebook program.



"At St. Johnsbury Academy my teachers not only pushed me to do my best, but also supported and encouraged me on my academic journey. They provided help inside and outside of the classroom, and this allowed me to grow and learn as a scholar and as a person."

◀ **Madison Suitor**
Hometown: Boulder, Colorado



EXPRESS YOURSELF

Study with a group of professional working artists — our arts faculty.

The St. Johnsbury Academy Fine Arts department offers a comprehensive range of courses that provide a solid technical and aesthetic foundation.

In addition to offering more than 30 courses in the visual and performing arts, the Academy's Arts program provides an extremely diverse range of extracurricular opportunities including Art and Fashion club, photo lab, intaglio printmaking, and many others. Our semester-based schedule allows all students to include the arts as part of their high school experience.

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Each year SJA students participate in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. And each year our students win national gold or silver medals joining a legacy of celebrated authors and artists including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, and Lena Dunham.



"The Morse building, or as I like to call it, my sanctuary, has been my favorite place on campus since the day I got here. I've spent countless hours working on art projects in all the different mediums the school has to offer, from fashion design to oil painting and printmaking. With the help of resources and great mentoring from my art teachers, I have won many awards, including a Scholastic Art and Writing National Silver Medal. I leave with nothing but good and joyful memories."

◆ Patrick Nkubito
Hometown: Lagos, Nigeria



Charles Hosmer Morse Center for the Arts
Our state-of-the-art facility that features a 220-seat theater, a dance studio, music studio with sound-proof practice rooms, Mac computer lab for graphic design and film editing, photographic darkroom, clay studio, and several large studio spaces with north-facing light. This spacious building is truly one of the best designed and most inspiring secondary-school art facilities in the country.



"The Arts Department at the Academy has allowed me to expand my passions. The instructors are professionals in their artistic fields and have encouraged my creativity and enthusiasm for arts of all kinds. If it hadn't been for the guidance here, I would have never considered pursuing the arts as a career."

◆ Abby Cook
Hometown: Lyme, New Hampshire



GET IN THE GAME

Being on a team at SJA fosters responsible decision-making, honesty, and respect.

Athletics are an important part of daily life at St. Johnsbury Academy. A large number of our students participate in at least one sport each year and many are three-season athletes. Eligible varsity sports are played at the Division I level, pairing our athletes against the most competitive opponents in the state.

Fall Sports

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Soccer
Volleyball

Winter Sports

Alpine Skiing
Basketball
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
Nordic Skiing
Wrestling

Spring Sports

Baseball
Lacrosse
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Ultimate Frisbee

SJA State Championships in the Last Three Years

Fall

Football 2017

Winter

Girls' Basketball 2018
Girls' Indoor Track 2016, 2017, 2018
Boys' Indoor Track 2017, 2018
Alpine Skiing 2018
Individual Wrestling 2017, 2018

Spring

Baseball 2016
Decathlon 2016, 2017, 2018
Girls' Track 2016, 2017, 2018
Boys' Track 2017



“The Academy’s sports program has produced a multitude of exceptional athletes. Being a part of the varsity soccer program for three years has allowed me to continue my career of playing soccer at the university level. The Academy’s sports family is unbreakable. There are no barriers between the sports teams; we are all one.”

◀ **Matteo Dill**
Hometown: Hamilton, Bermuda



“As a two-sport varsity athlete, I can genuinely say that the athletic program here at SJA has been my favorite part of my experience. From my very first soccer practice, everyone on the team welcomed me. Since then, my coaches, teammates, and friends have all convinced me that the athletic program was my home. Everyone, no matter state, country, or sport, comes together to support each other. Here, we are one big team.”

◀ **Audra Shield-Taylor**
Hometown: Aspen, Colorado



ROOM TO EXPLORE

Our clubs, activities, and location keep our students on the go.

The Academy offers over 40 clubs and activities, student leadership opportunities including Student Government, Dorm Council, and National Honor Society, and many community service opportunities. Students plan and stage plays, participate in our off-season conditioning program for athletes, run meetings, volunteer in youth sports programs, and participate in the governance of the school as they try new things and explore undiscovered talents.

The Northeast Kingdom

The Northeast Kingdom is Vermont's most beautiful region. It is home to two major ski areas, some of the best mountain biking trails in the world, quaint and historic towns, many lakes, rivers, and fantastic hiking trails.

Some of our most popular clubs and activities include:

- Academy Theatre
- Band
- Dance Club
- Environmental Club
- Fashion Design Club
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Hilltones (a capella group)
- Intaglio Society
- International Basketball
- Model United Nations
- Mountain Biking Club
- National Honor Society
- Outing Club
- Robotics
- Scholar's Bowl
- SkillsUSA
- String Ensemble
- Student Government
- Trail Crew
- Yoga Club



“At St. Johnsbury Academy, the performing arts come to life! Jazz band, the Hilltones, musical theater, chorus, strings, and many other groups work together to perform in front of the community. Music at the Academy has helped me gain both confidence on stage and the ability to work effectively with my peers to create art.”

◀ **Asher Solnit**
Hometown: Bath, New Hampshire



“As a member of our school's FIRST robotics team, I have traveled to competitions across New England and worked with student engineers like myself to solve complex problems. I have gained real-world experience in the STEM fields that has prepared me for college and the workforce. I have also applied my knowledge in math, science, engineering, and technology to something bigger than myself.”

◀ **Annie Cunningham**
Hometown: St. Johnsbury, Vermont



◀ *Just 20 minutes from the campus is Burke Mountain Resort, the training ground for champion Olympic skiers, and Kingdom Trails, which is home to some of the best mountain biking trails in the world!*

OUR COMMUNITY IS KEY

Be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Community is a key part of a student's experience at SJA. Students here are involved, accepting of others, empathetic, loyal, and have great school spirit. They know what it means to be part of a supportive community — they've experienced it. Community at the Academy is a pillar of our mission and part of the fabric of our school. It is also multi-cultural, exciting, rewarding, and fun!

A Small-School Feel

St. Johnsbury Academy has a small-school feel with big-school opportunities. We accomplish this in a number of ways, all of which focus on building strong relationships between faculty and students. We start with our advisory program. Students meet with their advisors in small groups every morning. Advisors serve as faculty mentors and fellow advisees become a close group of peers with whom many students develop lasting relationships. Each student has an additional faculty mentor in their dorm.

Another way we make our school feel small is through our class size. Each class has an average of 12 students, and many classes have eight to ten. Students receive individual attention from their teachers every day.

From the day students begin school at SJA, they begin to forge an identity as a graduating class. During their freshman year, students meet for Chapel in a smaller venue, separate from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. This encourages bonds within each class. Classes soon know all of their members, the faces become familiar, and friendships are made.



“Being part of the Academy’s tight-knit community does not just mean that you are a student at a high school. Being part of the Academy’s community means that you are part of a big family. The day I arrived here as an international student from Germany, I felt a warm welcome, both from the students and teachers. I will truly miss my experience here.”

◀ **Joel Uyanik**
Hometown: Cologne, Germany



“St. Johnsbury Academy is set apart from any other schools by its sense of community, both in the educational environment and outside of it. Coming from a public middle school, I was astonished to witness all of the students’ tremendous amount of respect and politeness towards one another and to their teachers starting from the first day of school. Our community is built on this respect, and all students benefit from it.”

◀ **Anna Piro**
Hometown: Portsmouth, New Hampshire



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Meet students from around the world — they might just become life-long friends.

St. Johnsbury Academy is a home away from home for the many members of our boarding program. The Academy has welcomed boarding students since the school's inception in 1842, and they have always been an important part of the culture of the school. Our boarding program is very diverse with students representing nearly half the U.S. states and 30 countries. Students who board at the Academy learn empathy toward people who differ from them as they share the experience of life here. They also make life-long friends with peers from all over the world.

Our dorms range from a late 1800's mansion to a modern environmentally friendly "green" dorm. Dorm parents strive to make their students feel at home.

Every weekend, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events and activities, ranging from outdoor wilderness excursions, to concerts, to professional sports events and theater productions, to shopping in nearby cities.

Vermont ranks
NUMBER ONE
SAFEST STATE
in America.

WALLETHUB 2017 SAFEST STATES



"My experience at St. Johnsbury Academy has been nothing less than enlightening. I will never forget all of the relationships I have created and will forever be thankful for that! As I learn and grow I know that it all started here."

◀ **Oshun Sorin**
Hometown: Montgomery, Vermont



"I lived in the Barn dorm for two years, and it was a great experience for me. The dorm life is colorful, and there are many interesting activities we can do on the weekend, from skiing to shopping. Living in my dorm makes me feel that I am a part of the community. There are many dorm students from all over the world, which provides me with a great opportunity to make friends with people from other countries. I enjoy boarding here, and I wish everyone could experience it."

◀ **James Gong**
Hometown: Changsu City, China



Brantview dorm underwent a \$5 million restoration in 2017-2018.

WE ARE ALWAYS AMAZED

We are witnesses to an extraordinary and life-changing learning experience.

By the time SJA students graduate, they have worked incredibly hard, overcome many challenges, chronicled numerous achievements, and have grown into young adults equipped to take on the demands of college and career.

Our students attend top universities and liberal arts colleges, culinary schools, fashion design schools, fine arts schools, engineering schools, technical colleges, and an array of other 2- and 4-year institutions. They also enter apprenticeship programs in the trades, become entrepreneurs, and enter the workforce as assets to their companies and communities.

Take a moment to visit our website and review the impressive results of an SJA education. Then, when you are ready, we invite you to take the next step in your journey toward a remarkable educational experience by contacting us, scheduling a visit, or applying online.

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OUR MISSION

This is the mission of St. Johnsbury Academy, a diverse, comprehensive, and independent educational community grounded by our traditions, our deep optimism regarding young people, and our commitment to academic excellence:

Character

To teach good character by modeling and fostering compassion, respect, responsibility, and integrity.

Inquiry

To foster a love for learning by challenging individuals to pursue knowledge, creativity, and intellectual self-reliance.

Community

To encourage each individual to understand his or her relationships, rights, and responsibilities within a community that is itself part of the larger world.



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An independent,
coeducational, boarding
and day school for
grades 9-12 and
postgraduate year.

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