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Student Events:
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December 16

December 18
Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. Enjoy the music of the season from the band, chorus & ensemble performers. In the auditorium. Free.

Four Students Are Winners in the Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Show
The artwork of four students was recognized this week in the annual Cleveland Clinic eXpressions contest. Blue Ribbons were awarded to Hue Tran ’17 and Sadie Frohnapple ’16, while Jaqueline Harter ’15 and Dymon Webb ’18 received honorable mentions.

Full Story
Clockwise: Jackie Harter ’15, Sadie Frohnapple ’16, Dymon Webb ’18, Hue Tran ’17

Douglas MacArthur Students Enjoy Christmas Party with SJA Tutors

L-R: Annie Bishop ’15, Maggie Sullivan ’17 and Emily Barni ’17 enjoy the company of some of the students they tutor at Douglas MacArthur Girls' Leadership Academy.

For four years, more than two dozen students have "served the dear neighbor" and traveled twice a week to the Douglas MacArthur Girls' Leadership Academy, a Cleveland Metropolitan School, to tutor students in math, English and reading. This Thursday, nearly 40 girls from that school visited SJA for a Christmas party to celebrate their hard work and dedication to learning. The Leadership Academy is a
December 19
Last day of classes before Christmas break.

December 21
Academy Chorale, performing at the Ohio Theatre, Playhouse Square, 6:45-7:15 p.m., before the 7:30 p.m. performance of "A Christmas Carol." Cost of a ticket is only $32.50 (50 percent off) for SJA fans. Click [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1119414404293.html) for more information.

January 5
Classes resume.

CORE Ministry Service Update
Looking to volunteer? [Here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1119414404293.html) is an update on service opportunities.

Parent Events:
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Mothers' Club meeting, 7-9 p.m., in the Dining Hall. All are welcome!

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Admissions Events:
December 19
Christmas at the Academy, 6:30-8 p.m. 2nd-6th grade girls. Arts, crafts and games - and maybe a visit from "Josie" Claus! Please bring along a non-perishable canned food item which will be donated to a local food bank. $5 fee per student. Questions? Call 216.251.4868. Register [here](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1119414404293.html).

January 10
Admission test, for all 8th graders considering enrollment at SJA who did

kindergarten through 8th grade school attracting students from neighborhoods stretching from W. 25th Street to Kamm's Corners.

Full Story

Students Excel at Recent Model UN

Eight students recently had the opportunity to learn about international diplomacy and strategic planning to overcome societal problems, thanks to the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Model UN Conference.

The students, part of the Model UN class, have been planning for this field trip since the beginning of the school year. They represented the countries of Germany, the United States, Cambodia, and Australia, focusing on topics ranging from human trafficking to cyber-terrorism.

Full Story

Students Perform Well at TREVA VEX Robotics Competition

Last week, Saint Joseph Academy traveled with Saint Edward High School to compete in a robotics challenge in Marion, Ohio.

The SJA team won three of four qualifying matches, falling behind only in the final elimination round to an alliance that had the first- and second-place teams.

Analise Chandler-Nieves '15 and Katie Haas '15 were the co-captains. "They provided great leadership, which kept everyone working together as a team," shared Engineering Teacher Mary Ellen Foley Scott '76. "The team was always able to score in the autonomous part of the competition, which gave us a big advantage."

In addition to Analise and Katie, other team members who attended were junior Molly Nar (who designed the T-shirt) sophomores Sarah Dever and Liz Renner, and freshmen Nina Braquet, Liz Lewandowski, Grace Semon and Stephanie Rolon.

"We worked really hard on our robots and I am proud of how well we did," said Katie Haas.
not take the test in November. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is for admissions purposes only, not scholarships. Call 216.251.4868 for more information.

L-R: Grace Semon '18, Stephanie Rolon '18

SPOTLIGHT
Freshman Enjoys Tutoring at the Migration and Refugees Services

Who: Anne Holan '18

What: Anne helps tutor refugees' children at the Migration and Refugees Services, a department of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland. The center has been resettling refugees in Cuyahoga County since 1948. These individuals have fled their home countries in fear of persecution because of their ethnicity, religious or political beliefs.

Fun Facts: Every Tuesday, Anne tutors with CORE Ministry teacher Grace Gutoskey Ogonek '80, and several other students. "I have been tutoring since early October, and I help the children of refugees with schoolwork and with reading English."

"I tutor children from ages 4 or 5 to high school age. My favorite experience so far would be meeting a girl my age from Somalia. She asked me questions about American culture, and then shared some of her culture with me in return."

"This experience has helped me appreciate how fortunate we are in America to not have to worry about our rights, or worrying about being forced from our country," said Anne.

In addition to tutoring, Anne also is involved with Jaguar Beat and the literary magazine Caliope.

College Corner

Featured College of the Week:

Christmas Concert Is Next Thursday

Please join us for the Christmas Concert next Thursday, December 18, at 7 p.m. New this year - alumnae who were members of The Academy Chorale or Cecilia's Song will be invited to sing along during parts of the program!

Featured on the program will be the Concert Choir, Show Choir, Advanced Choir, Academy Chorale, String Orchestra, Jazz Band and Concert Band. Highlighted music includes vocal selections "Angels' Carol" by Rutter, Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" and "It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas."

Former Chorale members will be invited to join the performance of "Joseph's Lullaby" and former Cecilia's Song members will be asked to join in "The Holly & the Ivy." Instrumental selections include: Pachelbel's "Canon in D," Manheim Steamroller's "Fresh Aire Christmas" and an arrangement of Chris Brown's "This Christmas."

The performance will conclude with a grand finale featuring the choir and band combining to performing traditional Christmas carols.

Sophomore Retreat Held Last Week

Back to back in front: Natalie Miller '16 and Molly Chambers '17. L-R in the main row: Bailey Brogan '17, Maxine McGuire '17, Emily French '17, Teresa Reardon '17, Riley Justice '17 and Natalie Borges '17.

More 40 sophomores and four senior leaders spent last Thursday away from classe as part of the Sophomore Retreat. Held at the St. Leonard Retreat House in Avon, sophomores were able to reflect on the theme "Living as a Disciple of Jesus." Full Story

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http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1111082143500/archive/1119414404293.html
Where: Athens, Ohio, 2 hours from Cleveland, small town.

Enrollment: 18,000 undergraduates.

Strongest Programs: The Scripps School of Communication, Art, Business.

Fun Fact: Bruce Springsteen performed his first Ohio concert at OU as a warm-up act for the Eagles.

Website: www.ohio.edu

Please join us next Tuesday, December 16, at SJA for an evening with Sr.Griselda Martinez Morales, CSJ, as she shares her thoughts and experiences as the former UN representative of some 14,000 Sisters of St. Joseph from around the world.

Sr. Griselda, who worked as a non-governmental organization (NGO) representative from September 2009 to July 2014, will be speaking about the global ramifications of human trafficking. While at the United Nations, Sr.Griselda sat on the Economic and Social Council, which dealt with the harsh realities of this moral plague.

Full Story

"Paws For a Cause" Will Benefit New Refugees to Northeast Ohio

There still time to donate to the annual Christmas tradition "Paws for a Cause." This year, student are helping make the transition less traumatic for new arrivals to Northeast Ohio. All items collected through December 19 will be distributed through Migration and Refugees Services, a department within Catholic Charities.

Items needed include winter coats, gloves/mittens, warm hats, scarves, socks, boots, craft supplies for children, paper, coloring books and markers.

All donations should be placed in the decorated boxes in the Alcove near the lobby near the Main Office.

Paw Prints Store Christmas Hours

The Paw Prints Store has many special Christmas shopping opportunities in December. Don't forget that students can create a wish list! Click here for the extended hours.

Questions? Contact Paw Prints Store Manager Colleen DeVenney here or call 216.251.6788 x228.

SPORTS

The Saint Joseph Academy Athletic Boosters reminds you to Save the Date for the next exciting Night at the Races event, being held on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The event is an important fundraiser for SJA athletic programs. Watch this newsletter for information on special themes, sponsorship/advertisement opportunities and more.

Basketball

On Saturday, the youthful Jaguars lost 63-52 to Avon. The Jaguars were led by senior Brittany Morrison, who registered 29 points, 15 rebounds, and 5 steals. Senior Hailey Grant contributed 12 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists. Sophomore guard Gia DiMassa added 8 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists.

On Wednesday, the Jaguars overcame a 16-2 first quarter deficit, and rallied to defeat Cleveland Heights, 40-36. Again, they were led by senior Brittany Morrison with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Gia DiMassa had 10 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals.

Swimming

The Jaguars swim team opened their season Saturday at the St.
Charles Showdown in Columbus. The team finished 6th out of the 7 teams at the event, but in that meet faced four teams that qualified for last year's state meet. The Jags competed hard though and were led by junior Kelly Shantery with a personal best in the 50 free, finishing 12th overall. She followed that up with a 5th place finish in the 100 free. Freshman Miriam Tadross also competed well in her first high school meet, placing 9th overall in the 100 fly.

Tuesday, SJA topped Laurel, 87-84, in a dual meet, held at University School. Senior Nikki Hadlock and freshman Julia Ham took 1st and 3rd place respectively in the 200 IM, with Julia gaining a personal best in the event. Kelly Shantery, junior Alicia Abele, and senior Kate Blaney took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in the 100 free. Senior Annmarie Russo took first in the 100 backstroke. The Jaguars diving team took 2nd, 3rd and 4th, with senior Kayla Gartin taking second posting a personal best score while senior Kayla Melendez took 3rd with her own personal best. Freshman Brittany Miller took fourth in her first high school meet.

On Thursday night, the Jaguars competed hard but fell by three points (93-90) to Beaumont. Kate Blaney (first place) and Kelly Shantery (second place) led SJA in the 50 freestyle while Annmarie Russo also won the 100 backstroke.

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