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Class of 2019 Welcomed!

The Class of 2019 was officially welcomed as Jaguars on
Wednesday, March 4. As parents, friends and family gathered in
The Academy Center, the incoming freshmen heard from
President Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71, Principal Jeff Sutliff and
faculty representative Jill Satanek Garlock ’92. They also sang
the alma mater for the first time and learned the Jaguar Rumble!
Juniors Clare Tirpak and Kayla Barillas gave a special welcome
to the incoming freshmen, pledging as seniors to help them feel
at home right away!
Join Us for the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Are you ready to have some fun on St. Patrick’s Day and celebrate SJA’s 125th birthday at the same time? Please join us as we march in Cleveland’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17! We would love to have students, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae and friends joining us to walk beside our float, which will feature the Academy Chorale singing live Irish music and students playing the tin whistle.

SJA is providing two buses to transport participants downtown and back. They will leave the school at approximately 10:30 a.m. on parade day, Tuesday, March 17. The buses will transport participants immediately back to the school at parade’s end. Downtown already? Just meet us at E. 18th Street and Superior Avenue, in front of the Northeast Ohio Media Group (formerly The Plain Dealer) building. Specific details on the location of the buses for the trip back will be provided on parade day.

Those joining us to march will receive a purple scarf and SJA head bands for warmth and to help indentify walkers as proud Jaguars. It is mandatory that all marchers wear a dark coat and dark jeans or black pants in order to appear as a cohesive group representing Saint Joseph Academy. Appropriate conduct also is expected.

In order for us to get an accurate count for our buses and the scarves, we need all who are interested in participating to RSVP here. Bus transportation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sursum corda! Erin go bragh! Happy birthday!

Don't Forget to Bring in Peanut Butter, Socks for Joint SJA-CSJ Fundraiser

Students, please don't forget to bring in your peanut butter and socks! Members of the Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ) club and the Student Council are organizing the drive in conjunction with the Sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph. The items, which can be placed near the piano in the alcove area near the front door, will be donated to the West Side Catholic Center, St. Malachi’s Back Door Ministry and St. Augustine’s Hunger Center.

"This is a perfect way to serve the dear neighbor. Any help is appreciated!" shared CORE Ministry Teacher Cathy Lanning Knittel ’67.

Gently Used Prom Dresses Needed, Will be for Sale on March 23 in Auditorium
April 26
Save the Date for the Mother/Daughter Eucharist. More information to follow.

Student Spotlight

Name: Sophomore Marissa Petticord

Fun Fact: Marissa, who has been a musician for about nine years, has a very busy schedule, one that includes participating in the St. Edward High School Marching Band, performing in plays in Avon Lake, and preparing for what she hopes will be a professional musical career.

"I play snare drum, and I am currently the only female student on the drum line at SEHS," shared Marissa. "From about June through November, the marching band practices almost every day. We perform at football games, competitions, and pep rallies."

"We had the opportunity to play in The Ohio State University Stadium twice this season!"

In addition to playing in the SEHS Marching Band, Marissa is performing the role of "JoJo" in "Seussical the Musical" by Mighty Goliath Productions, which is a volunteer-based theater.

When Marissa has some spare time, she volunteers to usher performances in local theaters.

Marissa's favorite subject is math. "I am particularly fond of Algebra!" she said.

The SJA Mothers' Club is holding a gently used prom/homecoming dress sale to benefit the organization "A Prom to Remember," a national non-profit that sponsors proms for teenagers battling cancer.

Students, please bring in your good-condition dresses between now and March 19. The dresses can be dropped off at the Main Office with Dean of Women Marie Ciolek. Please make sure they are on a hanger.

On March 23, students will be able to purchase the dresses during Activity Blocks, and again that evening from 6-8 p.m. Dresses, all priced at $25, will be located in the auditorium.

All proceeds, as well as any dresses that are not sold, will be donated to the Cleveland chapter of "A Prom to Remember." For more information about the organization, please visit their website here.

More than $1,000 Raised for 'Harvest for Hunger' in Annual Penny Wars

The winners of last week's Penny Wars were ... the sophomores! Freshmen came in second, followed by the juniors and the seniors. Congratulations to all, however. Together, students raised more than $1,000 for "Harvest for Hunger!"

Student Stands Out in Annual Shakespeare Competition

Mary Simmons '17 was a winner at the annual English-Speaking Union (ESU) Shakespeare Competition!

"Mary did an outstanding job in the semifinals, performing Viola's monologue from 'Twelfth Night' and 'Sonnet 65,'" shared English Teacher Mel Kupchik.

"Her performance garnered praise from audience members and impressed judges with the flawless delivery," she added.

Full Story

Health Sciences Honors Program Field Trip to Natural History Museum
Health Sciences Honors Program (HSHP) students had the unique experience last week to go behind-the-scenes at the Cleveland Natural History Museum - and work with the scientists at the museum!

"Students were able to work one-on-one with the museum's health educators," shared Kelly Gallagher '09, HSHP coordinator. "They worked on a full body dissection of a fetal pig - a skill that is vital to those considering entering a health science field."

Full Story

Students, Fathers Enjoy Annual Dance

The annual Father-Daughter Dance, sponsored by the Mothers' Club, was enjoyed by a standing-room-only crowd last weekend. Activities (in addition to dancing!) included a photo booth and a special ceremony in which seniors were presented with a red carnation.

Seniors Enjoy Quiet Reflection During "Fourth Day" Retreat

For 15 seniors, the recent "Fourth Day" retreat was a meaningful day of silent reflection and reconnecting with Christ. The retreat is an option for seniors who had a meaningful faith experience in Kairos their junior year. The "Fourth Day" refers to an extension to the three days of Kairos.

"The content of the retreat focuses on witnesses by seniors, as well as small group discussion, quiet reflection, and encountering Christ in scripture," shared CORE Ministry Teacher Elizabeth Pillari. Full Story

Paw Prints Store "March Madness" Sale
March Madness has hit the Paw Prints Store and that only means one thing: It's time to clear out Josie's closet! Stop in between Thursday, March 5, and Saturday, March 14, to take advantage of the **Winter Clearance Sale**.*

The month of March brings lots of extra hours to shop:
- Saturday, March 7 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 26 3:30 - 8 p.m.
- Friday, March 27 6 - 8 p.m.

Here are the regular store hours.

*No further discounts will apply to sale items. Limited quantities and sizes, while supplies last.

**Students Featured in Cleveland Magazine**
In December, 41 SJA ambassadors helped sell teddy bears and other stuffed animals at the 19th Annual Deck the House Benefit Auction for Providence House, which works to end child abuse and neglect by protecting at-risk children. The President and CEO of Providence House is SJA graduate Natalie Leek-Nelson ’85. Pictures of the students hard at work for the benefit were featured in *Cleveland Magazine*’s photo gallery! Here is the link:


**SPORTS**

**Spring Spiritwear**
Parent spiritwear for the spring sports season is available to order now through March 18. Sports options are Track & Field, Rugby, Softball and Crew. Please visit the Paw Prints Store online [here](http://www.sja1890.org) to view the apparel choices. Payment is due when you place your order. Orders will be delivered to the Paw Prints Store before spring break for pick-up. You will be notified when they have arrived.

**Winter Sports Banquet**
The Winter Sports Banquet is on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. **Note: The location has changed.** The banquet is being held at SJA in the auditorium. Cost is $15 for guests; athletes are free. Send check, payable to Saint Joseph Academy, to Ms. Cheryl Joseph, Athletic Assistant. Questions? Email Ms. Joseph [here](http://www.sja1890.org).

**Basketball**
The Jaguars lost 55-42 to Avon High School on Monday in the Medina Division 1 district semi-final game. Brittany Morrison '15 finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Jaguars.

**Reminder**
The Athletic Boosters' "Night at the Races" event will be held on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Academy Center. Tickets and advertising opportunities can be purchased [here](http://www.sja1890.org). Come out and support the athletic boosters raise money for all the SJA athletic teams and have fun doing it!

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